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Students at Sacaton Middle School hold the street signs they made for GRIC roads.

Sacaton Middle School students create street signs for GRIC

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

It's going to be a little bit easier to find your way around in the Community, thanks to some fifth through eighth graders at Sacaton Middle School.

Twenty-four students cut, sanded, stenciled, and painted a number of wooden street name signs to go up in the Community.

The idea came from bus driver and teacher's aide, Barbara Wilson, who said, "A lot of the kids don't know what roads they live on. I think a lot of it has to do with" how we give directions on the reservation, she said.

It is well known in GRIC that directions are commonly given based on landmarks. For example,

"Turn left at the big tamarack tree, keep going until you cross the canal, and turn right after the blue house." Wilson said sometimes that's how she gets directions to students' homes.

"The only reason I know the names of the streets is because I have maps," said Wilson. But, she added, "I've worked here for 13 years and I still have a hard time... navigating the reservation."

Alexandra Washburn said, "It can be very difficult to get around if you're not familiar with the area, so I really think that this project... will be helpful to, not only Community members, but people who come from the outside."

The signs benefit the Community and the students had fun

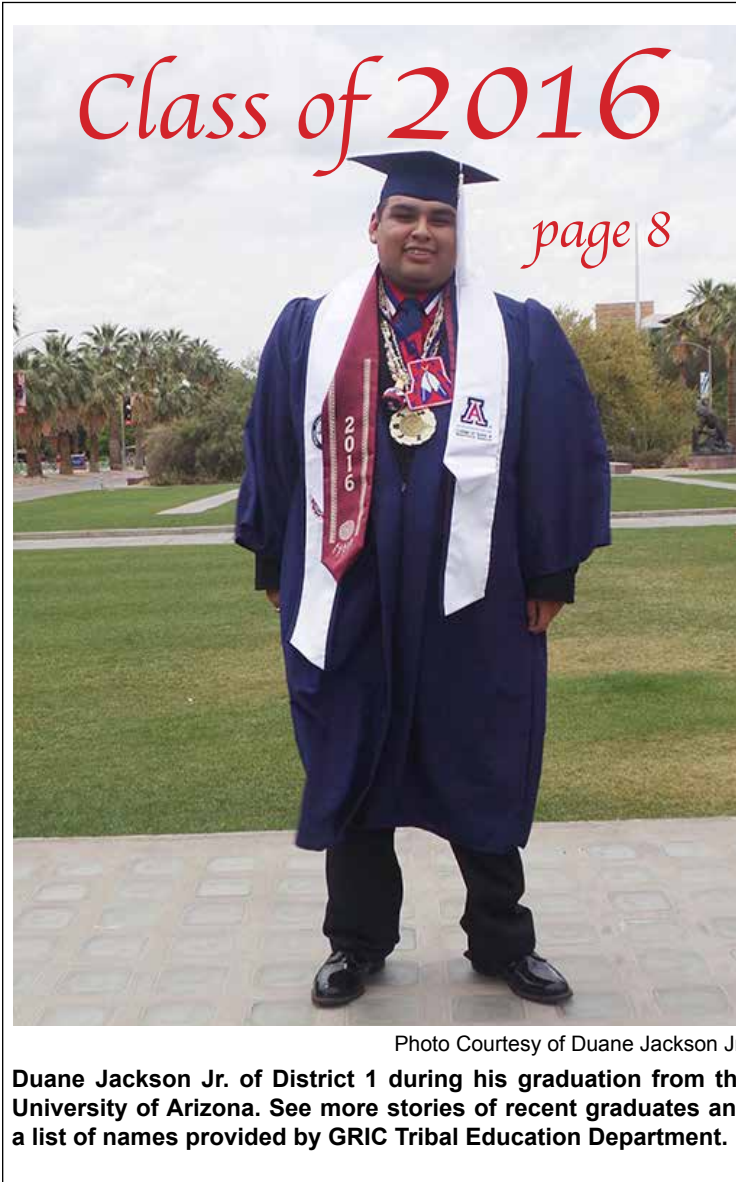


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Duane Jackson Jr. of District 1 during his graduation from the University of Arizona. See more stories of recent graduates and a list of names provided by GRIC Tribal Education Department.

making them. Some kids connected with the hands-on work better than they do with classroom work, and the project felt more personal to them.

In a project presentation binder, the class wrote, "We noticed that most of the streets on

the Gila River Indian Reservation do not have signs because of vandalism or other issues. Our class made signs for our streets to give back to the community. With the help of Mrs. Barbara Wilson, we

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Demonstrations bring new life to traditional foods



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Velvet Button, left, serves samples to guests at the traditional food demonstration at the Huhugam Heritage Center on May 24.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Reinvigorating interest in traditional O'otham foods has always been a labor of love for one family in the Community.

At a traditional food demonstration held at the Huhugam

Heritage Center, May 24, Velvet Button shared her passion about putting a fresh and new spin on traditional meals.

The demonstrations emphasize how making meals that incorporate traditional foods can be simple and easy to make.

Button is the daughter of Ramona and Terry Button, who own and operate Ramona Farms.

Button said that people are interested to find that the foods used for the demonstration can be found in nature.

"Eating desert foods is so

much better for your health... What makes them special is that they provide a well rounded diet that our bodies are able to process," she said.

Her edible creations, such as a Pima Corn polenta, wolfberry tea, and O'otham pea sauce paired with chumath for dipping are just a few examples of what will be shared over the four weeks of demonstrations at the HHC.

To keep individuals from becoming discouraged, Button emphasized that there are different ways of preparing traditional foods and that are not specific to one recipe.

"I like to [play] with my food, because I start out with an idea of what I want to make, but it usually morphs as the process goes along."

She encourages people that are cooking with traditional foods to try them out before adding any other ingredients, because she recommends retaining as much of the natural taste as possible.

"When I was a kid my mom

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Team Outkast adds another Championship to the trophy case

Christopher Lomahquahu
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The Outkast softball team's near perfect record of 12 wins and 1 loss was rewarded with a very special prize capturing the Lady Fox Fast Pitch Softball League Championship, April 30.

Avery White, who has been coaching the Outkast teams for five years said, "[They] were really on the ball. [They] knew what was ahead of them and went for [it]."

Even though the 10-and-under (10u) team only had one loss the whole season the team worked even harder to make sure it didn't happen again.

White said the families are the ones that really kept the team going, adding they deserve a huge thanks for supporting their kids.

The 10u girls team wasn't the only one to have a successful run in this year's Tempe Lady Hawks Fast Pitch Softball League.

From the start of the season, Team Outkast fielded three teams in the 10u, 12u and the 14u age divisions, which took them across different parks in Tempe playing evening games, Monday through Thursday.

In a league filled with a diverse line-up of teams, Team Outkast was the only one to originate from a tribal community.

Team Outkast chose to enter into the Tempe league based on how the rules are setup, because other leagues don't allow them to field a whole team consisting of 13-to-14 players.

White said playing away from the Community was a little demanding on the parents and players, but that he owes a lot of gratitude to the parents.

When the playoffs were in full swing, the fourth seed 14u

Outkast team went up against a first seed team finishing in third place overall.

Despite falling short in their last game, they made the game interesting, coming back from a 9-2 run deficit, showing the opposing team that they weren't going to give up.

It's a spirit that runs throughout all of the Outkast teams, they give other teams that are more equipped logistically and financially, a run for their money.

Joseette Sanchez has two children that play on two teams, a son, who plays on the 14u baseball team, and her daughter, who plays on the 10u fast pitch softball team.

"[These] young ladies played their hearts out every single game, which resulted in an outstanding season," said Sanchez.

She said it is a talented group of players that have accomplished and represented the Community.

The celebrations will be brief as other Outkast teams prepare to participate in the Native baseball and softball tournaments, including urban leagues across the Valley.

White said they plan on going back to play in the Lady Hawk League, because the kids have really shown an interest in playing.

Another parent, Chandace Thomas, said the 10u teams individual efforts have contributed to the team's successful run at the championship.

"[It] goes back to the coaches that were always there to help them...[they] take out their time to help [them]," said Thomas.

She said the girls have shown a true passion for the game and are always working on their form on their off time.

"For me and my husband, [we] will continue to support the girls on the team...[We] are ready for next season," said Thomas.



Photo Courtesy of Team Outkast

Outkast 10-and-under team picture.



Photo Courtesy of Team Outkast

Outkast 12-and-under team picture.



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Outkast 14-and-under team picture.

28th Annual Gila River Youth Conference (ages 13-21)
June 23-24, 2016 Ultrastar Multi-tainment Center
16000 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

Thursday June 23, 2016 (Registration opens at 9:45am, Conference starts at 10:30 am)

| Districts | Arrive @ Service Center | Depart Service Center | Arrive @ Ultrastar Maricopa | Depart Ultrastar Maricopa | Arrive @ Service Center |
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Friday June 24, 2016 (Registration opens at 9:45am, Conference starts at 10:30 am)

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All backpacks, bags, luggage, will be subject to inspection by Youth Conference staff, chaperones, and/or police escorts for the safety of conference participants.

Transportation times are subject to change. Sign up at your local District Service Center. Please fill out registration forms prior to arriving at Ak-Chin Ultrastar with all required signatures. If you have any questions, please contact youth council office at (520) 562-1866 or youthcouncil@gric.nsn.us.

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You are invited to attend a meeting of concern to Veterans. This meeting addresses a Wall, Park, and information Center in Gilbert, Arizona.

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CORRECTIONS

The correct date for the Day of Hope 2016 conference was on May 6, 2016 and not on May 10, 2016 as stated in the GRIN. The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9719 or email gric@gric.nsn.us

GRFD Fire Captain saves life in Gilbert



Photo Courtesy of GRFD

Capt. Jesse Zuniga holds his award from Gilbert Fire & Rescue surrounded by family with GRFD Chief Thomas Knapp on the right.

Submitted by
Morey Morris
Gila River Fire Department

Fire Captain Jesse Zuniga, Gila River Fire Department, was recently given a distinguished award by Gilbert Fire & Rescue for his lifesaving efforts at a Lifetime Fitness in the Town of Gilbert.

On Jan. 1 Zuniga was exercising at the gym when he noticed that another patron had collapsed nearby.

Zuniga immediately recognized that the other patron was in cardiac arrest, and began giving CPR to the patient. Employees from Lifetime Fitness showed

up and Zuniga requested an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which was brought to him while performing CPR.

Zuniga then utilized the AED and shocked the patient, effectively restoring the patient's pulse. The patient was breathing on his own and was starting to awake by the time that Gilbert Fire Department members arrived on the scene to take over. The patient was transported to the hospital and regained full use of his body and is alive today.

Zuniga was awarded the Gilbert Fire & Rescue Department's Citizen Heroism Award at an event attended by the Gilbert Fire and Rescue Department's senior

staff (including the Fire Chief Jim Jobusch), members of the responding fire company, senior staff members from Gila River Fire Department (including Fire Chief Thomas C. Knapp), members of Zuniga's engine company, Zuniga's Shift Commander (Matt Pierce) and members of Zuniga's family.

"We need more people like you Jesse, that understand the importance of community and helping your fellow citizen in their time of need," said Deputy Chief PIO of Gilbert Fire & Rescue Mike Connor at the Citizen Heroism Award ceremony.

GRIC Community Events

Life and Beauty Friday, June 17
By Isabella Sneezy 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Huhugam Heritage Center RSVP: 520-562-3662

June 6 – August 8
www.mygilariver.com for details

Dodgeball Co-ed Tournament
Vah-Ki Multipurpose Building
Thursday, June 23
Deadline to register: Thursday, June 16
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Gila River Family Fitness
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GRIC College Readiness Community Event
In partnership with ASU
D3 Head Start Center
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GRIC Graduation Recognition Banquet
District 7 Service Center
Saturday, June 11
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| 1:30pm | Native Report | Vitality Gardening | Vitality Gardening | Vitality Gardening | Vitality Gardening | Vitality Gardening | Champions of the North | |
| 2:00pm | Seasoned with Spirit | Vitality Health | Vitality Health | Vitality Health | Vitality Health | Vitality Health | Native Nation Building | |
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| 7:30pm | All's Fair | Wapos Bay | Wapos Bay | cont'd...Cowboy & Indian Days | Wapos Bay | Wapos Bay | Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People | |
| 7:30pm | Fish Out of Water | <i>As Long As The River</i> | <i>Tricks and Treats</i> | Rodeo 2016 | <i>A Mother's Earth</i> | <i>Going for Gold</i> | Native Report | |
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St. Peter Indian Mission School was part of a special ceremony commemorating the late Joe Garagiola.

St. Peter Indian Mission School, Diamondbacks pay tribute to "JOE"

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Baseball legend Joe Garagiola, who passed away in March at age 90, had a heart for the St. Peter Indian Mission School. Throughout the last 20 years of his life, Garagiola donated countless hours and dedicated untold resources to the school.

But his legacy of love and generosity lives on through the Arizona Diamondbacks, which hosted

a special tribute night on May 16 to honor the late baseball catcher and announcer, and to recognize the school to which he was so dearly connected.

Joe Garagiola Night featured pre-game ceremonies in honor of Joe and all the charitable work he did for the Mission. Sisters from the Mission attended the game and three students threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

The Diamondbacks

sold commemorative "JOE" logo patches, donating all proceeds to the Mission. The team raised over \$60,000 for the school that night.

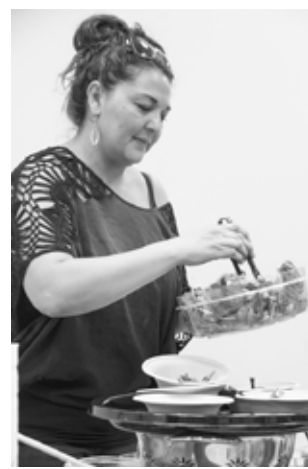
School principal, Sister Martha Mary Carpenter, told the *Arizona Republic* it was the first time they'd been to a game without Joe, but she said he was there in spirit. Sister Martha said the school plans to use the funds to purchase a new school bus.

Traditional Foods demo from page 1



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Guests at the traditional foods demonstration sampled sauces paired with chumath.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Velvet Button at the demonstration.

had a wonderful way of taking the recipes [her] mom made, by kicking it up a notch, the way [we] liked it," said Button.

Foods like the wolfberry, which grows in the Community were once in abundance, but now are difficult to come by and require a lot of time to harvest.

Button said that spring is the best time of year to harvest many foods because that is when many plants have dropped their seeds.

Above all, the demonstrations are a way to promote that traditional foods still have a place at the table and should be incorporated into our regular meals when possible.

"We have been eating a non-native diet for many years...we are accustomed to these things," said Button, "It's about taking our traditional foods and replacing the not-so-healthy parts of the recipe to have the best of both worlds."

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Twenty-six youngsters promoted from District 6 & 7's Head Start program

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Gila River Indian News

The laughter of children echoed throughout the District 6 Boys & Girls Club's gymnasium, May 20, as 26 youngsters from District 6 and 7's Head Start program accepted their promotion certificates, surrounded by cheering mothers and fathers.

The children, all around the ages of 4 and 5, were wearing a variety of outfits, from the traditional to the modern and stylish.

While some of the youngsters will continue their education outside of the Community, many of the children will attend the same schools in Gila River and remain classmates.

Bruce Hutchinson, Head Start Family Service Advocate, said of the children's next steps into the world of schooling, "We are a large Community, with our families [coming] from District 6 and 7... They will have their choice of going to Gila Crossing Community School, the Laveen School District, or other schools in the surrounding area."



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Children in the Head Start program were recognized at a promotion event at the Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch on May 20.

Gila River Indian Community's Head Start program, which has been in operation since 1965, provides child-care services for children ages 3 to 5-years-old.

The Early Head Start program provides services to children 6-weeks to 3-years-old. The organization provides educational, nutritional, physical, health, and social services to children in an effort to ensure that no Community

child is left behind.

Hutchinson said of the children being promoted, "Most of the children [here], they started when they were babies." He highly encourages that Community members to make use of our program so they, as parents, can go back to school or further their work careers.

"That's what it all entails...keeping families together and close, within our Community."

"It is a wonderful feeling to have a family go through [the] program and succeed. We want our children to be set up for success," Hutchinson said.

For more information about the Head Start or Early Head Start programs, call District 3's program at (520) 562-3423, District 4's program at (520) 418-3471, District 5's program at (520) 550-2434, or District 6 and 7's program at (520) 550-2434.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Student places signs in the back of a GRIC DOT vehicle with Jimmy Garcia.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Signs on display in the school library.

Student street signs from page 1

were able to put signs on most of the roads so no one would be lost and always find their way back home."

The signs will go up on streets in Districts 2 - 5, and have a layer of glow-in-the-dark paint so they

should be visible even after the sun goes down. The GRIC Department of Transportation thanked the students for their hard work, and plans on having all the signs up in the coming weeks.

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Something to be told

By Billy Allen

On June 20, our desert moon, or masad, will signal another cycle of life. In the not-so-distant past, our hearts “sat up right” or sap ‘e dadhiwua anticipating the akimel running high again and farms being revitalized. It was like an O’otham new year. In parts of the O’otham world this month is known as Saguaro Ripening Month or Ha:san Baidag Masad. But as we’re aware that Native Americans walk in many worlds and adapt all

the time, June has another O’otham name. In Antonio Azul’s time, it was known as Wheat Ripening Month or Pilkan Baidag Masad. That name shows how a new “traditional” food became part of our culture or himdag; our taste buds won out.

In 1901, Frank Russell spent a winter on our reservation and later published “The Pima Indians.” Mr. Russell wrote that wheat quickly became a key crop for GRIC dwellers -

millions of pounds were grown. Early “stores” on our land were truly trading posts where wheat was the exchange or currency.

Mr. Russell goes on to describe how wheat seeds were parched or lightly browned with hot coals of mesquite and gently tossed. The parched seeds were ground and mixed with water to make a hearty drink, today called chu’i or pinole, a word borrowed from the Mexicans. Thankfully (for my taste buds) most wheat was used to make Mexican style tortillas. I remember my uncle’s wife’s tortilla routine: Start the fire, go inside to make dough; put on a scarf to go back outside; sit next to the fire and pat the tortillas out onto

the ko:mal or comal (another Spanish word)— in the middle of the afternoon, in the summer! When uncle came home at 5:30, supper had to be ready.

George Webb devotes a chapter of his book “A Pima Remembers,” to harvesting wheat. Since we had a river and had plenty, all visitors were greeted with water and something to eat. At this time of the year, many of our southern cousins came to help in the wheat fields. When they arrived an exchange took place; they gave us si:tol, or cactus syrup, and salt. (Back then, Tohono O’odham males ran to the Gulf of California to get salt. Salt gathering was and still is a ceremonial event

for our southern cousins.) In turn we offered melons and corn, crops which needed lots of water. The Tohono O’odham camped near the wheat fields to prepare for the harvest work. A hand-held sickle or a long curved knife was used to cut stalks of wheat. The stalks were tied and placed on the ground as the men continued cutting down more stalks of wheat to be piled high in wagons pulled by teams of horses. The work was hard, but it was part of O’odham life back then. Sometimes separating the wheat kernels from the stalks was done on a moon lit, breezy night. At the end of the harvest, our southern cousins went back to their desert homes.

Mr. Webb adds this may be why many of us have Tohono O’odham relatives from the time spent working side by side during the wheat harvest.

Mr. Webb also wrote of an incident concerning our neok. While he was having dinner at a friend’s house, the lady of the house asked him to pass the butter and churrmith. He did so, but tells readers that the word is “che-mait.” (Webb, 73)

Two words, two worlds, overlapping. Can you imagine the dinner table without che’mith? May we start the O’otham New Year with either a tortilla or by drinking pinole? New Year can come twice a year for two world walkers.

Pee Posh speakers work with linguist to develop Pee Posh dictionary

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Language is a vital part of one’s culture and central to a people’s sense of identity. And it’s worth preserving.

Language workers in the Gila River Indian Community and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community share a common interest in the Pee Posh language.

Aiding them in their work is Dr. Lynn Gordon, a linguist and professor at Washington State University, who is working with Pee Posh speakers to develop the first ever English-Pee Posh dictionary.

“As a linguist, I feel a general responsibility toward language maintenance,” she said in a recent meeting with local language workers.

The Huhugam Heritage Center hosted a week-long language workshop with Dr. Gordon from May 23–31. Language workers, experienced speakers, and new learners attended a series of meetings with Dr.

Gordon.

Gordon began documenting the Pee Posh language in the late 1970s as a doctoral candidate at the University of California – Los Angeles, where she met a woman named Pollyanna Heath, a Pee Posh from Maricopa Village in GRIC, who helped her with her research and documentation.

Gordon finished her Ph.D. in Linguistics in 1980 and later published her dissertation on the morphology and syntax of Pee Posh. She visited GRIC quite often in those days and met with Pee Posh speakers.

“I made a commitment when I first came to District 7 and they gave me permission to work here,” she said. The forthcoming dictionary is to be the fulfillment of that commitment.

Gordon is not a Pee Posh expert, she said; she can only speak technically about the language. The real experts, she said, are the people who speak Pee Posh and hold it in their minds – the elders.

Today, language workers at the Huhugam Heritage Center and in the Salt River Community’s Language Program are working with native and fluent speakers of Pee Posh to preserve and revitalize the language.

Language workers are not necessarily linguists, but they are the people who help document a language, create digital archives, do their best to break it down, develop ways to preserve it and find methods of teaching the language to others.

“We’ve been working with the Maricopa language for about two or three years,” said Luis Baragan of the HHC. But with the workshop, he said, “We want to get together everyone that’s interested or working on Maricopa.”

The Salt River Language Program staff work diligently on research, language development, archiving, programming, lesson plans and teaching – all in the name of preservation and promulgation of the O’otham and Pee Posh languages.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Dr. Lynn Gordon leads a work shop of language workers, experienced Pee Posh speakers and students from GRIC and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

Kelly Washington, director of the SRPMIC Language Program, said in one meeting, that Gordon’s research, specifically her published dissertation *Maricopa Morphology and Syntax*, has greatly helped him and his staff understand and deconstruct the Pee Posh language.

Baragan said, “A lot of us, we’ve used the book, we know about the book...

but we all had questions. We wanted to know more.”

The meeting was mutually beneficial – Dr. Gordon received input and direction on the creation of the dictionary from the local language workers, and the language workers from Gila River and Salt River got to speak with Gordon about her work.

On May 25 the Heritage Center and Dr. Gordon

visited with Community members in District 7 and on May 26 they held a public meeting with Community members in Salt River.

There is no estimated date of publication on the dictionary yet, but Gordon and the local language workers will continue to work together to bring it to the people as soon as possible.

Maricopa Village Christian School students thank Council for donations

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

In the life of a young student, the only thing worse than too much homework is having to hoof it to the local museum for a class field trip.

While Maricopa Village Christian School students have not had to make any school trips by foot, the school did face a troublesome predicament last year when their only school bus broke down in March of 2015.

As fortune would have it, Gila River Indian Community was able to give the school a helping hand by donating one of the Com-

munity’s fleet vans, which has since been used for educational field trips and other school activities.

In appreciation for the donation, ten Maricopa Village Christian School students, including head teacher Larisa Quijano, and the school’s church pastor Christopher Morris, traveled to the Governance Center, May 18, to sing and give thanks to GRIC Council.

“We had heard that the tribal council had wanted to hear us sing so [we were] able to come here and perform for them,” said Quijano.

The students, Quijano,

and Morris, all traveled to the Governance Center using the donated fleet van, which from Maricopa Village Christian School, located on Baseline and 79th Ave., is about 42 miles one-way.

The ten students sang and played ukulele for Council members, performing America the Beautiful, God Bless America, and hymnal 1 John 3:1, “... which says ‘behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us that we should be called the sons of God,’” recited Quijano.

After the musical performance, the students introduced themselves to



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Pastor Christopher Morris, right, leads ten Maricopa Village Christian School students through the song “God Bless America.”

Council, speaking of their families and the districts they call home.

“We are so thankful for the support that they give us,” said Quijano. “And we

pray for them that they will be blessed,” she said about the GRIC Council.

Congratulations

Gila River Indian Community Graduates

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Hats off to the High School Class of 2016

Coolidge High School

Teven Castillo
Ebony Cooper
Ayanna Dubray
Olivia Hogg
Anita Jones
Megan Larrabee
Julian Lewis
Jasmine Lopez
Gabriel Madrid
Kane Morago
Renina Notah
Selena Whitman

Coolidge Alternative Program

Dominga Lyons
Celina Valenzuela
Marissa Gonzales
Mariah Madrid
Melissa Thomas
Thomas Lewis
Sara Williams-Johnson
Daniel Lewis
Jeremy Raphael
Emanuel Arroyo

Casa Grande Union High School

Rachael Antone
Salindarose Antone
Sierra De La Rose
Antonio Flores
Bianca Hernandez
Hannah Kyyitan
Rachel Kyyitan
Ernesto Mendoza III
Micah Pena
Priscilla Rhodes
Roman Sabori
Amber Sainz
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Brittany Stover
Ashley Thompson
Dominique Garcia
Issiac Mejia
Alicia Ruiz
Mercedes Pablo
Eve Eschief
Priscilla Jackson

Vista Grande High School

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Manuel Lewis
Marissa Sunna

Betty Fairfax High School

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Aude Partick
Joanna Olivas
Makayla Roman
Manuel Sabori
Nathaniel Talamantez
Danielle Whempner
Dominic Acevedo
Christine Acunia

Chemawa Indian School

Ebony Gonzalez
Ian Nish
Olivia Ramirez
Brent Santos

Alysia Serawop
Andreana Medina

Riverside High School

Matthew Acevedo
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Alexia Flores
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Deja Soke
Maryjane Sundust
Alexa Allison

South Mountain High School

Andrew Ruiz

Mesa High School

Macie Michael
Mina Michael

Lawrence High School

Shaye White

Hamilton/Chief Hill Academy

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Damian Sanderson Jr.

Basha High School

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Brittany Cooper
Jordan Mix
Alan Johns
Nina Castillo

Queen Creek High School

Shayne Stone

Mountain Pointe High School

Selena Vidal

Blue Print High School

Kaitlin Martinez

Maricopa High School

Isaiah Pedro

Blackwater student earns bachelor's degree from U of A

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Duane Jackson Jr., 22, has spent the past 4 years rushing to early morning classes, quickly eating meals in-between assignments, and spending numerous late nights studying inside the University of Arizona's Main Library, all in the pursuit of knowledge and a bachelor's degree.

Jackson, who earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with an emphasis in Law and Public Policy from the U of A, May 13, said that earning his undergraduate degree is something he is proud of and could not have accomplished without his family's support.

"This degree is for me but it is also for them because they put in a lot of work on their end to help me get through to this day," he said. "If it wasn't for them I wouldn't have succeeded."

For Jackson, being able to hold his university diploma in his hands and share a moment of happiness with his family was

the joyful culmination of a journey that began many years ago in the village of Blackwater.

Jackson up in Blackwater with his parents Lorna and Duane Jackson, his three sisters, two brothers, and two young cousins. He attended Blackwater Community School and eventually went to Hohokam Middle School, where the first spark of wanting to pursue a higher education was lit aflame.

Jackson said that it was while he was in the eighth grade and involved in the GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) grant program that he really began to think about his future.

We would go up to Northern Arizona University, Jackson said, and spend a week living on campus, eating with students and working on projects.

The trips northward to NAU aided Jackson in figuring out what major he wanted to pursue and what university would best fit his goals.

Jackson eventually



Photo Courtesy of Duane Jackson, Jr.

From left, mother Lorna Jackson, Duane Jackson Jr., and father Duane Jackson Sr.

chose to attend the U of A. "Their academics, the school spirit, environment, everything there fit me. It just felt right, it felt like home to me when I was there," he said.

While being accepted to his university of choice

and becoming the first in his family to attend college were great accomplishments, the first two years of school were a difficult time of adjustment.

"It was a big shock to me," said Jackson. "It was hard to adjust to the whole environment. Not having family. Going from knowing a lot of people to [only] maybe five," he said.

Jackson went from a regular high school schedule of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., to a college schedule that could be anywhere from early morning to late night.

As time went on and Jackson became more familiar with

the U of A, his campus life began to improve.

"As soon as sophomore and junior year came around, I got to know more people, branch out more, and that's when [life] became better," he said.

A memorable moment that stands out for Jackson during his time at the U of A was when he and his fellow students were pulling an all-night study session when a certain well-known mascot decided to make a surprise visit.

"We were studying during the fall semester and we...happened to look at the door and there [was] Wilbur in a Santa suit, standing there in the library. It's always a memory that I hold," said Jackson. "[Wilbur] standing there watching us through the door."

Now that Jackson has obtained his degree, he has set his sights on entering the workforce and becoming a contributing member of the Gila River Indian Community.

Jackson said that even though he plans on entering the Community's work force, specifically the GRIC justice system, he still plans on pursuing a Masters in Public Administration in the future.

But for now, he hopes to take a little time for rest and relaxation to enjoy a few of the simpler pleasures in life like spending some well-earned quality time with family and friends.

Higher Education Graduates

Latoya Torres
Lione North
Tanisha Lopez
Victoria Humphreys
Jasmine Antone
Tashina Sabori
Nathan Brown Eagle
Charlette Viney
Trevor Ledda
Christopher Hernandez
Jaime Becker
Jeanette Redbird
Cassandra Barrios
Melissa Blackwater
Diana Knox
Cynthia Makil
Briana Drury
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Gary Mix
Kyrie Dukepo

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Rose State College
San Jose College University
University of Maryland University College
University of San Francisco
California State University- Sacramento
Regent University
El Camino College
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California State University
Keller Graduate School of Mgmt.
Ottawa University
Arizona State University
Arizona State University
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
University of Arizona
Central Arizona College
South Mountain Community College
Central Arizona College
Glendale Community College
University of Arizona
Arizona State University
Central Arizona College
Arizona State University
Central Arizona College
Chandler Gilbert Community College
University of Oregon
Arizona State University

Gila Crossing Community School promotes eighth grade class



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Eighth grade students look on during the GCCS promotion on May 17.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Thirty-three students bade farewell to Gila Crossing Community School with cheers of appreciation at the eighth grade promotion on May 17.

Family and friends packed the gymnasium of the Komatke Boys & Girls Club to congratulate the students.

Principal Jeremy Copenhagen said he is proud of

the students and feels that they have grown considerably, both academically and socially.

In her farewell address, Valedictorian Tafv Dillon thanked the school, its teachers, and the families in the audience for preparing the students for the road ahead.

She said that while the school she's been attending since kindergarten may appear unassuming on the outside, "it sure seems to provide amazing opportunities to its students" on the inside. Likewise, Dillon said, while she and her peers are seen as outsiders, within them they have the same talent and power as anyone else to make a difference.

To her fellow students, she said, "It makes me so happy to see that you all turned out to be amazing people, always willing to take the challenges that face you. ... May your education flourish, and may there be no person or obstacles to keep you from reaching your goals."

Tafv will attend Betty Fairfax High School this fall. Her long-term goal is to study obstetrics.

Dillon is a disciplined, hard-working student, whose family places great emphasis on culture and education. As Dillon's father Anthony pointed out, "It's only a promotion, not a graduation." He said, "Education is infinite. You can learn anything when you

put your mind to it."

The school also places an emphasis on culture and extra-curricular activities such as sports, gardening, and helping students prepare for their futures in high school and beyond.

Copenhagen congratulated the students and said he can't wait to see them all graduate high school as the class of 2020.

Gila Crossing Community School class of 2016:

- Ky Allison
- Rayanna Avery
- Civlik Avila
- Priscilla Bilagody
- Tafv Dillon
- Jordan Enos
- Damien Evans
- Nicholas Hendricks
- Alexander Jackson
- Ja'Lonie Jackson

- Kyle Jackson
- Eleena Kisto
- Jordan Lewis
- Juztin Lopez
- Matthew Ludlow
- Christina Madrid
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- Jonathan Soke
- Mikhala Sosolda
- Devin Standing Elk
- Ada Stevens
- Tehya Tashquinth
- Eliza Tate
- Carlos Verdugo
- Marcus Villa
- Eleanor Zambrano

Eighth graders say goodbye to Sacaton Middle School

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Fifty-six Sacaton Middle School students sat in the center of the school's gymnasium, on the evening of May 18, nervously awaiting their promotion from the 8th grade, and beginning their journey into high school.

Many of the students nervously tapped their feet and wrung their hands, while a few smiled, and others shed tears. But even though many of the students were anxious and quite possibly a little frightened, they were all the center of attention for hundreds of proud parents, friends, and staff who came to witness the momentous event.

Principal Phillip Bonds took to the stage, asking the students to set their expectations high in life, to follow their hearts, and choose their friends wisely as they move forward through life.

"Members of the Sacaton Middle School Class of 2016, real success in

life requires respect for and faithfulness to the highest of human values," said Bonds. "These being honesty, integrity, self discipline, dignity, compassion, humility, courage, personal responsibility, courtesy, and most of all, human service."

Following Principal Bond's speech, guest speaker Gila River Indian Community Children's Court Judge Jay Pedro, stepped up to the podium saying that it was his distinct pleasure to be at the promotion for two reasons. One, that he was an alumni of the school, which at the time was called Pima Central School, and two, that his mother Henrietta Pablo had been a teacher at Sacaton Elementary School for many years.

"At one time, I was a Sacaton Brave just like you," said Pedro. "And tonight, I am proud again to represent the colors blue and gold."

Pedro emphasized that while the students achieved an important goal by completing middle school, it was vital to begin their jour-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Hundreds of supporters turned out for the Sacaton Middle School eighth grade promotion ceremony on May 18.

ney into life on a positive path. He asked the students to do this by thanking their lifetime teachers, their parents and family members, who, he said, will continue to teach them as they move forward through life.

"Tonight, in honor of your accomplishment of finishing your middle school education, your parents are proud of you, your families and I am proud of you. Now you will take the next step in the educa-

tional process, high school. You might find high school a little different than middle school, it might seem complicated at times, it might seem overwhelming at times, but you can get through it."

Sacaton Middle School Class of 2016:

- Serena Alvarez
- Llewellyn Antone
- Alicen Apkaw
- Andrew Braveheart
- Sadie Brown
- Elizabeth Cadavas

- Damien Encinas
- Jaidyn Etsitty
- Tera Evans
- Isaiah Francisco
- Miranda Gomez
- Justin Javier
- Yvette Hernandez
- Christopher Jackson
- Wyatt Jackson
- Justin Jim
- Phillip Johns
- Sydney Johns
- David Johnson
- Shay Jose
- Martees June
- Arrosha Kelley

- Merle Kelly
- Sonnay Laws
- Anthony Lewis
- Ayana Lewis
- Zachery Lewis
- Parnell Lewis
- Trista Lopez
- Jaylin Manuel
- Johnathan Manuel
- Sabrina Marrietta
- Savina Martinez
- Austin Miller
- Jose Montijo
- Melania Matani
- Marisol Osife
- Alfonso Pablo
- Alicia Pedro
- Allen Pratt
- Anna Ramirez
- Jeremy Ramirez
- Allisia Ramon
- Thomas Reyes
- Luvia Rios
- Amy Rivera
- Raquel Rivers
- Kontrina Salkey
- Jayden Smallcanyon
- Patricia Stewart
- Darnell Thomas
- Brittany Thompson
- Jesus Torres
- Honey Valencia
- O'Ryan Wilson
- Emil Zavala

High School Junior planning to attend GCU

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

An aspiring high school graduate from District 6 is ready to start college later this year.

As high school finals and graduations are just about finished, the thought of what's next in life makes for some important decisions to be made.

For Andreaana "Lady" Medina the decision came quicker than most students her age.

She graduated at the age of 16 as a junior at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem Oregon on May 13.

At the time of her grad-

uation, she received two letters of acceptance from Grand Canyon University and Arizona State University, but chose to attend GCU to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in math.

Medina's mother, Brenda Lopez said her daughter has always had a desire to seek out opportunities, which led to her choosing Chemawa Indian School.

Medina said the whole experience of going to school out of state helped her grow personally and prepared her for college

life. "It's also a good way to make yourself independent, because you do everything on your own," she said.

Medina's grandmother, Joyce Lopez also shared a similar perspective of how her granddaughter had grown.

"She's a little more mature for her age and I've always trusted that when she puts her mind to it, things will work out," Joyce said. "It's very rewarding to see my granddaughter graduate and go to Grand Canyon University."

Medina said the decision to attend GCU was

based on her positive experience during a preparatory trip in which the school flew her back to Arizona to tour its Phoenix campus.

She said the tour gave her an idea about the school's environment by allowing prospective students to spend a night in a campus dorm.

To top it off they got to see the school's basketball team, the Antelopes, play a game at the GCU Arena.

According to her mother and grandmother, Medina expressed an interest in becoming a teacher, because she has worked with children before at the




Photo courtesy of the Lopez family

Andreaana Medina graduated from Chemawa Indian High School and will soon be a Grand Canyon University Antelope.

Komatke Boys & Girls Club and the Early Education Center as a summer Workforce Investment Act

intern. Medina said that she

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Department of Public Works Annual Water Quality Report 2015

IS MY WATER SAFE?

This report is a snapshot of your water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

inants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity including: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

WHY ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN MY DRINKING WATER?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contam-

WATER QUALITY TABLE

The tables in the report list all of the drinking water contaminants detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Please feel free to contact the number provided below for more information. Your input is important to us! For more information please contact: Department of Public Works, Chris Huang, Acting Water/Wastewater Plant O & Supervisor, Phone: (520) 796-4532 Fax: (520) 796-4539.

| Contaminants | MCLG | Action Level | Your Water | Number of Sites Over A.L. | Sample Date | A.L. Exceeded | Typical Source | |
|---|------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|--|
| Fluoride Units: ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.867 | 0.55 | 1.3 | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm | 10 | 10 | 7.35 | 3.3 | 8.6 | 2015 | No | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Selenium Units: ppb | 50 | 50 | 1.75 | ND | 3.5 | 2011-2013 | No | Discharge from petroleum, glass and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff |
| Sodium Units: ppm | | | 178.75 | 140 | 200 | 2014 | N/A | Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion |
| Radiological Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L | 0 | 15 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 2011 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Uranium (combined) Units: ppb | 0 | 30 | 13.475 | N/A | 18.6 | 2011-2015 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Lead and Copper Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.342 | 0 site over action level | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives | |
| Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile | 0 | 15 | 1.82 | 0 site over action level | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits | |

Public Water System #090400092 Casa Blanca/Bapchule – 2015 Water Quality Table
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community District served is District 5.

| Contaminants | MCLG | MCL | Your Water | Range | | Sample Date | Violation | Typical Source |
|---|------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------------|--|--|
| | | | | Low | High | | | |
| Microbial Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal coliform/ E. Coli Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Human and animals waste |
| Inorganic Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic Units: ppb | 0 | 10 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 6 | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes |
| Barium Units: ppm | 2 | 2 | 0.0585 | 0.051 | 0.066 | 2011 | No | Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of nature deposits |
| Chromium Units: ppb | 100 | 100 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2011 | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride Units: ppm | 4 | 4 | 1.12 | 0.94 | 1.3 | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Selenium Units: ppb | 50 | 50 | 3.5 | ND | 3.5 | 2011 | No | Discharge from petroleum, glass and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff |
| Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm | 10 | 10 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 8.6 | 2015 | No | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Sodium Units: ppm | | | 175 | 160 | 190 | 2014 | N/A | Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion |
| Radiological Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L | 0 | 15 | 1.95 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 2011 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Uranium (combined) Units: ppb | 0 | 30 | 8.35 | 7 | 9.7 | 2011 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Lead and Copper Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.157 | 0 site over action level | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives | |
| Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile | 0 | 15 | 1.89 | 0 site over action level | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits | |

Public Water System #090400691 Aerodyne – 2015 Water Quality Table
Your water comes from 1 ground water source which served the Aerodyne Subdivision. The ground water source is from Public Water System #090400345 (Lone Butte Industrial Park).

| Contaminants | MCLG | MCL | Your Water | Range | | Sample Date | Violation | Typical Source |
|---|------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------|-------------|--|---|
| | | | | Low | High | | | |
| Microbial Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal coliform/ E. Coli Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Human and animals waste |
| Disinfection By-Products Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) Units: ppb | N/A | 80 | 5.2 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Inorganic Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic Units: ppb | 0 | 10 | 6.2 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes |
| Barium Units: ppm | 2 | 2 | 0.11 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of nature deposits |
| Chromium Units: ppb | 100 | 100 | 9 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride Units: ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.33 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm | 10 | 10 | 1.4 | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Selenium Units: ppb | 50 | 50 | 5.7 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge from petroleum, glass, metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff |
| Lead and Copper Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.09 | 0 site over action level | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives | |

Public Water System #090400047 Sacaton – 2015 Water Quality Table
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Districts 1, 2 & 3.

| Contaminants | MCLG | MCL | Your Water | Range | | Sample Date | Violation | Typical Source |
|---|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-------------|--|---|
| | | | | Low | High | | | |
| Microbial Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | 1 positive monthly samples (highest) | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal coliform/ E. Coli Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Human and animals waste |
| Inorganic Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic Units: ppb | 0 | 10 | 4 | ND | 4 | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes |
| Barium Units: ppm | 2 | 2 | 0.061 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of nature deposits |
| Chromium Units: ppb | 100 | 100 | 3.4 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride Units: ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.6133 | 0.55 | 0.66 | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm | 10 | 10 | 7.5 | 3.3 | 8 | 2015 | No | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Sodium Units: ppm | | | 182.5 | 140 | 200 | 2013-2014 | N/A | Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion |
| Radiological Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L | 0 | 15 | 2.85 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 2011 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Uranium (combined) Units: ppb | 0 | 30 | 18.6 | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Lead and Copper Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.336 | 0 site over action level | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives | |
| Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile | 0 | 15 | 1.48 | 0 site over action level | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits | |

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring

During 2015, the GRIC DPW Sacaton participated in the third phase of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3). Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring assists the EPA in determining the occurrence of these compounds and whether or not regulation is warranted. MCLs (Maximum Contaminant Levels) and MCLGs (Maximum Contaminant Level Goals) have not been established for all unregulated contaminants. All detected UCMR3 contaminants are shown in the table below. A detection of a UCMR3 contaminant does not represent cause for concern, in itself. The implications of the detection should be judged considering health effects information, which is often still under development or being refined for unregulated contaminants. The full unregulated contaminant monitoring results is available upon request; please contact us for more information.

Public Water System #090400047 Sacaton – 2015 Water Quality Table
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Districts 1, 2 & 3.

| Contaminants | Units | Results | Typical Source Of Contamination |
|---------------|-------|-------------|---|
| Chromium (VI) | ppb | 0.65 - 3.34 | Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys; chromium -3 or -6 forms are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning, and wood preservation. |
| Chlorate | ppb | ND - 59.2 | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection; herbicides and chemical explosives. |
| Molybdenum | ppb | 1.63 - 5.11 | Naturally-occurring element found in ores and present in plants, animals and bacteria; commonly used form molybdenum trioxide used as a chemical reagent. |
| Strontium | ppm | 0.91 - 5.13 | Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Vanadium | ppb | 7.15 - 8.96 | Erosion of natural deposits. |

Public Water System #090400096 Stotonic – 2015 Water Quality Table
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community District served is District 4. The two ground water sources are from Public Water System #090400047 & #090400092.

| Contaminants | MCLG | MCL | Your Water | Range | | Sample Date | Violation | Typical Source |
|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|---|
| | | | | Low | High | | | |
| Microbial Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples / month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal coliform/ E. Coli Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples / month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Human and animals waste |
| Inorganic Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic Units: ppb | 0 | 10 | 4.7 | ND | 6 | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes |
| Barium Units: ppm | 2 | 2 | 0.06 | 0.051 | 0.066 | 2011-2013 | No | Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of nature deposits |
| Chromium Units: ppb | 100 | 100 | 2.45 | 1.1 | 3.4 | 2011-2013 | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits |

Unit Description:
Term Definition
ppm ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb ppb: parts per billion, or microgram per liter (ug/L)
positives samples positive samples/yr.: the number of positive samples taken that year
% positive samples/month % positive samples/month: % of samples taken monthly that were positive
N/A N/A: Not Applicable
ND ND: Not Detected
NR NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended
MCLG MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected

risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment

technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
mrem/yr mrem/yr: Millirem per year

| Public Water System #090400691 Aerodyne – 2015 Water Quality Table | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|---------------|---|
| Your water comes from 1 ground water source which served the Aerodyne Subdivision. | | | | | | | | |
| The ground water source is from Public Water System #090400345 (Lone Butte Industrial Park). | | | | | | | | |
| Contaminants | MCLG | MCL | Your Water | Range | | Sample Date | Violation | Typical Source |
| | | | | Low | High | | | |
| Microbial Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal coliform/E. Coli Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples/month | All Results Negative | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Human and animals waste |
| Disinfection By-Products Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb | N/A | 80 | 5.2 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Inorganic Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic Units: ppb | 0 | 10 | 6.2 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes |
| Barium Units: ppm | 2 | 2 | 0.11 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of nature deposits |
| Chromium Units: ppb | 100 | 100 | 9 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride Units: ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.33 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm | 10 | 10 | 1.4 | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Selenium Units: ppb | 50 | 50 | 5.7 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge from petroleum, glass, metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff |
| Contaminants | MCLG | Action Level | Your Water | Number of Sites Over A.L. | | Sample Date | A.L. Exceeded | Typical Source |
| Lead and Copper Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.09 | 0 site over action level | | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |

| Public Water System #090400692 Wild Horse Pass – 2015 Water Quality Table | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|------------------|---|
| Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Wild Horse Pass, Districts 6 and 7. | | | | | | | | |
| Contaminants | MCLG | MCL | Your Water | Range | | Sample Date | Violation | Typical Source |
| | | | | Low | High | | | |
| Microbial Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples / month | 2 positive monthly samples (highest) | N/A | N/A | 2015 | Yes ¹ | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal coliform/E. Coli Units: | 0 | 2 or more positive samples / month | 2 positive monthly samples (highest) | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Human and animals waste |
| Inorganic Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Arsenic Units: ppb | 0 | 10 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 2015 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes |
| Barium Units: ppm | 2 | 2 | 0.05 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of nature deposits |
| Chromium Units: ppb | 100 | 100 | 11 | N/A | N/A | 2013 | No | Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride Units: ppm | 4 | 4 | 0.51 | N/A | N/A | 2015 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm | 10 | 10 | 0.89 | 0.88 | 0.89 | 2015 | No | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Sodium Units: ppm | | | 130 | N/A | N/A | 2015 | N/A | Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion |
| Radiological Contaminants: | | | | | | | | |
| Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L | 0 | 15 | 3.5 | N/A | N/A | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Uranium (combined) Units: ppb | 0 | 30 | 9 | N/A | N/A | 2014 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Contaminants | MCLG | Action Level | Your Water | Number of Sites Over A.L. | | Sample Date | A.L. Exceeded | Typical Source |
| Lead and Copper Rule: | | | | | | | | |
| Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.167 | 0 site over action level | | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile | 0 | 15 | 1 | 0 site over action level | | 2014 | No | Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits |

¹ Violations and Exceedances: More Than One Total Coliform-Positive Detected

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

In the beginning of July, 2015, the Community received a violation of the Federal Drinking Water Standards by having more than one positive test for total coliform bacteria and more than one positive test for fecal coliform bacteria. Subsequent required repeat testing along with daily testing indicated that our water was safe. In addition, water tested the month before and the month after this violation was tested and reported to the EPA as safe. Public Works evaluated our water treatment process and concluded that sampling error was the cause of the positive tests. We routinely monitor our water to ensure your water is safe to drink.

What should I do?

We pulled multiple bacteriological samples and received clean results in both late July and August to verify that your water was indeed safe and not contaminated with bacteria after we detected multiple coliform-positive in early July. We continue to monitor bacteria monthly to ensure your water is safe for drinking. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. If you experience symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches and they persist; you may want to seek advice about drinking water from your health care providers. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified immediately.

HEALTH EFFECTS LANGUAGE

Total Coliform
Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Fecal coliform/E. Coli
Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely-compromised immune systems.

health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STATEMENTS

Additional Information for Arsenic
While your drinking water meets the EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Additional Information for Nitrate
Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask

for advice from your health care provider.

Additional Information for Lead
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. PWS system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinkingwater>.

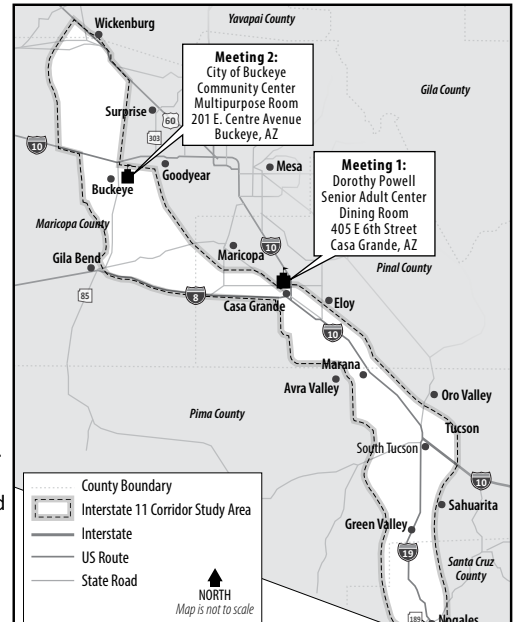
Arsenic
Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, may have an increased risk of getting cancer. While your drinking water meets the EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the

Your input is needed!
INTERSTATE 11 TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (NOGALES TO WICKENBURG)
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) invite you to attend a public scoping meeting as part of the environmental study for Interstate 11 (I-11) between Nogales and Wickenburg.

Public Scoping is a time at the beginning of the environmental study for the study team to learn from the community. As part of the scoping process, a series of public meetings will be held throughout the Corridor Study Area, including Wickenburg, Buckeye, Casa Grande, Marana, Tucson and Nogales. The public scoping meetings will provide study information, obtain community feedback on issues in the Corridor Study Area, and solicit input to form potential corridor alternatives. This public input will help ADOT and FHWA identify the selected corridor alternative and type of transportation facility.

WHAT IS I-11?
I-11 is envisioned as a continuous high-capacity transcontinental transportation corridor that has the potential to enhance movement of people and freight, and be a corridor to facilitate regional connectivity, trade, communications and technology.



YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:

- PUBLIC MEETING 1**
Wednesday, June 8 | 4-6:30 p.m.
Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center-Dining Room
405 E 6th Street | Casa Grande, AZ
- PUBLIC MEETING 2**
Wednesday, June 15 | 4-6:30 p.m.
City of Buckeye Community Center Multipurpose Room
201 East Centre Avenue | Buckeye, AZ
- Presentation: Approximately 4:15 p.m.**
Following the presentation, the meeting will be held in an open house format. Study team members will be available to answer questions. The same information will be presented at each public meeting. For more information regarding the other meetings, please visit i11study.com/Arizona.

CAN'T MAKE A MEETING?
Visit the website and take our online survey:
i11study.com/Arizona
Call the toll-free bilingual telephone hotline: 1-844-544-8049
Email: i-11ADOTStudy@hdrinc.com
Mail comments:
Interstate 11 Tier 1 EIS Study Team
c/o ADOT Communications
1655 W. Jackson Street
Mail Drop 126F
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Please submit comments by July 8, 2016 to be included in the summary of public comments.

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28th Annual Gila River Youth Conference
June 23-24, 2016
UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
16000 Maricopa Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85139

Step 1
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
(Please print clearly. Fill in all blanks. Some information is needed in case of emergency.)
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ GRIC District: _____ Age: _____ (13 to 21)
Contact Telephone: (____) _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
Email: _____

Step 2
COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE
You can count on my full participation in all sessions and activities of the 2016 Gila River Youth Conference. I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that will bring only credit to the Gila River Indian Community. I pledge to wear my name badge around my neck and visible at all times. I pledge to remain drug, tobacco, and alcohol free during the entire conference.

Signature of Participant Date _____

Step 3
MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION/ LIABILITY RELEASE/PHOTO RELEASE
If the participant is a minor, this form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. I hereby approve the participation of my son/daughter in the 2016 Gila River Youth Conference. In the event of illness or accident, I give my consent for him/her to receive medical attention. Also, I will not hold liable the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council or the Gila River Indian Community, or any of its agents, volunteers or other organizations involved in this conference. I will also be responsible for any damages to public or private property done by the above named minor during the entirety of above mentioned event. By signature below I grant permission to photograph and/or film my child for use by the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council or the media for the purpose of information the public of programs provided by the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date _____ Phone number of Parent or Guardian _____

Step 4
Please Check Title:
 High School
 Chaperrone
 Workshop Presenter
 Exhibitor
 Elder
 Tribal Leader
 College Student
 Other _____

Step 5
Please complete, scan, and email to:
YouthCouncil@gric.nsn.us
or fax to (520)562-3621
Questions please email or call our office:
(520) 562-1866
Registration Deadline: May 18, 2016

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 18, 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 May 18, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:15 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Sister Martha

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- Nada Celaya (9:23), Jennifer Allison (11:30), Angelia Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Maricopa Village Christian School Performance

Presenters: Elda Diaz & Larisa Quijano

MS. LARISA QUIJANO INTRODUCED THE STUDENTS AND THE PROGRAM. THE STUDENTS PERFORMED 4 SONGS FOR THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE. IN ADDITION, EACH OF THE STUDENTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES.

2. Office of Head Start- W.J. Strickland

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MR. W.J. STRICKLAND. MR. STRICKLAND EXPLAINED THE WORK AND PROGRESS OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

1. Casa Blanca Community School Quarter 2 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Patricia Avalos

REPORT HEARD

2. St. Peters Indian Mission School Quarter 2 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Sister Martha

REPORT HEARD

3. Gila River Broadcast Corporation; Elder Interview Questions

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors, Bruce Holdridge

REPORT HEARD

4. 1Q2016 GRTI Update

Presenters: GRTI Board of Directors, Bruce Holdridge

REPORT HEARD

5. Human Resources Monthly Dashboard Report- February & March 2016

Presenter: Shawna Schultz

REPORT HEARD

6. American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post 84 Profit & Loss Detail Of October 2015-March 2016

Presenter: Urban Giff, Robert Amado, Tony M. Daniel

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

THE REPORT

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 60-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:46 P.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Granting And Designating 6.8621 Acres Of Community Land In District Three For The Purpose Of A Road Right Of Way And Public Utility Easement To The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation And The Department Of Public Works As Shown In Drawing No. 40315-0834-EA (NRSC forwards to Council with recom-

mendation for approval, contingent upon corrections)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Collection And Dissemination Of Non-Identifying Data For First Things First Gila River Indian Community Regional Needs And Assets Report for 2016 (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; LSC & ESC concur)

Presenter: Cathy Brown

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Collection And Dissemination Of Non-Identifying Data For First Things First Gila River Indian Community Regional Needs And Assets Report for 2018 (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; LSC & ESC concur)

Presenter: Cathy Brown

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing Personnel From The United States Census Department To Collect Data For The American Community Survey Within The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with correct title)

Presenter: Deanna Enos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

5. A Resolution Approving And Designating 7.4879

Acres, More Or Less Of Tribal Reservation Land

Within District One Of The Gila River Indian

Community To The Wild Horse Pass Development

Authority For The Purpose Of Designing,

Constructing, Maintaining And Operating the New

Blackwater Gas Station & Convenience Store As

Shown In Drawing No. SV-1 & SV-2 (NRSC

forwards to EDSC with changes; EDSC forwards to

Community Council with recommendation for

approval with changes)

Presenter: Barney Bigman

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Maricopa General Plan Review (NRSC forwards to Council for discussion and with recommendation for approval of the comments from GRIC Representatives to the City of Maricopa)

Presenter: Wally Jones

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Gila River Gaming Commission – Appointment of One (1) Gaming Commissioner

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ARTHUR FELDER

NEW BUSINESS

1. Komatke Area Drainage Master Study Finalizing the Study and Presenting Results (NRSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and action)

Presenter: Seaver Fields

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO UTILIZED THE STUDY

AS A FUTURE REGULATORY TOOL FOR FUTURE

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS

2. License Agreement between Gila River Indian Community and Central Arizona College (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. GRHC-MTS Permit Regulations (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Gigi Navarro, MTS Director

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Suicide Prevention/Awareness Training (H&SSC forwards to Council for Council Secretary to look at possible dates)

Presenter: Priscilla Foote, BHS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SET ASIDE THE 2ND & 3RD OF JUNE

5. GRTI Local Exchange & Interstate Access Tariff Revision (EDSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: GRTI Board Of Directors, Bruce Holdridge

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

6. Certification of the 2016 Community Council Election and

Special Constitution Amendments Election Results (LSC forwards to Community Council the Certification of the 2016 Community Council Election Results and the Special Constitution Amendments Election Results)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CAROL SCHURZ

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CAROLYN WILLIAMS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY BARNEY ENOS, JR.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ROBERT STONE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CHARLES GOLDTOOTH

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DEVIN REDBIRD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE 2016 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS ELECTION RESULTS;

WHEREBY THE ELECTION RESULT DID NOT MEET THE REQUIRED 30% OF REGISTERED VOTER

PARTICIPATION THEREBY NULLIFYING THIS ELECTION [LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE

BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:46 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE

SESSION

7. Status Report On Efforts To Implement The Five Year Water Plan (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council In Executive Session; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Jason Hauter

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE A WORK SESSION ON JULY 1, 2016, 9AM, IN THE COUNCIL

CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. January 6, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. January 20, 2016 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL ISSUE WAS RESOLVED

>UPDATE OF HUALAPAI TRAVEL

LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE SUSPENDED THE RULES TO ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS ITEM #8 DELEGATION TO COCOPAH MAY 24, 2016

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

NEW BUSINESS

8. Delegation to Cocopah May 24, 2016

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO TRAVEL TO

THE COCOPAH TRIBE

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:20 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIA COMMUNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

HOLLY JACKSON

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

vs.

MARIO PABLO

Defendant/Respondent.

TO: MARIO PABLO

CASE umber: CV-2005-0197

CIVIL SUMMONS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:

[X] Sacaton Community Court

721 West Seed Farm Road

Sacaton, Arizona 85147

(520)562-9860

DATE: Tuesday, July 05, 2016

Time: 09:30 AM

YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.

If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this Monday, April 18, 2016

Tribal Education partners with U of A to help language teachers

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Education Department is boosting efforts to make the O’otham language accessible to cultural teachers at early education centers and schools across the Community.

Through a partnership with the University of Arizona’s American Indian Language Development Institute, TED hosted two workshops for Community members and cultural teachers at the District 2 Hashan Kehk Multipurpose Building on May 6 and 7.

The U of A offers workshops like these to other tribal communities as a means to offer “Critical training to strengthen efforts to revitalize and promote the use of indig-

enous languages across generations,” according to the AILDI website mission statement.

TED Cultural Coordinator, Anthony Gray said the workshops are beneficial, because it allowed the cultural teachers at seven of the Community schools and the Head Start programs to get a hands-on approach to using new teaching tools.

The University of Arizona representatives taught a class on the Microsoft OneNote application, which is used to record the language.

“It allows you to record words and take pictures that correspond with the object or thing in O’otham,” said Gray.

When the idea was first introduced to the elders

from the Community, they were a little apprehensive about how it was going to be used and shared.

Once the details were explained regarding the app’s true intentions, the elders were supportive of the project and some of them even joined in on the effort.

“What [we] are doing is giving people a way to document [the] language, but we are not giving [it] away. It’s more or less used as a teaching tool,” said Gray.

Gray anticipated that the process will become more refined as they continue to use the app.

A neat feature about the app is that users can record a short audio clip of someone fluent in the language that can be attached

to the object, word or thing being identified.

One scenario where the app may come in handy is when a cultural teacher is out in the field gathering information, they can utilize the app to document an object and forward that information to another individual to get a translation in O’otham within in minutes.

Besides using technology, teaching the O’otham language is also about using conventional methods to achieve similar goals.

The Huhugam Heritage Center was also present to demonstrate how the cultural teachers can make and use pressed plants as a teaching tool.

Gray said, “Not only do we have the plant pressings. With OneNote we can



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Anthony Gray shows off the new Microsoft application OneNote, which allows for language documentation.

pull information from the app and add it to a PowerPoint presentation to add to the learning experience of the kids.”

Gray said the whole experience has been an op-

portunity to learn a few new things and that it has been rewarding working with the elders on such an important project that may benefit all Community members.

GRPD May COMPSTAT report, next meeting on June 23



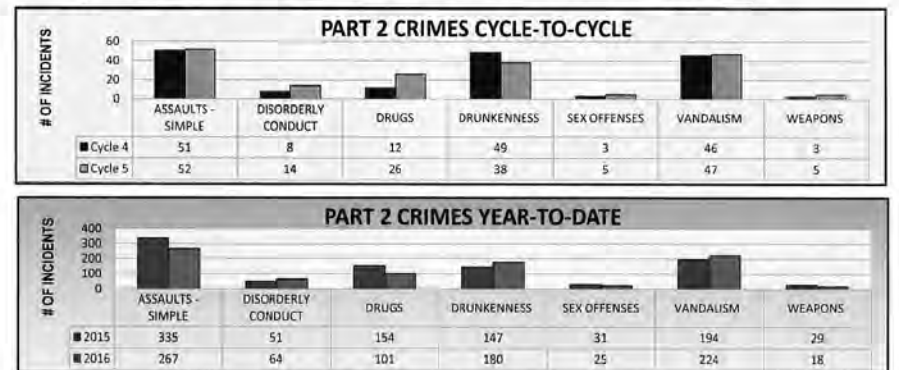
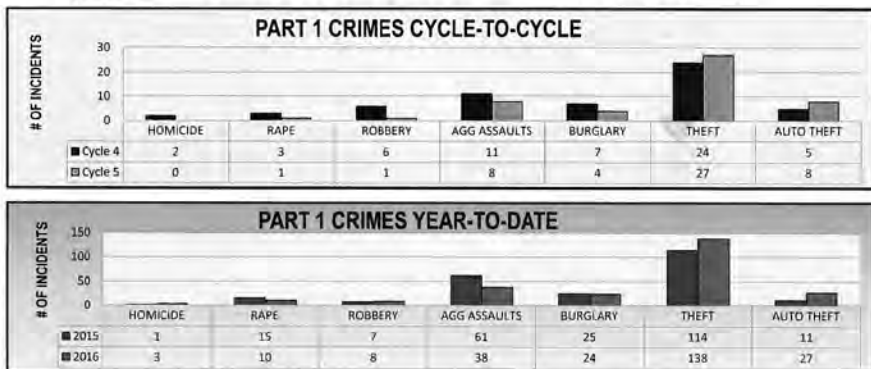
VIOLENT/PROPERTY CRIMES COMMUNITY WIDE

| PART I CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE | Cycle 4 3/22/16 - 4/18/2016 | Cycle 5 4/18/16 - 5/16/2016 | % Change | PART I CRIMES YEAR-TO-DATE | 12/30/14 - 5/18/16 | 12/29/15 - 5/16/16 | 15/16 %Chg |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| HOMICIDE | 2 | 0 | -100% | HOMICIDE | 1 | 3 | 200% |
| RAPE | 3 | 1 | -67% | RAPE | 15 | 10 | -33% |
| ROBBERY | 6 | 1 | -83% | ROBBERY | 7 | 8 | 14% |
| AGG ASSAULTS | 11 | 8 | -27% | AGG ASSAULTS | 61 | 38 | -38% |
| BURGLARY | 7 | 4 | -43% | BURGLARY | 25 | 24 | -4% |
| THEFT | 24 | 27 | 13% | THEFT | 114 | 138 | 21% |
| AUTO THEFT | 5 | 8 | 60% | AUTO THEFT | 11 | 27 | 145% |
| TOTAL VIOLENT | 58 | 49 | -16% | TOTAL VIOLENT | 84 | 59 | -30% |
| TOTAL PROPERTY | 36 | 39 | 8% | TOTAL PROPERTY | 150 | 189 | 26% |
| TOTAL PART I | 94 | 88 | -6% | TOTAL PART I | 234 | 248 | 6% |



PART 2 CRIMES COMMUNITY WIDE

| PART II CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE | Cycle 4 3/22/16 - 4/18/2016 | Cycle 5 4/18/16 - 5/16/2016 | % Change | PART II CRIMES YEAR-TO-DATE | 12/30/14 - 5/18/16 | 12/29/15 - 5/16/16 | 15/16 %Chg |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| ASSAULTS - SIMPLE | 51 | 52 | 2% | ASSAULTS - SIMPLE | 335 | 267 | -20% |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 8 | 14 | 75% | DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 51 | 64 | 25% |
| DRUGS | 12 | 26 | 117% | DRUGS | 154 | 101 | -34% |
| DRUNKENNESS | 49 | 38 | -22% | DRUNKENNESS | 147 | 180 | 22% |
| SEX OFFENSES | 3 | 5 | 67% | SEX OFFENSES | 31 | 25 | -19% |
| VANDALISM | 46 | 47 | 2% | VANDALISM | 194 | 224 | 15% |
| WEAPONS | 3 | 5 | 67% | WEAPONS | 29 | 18 | -38% |
| ALL OTHER PART 2 | 25 | 38 | 52% | ALL OTHER PART 2 | 231 | 181 | -22% |
| TOTAL PART 2 | 197 | 225 | 14% | TOTAL PART 2 | 1172 | 1060 | -10% |



Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

COMPSTAT is a crime data tracking system that helps law enforcement document crimes, visualize patterns in criminal activity and see how crimes relate to one another.

The Gila River Police Department holds regular meetings to review its COMPSTAT reports. The

meetings are held every 28 days at the police department, usually on Thursdays at 2 p.m., and they are open for Community members who would like to sit in.

The next COMPSTAT meeting is June 23. It will report on Cycle 6, from May 17 – June 13.

COMPSTAT reports run on a 28-day cycle. Cycle 5 of 2016 spans from

April 19 – May 16. The data above show statistics Community-wide for Part 1 Crimes (violent and property crimes) and Part 2 Crimes (minor crimes).

Cycle-To-Cycle compares crimes in Cycle 4 (March 22 – April 18) and Cycle 5.

Year-To-Date comparisons relate data from the beginning of the year to the end of the most recent

cycle in this year and last year – i.e. January 2015 to this time last year compared to January 2016 to now.

Part 2 crimes that have seen a drop compared to this time last year: simple assaults, drugs, sex offenses, and weapons.

Part 2 crimes that have seen a rise compared to this time last year: disorderly conduct, drunken-

ness, and vandalism.

Part 1 crimes that have seen a drop compared to this time last year: rape, robbery, aggravated assaults, and burglary.

Part 1 crimes that have seen a rise compared to this time last year: homicide, theft, and auto theft. Last year there was one homicide in the Community between January and mid-May; this year there

have been three.

One important note not visible from the Community-wide charts and graphs is that more than half of the 138 thefts in the Community this year are concentrated around the three casinos and the Phoenix Premium Outlets. The majority of all thefts are small items like cell phones and wallets left unattended.

COMPLETED LEGISLATION

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

CHAPTER 6. WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED WATER MANAGEMENT

15.601. General Provisions.

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

B. Authority.

1. The Community enacts this chapter under its inherent civil legislative, adjudicative and regulatory authority and pursuant to the express delegation of authority by Congress under the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq., which provides the Community authority to organize, adopt the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (March 17, 1960) and to enact laws and ordinances governing conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, 25 U.S.C. § 476.

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

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

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

C. Scope.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Meeting and Request for Public Comments
Public Meeting - The GRIC Department of Environmental Quality invites you to attend a public meeting regarding the proposed environmental clean-up remedies for the former Plymouth Tube Site.
When: Tuesday, June 14, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm (open house format, come at your convenience)
Where: Lone Butte Development Administration Building

1235 S. Akimel Lane
520-796-1033 or 480-899-5280
Purpose: Provide the Community the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding the proposed environmental cleanup.
Background - In 2000, the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) discovered trichloroethylene (TCE) and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in one of its groundwater monitoring wells near I-10 and Wild Horse Pass Boulevard in District 4. Between 2000 and 2005, the DEQ installed multiple groundwater quality monitoring wells throughout the project area to further define the groundwater contamination and to determine the location of the contamination source. In 2006 a source of contamination was detected at the former Plymouth Tube industrial facility. In 2007 a joint Gila River/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency management team was created to oversee all project investigations and cleanup activities. Since 2007, Plymouth Tube has been conducting an extensive environmental investigation. While conducting the investigation they have also conducted some preliminary remedial measures which have removed approximately 3,260 pounds of VOCs. Indoor air modeling and sampling has also

been conducted at the former Plymouth Tube facility.
In 2015, Plymouth Tube completed a “Corrective Measures Study Report” which documents the proposed project cleanup process. Plymouth Tube is proposing to conduct additional remediation of groundwater using In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO). After the ISCO treatment is complete, it is proposed the project will undergo Monitored Natural Attenuation. As necessary, Plymouth Tube will also continue with soil vapor extraction. Due to the chemical properties of TCE and the impracticability to remove all residual TCE contamination at the site, small amounts of TCE will likely remain in the environment for many years. Therefore, the EPA and DEQ will continue to monitor the site for many years into the future. Public Comment Period - A copy of the proposed remedies is provided in the “Corrective Measures Study Report” which is available for review at the District 4 Service Center and on the DEQ website, www.gricdeq.org. The public comment period for this report will end on July 15, 2016. To comment, please write or email:
For questions please contact:
Gila River Indian Community
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Glenn Stark

P.O. Box 97 / 45 S. Church St.
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
Phone: (520) 562-2234
NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT ALONG SR87
The Natural Resource Standing Committee (NRSC) will be considering the Environmental Assessment Form from the Arizona Department of Transportation regarding a temporary construction easement along State Road 87 at the Gila River Bridge at their regular meeting on JULY 12, 2016 AT 9 a.m., located in Conference Room B of the Community Council Secretary’s Office. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Form its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary’s Office.
If you are interested in providing comments to the Environmental Assessment Form, Please attend the scheduled NRSC meeting. You may also contact your Council representative, and/or the NRSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720.
Written comments may be emailed to Casandra Wallace at casandra.wallace@gric.nsn.us or mailed to Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147 Attn: Casandra Wallace.



Gila River HEALTH CARE

NOTICE
June 18, 2016
**NO SATURDAY
CLINIC**

ATTENTION GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY CALL FOR ARTISTS

GRHC invites local artists to submit artwork for display in the new Viola L. Johnson Administration Building

The artistic theme will convey the late Viola L. Johnson's spirit of leadership and passion for culture.

GRIC artists interested in participating are encouraged to contact Paul Molina by June 15, 2016, to schedule for an appointment.

Paul Molina
GRHC Public Relations & Marketing Department
(520) 610-3066
pmolina@grhc.org

**For more information, please visit
GRHC.ORG/VLJArt**

Gila River Family Fitness

For Community members only (Ages 10 - Up)

Events will be filled with fun presentations and hands-on activities for all ages! Join us and learn how to work out at home or at your local gym. Instruction provided by fitness staff from the Community and the Native American Fitness Council.

District 3 Boys and Girls Club, Saturday, June 4, 2016, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
District 7 Service Center, Saturday, June 11, 2016, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For pre-registration, please call the Life Center at (520) 562-7940. On-site registration available.

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



IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION

BLOOD-SUCKING TICK MAY PASS ALONG POTENTIALLY FATAL DISEASES ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is a tick-borne disease caused by the bacterium Rickettsia rickettsii. Potentially fatal in humans, it is transmitted by the bite of infected tick. In the United States, these include the American dog tick, Rocky Mountain wood tick, and brown dog tick. The blood-sucking tick, commonly found in wooded environments, may pass along potentially fatal diseases to humans and dogs.

Typical Symptoms Include:

- Fever, headache, abdominal pain, vomiting, and muscle pain.
- A rash may or may not develop in the first few days.

Treatment may include:

Doxycycline, an antibiotic, is the first line of treatment for adults and children of all ages.

If you think you have been bitten by a tick, CALL your health care provider.

For more information, contact Marcy Hamblin Infection Prevention Specialist (520) 562-3321 ext. 1556.

CONFIRMED CASES OF MEASLES IN AZ INCREASING MEASLES IS AN EXTREMELY CONTAGIOUS DISEASE!

(According to ADHS and Maricopa and Pinal County Public Health Services)

Typical Symptoms Include:

- Fever (101F degrees or higher), red and watery eyes, cough, and a runny nose.
- After a few days, a raised, red, and blotchy rash that starts at the hairline and spreads down the body may appear.
- Symptoms can begin up to 21 days after being exposed to an infected person.
- A person is infectious as soon as symptoms appear and up to four days after the rash goes away.

Exposed to measles or not vaccinated? CALL BEFORE arriving to the health care facility:

- To eliminate the possible spread of measles.
- To receive special instructions about how and when to visit the health care facility.

Measles can be prevented:

- By vaccine (2 MMR - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella - vaccines).
- If you have had measles previously.
- If you were born before 1957 and received 1 MMR vaccine.

To review a list of dates, times, and locations visited by an infectious person, visit stopthespreadAZ.com.

For more information, contact Marcy Hamblin Infection Prevention Specialist (520) 562-3321 ext. 1556.



ELDER'S CIRCLE

GRIC Elder's Meeting

June 8, 2016, 9:00 am
D7 Service Center

GRHC Topics: BHS - Suicide Prevention; HHKMH Front Entrance Closure

Gila River Indian Community Crisis Line
1-800-259-3449

[/GilaRiverHealthCare](https://www.facebook.com/GilaRiverHealthCare)
[/Gilariverhealth](https://twitter.com/Gilariverhealth)
[/Gilariverhealthcare](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Gilariverhealthcare)

Gila River Health Care
GRHC.ORG Main Number (520) 562-3321



GRHC EMS staff celebrated National EMS Week by giving local middle schoolers a tour of the ambulance and by hosting a presentation with BHS staff. We are grateful for what our EMS do for our Community!

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.

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| District 7 | June 2 | June 9 |
| District 6 | June 7 | June 16 |
| District 5 | June 14 | June 23 |
| District 4 | June 21 | June 30 |
| District 3 | June 28 | |

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





Photo courtesy of the Lopez family

Andreana Medina.

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would like to go back to Chemawa Indian School to teach and help educate the younger generations of Native students.

She said being back in Arizona close to her family is a wonderful feeling, because now she can see them more often.

Brenda said the family is very thankful for the Community's financial support, which made the family's trip to see Medina graduate, possible.

Medina said having her family at the graduation was a special opportunity for them to get a peek at what life has been like for her while attending school in Oregon.

Ottawa Univ. student graduates with honors

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

This time of year, a lot of GRIC students are graduating with high honors. Among them is Briana Drury, a Community member who graduated Cum Laude from Ottawa University on May 7.

Among other nationalities, Drury is part Choctaw, Hopi, and Pee Posh. Her mother is Andrea Walterscheid from Maricopa Village. Briana is the first in her immediate family to graduate college.

Drury, 22, chose Ottawa University, in part, because they offered her a scholarship and a position on the softball team.

"I was a second baseman at the university," she said. "I grew up playing the game and I really wanted to play it as far as I possibly could."

She was also very involved in a number of school clubs such as the Biology Club, the Whole Earth Club, and the Braving Discipleship church camp, which brings high school

students to the university for a weekend to teach them about college with a Christian perspective.

Drury graduated from Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kans. with a 3.68 GPA and a degree in exercise science.

"Now that I graduated I just took a position in Lenexa, Kans. as a clinical research technician," she said. "I plan on doing that for a year and then applying to graduate school to be an occupational therapist."

Occupational therapy requires a doctorate degree and a degree in exercise science is a stepping-stone to that. As a clinical research technician she is gaining necessary, valuable experience working with patients, doing lab work, vitals, and EKGs.

Drury enjoys coaching and helping others to live well.

Now that she is out of school, Drury enjoys spending time with her 2-year-old daughter and remaining close with her family in Wichita.



Photo courtesy of Briana Drury

Briana Drury graduated from Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kans. with a 3.68 GPA.

SOUTHWEST GAS

CALL 811
Before You Dig!

One simple call to 811 gets underground utility-owned lines marked for FREE.

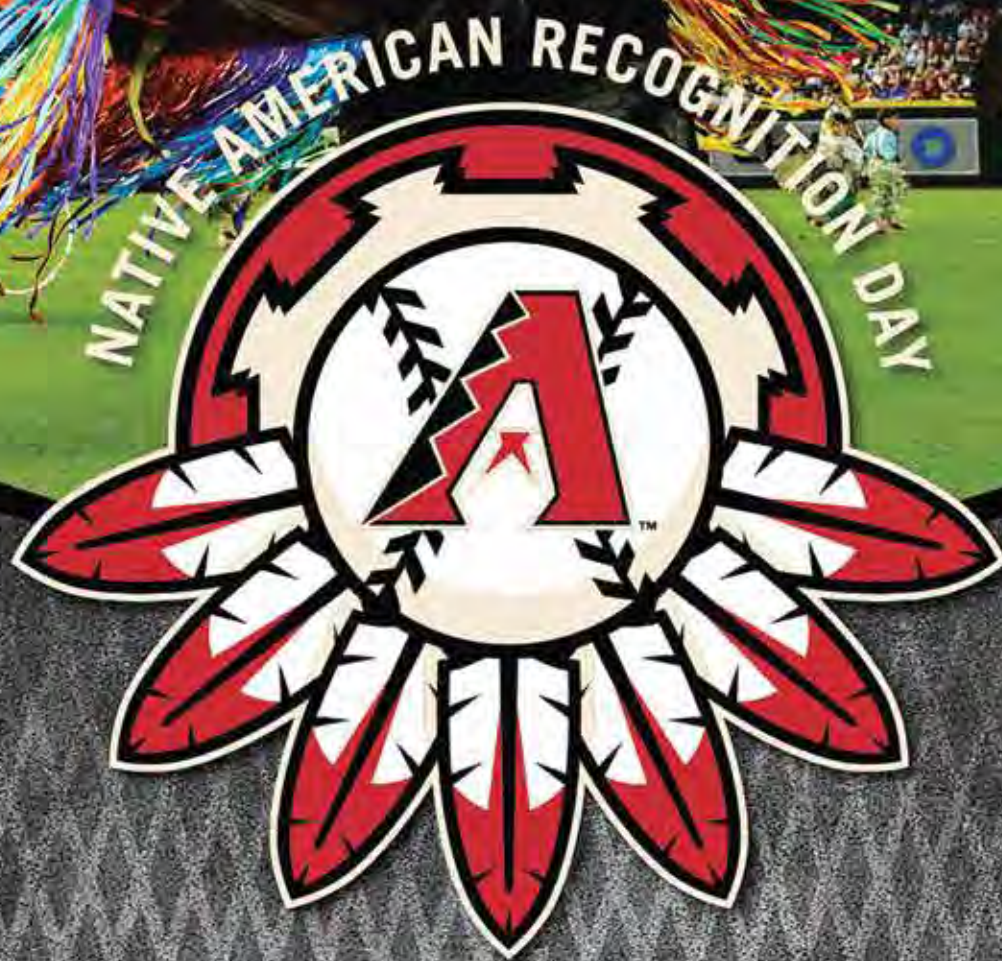
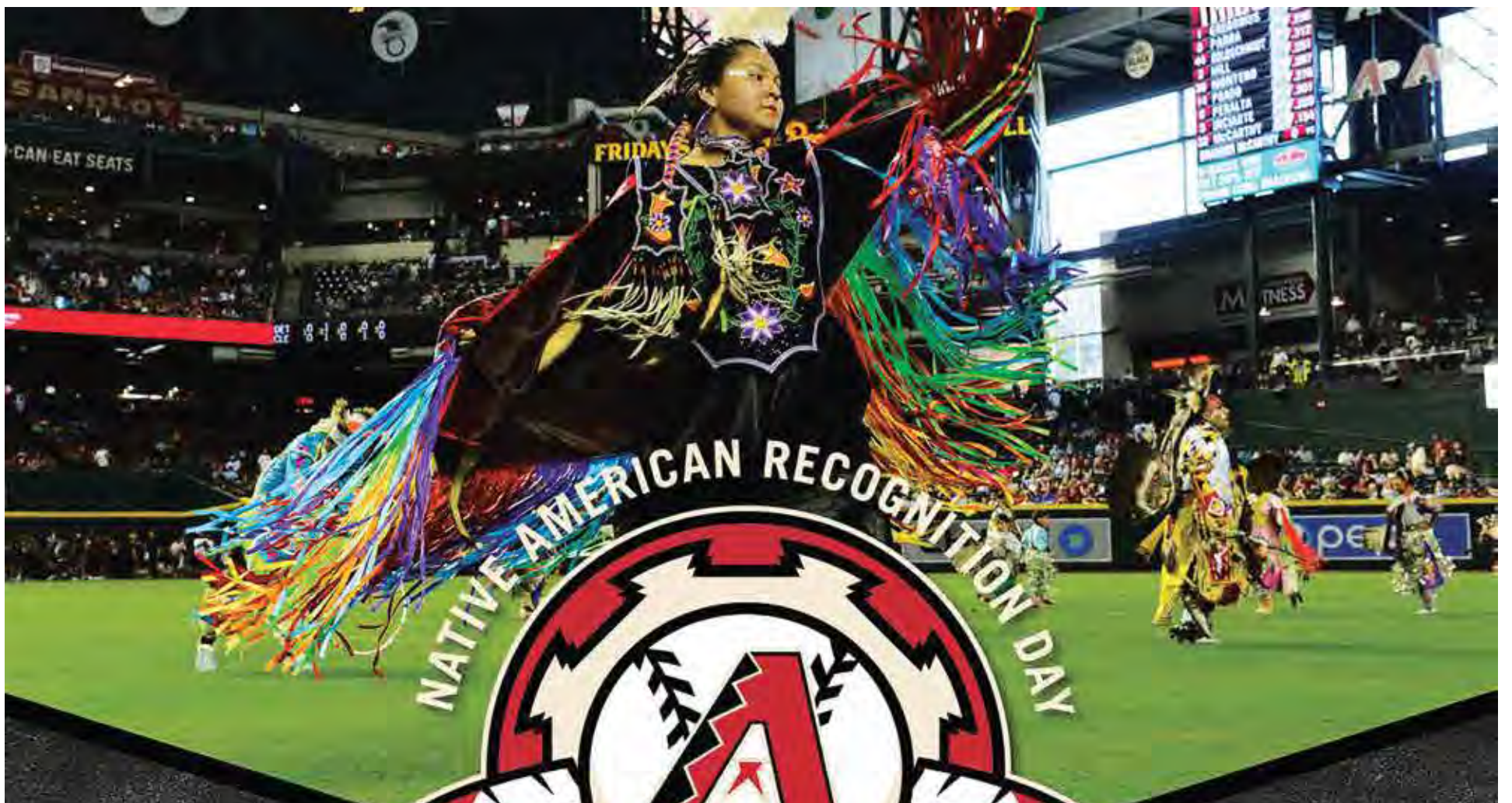
Whether you're a homeowner or professional excavator, every digging job requires a call — even small projects — so be sure to:

- Call 811 at least two days before starting any digging project
- Wait for the site to be marked
- Respect the marks
- Dig with care

Not calling can be life threatening and costly. You can harm yourself or others, disrupt natural gas service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially be responsible for injuries, repair costs, and criminal penalties.

Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere. If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, call **911** and Southwest Gas at **1-877-860-6020** immediately, whether you're our customer or not.

For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call **1-877-860-6020**.



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