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GRIC to appeal ruling regarding freeway

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The Gila River Indian Community Council voted unanimously on Aug. 26 to appeal the recent ruling of the Arizona federal court in their challenge to

stop the construction of the proposed South Mountain Freeway. The Community will appeal the decision denying their challenge to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, based in San Francisco, and will seek an injunction to stop construction of the freeway while the ap-

peal is pending. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "The Community will continue to challenge the decision allowing this project to proceed in order to protect the Community's borders, its members, and South Mountain, or Muhadagi Doag, one of the Community's

most important and sacred natural resources."

Gov. Lewis also said, "The Community cannot stand idle while the proposed freeway destroys South Mountain and its trails, shrines, and archaeological sites."

GRPD looking to deter graffiti with abatement team



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A community service worker paints over graffiti on Olberg Bridge which was supervised by Gila River Police Department's Graffiti Abatement Team.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

When it comes to graffiti, the Gila River Police Department isn't laying off those who wish to vandalize public property and homes.

Recently the GRPD Graffiti Abatement Team was out in District 2 to supervise community service related to vandalizing public property.

"Back in 2011 the Community Council saw there was a problem with graffiti in the districts

and [they] wanted to get a program started that would be able to suppress graffiti and deter everything that was going on in GRIC that was gang-related," said Graffiti Abatement Technician Todd Tate.

Steve Brokeshoulder, another

GAT Technician said, "It certainly has raised awareness."

He said more and more people are calling the police about graffiti in the Community.

Tate and Brokeshoulder agreed that although graffiti may appear harmless, it does reflect negatively on the appearance and safety of the Community.

When the GAT was established, there wasn't a handbook on how to crack down on graffiti, so Brokeshoulder and Tate experience was crucial to defining policies and procedures.

Tate said, "[We] wanted to make the Community, the elders and the kids feel safe...especially for visitors from outside of the Community, because you want them to feel welcome."

He said that appearances can say a lot, that's why it's important to clean up the graffiti.

To the average individual, graffiti appears all the same, but the GAT is able to determine if it is the work of an individual or a gang marking their territory.

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Gila River Farms office relocates back to the Farm's area

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Over the past year Gila River Farm's office location has been in a state of flux after a storm damaged the original office building, located off of Old Highway 93, causing it to become condemned and forcing staff to relocate.

The storm damaged the facility's septic system and mold was found during an inspection of the building's vents. This forced the Farm's office staff to relocate to Gila River Indian Community's

old Property and Supply building behind the U.S. Post Office on North Sacaton Road, where they have been ever since.

Once again the Farm's staff is on the move to a new location, and this time, it's back to their old stomping grounds, the Gila River Farms.

As of Aug. 22, the new office building module, located just south of the original office that was condemned over a year ago, is now open for business and can provide the Community with its propane and hay needs.

Don Manuel, GRF Assistant General Manager said, "Now we are back, we are here...[and] this



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The Gila River Farms new office building module is open for business.

is the place to come now to get in contact with Gila River Farms. We just moved starting [Aug. 17]. It took us three days to get everything moved over and [Aug. 22] was the first day that we were officially open."

GRF's new office is located

at 212 North Old Highway 93 Road.

For more information about purchasing propane, hay, or to look for a job, call (520) 315-3965 or send a fax to (520) 315-3775.

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August 26, 2016

The Honorable Dave Archambault II
Chairman
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
P.O. Box D
Fort Yates, ND 58538

Dear Chairman Archambault,

I write to let you know that the Gila River Indian Community supports your efforts to protect your water resources and ancestral lands from encroachment and damage.

Like the Standing Rock Sioux, we have long had to fight for our own water rights. Our Community continues to struggle to protect our water supply and our lands from off-reservation activities that would potentially harm our resources and quality of life. Currently, we are fully engaged in a battle to prevent the construction of a new freeway from destroying cultural resources and sacred sites near our reservation boundaries, but not technically within them. Our water supply, like yours, also faces ongoing threats and potential harm.

As I'm sure you agree, no tribe should face such issues in a vacuum. The more we work together, building solidarity among our sovereign nations and among our cultures, the more effective we will be in Washington D.C. and in the court of public opinion. Too often, local, state and federal governments act as though our rights stop at our reservation borders. That is not the case. As nations, each tribal community has rights that pre-exist the United States – rights that protect our cultural resources and our sacred places of healing and our water anywhere within our ancestral territories. The more we pursue these rights as one people, standing arm in arm, the more our tribal nations will be a force with which to be reckoned.

Clearly, more meaningful consultation between the federal agencies and your tribal nation needs to occur immediately. When tribal governments are not offered a sufficient role in the first stages of a federal process that could negatively impact our natural resources and people, we are precluded from exercising the rights we have as nations.

As you continue your fight, know that you and your people have the strength and unity of all tribal nations behind you, and that the Gila River Indian Community stands with you.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Lewis, Governor
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**In Loving Memory of
Matthew Marley Lewis**
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It is now five years since you have been gone and I still can't let you go. I think of you every day and realize that I have missed five years of your life to not see you grow into adulthood and to take care of your boys (Sidney and Ian). I have been cheated from your life because of a drunk driver. I turned away from God because I was angry and hurt. It took some time for me to reflect that I need God in my life so I put my heart in his hands and asked for forgiveness and to let me try to go on with my life without you. I somewhat feel some peace. I will tuck you deep in my heart and there you will remain. I will al-

ways remember your funny ways and jokes you tell and when that makes me happy, I know that you are happy too. I watch the boys and they remind me of you when you were a little boy. You will always remain in their hearts forever because you are their father and they will never forget you. Whenever I, the boys and the family think of you and how blessed we are to have had you in our lives and while we are here in the living world and we think of you, you will never die. Marley it is now time for you to go home and Rest in Paradise. We love you and will always be missing you.

We love you Marley
Dad, Mom, Sidney, Ian, Jordan, Clara, Drea, Denise, Tony, Amy and Aunties, Uncles and Cousins

Until we meet again



Those special memories of you will always bring a smile if only I could have you back for just a little while. Than we could sit and talk again just like we used to do.

You always meant so very



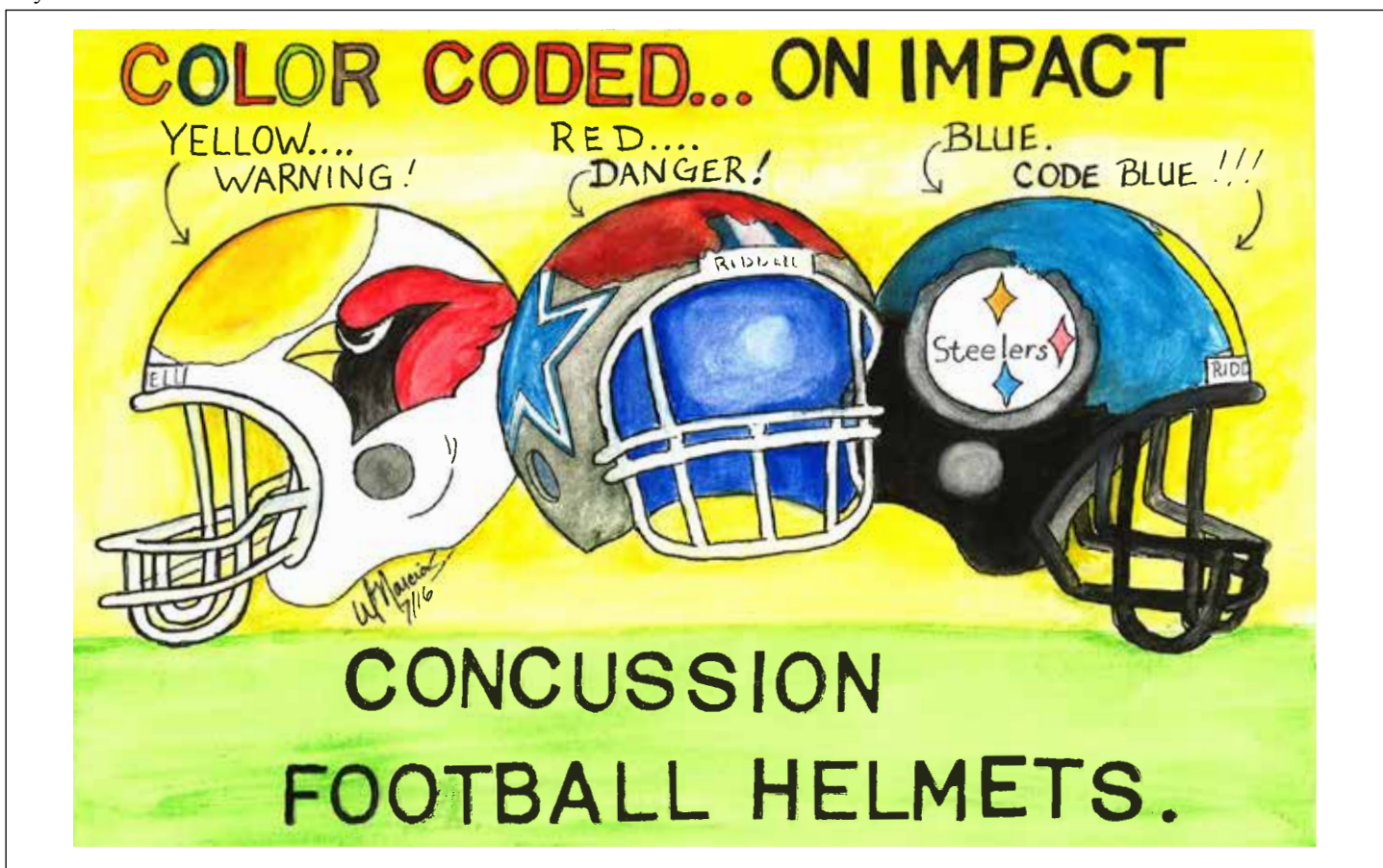
There were no words, nor goodbyes between us Mom. I have spent many years, isolated and separated from you. Alone in my own humility. So I know what loneliness feels like. But ever since you left, I have never felt completely alone and empty inside, like everything that I have come to know and understand in this world ceased to exist. I have nothing left but the simple memories of you and the love we shared. I lie awake at night thinking and remembering all the things you taught me, the morals and the wisdom you instilled in me. I still hear the sound of your voice and your laughter. I laugh and cry, I cry and smile knowing you are with God and our hagsins. Dancing, dancing strong, dancing good on the other side. I wrote many songs that I want you all to hear, allow me, walk with me the rest of my days. I love and miss you my woman of war.

Wus'um Hagin's
Your loving son Eaglebear
Vincent Michael Thomas

much too me and always will. The fact that you are no longer here will always cause me pain but you're forever in my heart until we meet again Maria.

--Marsha Flores

Vigil Date: September 24, 2016
For: Maria Del Carmen Chavez
At: District 6 Service Center
5230 St Johns Rd
Laveen, AZ 85339
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Two outreach meetings held to discuss FY2017 Budget

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

At a meeting held at the District 1 Multipurpose building on Aug 24, tribal leadership provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget before an assembly of tribal members.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said that the Executive Office and Community Council are working cooperatively to prepare the budget, which was passed at a special Community Council meeting on Aug. 26.

A second outreach meeting was held at the District 6 Learning Center, for tribal members living on the West End.

"[We] are looking at two budgets this evening, the operating budget and the capitol projects budget," said Gov. Lewis.

The capital projects budget is a separate portion of the overall funds used towards public projects that pertain to the districts, like district service centers, or toward tribal government projects.

The operating budget ensures there are adequate monies for programs that are vital to the health, safety and well-being of tribal

members. Gov. Lewis said with the coming fiscal year, it would allow the Community to establish a Family Advocacy Center (FAC).

The FAC will be located at the old youth home in Sacton, which has been undergoing renovations. It will serve as place for children to go that have been sexually, physically and mentally abused.

"We are going to have staff working together that will be on call 24/7, because [we] know things don't happen between 8 to 5," said Gov. Lewis

The FAC will implement a team approach consisting of a diverse range of professionals from the legal field to social workers.

He said it is an initiative that works to pre-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gives a presentation at the District 1 Multipurpose Building gymnasium on Aug. 24 at an outreach meeting covering the FY2017 GRIC budget.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

vent children from falling through the cracks in the system by placing more accountability on the entities that will care for their well-being.

"For my administration, along with Lt. Gov. [Antone]...we want to continue working for the protection of [our] children and to improve our Tribal Social Services," said Gov. Lewis.

Another item on the list of FY17 improvements is to the Community's

Management Information Systems.

"We have a computer system that is in need of upgrades that will be getting much needed improvements to infrastructure," said Gov. Lewis.

The plan is to create a more robust data center that will house the Community's servers and will include a backup system that will be located at Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., should the primary system go down.

Other key issues discussed at the budget meeting were the importance of maintaining the tribe's water infrastructure and agricultural resources that could be used to benefit GRIC.

GRIC Treasurer, Robert Keller, said the establishment of the Permanent Water Fund allows the Community to maintain its canal infrastructure through water leases and credits.

He said that the Com-

munity has already seen its first payment from the recent leasing of water credits to the City of Chandler which will go into the PWF.

Lt. Gov. Antone said, "We met [with] each department and entities outside of the Community that we fund."

She said the budget is also inclusive of GRIC veterans groups and the Urban Members Association that receives a share of financial assistance from the Community.

The new budget also shows how the Community saving money by utilizing the Facilities Maintenance Department to do a majority of the reconstruction at the FAC.

She added that housing is still kept at a high priority and that some of the expenditures in previous years were used to build infrastructure like water lines, which are sometimes non-existent in some areas of in need or replacement due to age.

To cap off the highlights of the FY17 budget was the creation of the Gila River Veterans and Family Services program, is expected to become operational in early 2017.

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	Sunday 9/4	Monday 9/5	Tuesday 9/6	Wednesday 9/7	Thursday 9/8	Friday 9/9	Saturday 9/10	
12:00pm	2016 EARTH DAY EVENT Sacaton, AZ	2016 O'ODHAM TASH PARADE Casa Grande, AZ	Horse Tribe <i>The connection of human to animal, history to life, individuals to community.</i>	Addiction and Renewal in the Hoopa Valley	2016 MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT Komate, AZ	Our Spiritis Don't Speak English <i>Indian Boarding Schools</i>	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves	
12:30pm	2016 GILA CROSSING BANQUET Storytellers In Motion	2016 COWBOY DAYS & O'ODHAM TASH - ALL INDIAN RODEO Casa Grande, AZ	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Posonut - Baskets</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>The New Masters</i>		Ravens & Eagles <i>Portrait of a Mask Maker</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Gulf Coast Originals</i>	
1:00pm	Native Report		Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening	Champions of the North	
1:30pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Gulf Coast Originals</i>		Vitality Health <i>Diabetes Management Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Spirituality Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Nutrition Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Health Management Day</i>	Native Nation Building <i>Constitutional Reform</i>	
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		From The Spirit <i>Jane Ash Poitras</i>	From The Spirit <i>John Farcy</i>	From The Spirit <i>Rocky Barstad</i>	From The Spirit <i>Daniel Crane</i>	People of the Pines <i>Assimilation</i>	
2:30pm	2016 MUL-CHU-THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS 2016 IWO JIMA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Creative Native <i>Symbolism</i>	Creative Native <i>Quotes on a Paper</i>	Creative Native <i>Cree for the White Guy</i>	Creative Native <i>The Quecha</i>	Making Regalia	
3:00pm			Indian Pride <i>Tribal Govm't Structure</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Indian Gaming</i>	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side <i>Prince Albert-Loaf of Bread</i>	
3:30pm	Return of the Red Lake Walleye		Oskayak Down Under	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>Addicted to Hydro</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens <i>Matthew Mukash</i>	
4:00pm	After The Gold Rush <i>Another example of man's damaging behaviour on the environment.</i>		First Talk <i>Dating</i>	First Talk <i>Blind Date</i>	First Talk <i>Murray Porter</i>	First Talk <i>Buffy Sainte Marie Part 2</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Origins / Lil Girl & Monster</i>	
4:30pm	Native Voice TV <i>Paww - Dabetes</i>	Miss Gila River Interviews	People of the Pines <i>American California</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Native Resistance</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>The Feast Master</i>	
5:00pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	2016 MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT Komate, AZ	Addiction and Renewal in the Hoopa Valley	Weaving Worlds <i>The history of Navajo rug weavers and their role w/in the global economy.</i>	Our Spiritis Don't Speak English <i>Indian Boarding Schools</i>	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People Native Report	
5:30pm	Wapos Bay <i>Something to Remember</i>		Wapos Bay <i>Guardians</i>	How To Trace Your Native American Heritage	Wapos Bay <i>All Access</i>	Wapos Bay <i>As Long As The River</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Tricks and Treats</i>	Wapos Bay <i>As The Bannock Browns</i>
6:00pm	Fish Out of Water <i>The Somoan Village</i>		Fish Out Of Water <i>Mahikan Trails</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kawakanum Kennels</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fish Out Of Water <i>Xatsull Heritage Village</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Blackfoot Adventure</i>	
6:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Native Shorts <i>Stones</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
7:00pm	Native Shorts	2016 MUL-CHU-THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Back In The Day <i>The Two Highways</i>	Birch Bark Canoe <i>The authenticity and</i>	Forging Bonds: Pow Wow Stories from California	Champions of the North <i>The Great Whale Cup</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Charlie Makes A Drum</i>	
7:30pm	The Young Ancestors <i>A burgeoning movement led by Natives to save their native languages.</i>		California Indian: A Tribal Story <i>A Pomo Indian/ successful LA radio host is forced back to the rez to help his brother out of danger.</i>	Finding Refuge	The Human Effect <i>Tribal elders and leaders voice give advice on finding balance and peace with the environment and each other.</i>	The Human Effect <i>Tribal elders and leaders voice give advice on finding balance and peace with the environment and each other.</i>	Utility Baskets: Henry Arquette <i>California Indian Voices</i>	Behind The Blue Veil <i>The Sahara crisis exposes the gov't corruption and neglect of the indigenous.</i>
8:00pm	Medicine Game <i>A medicine ceremony played to ward off sicknesses from the tribe.</i>	2016 GRBC ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENT Chandler, AZ	Rez	Original Patriots: Northern California Indian Veterans of WWII	Dreamer	Native American Healing in the 21st Century <i>Natural remedies applicable to today.</i>	Mohawk Girls <i>The lives of 3 girls and a surprising inside look at Native youth culture.</i>	
8:30pm	Incas Remembered <i>A wondrous people who once ruled half of South America before falling to the Spanish.</i>		2016 EARTH DAY EVENT Sacaton, AZ	Sculpting In Wood and Words <i>The Art of Kent</i>	The Madoc War <i>For 7 months, a handful of Modoc warriors and their families held off hundreds of U.S. Army soldiers.</i>	Urban Rez (1952-1973) <i>Explores the controversial legacy and modern-day repercussions of the Urban Relocation Program.</i>	Good Meat <i>Journey to get healthy by converting to a traditional Lakota diet centered on buffalo and native foods.</i>	Native Oklahoma Animal Songs
9:00pm		2016 GILA CROSSING BANQUET Komate, AZ						

Facts about GRIC's Water

Communications & Public Affairs Office

Gila River Indian Community

Do you have questions about the Community's water and water settlement?

Recently there have been many questions about the Community's water and how it is used. Through December 2016 the GRIN will publish a new article about water in each edition to help Community members understand the water settlement, which is a complex agreement involving the United States, the State of Arizona, and many stakeholders in Ar-

izona. We also want to address Community members' specific questions about the Community's water settlement and what the Community plans to do with its water today, and in the future.

If you have a question about water please send an email to: info@gric.nsn.us.

You can also send a letter to:

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Basic Facts About The Community's Water

Under the Community's water settlement, it has a maximum of 653,500

acre-feet of water it can use each year. There are 325,851 gallons in an acre-foot of water, which means the Community's annual entitlement is more than 213 billion gallons of water.

The Community's water comes from many sources but the three largest sources of water are Central Arizona Project (CAP) water from the Colorado River, Gila River water, and groundwater.

CAP Water

The Community is entitled to 311,800 acre-feet of CAP water each year. CAP water is the Community's most plentiful source

of water, but to use it the Community must pay the energy bill to move this water over 200 miles from the Colorado River to central Arizona.

- The Community currently uses between 30,000 -70,000 acre-feet of CAP water each year to supplement other water sources used for irrigation.

- Each year, approximately 70,000 acre-feet of CAP water is obligated to other water users under existing water leases and exchanges, most of which were approved as a condition to the Community's water settlement.

- Since 2010, the

Community has stored an average of 180,000 acre-feet of CAP water per year to create long-term storage credits. Long-term storage credits are water rights that can either be sold or used in later years by recovering these credits from underground. One credit equals one acre-foot of water.

Gila River Water

The Community's expects to receive 125,000 acre-feet of Gila River water each year under its Globe Equity Decree entitlement. The amount of Gila River water the Community receives each year depends on the amount of

snow pack in the Gila River water shed; the more snow, the more Gila River water. The Community does not pay anything to have Gila River water delivered to its lands.

Groundwater

Under the water settlement, the Community can pump and use 171,700 acre-feet of groundwater each year. The Community currently does not pump this amount of water because it wants to protect its aquifer from over pumping. The amount of groundwater the Community can use can be significantly increased if by recharging its aquifer.

GRFD Shift Commander to receive kidney transplant

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Ever since he was diagnosed with a kidney disease at the young age of 13, Jairus Pierce knew he had to live life a little differently than most in order to keep his condition from getting worse.

Last year, even after spending decades avoiding salt, processed foods, proteins and focusing on a diet full of vegetables and fruits, Pierce learned that his kidneys were only functioning at 20 percent, meaning weekly dialysis treatments and the need for a kidney transplant.

The 44-year-old Shift Commander spent the past 14 months on the kidney transplant list and now, after hearing he will be receiving a transplant on Sept. 6, is finally looking towards the future with a smile and a bit more optimism.

Pierce's journey to this moment began when he was 13-years-old, on a family trip to Lake Tahoe. It was during this vacation that he first learned of his kidney disease.

"I became very ill, flu-like symptoms," said Pierce. "I started to urinate blood, essentially very dark urine. They took me to a doctor [who] had a suspicion that I had IgA Nephropathy and sent me to a specialist, at which time it was confirmed," he said.

IgA Nephropathy, also known as Berger's disease, is a type of kidney disease caused when an antibody, called immunoglobulin A (IgA), becomes lodged in the kidneys, resulting in inflammation or scarring that can hinder the organ's ability to filter waste from the bloodstream.

Pierce said that he didn't pay too much attention to his condition when he was a child, but as he grew older, he began to focus more on his diet.

"Maybe around 25 to 30 years of age is when I actually started paying attention to my health," said Pierce. "I started noticing my blood pressure was a little bit elevated and started to try to eat better."

Since that time, he began avoiding protein, salt, processed foods and phosphates. But even with all his effort to eat healthy, his kidneys continued to deteriorate.

Fourteen months ago Pierce's doctor told him that his kidneys weren't functioning well and that he needed a kidney transplant.

"I've got to admit, that was pretty devastating," said Pierce. "My entire life had kind of built up to this moment in time, so I was a little bit prepared for it."

As GRFD's Shift Commander and having worked in the department for the past 19 years, Pierce

is no stranger to dangerous situations. However, while helping others may come naturally to him, putting his name on the transplant list and asking for help was a more difficult task.

"I've always tried to give," said Pierce. "And for me to ask for help was incredibly difficult to do. I am always there for someone when it is their worst day. It's my job as a fireman to make them have a better day. So, for me to have to ask for that help was very difficult."

Even though the news was devastating, Pierce was humbled by the large amount of support from his family and colleagues, a few of whom even offered to donate their own kidneys.

"It was certainly overwhelming," Pierce said. "The outpouring of support that I received, the offers of kidney donations, [it was] very humbling," he said. "To think, who am I to deserve this?"

Learning that he needed a new kidney was just one issue amid a plethora of problems. While waiting for a kidney, he also endured weekly dialysis treatments because his own kidneys could no longer clean his blood.

Three days a week, Pierce would sit next to a dialysis machine as it cleaned excess water and waste from his blood. While the



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GRFD Shift Commander Jairus Pierce will receive a kidney transplant on Sept. 6. after dealing with a life-long kidney disease.

artificial kidney hummed and beeped, he would sit, confined to a chair for over three hours.

"You are [confined] to a to a chair, you can't... move around, you have to...be still as they're cleaning your blood," he said. "You're hoping nothing goes wrong with the machine and you're hoping that everything goes well with that particular dialysis treatment."

"Just the sensation you get, feeling drained...having them pull your blood out, cleaning it and putting it back in. It literally sucks the life out of you. There is no other way to say that. You feel like you have just had your life pulled out of you, and some days, it is extremely difficult."

Not long after, while

Pierce was on duty, checking off a piece of equipment at Lone Butte Casino, he received a phone call that would change his life.

"I received a phone call from Mayo Clinic," said Pierce. "The nurse identified herself from the donor team and I immediately broke down into tears. It was a very overwhelming experience," he said.

"Just the emotions, [a] kind of relief that there is hope, that tomorrow is going to be a better day," Pierce said. "That I am going to be able to see my grandkids grow up. That I am going to be OK."

"It was just an absolute...humbling experience to find out that the donor is anonymous. I've never met that person before in my life," said Pierce. "I have

no idea who it is. Who does that for someone else? That takes a very special person," he said.

Pierce will soon undergo surgery to receive a kidney transplant, and while his story may have a happy ending, there are still others out there; men, women, and children who are still waiting, living day-to-day wondering if they too will be fortunate enough to receive the ultimate gift, the gift of life.

To learn more about Jairus Pierce and stay up to date with his story, find his Facebook page by searching for "Jairus needs a kidney." To learn more about organ donation or to become an organ donor visit the Donor Network of Arizona at dnaz.org.

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National Park Service holds 'birthday celebration' at Casa Grande Ruins

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

It's been 100 years since the National Park Service was created by President Woodrow Wilson to care for some of the country's oldest and most cherished landmarks.

Today, the NPS has over 412 national parks throughout the Nation and attracts over 275 million visitors each year.

To celebrate the milestone, staff at the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument held an informal birthday celebration touching on the history of the NPS on Aug 24.

Within the network of the parks system, the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument stands as one of the most unique sights because of its cultural significance to the O'otham tribes of Arizona.

For the people of the Gila River Indian Commu-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
The Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is one of 412 national parks that attract a total of 275 million visitors each year. On Aug. 24 a celebration was held to recognize the National Park Service's 100 years in existence.

nity, it is a historical link to the Huhugam, an industrious people that once settled along the Gila River and across central parts of the state.

Called the "Great House," or Sivan Vahki, it is the most prominent struc-

ture built by the Huhugam about 700 years ago.

According to a Casa Grande Ruins National Monument press release, the site was established in 1892, well before the creation of the NPS, and joined the parks system in

1918.

The park holds the honor of being the first pre-historic reserve that was, created by President Benjamin Harrison, who recognized the importance of protecting the site.

"Interestingly enough,

Casa Grande ruins is older than the NPS. It was brought under federal protection before it was a national park," said Dave Carney, NPS Chief of Interpretation and Education.

Today the park receives over 75,000 visitors per year and serves as a gateway into the past, a reminder of the people that once inhabited the land.

Park Superintendent Karl Pierce said that the NPS would not be possible without the interest of the public and that the citizens of the nation are equal stakeholders in preserving the future of the national parks.

He said the responsibility to preserve sites of historical and cultural importance is not only for individuals who travel to the park today, but for those who lived in the past and those who have yet to be born.

"[We] have a respon-

sibility and when we make decisions regarding management of places Like Casa Grand Ruins National Monument, we have to take into consideration the needs and desires of those future owners, because they have an equal stake, an equal share as those of us living today," said Pierce.

After his remarks, a decorated cake commemorating the centennial achievement of the NPS allowed the attendees to indulge in the occasion.

Carney said that the birthday celebration isn't the only thing lined up this year and there will be an American Indian festival on Nov 19.

"We are bringing back the American Indian arts festival and that will be a whole day event that will take place here...it's one of the larger events at the Casa Grande Ruins," he said.

Graffiti abatement program

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The team aims to reduce the amount of graffiti in the Community through the use of a database and other police resources to help convict or deter individuals.

Over the years their

database has grown to keep up with the latest trends in gang markings and symbols, which can prove useful to officers during an investigation.

"They're doing different stuff with tagging. They

are changing up their game all the time," said Brokeshoulder.

"One of the most important things that [GRPD] can do is build a paper trail...you'll have the documentation and information ready when the officers are investigating certain crimes," said

Brokeshoulder

"We work a lot with [our] officers, because it gives us more opportunities to go out [there] to conduct investigations and follow-ups to fill out reports," said Tate.

Although the GAT primarily works to deter and cover up graffiti, they su-

pervise individuals doing community service for other crimes.

Brokeshoulder said, "Periodically me and Todd will try to talk to the individuals about how [you] are going to change your life...how to funnel [that] energy through some other way, instead of getting in

trouble."

So far the program has been able to deter individuals from committing the same crime again. Putting in a days work painting over graffiti or cutting down weeds, not to mention paying a stiff fine are some of the reasons why crime doesn't pay.

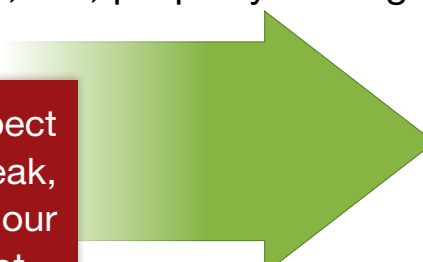


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Something to be told

By Billy Allen

Do you feel that cool breeze? September 'at jiva! Time to think about sweaters; so:ba – a hot breakfast soup made from old tortillas; sitting jekud or outside. Time to toss and kick around the ol' ko:ji elidag or pig skin and pretend we are bol cicvidam or ball players. Ancient ball courts in our homeland show our fondness for healthy competition. As time went on we joined mainstream American sports. Can you imagine any modern tribal fair without a tournament, rodeo, or a run!

I was happy to get that

big envelope in the mail – football season tickets for the Normals – make that Owls – no, make it Bulldogs – correction, Sun Devils arrived. Through the many years, Arizona State University athletic teams have competed under those names. When ASU was founded in 1885 its original name was Arizona Territorial Normal School. (That name might seem a bit strange – “back in the day” teachers’ colleges were often called “normal schools” because teachers taught academic “norms.” Today the more common-

ly used synonym is “standards.”)

When the Normals began organized football they often played against local high schools. The Phoenix Indian School Braves beat the “Normals” in 1896 and four years later, the Braves beat the “Owls.” These games were big events, and railroad tickets to ride from Tempe to Phoenix went for 35 cents! (A side note: back in 1900, a pound of coffee was 9 cents and a can of Campbell’s Soup was 5 cents. Not sure if “Indian tacos” were being sold back then.)

In 1905, a University of Arizona publication placed five Indians on the All-Arizona Team: Doolittle and Johnny of Phoenix Indian School; Mathews of Tucson Indian School; Petgely and Whitman of Sacaton

Indian School.

In 1925, Tempe State Teachers College “Bulldogs” played the Sacaton Indians, winning 55-0. The Bulldogs first homecoming was in 1926 against Phoenix Indian School; final score: a 0-0 tie. Overall the Normal/Bulldog record against the Phoenix Indian School was 12 wins, 7 losses, 1 tie.

In 1932, the Bulldogs beat the Casa Blanca Indians by a score of 99-0! “Sun Devil” was first used on Nov. 21, 1946 – the result of a student body vote earlier in the month. In 1948, Sparky made his debut. Bert Anthony, a Walt Disney artist who designed the ASU mascot, also designed the old Stanford Indian symbol.

On Oct. 1, 1891, the University of Arizona

opened its doors. In 1899, one of their games was against the Tucson Indian Training School. (The Tucson Indian School (aka “Escuela”) was established in 1888 by the Presbyterian Church. In 1894, the head of the Indian School, Reverend H. Billman, resigned to become chancellor and later president of the University of Arizona.)

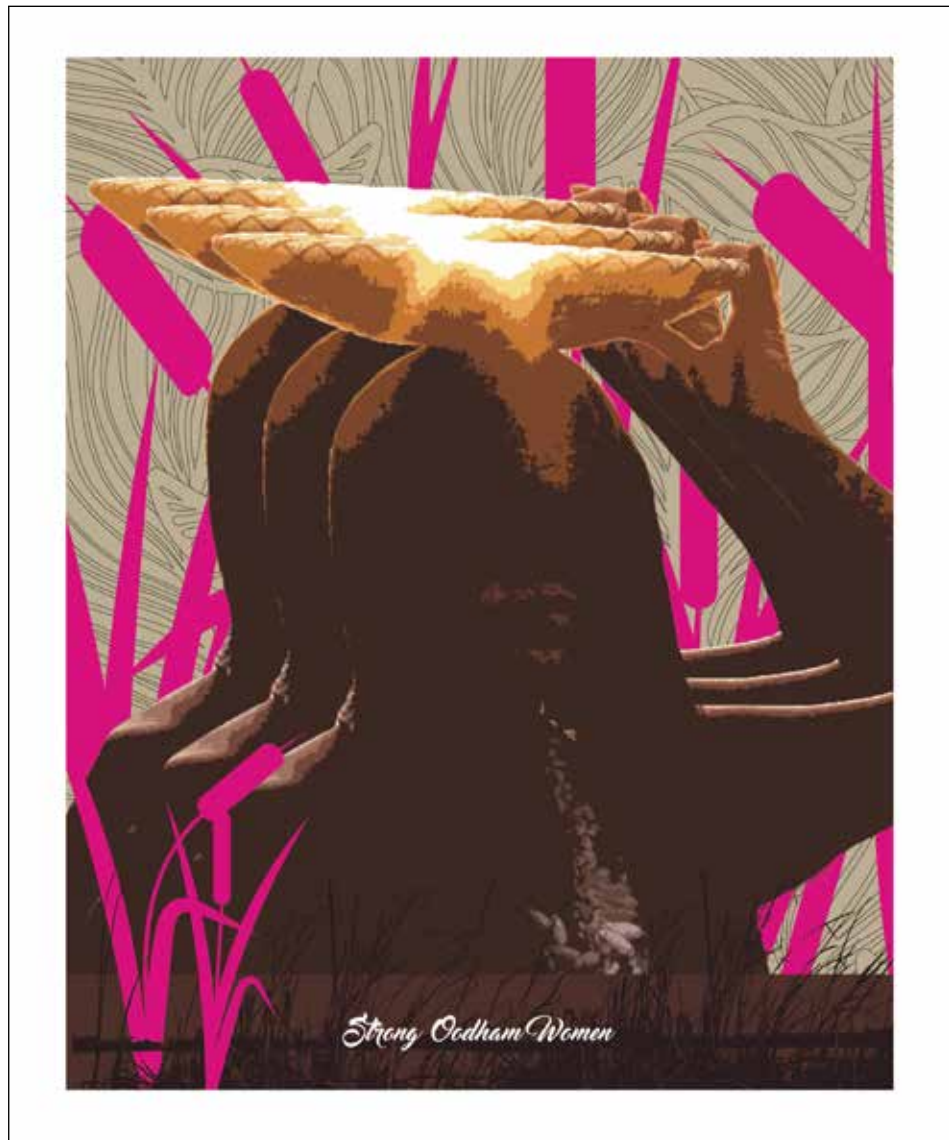
On Thanksgiving Day 1894 the University of Arizona hosted the Tempe Normals. A crowd of over 300 watched the Normals win the very first Territorial Cup, 11-2. The U of A got its name in 1914, when they traveled to California to play Occidental, losing 14-0. The Los Angeles Times wrote, “The Arizona men showed the fight of wildcats.” The name stuck, and the next year a live wildcat

named Rufus Arizona arrived on campus. No nine lives though — six months later the student newspaper, the Arizona Wildcat, reported “...while endeavoring to perform gymnastic stunts in the limbs of a tree to which he was tied, Rufus Arizona fell and was hung.” Eventually Wilbur and Wilma took over the roles of mascots.

When I was a child, my father would take us to watch ASU football – for free. We’d climb the eastern butte to watch the games, boulders for seating. I didn’t know of the O’otham/Piipaash connection back then and now I think all of us will be watching the games together.

Information was gathered from several internet sites and all did not agree.

Community Artist Series: Our People, Our Strength



Artwork Courtesy of Chandra Narcia

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Eight plywood boards cling to the walls of the Huhugam Heritage Center exhibit hall, each screen-printed with an image representing a different element of O’otham life.

“These are symbols of who we are,” said Chandra Narcia at the opening night of her art exhibit at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

As the gallery filled with friends, family, and other visitors Aug. 19, Chandra handed out paper prints of her works to each guest.

The wood prints feature high contrast images

in bold creamy blues, reds, greens and yellows with mesmerizing patterns and names that evoke the history of O’otham land (like *O’otham Animals & Leg-ends*).

One board wears images of cacti, another features quail, and another abstract water designs. All bear elements of Narcia’s identity that reminded her of home and kept her grounded while she was living far away.

“It’s a collective of who you are that helps you continue or get through what you need,” she said.

Narcia is originally from Sacaton. She grew up there, learning the history and traditions of her peo-

ple, the Akimel O’otham. In addition to being O’otham, she is Hopi and Laguna.

In 2002 she left one of the smallest towns in Arizona and moved to the largest city in the country: New York City, where she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Communication Design and Art History from Pratt Institute.

After seven years in the Big Apple, she moved to the City by the Bay, where she earned her Master’s in New Media (Web Design & Motion Graphics) from the Academy of Art – San Francisco.

Living away from home wasn’t easy, but, she said, she was able to stay on



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Community artist Chandra Narcia with her exhibit at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

course through prayer and sharing her culture with others. Regular visits home “really made me appreciate where I grew up,” she said.

A print titled *Strength of the Flow* features water designs that represent the history of the river the Akimel O’otham are named after.

“That’s always been a story that I share with any other person that’s not from Gila River because that’s so important. ... We’re this tribe here, and our water was taken, and that was basically our lifeline that went through our community.”

She says, “Our river isn’t here physically, but it lives in all of us because we are [the] Akimel O’otham, River People.”

Narcia’s print of the quail is representative of O’otham stories.

“We didn’t always grow up hearing every [story], so it’s kind of like we have to learn and re-learn our culture,” she said. “These stories, they’re telling us about our land, the animals, and they’re also teaching lessons.”

Another print features a gourd. “Our songs ... have

been sung for many, many years, and it’s so important for us to learn or to hear them, even, because those are...what we still have to carry on.”

One of her favorite prints, she said, “is the one with the woman that’s grinding the corn, [and] also the one titled *Strong O’otham Women*. ... So I had two that were representing women because when talking about being grounded, for me, the women presence in my life” was really strong.

Another print features a Gila Monster with sun rays bursting behind it.

“That was one of my favorite ones. ... Throughout my years, I’ve only seen one (in the wild),” she said. “They’re very special creatures. That’s why I called that piece Blessing.”

Growing up in Sacaton, she said, she used to go on bike rides with her dad, the former GRIC Gov. Richard Narcia. He would point out landmarks and plants to her and tell her the history of their people while they rode through the desert.

Sharing O’otham his-

tory and culture with others kept her grounded, but learning the cultures of others helped her grow.

Living in New York, she said, “you meet people from all over the world and you get to know their culture.”

“If any youth are interested in leaving here and going to school,” Narcia said, “I think that’s great because once you step out of what you’re used to, it opens up this whole new world of possibilities [and] different cultures and learning.”

Narcia came back to Arizona in 2011. She now resides in Phoenix and works for the Community as a graphic and web designer. In her spare time, she contributes to a number of non-profit and volunteer groups.

At her exhibit’s opening night, Tim Terry offered a blessing.

“I see Chandra’s work as sharing her thoughts and her feelings with the Community,” he said. “She’s a strong O’otham lady, a strong person. ... Himdag is important, and that’s what’s reflected in her work.”

Local veteran issues challenge to check-up on veterans, make sure they are OK



Photo Credit: iStock

Instead of push ups for the 22 Push Up Challenge, veteran Roland Enos, Jr. is asking the Community to reach out to local vets and make sure they are OK.

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In 2014 the Ice Bucket Challenge took the social media world by storm, helping raise awareness about ALS (Lou Gherig's Disease), encouraging donations for research into a cure for the deadly disease, and raising a whopping \$115 million for the ALS

Association, \$77 million of which went directly into ALS research.

Now, a new trend has been sweeping the Internet garnering the attention of celebrities, athletes, and U.S. veterans.

The 22 Push Up Challenge, created by 22Kill, a non-profit organization devoted to preventing veteran suicide, is a new challenge where participants are be-

ing asked to do 22 push-ups to help raise awareness about the suicide rate among veterans.

According to a Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) Suicide Data Report released in 2012 that analyzed veteran death certificates from 1999 to 2011, approximately 22 veterans commit suicide every day. Meaning that veterans are 21 percent more likely to

commit suicide than civilians.

The VA report noted that the majority of suicides were committed by veterans aged 50-years or older.

But, while the 22Kill Push Up Challenge has brought attention to the troubling issue of veteran suicide, there are those in the veteran community who argue that bringing awareness to the problem won't do much to actually stop it from occurring.

According to Carl Forsling, retired United States Marine Corps pilot and columnist for taskand-purpose.com, a military news and lifestyle website, awareness doesn't help solve the problem. In fact, it might hinder assisting those veterans who need help the most.

"If people think they've done their part to help by just posting to social media and don't follow up with actually doing something to help veterans, then an opportunity to achieve real change has been squandered. Awareness is nice, but action is essential."

In an effort to bring awareness to the issue of veteran suicide and motivate action in the Gila River Indian Community, USMC veteran Roland Enos Jr., instead of asking for 22 push-ups, is issuing a different sort of challenge.

"I would really like to challenge my fellow veterans as well as concerned families and friends of veterans, to actually go out and talk with them in person, call them on the phone, message them and just to see how they are doing," said Enos.

"Sometimes wounds that are sustained with combat experience are not visible, they are in the mind, [in] dreams, [and] we definitely want to go out and ask how our brothers and sisters are doing, whether [they] be an airman, a sailor, a soldier, or marine," said Enos.

"I definitely challenge everyone here in the Community to reach out to your brothers and sisters in arms and make sure that they are OK."

There are services within the Community for veterans looking to get involved with other veterans, including the AmeriCorps Veterans Serving Veterans Program (520-562-3387), Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51 (520-215-5151), Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 (520-562-8484), and the Pee Posh Veterans Association (602-273-3752).

Veterans looking for assistance or family members and friends of a veteran in crisis, can call the Veteran Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, or for more information visit VeteranCrisisLine.net

Gila River Wellness Days are on Fire



Photo Courtesy of FitnessFest

Gila River Wellness Camps members flex at the gym.

Submitted Janice Jaicks
FitnessFest Gila River

The energy from our Saturday groups feels incredible and the changes people are participating in and experiencing are truly remarkable.

The proof is in the inspirational community members who are attending! People like Lavonne, for example. She attended a Gila River Wellness Kick-Off Camp in July and started a regimented exercise program that she's continuing to follow successfully. Daisy is another Wellness Camp participant who got on board last year and has lost 50 pounds! Hoping to encourage others on the same journey, Gayle is a participant who has already lost 30 pounds and is powering ahead! Olena is another part of our group who is excited about all of her personal progress, and Tiffini completed our Passport to Wellness challenge in only a week! Carol also continues to push forward with her health and exercise plans, and finally visited her doctor after three years of avoiding it. Way to go!

This past Saturday, we felt the love as we listened to stories from attendees

and from Joseph, our trainer from the Wellness Center who has been a part of our group every step of the way this year. We had an awesome functional training workout and learned how to use the fitness center with Garrett from the M.O.V.E. program, and Frances never disappoints when she leads everyone in a little Zumba! Of course Stephanie (our program leader for the past several years) was on-hand as well, sharing her knowledge on setting goals (and keeping them), how to use the 'Myfitnesspal' app, and how to make overnight oats. It's evident that the community is making big changes toward a healthier lifestyle, and we couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of those changes.

We can't wait to see all of the amazing men and women of Gila River at our next event on Sept. 17 at District 2 Service Center. Could you be the next Fit Bit winner?! Could it be the day you change your lifestyle? We will give you all kinds of nutrition information, recipes and meal plans, plus some fun (yes, FUN!) exercise workshops like POUND, Tai Chi, and circuit training.

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Gila River Police Department hosts Mixed Martial Arts clinic in District 5

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Gila River Indian News

Boxing gloves smacked against punching mitts and bodies hit the mats in the Vah-Ki Multi-purpose Building August 20.

The Gila River Police Department hosted a free Mixed Martial Arts clinic to connect with Community members in a unique way.

"The main idea we wanted to get across today is [to] share with you what we do outside of the uniform," said Detective Manuel Duarte to the group of Community members in the gymnasium. He said typically, people only ever see a police officer in "a situation that's gone bad, and you need assistance. But we also want to interact with everyone [at events] like this."

Duarte, a GRPD officer and a mixed martial arts fighter in his spare time, shared his passion for MMA with Community members through the event, where kids learned how to punch, grapple and defend themselves.

"Never initiate, never start the fight," Duarte said, but practicing MMA is "a way of exercising and self-defense."

It wasn't just for kids, though. The event was open to all Community members, regardless of age.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

A youth works on a boxing drill with a member of the Gila River Police Department on Aug. 20 in District 5. Community members trained with local athletes during the clinic.

Leroy Antone, Sr. of Gila Crossing brought his son Leroy Antone, Jr. to the event "just for the exercise. And I like to watch UFC." Plus, he said, "We like doing this kind of stuff together."

Leroy and Leroy Jr. like to go to Community health events along with the rest of their family. The junior Antone said he especially liked doing the heavy rope exercises and learning takedowns on the mat.

Community member Mark Fairburn, 17, said he enjoyed the event. A wrestler for Maricopa High School, the senior said working with the pros taught him some new techniques.

After the fighting and grappling lessons, Duarte introduced a number of his fellow officers to the group and had them share their hobbies and interests.

Seven GRPD offi-

cers talked to the audience about the hobbies they enjoy. Officer Adam Boyd said he spends time training for and competing in ultra-marathons. School Resource Officer James Milano does sprint triathlons and practices kung-fu. Officer Ester Poolaw is on a softball team in Tucson.

The event is part of GRPD's efforts to connect with Community members on a friendlier level.

Officer Michael Fairburn knows how familiarity between the public and the police can be beneficial to both. Having grown up in District 6, he said, now as a police officer, familiarity with the families and culture makes things smoother when trying to quell a tense situation.

"A lot of people, especially in the West End, they all know me, so when I go out there it makes my job easier," he said.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

MMA trainers and fighters pose with members of GRPD following the clinic in District 5. Community members trained and heard presentations from officers about their interests.

Fairburn acknowledged the tensions between the police and the communities they are sworn to protect across the nation.

They don't see each other as people, he said, but he concluded, "We're all people, we all love stuff and we all have jobs, families, hobbies. ... Everybody has somebody they care about and that loves them too. We're all the same."

District 5 Community member Carol Alphas said, "That's awesome that officers can come out of their professional [setting] and then get into their comfort zones to relate to us Community members and to share their hardships [as well as] what they do off-duty and how they keep themselves healthy and fit."

Alphas was very ap-

preciative of GRPD's attempt to bridge the gap between the officers and the Community, especially the youth. She said it was great "to see my sons enjoying this event...get out of [the house] and to interact with officers."

She has three sons, two of whom, she said, already want to go into the military after high school. Officer Fairburn in particular, she said, has been especially influential in the boys' lives, and thanked him for being a role model for her sons.

A number of MMA gyms volunteered their time, equipment, and personnel to support the weekend event in District 5, including Fight Ready, Team Driven, U.S. Elite Combat, and the World Fighting Federation.

The Wellness Center also contributed to the event, setting up a training circuit with ropes, speed ladders, and medicine balls. The Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch donated the wrestling mats.

Duarte said the GRPD is trying "to reach out and let people know that we love where we work, so we want you to get to know us, so that you feel safe and comfortable when you call for our help."

On Sept. 7 from 8 – 10:30 a.m., the Department will host "Coffee with a Cop" at the District 3 and 7 Service Centers, where people will be welcome to visit with officers and get to know the people behind the badge that are policing their neighborhoods.

GRIC member named '25 Under 25'

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Gila River Indian News

Anissa Garcia was named one of the 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leaders at the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. Conference in Oklahoma City, Okla., July 22-26.

Garcia is a former member of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council, a former Miss Gila River First Attendant, and most recently had her artistic photography featured in an exhibit at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

Garcia is extremely involved in her community, said co-worker and friend Ariel Moristo, who nominated her for the award.

"She's always out and about," she said. "She's really involved with everything. Even if she isn't asked to help, she'll still end up helping."

The 25 Under 25 Award "recognizes and celebrates the achievements of Native youth leaders under the age of 25, who embody UNITY's core mission and exudes living a balanced life developing their spiritual, mental, physical and

social well-being," according to the UNITY, Inc. website.

"I'm unable to find the words to describe how proud and thankful I am of my daughter Anissa and her commitment to serving her community," said Garcia's mother, Darren Pedro-Martinez. "Anissa is very curious and ambitious when it comes to learning about her O'otham culture from the history of the people to its current events...and in turn likes to share with others what she's learned, all the while remaining humble."

While on the Youth Council, Garcia learned to connect with her culture and traditions in ways she hadn't been able to before.

"I was taught the songs by Antonio Davis when he was an advisor on the Youth Council," she said. During that time she also started to learn the traditional dances.

Now she is a member of the Gila River Basket Dancers group, led by Leland Thomas. At 21 years, she is the oldest member and helps instruct and lead the younger dancers.

Garcia is also very involved in her Community through her work. As a

recreation aide for the District 5 Service Center, she helps plan, organize, and run events for Community members.

She said, "A lot of what we do is plan the events, and we have fitness classes for both the youth and the adults." She also runs the game room for youth members, and participates in community clean-ups with the Department of Community Housing.

One of her favorite events to participate in is the O'otham sister tribes' Unity Run in March.

"I really pushed for us to be able to take a few kids from the recreation program," she said. "There are a lot of kids that go to Skyline just across the street and they come over here after school and just hang out and stuff, so I thought it would really benefit them if they would go on the run and learn about [it]."

She said a lot of young people are interested in learning about their culture, "but they don't know where to start and I know how that feels." The D5 Service Center took about six kids on the Unity Run this past year. "The ones that we

did take...really liked it so they're really looking forward to going next year."

Garcia loves teaching others, especially younger O'otham, about their culture.

"What I was told is, when we learn things [about our culture], it's not meant for us to keep to ourselves, it's meant to be passed on," she said. "Like, if we learn a song, we're not supposed to be stingy with it, we're supposed to pass it on to other people so that we can [pass it] on and that way our traditions will stay alive."

As a member of the Youth Council, she's been to UNITY many times, but this year, she said, "It was different because I wasn't with Youth Council."

She and all the 25 Under 25 nominees were sponsored by the Shakopee Dakota community, so she didn't have to ask GRIC for funding. Food, travel and hotel accommodations were taken care of.

"It was a really, really humbling experience," she said.

All 25 Under 25 award recipients, were expected to host a workshop at the



Photo Courtesy of Anissa Garcia

Anissa Garcia at the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc Conference where she was named to the "25 Under 25" list.

UNITY Conference. Garcia taught youth from other tribes about thoka – it's significance and how it's played. Then she had the students play a short game in the conference center.

Though she is working full-time, she is actively engaged in pursuing her education, taking online classes this semester through Central Arizona College.

In high school, Garcia was the president of the Casa Grande Union High School Amerind (American Indian) Club. Now she is a Youth Board Member for the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority.

Any group Garcia is a part of she feels a need to make it better and serve the

people, a trait she learned from her mother.

"I feel that it is important for young adults to be active in their community," said Pedro-Martinez, "Through her volunteering she has learned the importance of respect for others, learning to understand diverse cultures as well as her own, and continues to develop leadership skills all the while building positive self-esteem."

Garcia continues to be active in her community. On Oct. 8, she will represent GRIC in the Miss Indian Arizona Pageant, to be held at the Chandler Center for the Arts at 6:30 p.m.

Professionals advise the Community on preventing elder fraud



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Betty Delano, with the Arizona Attorney General's Office, provided outreach to the elders on fraud and other dangers.

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Gila River Indian News

Fraud can be a frightening experience for anyone and it can take a lot of time and effort to clear things up with the banks, credit card companies and the authorities.

It's a crime we don't think can happen to us, but it is a good subject to be aware of, especially among the elderly.

The Gila River Indian Community Caregivers Program, the Tribal Per Capita Office and the Arizona Attorney General's Office discussed the issue of elder fraud during a presentation held at the District 6 Elderly Center on Aug. 12.

Caregiver Coordinator Mario Torres said that it is important for the elders to know about what kinds of measures are being taken to prevent elderly fraud.

Betty Delano, who was also on hand, with the Arizona Attorney General's Office said that her department provides outreach to the elderly on fraud awareness.

Recently, there has been an increase in businesses that offer easy-to-use paycards to patrons.

"We have had a few families who are concerned about their elderly members going to [these] one-stop check cashing places located off of the Community," said Torres.

District 7 Elderly Liaison Caseworker Mary Kris Kyyitan said that one of her elderly clients, who didn't have a bank account was using a paycard service that charged hefty fees for using the service.

The concern is that elders may not be aware of the high fees when they

sign up for a paycard, which can lead to not having enough funds to buy essential goods.

Paycards function like a debit or credit card and are mainly used by individuals who do not have a bank account.

The paycard can be re-loaded at any time through the routing of funds from an employer or other sources of income like a social security or per capita check.

From service to service the monthly maintenance fees and usage fees vary on what is charged to the balance of the card.

"We want to make sure [you] are not taken advantage of and that we have taken steps and measures to prevent it from happening to [you]," said Kyyitan. "Hopefully you can let people know about [this], because there may be more



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Mario Torres, GRIC Caregiver Coordinator, gives tips on preventing elderly fraud in the Community.

people out there that are using [this] service."

Joanne Miles-Long, a Supervisor with the Tribal Per Capita Office was discussed ways to prevent fraudulent acts from happening to elders who receive per capita payments.

"It's a source of income for [us] and could be subject to fraud and abuse if we are not careful about how we handle it," said Miles-Long. "Keep [your] address and phone number updated...because [that] information will come into our database to ensure that your check is going to the correct address."

Instead of being mailed a per capita check there are other alternatives for elders to get their per capita check.

The options include picking it up in person,

having it direct deposited into a bank account or receive a Bank of America paycard.

She said using the Bank of America paycard involves minimal fees and there is more security that other companies don't offer.

More recently, fraud has gone beyond the physical means of stealing, because many scammers have turned to doing their business online to prey on the elderly.

Delano said a growing trend many criminals will turn to is soliciting goods and services through phishing scams and pretending to be family members, charities and lottery drawings.

These types of scams appear in the form of an advertisement or email asking for bank account numbers

and Social Security Numbers in order to lure people into giving financial information away.

Miles-Long said, "In this day and age, emails can contain malware or computer viruses that could retrieve information unknowingly from the person infected."

Torres said, "Some situations that involve elders arise from when family members steal from their elderly relative."

Check fraud, stolen property and identity are serious crimes with severe consequences.

He said the moral of the story is to use common sense and to be very aware of who has access to your information.

Delano said, "The general rule about fraud is the old adage, 'If its too good to be true, it probably is.'"

Families enjoy yoga, fun run/walk, and more at local breastfeeding awareness event

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

To help educate and inform Gila River Indian Community mothers about the ins-and-outs of breastfeeding and baby nutrition, the Tribal Health Department's Genesis program held a breastfeeding awareness event at the District 2 Service Center on Aug. 18.

Community mothers, both pregnant and postnatal, participated in a yoga class, fun run/walk, and enjoyed a healthy snack at the event's yogurt bar.

The festivities were held to commemorate National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month and the first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week. Both events are held to promote breastfeeding and improve the health of babies in the United States and around the world.

According to the



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

From left, Judi Thompson, Diabetes Prevention Specialist, Kyrie Dukepoo, Administrative Assistant, and Nicole Watson, Genesis Nutritionist.

World Health Organization (WHO), breastfeeding is the best way to provide nutrients to a newborn baby and mothers should exclusively breastfeed from birth to six-months of age. WHO also encourages mothers to continue breastfeeding babies up to 2 years or older and is asking people to "Support [moms] and to breastfeed anytime, anywhere," in an effort to make communities more breastfeeding-friendly.

Genesis program nutri-

tionist, Nicole Watson, said of the local event, "The whole purpose is...to have an event for our prenatal and breastfeeding moms. The event also encourages moms to be physically active as well as have a healthy snack with us," she said.

Watson stressed that physical activity is also important for both prenatal and postnatal mothers, and can provide a multitude of benefits.

"Some of the benefits



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Father, Nicholas Rhodes holds his 2-year-old daughter Nilah Rhodes, as her mother Aylah Voltares takes part in the yoga class.

for physical activity during prenatal is that it will help with labor. It will also help keep mom at a steady weight. It just keeps mom flexible [for] when it is time for her to go into labor. She is really going to need that strength," she said.

While information about breastfeeding and

exercise was the main focus of the event, it wasn't the only attraction. The lure of a free stroller and a delicious fresh-fruit yogurt bar may have been the icing on the cake for many local mothers looking to educate themselves about breastfeeding, which in the end, is what National Breast-

feeding Awareness Month is all about.

For more information about breastfeeding, newborn and child nutrition, and to learn ways to stay fit, pre- or postnatal, call the Genesis program at (520) 562-2237.

Gila River Police Dept. Ranger named Conservation Officer of the Year

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Ranger Mariano Conley has been with the Gila River Police Department for more than 14 years, and in that time has proven his hard work and dedication to the Gila River Indian Community.

Last month, he was awarded the Conservation Officer of the Year award by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Association. But, he said, his work is always made worthwhile because of the team of people that he and the GRPD Rangers work with.

"There's a slew of people the Rangers get to work with. It's just such an incredible profession," he said, and listed just a few of the departments the Rangers work with, including the Department of Environmental Quality, the Land

Use Planning and Zoning Office, the Gila River Fire Department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Cultural Resources Management Program, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, the Department of Public Works, Animal Control, and many other entities.

"All these departments work together," he said. "We have one common goal, and that's to serve the public – to protect the land, the water, and the people, as well as the culture."

He said the successes and sustained conservation efforts in the Gila River Indian Community are due to the combined work of all the different divisions within the GRPD, as well as the various GRIC departments. "As far as accomplishments, it's one big accomplishment because we work as a team."

As a Ranger, Conley

spends a lot of time in the rural areas of the Community and has occasion to witness some rare wildlife. He's seen mountain lions, bobcats, even deer in the Estrella Mountains.

Conley grew up in Gila Bend, and is familiar with the O'otham land, language and culture, which is part of why he loves his job, he said. "I understand the importance of a small community."

Ranger Conley works closely with the Department of Environmental Quality. In fact, it was the DEQ Director Orenda Barber who nominated him for the award.

In her nomination letter, she wrote, "Ranger Conley's knowledge about wild animals and habitat and his interest in protecting and educating the public about the Community's natural resources are the

foundation of his impact as a conservation officer."

Conley said one of his favorite parts of the job is interacting with Community members and youth to teach them about Arizona wildlife at Community events.

"For example," said Barber, "in 2008, he initiated Community fishing clinics [and] he has facilitated games to teach young people how to cast a fishing rod." He also teaches the youth to identify different fish by their unique markings.

He said, "If they're able to identify the fish [in the game], it helps them identify when they go off the Community, like, 'oh that's a catfish or that's a trout.' And they've already got the handle for casting a rod and reel."

Conley and DEQ are working with a number of

other departments on a solar well that is meant to provide water for the Community's wild horses and other wild animals, while diverting them away from more populated, dangerous areas.

Barber said, "He responds to wildlife emergencies, and volunteers to monitor GRIC's resident wildlife species. Ranger Conley loves the job he is doing and ensures that



Photo Courtesy of Department of Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife

GRPD Ranger Mariano Conley won the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Conservation Officer of the Year for 2016.

conservation efforts are regularly performed by Ranger personnel for the betterment of the Community."

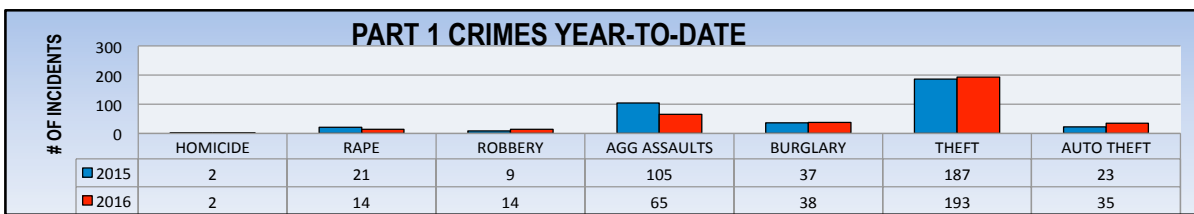
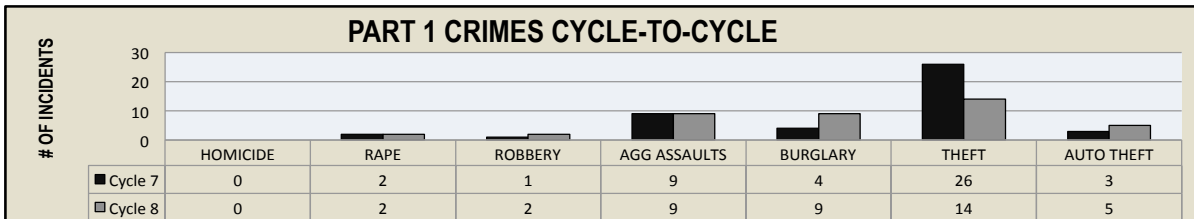
COMPSTAT Community profile Cycle 8 (August 8, 2016)

Gila River Police Department Incident Log August 7th - August 13th



VIOLENT/PROPERTY CRIMES COMMUNITY WIDE

PART I CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE	Cycle 7 6/14/16 - 7/11/16	Cycle 8 7/12/16 - 8/8/16	% Change	PART I CRIMES TO-DATE	YEAR-TO-DATE	12/30/14 - 8/10/15	12/29/15 - 8/8/16	15/16 %Chg
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%	HOMICIDE	2	2	2	0%
RAPE	2	2	0%	RAPE	21	14	14	-33%
ROBBERY	1	2	100%	ROBBERY	9	14	14	56%
AGG ASSAULTS	9	9	0%	AGG ASSAULTS	105	65	65	-38%
BURGLARY	4	9	125%	BURGLARY	37	38	38	3%
THEFT	26	14	-46%	THEFT	187	193	193	3%
AUTO THEFT	3	5	67%	AUTO THEFT	23	35	35	52%
TOTAL VIOLENT	12	13	8%	TOTAL VIOLENT	137	95	95	-31%
TOTAL PROPERTY	33	28	-15%	TOTAL PROPERTY	247	266	266	8%
TOTAL PART I	45	41	-9%	TOTAL PART I	384	361	361	-6%

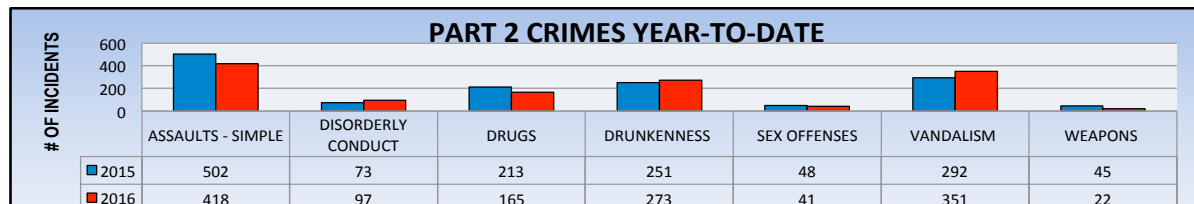
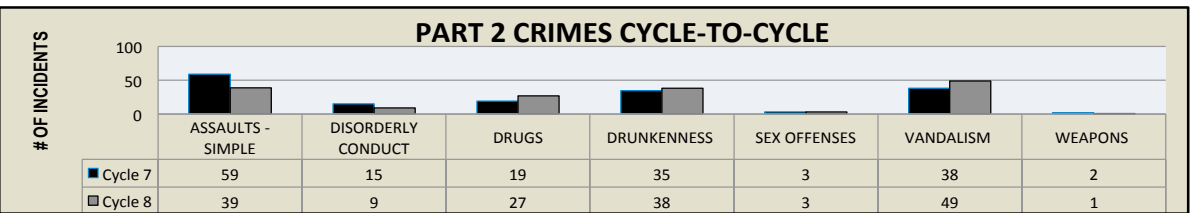


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PART 2 CRIMES COMMUNITY WIDE

PART II CRIMES CYCLE-TO-CYCLE	Cycle 7 6/14/16 - 7/11/16	Cycle 8 7/12/16 - 8/8/16	% Change	PART II CRIMES TO-DATE	YEAR-TO-DATE	12/30/14 - 8/10/15	12/29/15 - 8/8/16	15/16 %Chg
ASSAULTS - SIMPLE	59	39	-34%	ASSAULTS - SIMPLE	502	418	418	-17%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	15	9	-40%	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	73	97	97	33%
DRUGS	19	27	42%	DRUGS	213	165	165	-23%
DRUNKENNESS	35	38	9%	DRUNKENNESS	251	273	273	9%
SEX OFFENSES	3	3	0%	SEX OFFENSES	48	41	41	-15%
VANDALISM	38	49	29%	VANDALISM	292	351	351	20%
WEAPONS	2	1	-50%	WEAPONS	45	22	22	-51%
ALL OTHER	41	34	-17%	ALL OTHER	353	287	287	-19%
TOTAL PART 2	212	200	-6%	TOTAL PART 2	1777	1654	1654	-7%



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Certain reports may not be available or are currently under investigation which GRPD holds the right to restrict public release.

Calls for Service: 520
Number of Arrests: 39
Community Events – None listed

District One- (Blackwater)
No incidents regarding Part 1 crime

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)
No incidents regarding Part 1 crime

District Three- (Sacaton)
Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital in reference to an assault between a male and female. Security stated the male ran into a room near the Pharmacy area. Officers made contact with the male subject during a short scuffle the male assaulted a police officer and was taken into custody.

Status: Arrested
Aggravated Assault – A male was unwanted at a residence and police were called to assist in removing the male. Before police arrived the male allegedly strangled a female with an electrical cord.

Status: Arrested
Aggravated Assault – A male was transported to HuHuKam Memorial Hospital for stitches regarding an injury he sustained above his eye during a physical altercation that he was involved in with his boyfriend.

Status: Arrested

Theft – An air conditioning unit was reported stolen from the Sacaton Super Market.

Status: Under Investigation
Theft - A vehicle was seen near the old Residential Programs for Youth building taking bricks and placing them into a vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation
Theft – A tablet was taken from the owner and later recovered. The owner is requesting charges of theft to be filed.

Status: Charges forwarded.
District Four- Stotonic Area
No incidents regarding Part 1 crime

Lone Butte Area
Theft – A shirt valued at \$41.99 was recovered from a female as she attempted to leave the store; the alarm sounded and the merchandise was found in the female's purse. The female minor was turned over to her mother.

Status: Charges forwarded
District Five- (Casa Blanca)
Aggravated Assault – A male was stabbed in the Sweetwater Area; injuries are non- life threatening.

Status: Arrested
District Six – (Komatke).
Auto Theft – A male reported his vehicle (1997 Honda Accord) stolen from Vee Quiva Casino. Soccer jerseys valued at \$900.00 were in the vehicle at the time it was stolen.

Status: Under Investigation
District Seven – (Maricopa)
No incidents regarding Part 1 crime

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • August 17, 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 August 17, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Williams

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg (9:15); D2-Carol Schurz;

D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya,

Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Christopher Mendoza;

D5-, Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone; D6-, Sandra Nasewytewa

Council Members Absent:

D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villa-

real, Sr., Charles Goldtooth; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Kaye Dickson- Candidate for the Office of Pinal County Sheriff

Presenter Kaye Dickson

MS. KAYE DICKSON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER RESUME AND HER PLATFORM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND BOUNDARY CONCERNS.

2. Introduction of GRHC Dialysis Director, John Blake

Presenter: Dr. Jessica Doney

DR. JESSICA DONEY INTRODUCED MR. JOHN BLAKE. MR. BLAKE PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS, AND LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS.

3. Introduction of Keith L. Graham Human Resources Director

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Introduction of Lee Ann Wander Tribal Social Services Director

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REPORTS

*1. Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Update

Presenter: J. Brian O'Neill

REPORT HEARD

2. Gila River Indian Community - Community Health Profile: 2009-2013

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Christina Floyd

REPORT HEARD

3. Blackwater Community School Quarter 3 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:02 A.M.]

4. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 3 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Jeremy Copenhaver

REPORT HEARD

5. Sacaton Elementary School Quarter 3 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

REPORT HEARD

6. Sacaton Middle School Quarter 3 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Philip Bonds

REPORT HEARD

7. Casa Blanca Community School Quarter 3 Report SY

2015-2016

Presenter: Jacque Bradley

REPORT HEARD

8. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., 2Q 2016 Update

Presenters: Kathryn Zentgraf, Peter Quam

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending July 31, 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No. ROW_0499.D7.11 Crossing Allotted Land Parcels For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 7 And As Shown In Drawing Number 30712-0064-EA, Page 1 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Megan Jackson

APPROVED

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

Presenters: Deborah Griffin, GRGE Board Of Directors

APPROVED

*3. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America, For Reach Casa Blanca Canal On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interest In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Casa Grande Lions Club Vision Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Casa Grande Rotary Foundation Scholarship Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For St. Anthony Of Padua Catholic School, Playground (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For The Coolidge Public Library, Technology And Furnishings (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For Office Of Diversity And Inclusion, City Manager's Office, Scholarships (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From the Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For Feeding Matters, Public Health Partnership; Pediatric Feeding Struggles (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of St. Johns Fire Department Respiratory Protection Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's States Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For Arizona Helping Hands For Foster Kids (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale Inc., Environmental Education Exhibits (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The BlackBox Foundation, Setting The State Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Natural Resources Education Center, Farm Filled AG Ventures Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #4

15. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Health Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of The Interior, Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Office Of Justice Services Indian Highway Safety Program, FY 2017 Child Passenger Safety Seat Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Christina Floyd

APPROVED

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

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

17. A Resolution Approving The Third Modification Agreement To The Credit Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

18. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution Of Monies From The Gila River Indian Community Permanent Water Fund And Water Settlement Fund For The Operation Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

19. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-125-13, And

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JUVENILE PUBLICATIONS

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

Allen, Anthony
Annual Guardianship Review Hearing
Case: J-13-0016/0017/0018/0019/0020
Court Date: August 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. . Courtroom #2, 1st floor
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Howard, Ryle
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St. Peter Media Release

St. Peter Indian Mission Catholic School will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of the Community eligibility Provision, St. Peter Indian Mission Catholic School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0; lunch costs \$0. For more information, you may call Sister Carol Mathe at (520) 483-2864 or email at sister.carolm@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

FY-16 CHIP SEAL PROJECT AUGUST 26TH, 2016
GRIC-DOT CONTRACTOR, CASTUS ASPHALT WILL BE PERFORMING CRACK SEALING AND CHIP SEALING OPERATIONS ON VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY STARTING FROM MONDAY AUGUST 29TH THRU OCTOBER 1ST, 2016.
LIST OF ROADS IMPACTED: CASA BLANCA ROAD (FROM SR347 TO SR587), BLUE BIRD ROAD, NELSON ROAD, SOUTHERN ROAD, FIELD ROAD, MURPHY ROAD, RODEO ROAD, PRAIRIE ROAD, SACATE ROAD, RIVER ROAD, SACATON FLATS ROAD, HASHAN KEHK ROAD, VAJIKUT ROAD AND AKIMEL ROAD.
THERE WILL BE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, PILOT CARS AND FLAGMEN DURING CONSTRUCTION.
PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNS, PILOT CAR INSTRUCTIONS AND FLAGMEN FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND SAFETY OF THE CREW
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL GRIC DOT AT 562-0951

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA
Sacaton Judicial Court
Sacaton, Arizona
Alex Blaine III
Plaintiff(s)
Vs
Desiree Silas
Defendant(s).
Case Number: CV-2016-0117
CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER: (Temporary)
THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, Desiree Silas.
THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED Alex Blaine III IN ANY MANNER:
[X] FOR THE PERIOD OF: until the next scheduled hearing on October 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.
Date: 8/18/2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Facility Name: Arizona Materials, LLC (AZ Materials)
Facility Address: 2161 W. Tanner Rd., Sacaton, AZ 85147
(within the Gila River Sand & Gravel Santan Plant in District 4)
Owner Name: Arizona Materials
Owner Address: 3636 S. 43rd Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85009
Air Contaminants Emitted:
Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM10)
Particulate Matter (PM)
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
Public Notice Start Date: August 19, 2016
Public Notice End Date: September 19, 2016
Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.
Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.
Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the AQP website at: <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notices>. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:
Gila River Indian Community
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Ryan Eberle
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147
Physical Address: 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147
For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 or visit our office located at 45 S. Church St., Sacaton, AZ 85147. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

Parents & Guardians: The Casa Blanca Community School is pleased to announce that it will be holding an election on Thursday, September 15, 2016 to fill two (2)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Enrollment Invitation to Los Angeles, California (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation that any interested Councilperson attend, to come out of Dues and Delegations)
Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND ANY INTERESTED COUNCILPERSONS ATTEND AND UTILIZE DUES AND DELEGATIONS
2. GRHC Orientation Request for Council & Administration (H&SSC motion to forward to Council under New Business)
Presenter: Myron G. Schurz
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
3. RE-187-16; Pascua Yaqui Tribe, 2016 Historical Run Concurrence (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Paul Shorthair
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. Phoenix Diocese High School (Executive Session) (ESC made a motion to forward recommendations 1 through 4 as presented to

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
Department of Environmental Quality
Pesticide Control Office
PO Box 2139 • 45 S. Church Street • Sacaton, AZ 85147
Office (520) 562-2234 • Fax (520) 562-3198
GRIC.Pesticide.Office@GRIC.nsi.us • www.GRICDEQ.org

Community Applicator Certification Training

This Community Applicator certification training is:

- **Only** applicable to employees of a Community governmental entity or a GRIC Community member.
- Required within the GRIC for those applicators that use or supervise the use of **general use** pesticides and are without other recognized pesticide applicator credentials.
- A great initial training if you are interested in becoming a professional pesticide applicator.

The (2) day certification training is comprised of twelve (12) training modules:

Day 1	Day 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro & Pest Management Pesticide Laws Pesticide Labeling Pesticide Formulations Hazards & First Aid Personal Protective Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pesticides & the Environment Transportation & Storage of Pesticides Response to Pesticide Emergencies Planning Pesticide Applications Pesticide Applications Professional Conduct

At the successful completion of this course, the attendee will receive their Community Applicator certification card and meet the requirements of the Community's Pesticide Code for general use pesticide applicators within the Gila River Indian Community.

Registration:

Each attendee must submit a completed Community Applicator Certification application **and** attach a photocopy of a GRIC Government Department or Enterprise Employee ID, or GRIC tribal member ID. Priority registration will be given to those applicators who must attend to ensure compliance with GR-05-14.

Training Dates:
October 11 – 12, 2016

Gila River Indian Community
Lone Butte Complex
1576A South Nelson Drive
Chandler, AZ 85226

Deadline for submitting applications to the Pesticide Control Office is:
October 7, 2016

seats on its Board of Trustees. The polling stations will held at District 4 Service Center and Casa Blanca Community School; District 3 is currently undecided. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CBCS's Board meets at least once per month. Board members are expected to attend a School Board Orientation for New Members, which consists of a detailed overview of Casa Blanca Community School's day to day operations; attend periodic work sessions (usually held over a two day period on the weekend); attend various out-of-state trainings and conferences; have reliable transportation; be available to reach by phone; and be available to meet when given short notice. If you are interested in running in the election, you must meet the following qualifications: Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of September 15, 2016 (the date of election); Be a Community member; Reside in District 3, 4, or 5 and have lived in the District in which you are running for at least one year prior to September 15, 2016 Have

a high school diploma, or GED; Successfully undergo a background check and drug/alcohol screen; Obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card; and Submit a timely petition signed by seven eligible voters from your District. To obtain a petition to get on the ballot, please contact Ms. Flo Long at CBCS, (520) 315-3489. Petitions must be returned to Casa Blanca Community School no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2016. The following persons are eligible to vote in the election (and sign petitions for Board candidates): Enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community who are at least eighteen (18) and who reside within District 3, 4, or 5 as of September 15, 2016 OR Parent, grandparent, or legal guardian whose name is on file as the responsible party for a child currently attending Casa Blanca Community School. Any questions regarding the election should be directed to Ms. Flo Long at School Office : 520-315-3489

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE
In Re Case: Seletstewa vs. Villalpando
Docket Number: CV 2016-0035
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in ausencia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
DATE: October 6, 2016
Issued by: F. Cooper
(Issued to all parties present.)
(X) Other: Status
(X) Sacaton Judicial Center
721 East Seed Farm Road
P. O. Box 368
Sacaton, Arizona 8524 7
(520) 562-9860
TIME: 11 :30 a.m.
Date: August 18, 2016

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Approving The Amended Gila River Indian Community Higher Education Program Policy Manual (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; ESC forwards with recommendation for approval and with recommended revision)
Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Jennifer Hinton
APPROVED

20. Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-29-03 And Amending Resolution GR-118-92 To Grant 46.91 Acres Of Tribal Land To District Four For The Purpose Of Designing, Constructing, Operating And Maintaining The District Service Center, Senior Center, Recreational Facilities, Metal Shop Building And Any Future Community Service Facility On The Land Assignment As Shown in Drawing No. 40406-2776 (NRSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Nona Baheshone
APPROVED

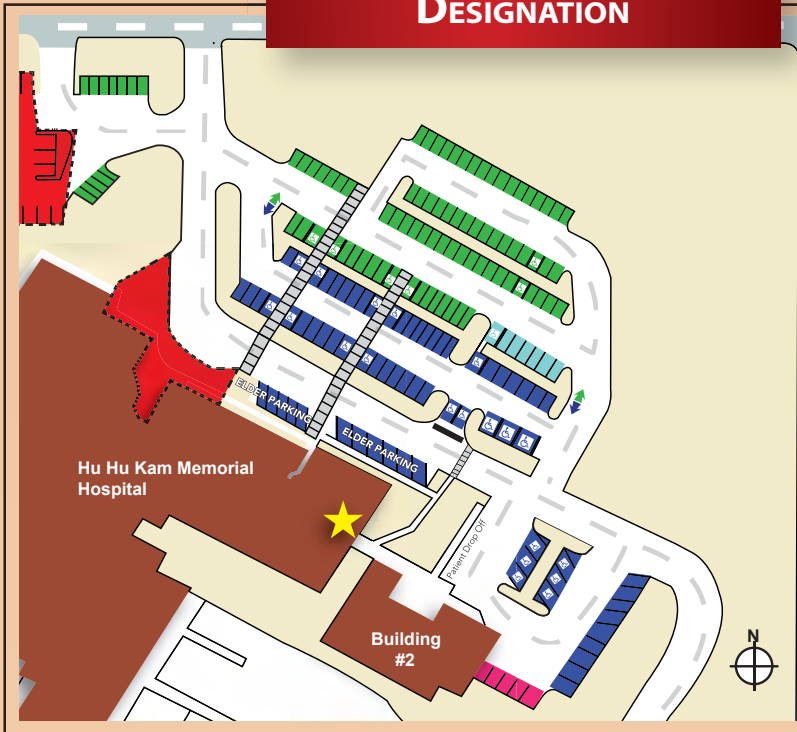
ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council with recommendations for approval)
Presenter: Ronald N. Rosier
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS 1 THROUGH 4
MINUTES

1. May 4, 2016 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
2. May 18, 2016 (Regular)
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS
>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, 1PM, LAW LIBRARY
>SPECIAL G&M MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016, 2PM, CCSO CONFERENCE ROOMS B&C
>ESC WORK SESSION, FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2016
>CCSO OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, AUGUST 22 & TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016 FOR STAFF TRAINING
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:28 p.m.
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



HHKMH - NEW NORTH PARKING LOT DESIGNATION



LEGEND

- P Patient Parking**
 - 43 - Parking Areas
 - 11 - Elder Parking
 - 20 - Handicap Parking
- S Staff Parking**
 - 83 - Parking Areas
 - 7 - Handicap Parking
- C Credential Parking**
 - Light Blue
 - 6 - Parking Areas
 - 1 - Handicap Parking
- R Reserved Parking**
 - 5 - Parking Areas
- Handicap Parking
- 2 - New Parking Signs
- Temporary Entrance
- Construction Temporary

In our effort to improve patient parking at HHKMH during construction, we have clarified patient parking located in the North Lot with proper signage. GRHC Security will continue monitoring parking compliance to ensure patients have access to parking.

- 42 Patient Parking Spaces**
- 20 Handicapped Parking Spaces**
- 11 Elder Parking Spaces**

— IMPORTANT NOTICE — KHC WALK-IN PATIENTS

(Effective September 12, 2016)

In an effort to enhance your experience as a patient of Gila River Health Care, please note that the check-in process at KHC's Primary Care Department has changed.

Upon arrival at KHC, walk-in patients should check in with a member of the Patient Registration Team located at the windows. We will then call you back to take your vitals soon after.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we initiate this process that will ultimately benefit our patients.

Your Friends at Gila River Health Care

DID YOU KNOW...?

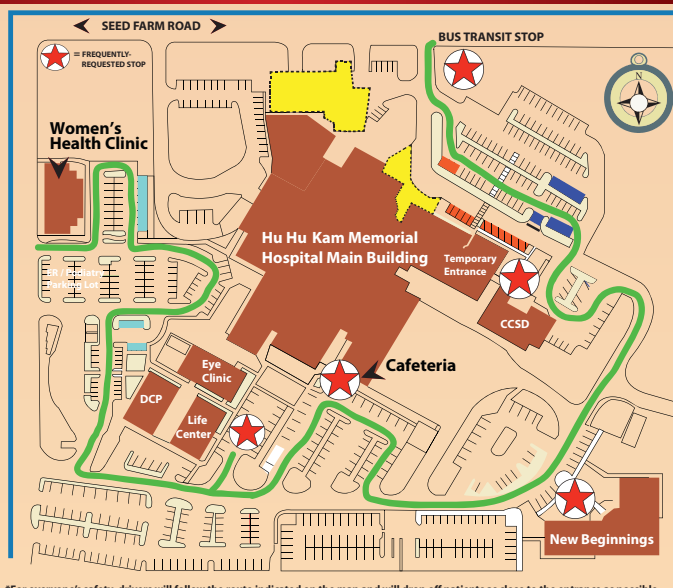
Beginning Saturday, September 10, 2016, the HHKMH cafe will be open on Saturdays with grab-and-go items available only.



GOLF CART TRANSPORT SERVICE at HHKMH Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The golf cart route is indicated on the map in green. The cart makes stops all along the route including the bus transit stop located on Seed Farm Road in front of the hospital. Just let the driver know where you want to go!

Elevating Our Levels of Customer Service... Golf Cart Transport Offered From Point of Arrival



*For everyone's safety, drivers will follow the route indicated on the map and will drop off patients as close to the entrance as possible.

In our efforts to assist patients with accessing HHKMH during construction, we encourage patients to call the Cultural Customer Service Department to schedule a golf cart transport: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1424

OCTOBER 2016 JUST MOVE IT 1 AND 3-MILE FUN WALK/RUN

10/1: D4 Service Center
Registration 7 AM Start 7:30 AM

10/4: D1 Service Center
Registration 5 PM Start 5:30 PM

10/6: D3 HHKMH
Registration 5 PM Start 5:30 PM

10/11: D2 Ball Field / Park
Registration 5 PM Start 5:30 PM

10/14: D7 Service Center
Registration 5 PM Start 5:30 PM

10/21: D5 Service Center
Registration 5 PM Start 5:30 PM

10/25: D6 KHC
Registration 4:30 PM Start 5 PM

All participants will receive a JUST MOVE IT T-Shirt.

Registration will be onsite.

For event information, call the Diabetes Prevention Program: 520-562-7940.

LABOR DAY CLOSURE

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be closed on **Monday, September 5, 2016.**

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Saturday Clinic will be open on Saturday, September 3, 2016.

If you need medical assistance, visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital or call 911.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY CLOSURE

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will close early at 5 p.m. on **Thursday, September 15, 2016** and will be closed on **Friday, September 16, 2016.**

If you need medical assistance, visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital or call 911.

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

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Main Number
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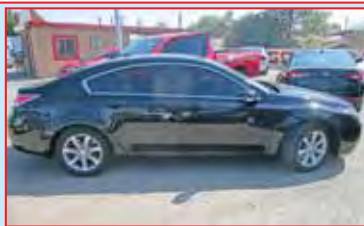
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2011 Chevy Camaro
\$12,999



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HURRY - SALE ENDS SOON



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\$299/mo.



2014 Chrysler 300
\$345/mo.



2010 Dodge Charger
\$238/mo.



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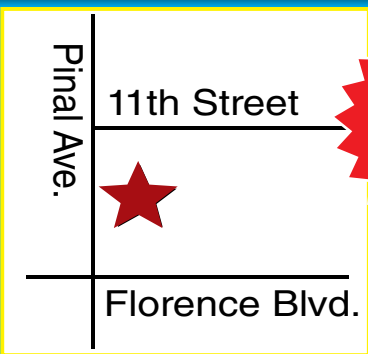


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2011 Infiniti G37
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BIRTHDAY SALE

MUSTERING IN DAY CELEBRATION



151ST ANNUAL MUSTERING IN DAY CELEBRATION HONORING OUR PAST WARRIORS OF COMPANY B & C - 1865

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Gila River Indian Community District 7 Park

8035 S. 83rd Avenue, Laveen AZ 85339

**Parade | 2 mi fun run/walk run | Billards Tournament | Bird Dance Competition
Kids Games | Live Entertainment | Horse Shoe Tournament
Girls Fast Pitch Softball Round Robin
Dance 7pm-12 am Music By: Gertie & The T.O. Boyz
Free Catered Lunch-first 500 @ 12:00 P.M.**

FREE ADMISSION

This is a drug and alcohol free event

For more information contact District 7 Recreation at (520) 430-4780

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