

## NABI tournament showcases Native basketball talent



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

**Gila River takes on N8V Thunder at the District 5 Multipurpose Building during the 15th Annual NABI basketball tournament.**

**GRIN Staff**  
Gila River Indian News

From July 9 - 15, 128 teams representing over 300 indigenous tribes from all across North America and New Zealand battled it out on basketball courts for the largest Native youth basketball tournament in the world, the 15th Annual Native American Basketball Invitational.

The NABI Tournament

kicked off with opening day ceremonies on July 9 at Copper Sky Park in Maricopa, Ariz. The event featured speakers, presentations, and prizes for the over 1,600 Native athletes from as far away as Alaska and New Zealand.

NABI is the premier basketball tournament in the country for Native American and Alaskan Native youth. Some of its greatest sponsors include the Phoenix Suns, the Phoenix Mercury, Nike

N7, the Ak-Chin Indian Community, and the Gila River Indian Community.

Following a team parade of all the athletes on opening night, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "On behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people, we're proud to stand with our ha-jun, the Ak-Chin Indian Community, for being proud sponsors of NABI this year."

He also noted the importance of youth and high school sports. "Sports builds character and it builds leadership. That's what NABI is, it's about leadership."

Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel acknowledged the growth of the NABI tournament. "It gets bigger and better every year," he said.

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## GRIC conserves water in Lake Mead to prevent shortage

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis signed a \$6 million five-party partnership agreement on July 15, to stabilize Lake Mead's water levels by leaving 40,000 acre-feet of the tribe's 2017 Colorado River allocation in the lake, where it will be saved in the Colorado River system.

The Community will assist with the Lake Mead preservation efforts and also receive financial benefits.

"Today's agreement and the Community's ongoing effort to protect the Colorado River carry immense importance for our people and our neighbors across the Southwest. Being good stewards of this most sacred resource is a part of who we are as a people and what the Gila River Indian Community has stood for across time," said Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis signs a \$6 million five-party partnership agreement to stabilize Lake Mead's water levels by leaving some of GRIC's Colorado River allocation in the lake.**

"The first positive is that this agreement allows the Community to generate income today from water we otherwise would have

stored off-reservation to create long-term credits for future marketing. This revenue will help our economy right now, in the pres-

ent, without sacrificing our future

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The Gila River Indian Community has established an initiative encouraging all people to come together and spread awareness of suicide prevention. We say Yes to Life! Every life is worth saying YES to. Be aware of warning signs, learn how to intervene and what resources are available. To learn more, visit [GRHC.ORG](http://GRHC.ORG).



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Stephen Roe Lewis  
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July 20, 2017

The Honorable John McCain  
United States Senate  
218 Russell Senate Building  
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Dear Senator McCain:

On behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, I write to say that you, Cindy and your entire family are in the thoughts and prayers of our people and our leaders, as you are right now for so many Americans. I know I speak for every Community member when I express my deep appreciation for your years of service in Washington, and your strong leadership on Native American issues and Arizona issues during your time in the House and Senate. We are all better off for knowing you and for having had the opportunity to work closely with you. We need you back on Capitol Hill in good health as soon as possible, sir.

On a personal note, I want to take a moment to tell you how what an honor it is to be able to call you a professional colleague and a friend. Your commitment to public service and your boundless energy to help your fellow Americans is more than impressive – it's an inspiration to anyone who aspires to hold office in the spirit of serving the public. Thank you for all you have done and for all you will do in the days ahead.

It goes almost without saying that all of America is rooting for you, Senator. If there's a person alive who can beat cancer, it is you. You, your loved ones and your staff have our best wishes and all the strength we can send your way in this fight. We hope to see you back to full strength very soon.

Sincerely,

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## GRIC Youth attend basketball camp hosted by the NBA and NABI

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
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While 128 teams were battling it out on the court for the 15th Annual Native American Basketball Invitational, 100 incoming high school freshman, six from the Gila River Indian Community, were hard at work training with NBA legends at the Jr. NBA Youth Camp at NABI for Native American Youth held at the Copper Sky Recreation Complex in Maricopa, Ariz., from July 10 – 12.

The NBA and NABI teamed up to host the three-day camp, which featured NBA players, coaches, and league staff, including pro legends A.C. Greene, Cedric Ceballos, Hall of Famer Annie Meyers-Drysdale, and Sacramento Kings Head Coach Dave Joerger.

The six Gila River teenagers who participated in the camp are: Cathauli Sanchez, Jasmine Mills,

Ambrina Laws, Anthony Escalante Jr., Damon Evans, and overall basketball camp MVP, Nickolas Harrison.

The camp is a spinoff of the NBA's Basketball Without Borders international program, which has hosted basketball camps in 30 cities, 25 countries, and six continents.

GinaMarie Scarpa, NABI President and co-founder, said because Native American communities are sovereign nations they fall under the NBA's global initiative, which is how the Jr. NBA Youth Camp at NABI for Native American Youth initially came to life.

"[The NBA] had an initiative last year to reach out to Indian Country," she said. "With the NABI Foundation and our NABI tournament, which is a national tournament, at any given year we represent over 300 tribes, so they really wanted that high representation [to get] higher outreach. Partnering up with the NABI



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

**Cedric Ceballos (rear), former member of the Phoenix Suns, poses with GRIC teens at the Jr. NBA Youth Camp at NABI for Native American Youth. From left, Anthony Escalante Jr., Cathauli Sanchez, Jasmine Mills, Nickolas Harrison, and Damon Evans (Ambrina Laws not pictured).**

Foundation was the way to do it," she said.

During the short but intensive camp, NBA players and staff worked with the young men and

women to develop their game, from ball handling drills to improving their defensive skills.

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# GRFD Chief Knapp wins prestigious fire officer award



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



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GRFD staff pose with the AFCA award. From left, Firefighter Brian Jones, Chief Thomas Knapp, Linda Leidecker and Deputy Chief Glenn Brown.

Chief Thomas Knapp is congratulated by AFCA President Dave Staub on July 11 at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa.

### Roberto A. Jackson Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Fire Department had plenty to celebrate at the Arizona Fire Service 2017 Leadership Conference, a joint conference of the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) and the Arizona Fire District Association (AFDA). GRFD Chief Thomas Knapp won the AFCA's Chief Fire Officer of the Year award during

the opening session at Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa on July 11. Knapp, with his over 35 years of fire and emergency service experience, was humbled by the honor and credited the people who helped shape his career. "I've worked with incredible people, I've had incredible mentors," said Knapp. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, recognized Knapp in a statement saying Knapp's award was a mem-

orable day for Chief Knapp and the Gila River Indian Community. "This recognition bestowed upon Chief Knapp is well deserved for his dedication, leadership, and commitment in making our Community safer and having our fire department become a highly trained and professional department. It's been through Chief Knapp's vision and leadership that the men and women of our fire department

can be proud of a job well done." In his acceptance speech Knapp, who has been Fire Chief since 2010, credited the Gila River Indian Community for giving him the chance to have success. "And finally to the Gila River Indian Community for allowing me the opportunity to perform what I love, to do my job as a fire chief with a great staff." Knapp said that GRFD takes approximately 6,500

calls a year from 4 stations that cover about 600 square miles. Knapp has developed several programs within GRIC including the Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Arson Team, a Management Intern Program, mentorship program and career development opportunities. He is also a board member for several organizations including the AFCA, on which he serves as the Tribal Nations Section

Chair and Vice President of the Native American Fire Chief's Association. Chief Knapp has been instrumental in improving GRFD's operations and partnerships with its Maricopa and Pinal County partners, as well as improving relationships between Native American fire agencies and others in Arizona. "We've had a good impact on not only tribal fire departments but statewide," said Knapp.



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# Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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Incident Logs

June 25- July 1, 2017

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

Calls for services this week: 604, Arrest made: 80

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch reporting the suspect, who was a family member had stabbed her with a knife. Upon the Officers arrival further investigation revealed the suspect and victim was talking when the conversation escalated into an argument. At which time the suspect cut the victim with the knife. The victim was able to call police and was later transported to Chandler Regional for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch in regards to the suspect attempting to stab the victim by chasing the victim throughout the residence with a dangerous weapon. The suspect and victim were both at the residence when officers arrived. The suspect caused criminal damage to the residence by throwing a folding chair at the residence front door and stabbing the bedroom door with a knife.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Burglary– Officers responded to a work shop that reported their building had been burglarized. The investigation revealed the suspect had damaged the front door during the course of the burglary. Inside a dolly had been taken and a portable a/c unit removed.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – A security door was taken from one of the residence under repairs that belongs to the Department of Community Housing. The removal of the door caused extensive damage to the door frame and surrounding stucco of the residence. Evidence located at the scene will be processed and was placed into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A 2006 CAT Model 420S (backhoe) was taken from a construction site. Officers were able to locate the tractor due to the equipment having a GPS installed. The coordinates were given and an officer was able to locate the tractor and the suspect who admitted to taking the tractor with intentions of selling it.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

Theft – The victim requested officers to their residence due to money being taken. The officer was informed money had been removed and the case is under investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Theft – Officers responded to a construction site where one of the employees reported a flatbed trailer and one hundred traffic cones had been taken. The employee stated the items were there the day prior when the crew left for the day. The items were entered in NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft – Victim reported to police her vehicle had been taken without permission by a male subject who she had met through a friend. When she exited the Casino she walked over to valet to retrieve her vehicle. She was informed the vehicle was given back to the male who had initially had the vehicle parked. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Suspect committed burglary by breaking the lock and entering the water treatment office building and taking an item from the area.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – The victim was assaulted by two suspects. The victim sustained two stab wounds and a head laceration during the altercation. The victim was transported to the hospital with serious injuries for further medical attention. The two suspects left in the victim's vehicle without permission, which was entered into NCIC

(National Crime Information Center) as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation ~ probable cause issued for suspects

Burglary – REPORT IN PROGRESS

Status:

District Six (Komatke):

Auto Theft – The victim reported the suspect took her vehicle approximately one week ago and failed to return it. They had been attempting to get in contact with the suspect which yielded negative results. Officers attempted to locate the vehicle at an address given by the victim which also resulted in negative results. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported construction tools were taken from under the carport at the residence. The victim stated the tools were for home construction jobs. The victim advised they have a lot of walking traffic through the area so when the dogs barked he did not get a good look at the subjects.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported their truck was broken into and a wallet was taken. There were no signs of forced entry and they were unsure if any other items had been taken.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported his wallet was stolen out of his vehicle while at the Vee Quiva Casino. The victim reported his debit card was used in Tempe on a shopping spree. Video surveillance is being requested to identify the two male subjects.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon– A female was observed walking between residences on Redbird Circle. The reporting party reported the female was carrying a rifle and the female appeared to be intoxicated. The female was contacted and admitted to drinking alcohol and carrying the rifle next door to her cousin's residence.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

Incident Log

July 2- 8, 2017

Calls for services this week: 560, Arrest made: 70

District One (Blackwater):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Auto Theft – The victim reported his vehicle had been taken from his residence without permission. The victim stated he believes the vehicle may have been taken by his ex girlfriend while he was asleep. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary– Department employee called dispatch and reported copper wire had been taken from the Olberg Presbyterian Church. The door was kicked in which caused damage to the door. Evidence is being evaluated to obtain further information.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The victim called dispatch stating she had been shot in the abdomen. Upon the arrival of Officers it was discovered the suspect had shot the victim in the abdomen during an altercation. The victim was transported to a local area hospital where she received further medical attention. The victim identified the suspect who was later contacted and arrested.

Status: Suspect was arrested

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a verbal domestic call. During the course of the investigation it was discovered the suspect was found to have an active warrant. As the individual was being taken into custody they began to resist and kicked an officer during the altercation. The suspect was taken into custody

tody and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Auto Theft – The victim stated she had parked her vehicle at her boyfriend's residence and would check on it periodically. During one of these checks she noticed the vehicle was no longer at his residence. The victim stated no one had her permission to remove the vehicle as it was not operable. A stolen affidavit was filled out and entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Armed Robbery – A male suspect committed armed robbery by displaying a hand gun inside his waist band and demanded money from the cashier at the Love's Truck Stop. The male suspect then fled from the store in an unknown direction. (Update: Suspect Arrested)

Status: Arrested

Shoplifting – A male suspect shoplifted several items from the Nike Store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlet. Arrest is pending further information

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A female suspect was in Tommy Hilfinger Store when she took two shirts and attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. The female was stopped near the exit due to the sensors being activated. The female admitted she was going to take the clothes without paying for the items.

Status: Suspect was cited and released

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Burglary – Ira Hayes School was broken into and criminal damage occurred. During the course of the investigation photos were taken of the damages and evidence was collected

which may link the suspects to the crime.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – The victim reported seven rounds had been fired from a handgun. One of the rounds had struck the victim in the side causing a laceration. The victim was treated by EMS and later released to his guardian.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The reporting party stated they drove the vehicle to Vee Quiva Casino to gamble. When they were ready to leave the vehicle could not be located. The registered owner, who was out of the country, could not be contacted. Surveillance footage has been obtained in order to assist with identifying the suspect who took the vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim called dispatch in reference to missing property. The victim reported she was missing miscellaneous house hold items and believes they may have been stolen by family members.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon– The victim stated she was asleep when she heard fireworks then metal being struck. When she got out of bed she observed individuals getting into a car and leaving at a high rate of speed. The victim did not know anyone who would want to cause harm to her or her residence. The victim's residence was photographed where the bullet had struck, and placed into evidence for analysis.

Status: On-going investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

## Seeking comments on transmission line maintenance agreement

Western Area Power Administration is developing a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Routine Maintenance and Minor Construction pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for its existing transmission lines and facilities on the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona. The PA outlines processes for identifying historic properties and avoiding or minimizing harm to them. The draft PA is online for review at: [www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Environment/Pages/environment.aspx](http://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Environment/Pages/environment.aspx)

Comments on the draft PA must be received by August 11, 2017, in writing or email to:

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Western Area Power Administration

# Quarterly Per Capita payment distribution July 31 for adults and trust accounts

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

The per capita payment distribution for July 31 has been announced.

Adult recipients will receive \$338.02 and \$331.50 will be deposited into minor trust accounts.

The per capita payment amount is determined by 11 percent of net gam-

ing revenues being sent to fund the Per Capita Office. After administrative costs, including office expenses, trust administration expenses and payments to third party vendors, and

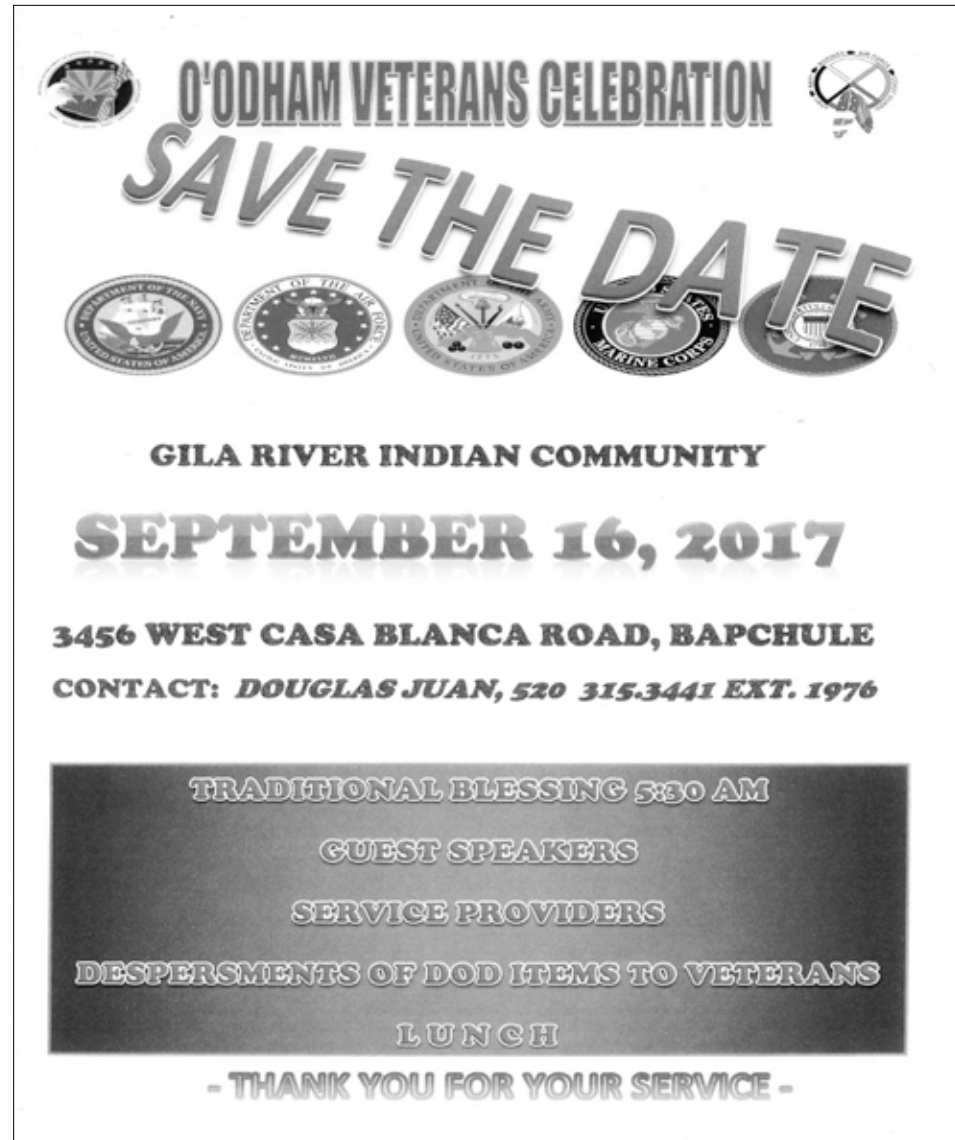
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12:30pm	<i>Amanecer/Ultimo Trapichie</i>	<b>STEM PRO - INTEL</b>				<b>STEM PRO - GEOFF NOTKIN PART 2</b>	<b>STEM PRO - SHADE HOUSE</b>
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Pt.2</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>The New Collectors</i>		Ravens and Eagles <i>New Collectors Pt. 2</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Desert Southwest Cuisine</i>
1:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening <i>Seed Saving</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Community Gardening</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>How to Compost</i>	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Working It Out Together
2:00pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Sivummut
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Out of the Shadows</i>	From The Spirit <i>Roy Henry Vickers</i>	From The Spirit <i>George Littlechild</i>	From The Spirit <i>Archie Beaulieu</i>	From The Spirit <i>Joane Cardinal - Schubert</i>	From The Spirit <i>Jim Heart</i>	People of the Pines <i>American California</i>
3:00pm	Pete & Cleo <i>Two Navajo brothers reconnect, pestering one another about the directions they've each chosen in life.</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Feel The Burn</i>	Indian Pride <i>Heroes</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Tribal Govm't Structure</i>	Storytellers in Motion	Making Regalia
3:30pm		<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>
4:00pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The Other Side <i>Virden: "Hand"</i>
4:30pm	When I Hear Thunder <i>Finds the tradition of boxing intact on reservations across Arizona.</i>	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Uncharted Territory</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Gaining Legitimacy</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Indians and Aliens <i>Henry Atsynia</i>
5:00pm		Reggae Got Soul <i>This film tells the story of one of the true greats of music.</i>	Still Tibet <i>A journey to discover those fighting to preserve their identity.</i>	Injunuity: Live at the McSwain Theatre <i>Special interviews from the founders of the group.</i>	Havana Curveball <i>13yo Mica launches a grand plan to send baseballs to Cuba.</i>	Storm In The Andes <i>Josefina was born in Sweden to a Peruvian family.</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Red Path / Smudge</i>
5:30pm							Dabiyiyuu <i>Keeping Our Culture Alive</i>
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People Native Report
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report						Hit The Ice The Final Outcome
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures	Wapos Bay <i>Treasure of Sierra Metis</i>	Wapos Bay <i>There's No "I" In Hockey</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Journey Through Fear</i>	Wapos Bay <i>They Dance at Night</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Something to Remember</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kahnawake</i>
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Blackfoot Crossing</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kahnawake</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Navajo Village Heritage</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>White Mountain Apache</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Batoche Historical Site</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Fort Edmonton</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kahnawake</i>
8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>Rocket Boy</i>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>
8:30pm	<b>GRTV NEWS WEEKLY &amp; GRIC EVENTS</b>	Indians and Aliens <i>Mabel Sam</i>	Hit The Ice <i>The Final Outcome</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Red Path / Smudge</i>	<b>2015 D4 WINTER GATHERING EVENT</b>	<b>MEGA MONSTER MADNESS @ WHP</b>	Moose T.V. <i>Jack Sprat</i>
9:00pm	<b>2017 MISS &amp; JR MISS GILA RIVER CROWNINGS</b>	Blue Gap Boyz <i>In the small town of Blue Gap, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation three brothers form the greatest band.</i>	Tending The Wild <i>Examines how humans balance with nature.</i>	The Hazda: Last of the First <i>Explores humanity's origins by observing the Hadza tribe.</i>	<b>LIGHTS OF THE WORLD GRAND OPENING @ WHP</b>	Into The Shadows <i>They fear deportation and police brutality, and corrupt home-affairs officials.</i>	The Lesser Blessed <i>A teen from Canada's Ticho tribe tries to rise above the drugs and violence that threaten to pull him down.</i>
9:30pm	Treading Water						Turquoise Rose <i>A Navajo girl from Arizona must choose between Rome and the Rez when her grandmother becomes ill.</i>
10:00pm	Heavy Metal <i>Devastation caused by toxic mining waste on a small Northern community.</i>	Ghost Riders <i>The annual Big Foot Memorial Ride where youth of the Lakota ride 300 miles through the cold winter of South Dakota to honor their ancestors.</i>	California Indian Voices	The Tundra Book <i>A rare glimpse into a community determined to preserve it's ancient cultures and traditions.</i>	Ancestral Languages Heard Again	The Process <i>A secret Jihadist base means that violence is met with violence.</i>	Languages of Victory
10:30pm	Colorado Experience: Sand Creek Massacre <i>Over two hundred men, women and children die.</i>		The Ball <i>Each cultural celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games in contrasting societies.</i>		The Price of Peace <i>Over 7 years of filming, this wonderfully crafted doc unravels a complex national identity crisis.</i>	Impact of Frolic	

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## A painless lesson on s-ko'ok

The O'otham word s-ko'ok is used when talking about something that is hurting, aching or in pain. It is often used in association with your body (em honshpadag) either as a whole or some specific part that is suffering from some ailment. For example, to say that you have a headache in O'otham you would say s-ko'ok heg eñ mo'o. This phrase starts off with s-ko'ok which here acts as a verb describing a state or condition, in this case that of being in pain. The rest of the phrase specifies to the listener who and what part of the body is experiencing the pain. In this example the two important parts that describe this are the possessive pronoun and the body part word. The possessive pronoun here is the word eñ which here means "my" and tells the listener that it's the person speaking who is hurting. The last word in this example is the body part which here is the O'otham word mo'o and refers to the head.

The phrase s-ko'ok heg \_\_\_\_\_ can be easily changed to talk about other body parts

and can also be modified to talk about other people, simply by substituting the body part word or the possessive pronoun. For example, if you wanted to say that your elbow hurts you would substitute the O'otham word for elbow si:sh in the place of mo'o to come up with the new phrase s-ko'ok heg eñ si:sh. Similarly, if you wanted to say your shoulder hurts you would just change the word si:sh for the O'otham word for shoulder, kothva, to come up with the phrase s-ko'ok heg eñ kothva. But let's say you wanted to say that it wasn't your shoulder hurting but instead was the shoulder of the person you were speaking to. In this case you would change the possessive pronoun which in the original sentence was eñ "my" and refers to the person speaking to em "your" which is the possessive pronoun that refers to the person being spoken to. This would result in the new phrase s-ko'ok heg em kothva which means "your shoulder is hurting." If you wanted to talk about a third person (someone not in the conversation) you would

get rid of the pronoun altogether and add a -j suffix to the body part term. This can be seen in the example s-ko'ok heg kothvaj which is the way to say "his/her shoulder is hurting" in O'otham. Notice that in this sentence there is no possessive pronoun word before the body part term and that the word for shoulder kothva has an added -j ending.

S-ko'ok can be used in other phrases. A very simple question in O'otham to ask someone if something hurts is No s-ko'ok? Incidentally this is also used to ask if something is hot in the sense of having a lot of chile as s-ko'ok is also used to describe the burn that one gets from eating chile. The question does it hurt (No s-ko'ok?) in O'otham can also be made more specific by adding a body part word and personal pronoun. If you wanted to ask a person if their head hurts you could say No s-ko'ok heg em mo'o?. Just like in our original sentences we have a body part word mo'o 'head' as well as a personal pronoun em 'your' to make the sentence more specific. If you wanted to

A painless lesson on s-ko'ok: Match the body part in pain with its picture!

S-ko'ok heg eñ si:sh

S-ko'ok heg eñ mo'o

S-ko'ok heg eñ vo:k

S-ko'ok heg eñ tho:n

S-ko'ok heg eñ kothva

S-ko'ok heg eñ u:ksh



ask if someone else's head is hurting you can drop the pronoun altogether and add the suffix -j at the end of the body part term to come up with No s-ko'ok heg mo'oj? To ask if someone has a sore throat (if their throat hurts) you can say No s-ko'ok heg em ba'ithk? if you are directly speaking to them or No s-ko'ok heg ba'ithkaj? if you are asking someone else on their behalf.

Another useful question using s-ko'ok is asking someone where something

hurts. To do this in O'otham you use the phrase Ba: hasko s-ko'ok? which literally asks "Where does it hurt?". This question makes use of the O'otham word ba: which is the shortened form of the word hebai/hebi and means "where" as well as the word hasko which means "someplace." These two words are often used together when making questions that ask for a specific location. A simple reply to this question in O'otham uses the part of the body

with the personal pronoun eñ followed by the location word eđ. For example, to say 'in my head' you would say eñ mo'o eđ as a reply to the question Ba: hasko s-ko'ok?. So just by knowing the names for the parts of the body you can answer the question Ba: hasko s-ko'ok? and state whether it's your head (mo'o), arm (nov), stomach (vo:k), leg (kayio), knee (tho:n) or foot (thad) that hurts.

## Tribal Education Department sponsors youth for Washington D.C. trip

**Communications & Public Affairs Department**  
Gila River Indian Community

The Tribal Education Department recently sponsored 15 youth from the Gila River Indian Community to visit Washington D.C. for a week of learning and sightseeing, June 18 - 23.

The individuals selected for the trip were recent high school graduates and recipients of the 2017 Citizenship Award which was presented to students that demonstrated exceptional character traits and citizenship. The trip was packed with opportunities for the youth to learn about history and visit numerous historical landmarks.

One advantage the group had was utilizing a private tour guide which provided the opportunity to learn about each historical site in depth. The group visited national monuments, which included the Lincoln Memorial, Viet-

nam Memorial, World War II Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Marine Corps War Memorial and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

Visiting the monuments allowed the students to gain a greater understanding of the history of our country as well as the sacrifices made. While there was a tight schedule to keep the students were eager to keep learning. Next on the agenda was visiting the Natural History Museum, the International Spy Museum, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Visiting the Holocaust Memorial Museum was a very emotional experience. Witnessing some of the horrific imagery and hearing stories from those who survived was enlightening for many of the youth. After visiting the various museums the next stop was Arlington National Cemetery to witness the Chang-



Photo Courtesy of Tribal Education Department

**The Tribal Education Department sponsored 15 GRIC youth to Washington D.C. from June 18-23 as part of their Citizenship Award.**

ing of the Guard and to visit the grave of Ira Hayes. Several of the students joined

together to sing a song in O'otham to honor him while visiting the gravesite.

The last portion of the trip, they visited the United States Capitol for a fasci-

nating guided tour of the building. The tour showcased beautiful artwork, described the history of the building and illustrated how it has evolved into the magnificent building it is today. One of the final highlights of the trip was visiting Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, which represents the Gila River Indian Community in various legal issues. The youth were able to engage in a question and answer session, over a nice hot breakfast, with attorney Jason Hauter. Mr. Hauter is a Community member who has worked with the Akin and Gump firm for several years, and he was happy to engage with the group and answer any and all questions asked of him.

The trip was an overall great experience for those selected to attend. After five days braving the humidity in Washington D.C. the group returned back to Arizona with more knowledge and great memories!

# KISS program makes learning about car seats a breeze



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The training program was filled with mothers wanting to learn more about how to better keep their children safe through proper car seat installation.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Joy Enos, District 4, installs her new car seat into her SUV under the watchful eye of Teri J. De La Cruz, who was there to make sure their car seats were properly installed.

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

At first, finding the right car seat for your child may seem like one of the easier tasks of raising a child, however, once you start researching which seat to purchase the floodgates of information rip wide open and what once seemed like an easy task has suddenly become a massive headache.

Luckily, you aren't alone. The Tribal Health Department's Gila River Injury Prevention Kids in Safety Seats (KISS) program has got your back and is ready to show you which car seat to get and how to properly install it.

That's not all. They will even give you a free car seat for attending one of their car seat safety classes.

For Teri J. De La Cruz, Injury Prevention Technician, who has been teaching car seat safety classes throughout the Gila River Indian Community, it is important for parents to learn to properly install their child's car seat and understand the consequences of improperly installed seats.

"We are just trying to make parents more aware of the safety of car seats for babies all the way up to having your kids in a booster seat up to the age of 12 if needed," De La Cruz said. "We are trying to save lives by informing parents. We

see car crashes, at least here in Gila River, five a month, and some of them, the kids are not in car seats."

She said that many parents have the misconception if they are driving a short distance from home, to their local supermarket down the road or nearby post office, that their child will be fine riding in their vehicle unrestrained.

"They think they will just run down the road. The important thing is to always, always put your baby in the car seat, even if you are just going a couple of blocks," De La Cruz said. "These are your children and it only takes a couple of seconds to buckle up your baby."

"You just never know when you are going to have to slam the brakes, or you might hit something suddenly where the baby will fly out [of the car seat] if the child is not restrained," she said. "These are fragile bodies still and having an impact on the console, on the back of the seat, can cause severe head trauma and severe injuries to the body."

On July 11, Community members took part in a car seat safety class held at the Sacaton Dialysis Center. De La Cruz explained the benefits of each type of child restraint, the infant, convertible, combination, and booster seats, and which one is most appro-

priate for an infant all the way to 12-years of age.

The Community members in attendance watched a detailed video on car seat safety and asked De La Cruz questions about which seats they should get for their children. Shortly after, free car seats were handed out to those attending the class and were led to the parking lot where De La Cruz made sure everyone installed their chosen car seat correctly.

"Our program is a federally funded program, so all [tribal members] are invited to come get a car seat," she said. "We give away four car seats in our program, a convertible, a combination, a highback

booster and a no back booster. We service all the districts here, we try to get to every district every month."

If you are interested in learning more about car seat safety or would like to receive a free car seat, call the Gila River Injury Prevention Kids in Safety Seats (KISS) program at (520) 550-8000 or email Verena Jackson at verena.jackson@gric.nsn.us or Teri De La Cruz at teri.delacruz@gric.nsn.us

The next car seat training classes will be held on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Sacaton Dialysis Center and Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Komatke Health Care.

**ATTENTION CALIFORNIA GILA RIVER MEMBERS**

Student Services will be visiting the United American Indian Involvement Community Center with all attending GRIC departments to assist with information regarding the Higher Education Scholarship Program.

For any questions contact:  
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# Voter Registration Board hosts Arizona Native Right to Vote Celebration



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The GRIC Voter Registration Board introduced themselves at the Arizona Native Right to Vote Celebration.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Several attendees won raffle prizes ranging from NABI tickets to household items.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN  
**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis discusses the importance of registering to vote.**  
**Roberto A. Jackson**  
Gila River Indian News

The Native American's right to vote wasn't easy to obtain. Dr. Carlos Mont-

ezuma, Yavapai, advocated for the Native right to vote in 1924, and in 1928 Peter Porter and Rudolph Johnson, Gila River Indian Community members, sought their voting rights but were denied by the Arizona Supreme Court. In 1948, the Arizona Supreme Court confirmed the voting rights of Native Americans when two Yavapai men, Frank Harrison and Harry Austin filed a lawsuit to secure their right to vote. Judge Levi S. Udall wrote, "To deny the right to vote where one is legally entitled to do so, is to do violence to the principles of freedom and equality."

With all this history in

mind the Gila River Voter Registration Board sponsored the Arizona Native Right to Vote Celebration at the Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch in District 6 on July 15. The Voter Registration Board is a group dedicated to the registration of GRIC voters.

The celebration included tribal leaders, special remarks, raffle prizes, breakfast and lunch and a traditional dance from Achem Aa'l.

In 2011, former GRIC governor William R. Rhodes proclaimed July 15 as the "Gila River Indian Community Native American Right To Vote Day." Gov. Stephen Roe

Lewis, who is reaffirming Rhodes's proclamation, emphasized the historical battle Native Americans, particularly in Arizona, have had in the right to vote. "We can never take our right to vote for granted," he said.

Gov. Lewis also implored GRIC members to increase their participation in upcoming elections. "We really need to raise the voting levels in Gila River."

Lt. Gov. Monica An-

tone also thanked the Voter Registration Board and their efforts to register voters. "Keep the outreach going," Lt. Gov. Antone said. She also acknowledged the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation and their contributions in the fight to secure voting rights for Native Americans. Gail Hunnicutt, the granddaughter of Frank Harrison, attended the celebration.

Voter Registration Board Chairperson Zuzette Kisto said her goal is to empower the Community members to vote and, "to provide resourceful information that would educate the average voter on issues that affect Native country. And encourage them to practice their right to vote."

The Voter Registration Board members are Zuzette Kisto, Jackie Thomas

(Vice-Chairperson), Rebecca Kisto (Treasurer), Bonnie Lyons (Secretary), Joyce McAfee, Joella Velasco, Sheri Bodmer, Valerie Webb, Darlene Burnette, Jeanette Pedro, Joyce Lopez, and Jovida Antone.



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**Lt. Gov. Monica Antone reflected on the past generations who fought for voting rights.**

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**NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

Parents & Guardians:

The Casa Blanca Community School is pleased to announce that it will be holding an election on Thursday, September 14, 2017 to fill two (2) seat on its Board of Trustees. The polling station will held at Casa Blanca Community School. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CBCS's Board meets at least once (sometimes twice) per month and 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 member qualifications:

- ❖ Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of September 14, 2017 (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 14, 2017;
- ❖ 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017.**

The following persons are *eligible to vote* in the election (and sign petitions for Board candidates):

- (1) 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 14, 2017, **OR**
- (2) 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 the above number.

**Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning**

**ATTENTION**  
**MANDATORY HOMESITE WAITING LIST UPDATES**

Community Members Currently on the Homesite Waiting List have until

**August 31, 2017**  
to update information

"Members who fail to update may be required to start the process over and be placed on the end of an updated Waiting List" as per GRIC Homesite Ordinance 20.208B

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Miguel also recognized the City of Maricopa and the strong bond between Ak-Chin and GRIC. "We're family," he said.

The opening day ceremonies persisted with a presentation by NABI sponsor Nike N7 and a fireworks show.

Games were played around the Valley including Maricopa and in Distirct 5 at the Vah-Ki Multipurpose Building. Gov. Lewis appreciated the District 5 Recreation Committee and staff. "Thank you to District 5 for successfully hosting NABI games for our youth."

Playing basketball teaches hustle and discipline, said coach Rudy Flores of the Gila River Boys. "The more discipline they have, the more focused they are on whatever they're doing," he said. These values are transferable to the real world when they need determination at work or school.

Flores is from District 5, where the Boys' Tuesday game against N8V Thunder took place. They dropped that game, but win or lose, Flores said, "it's all hustle, hustle." Flores would like to see his boys succeed in life. He said, "If they have that talent, I want them to use that talent. I want them to have that opportunity to be out there and go to school."

Likewise, Edward Lucero, coach for the girls' team Snaketown, said playing basketball instills life-lessons in the youth, like family values and healthy living. Both of his daughters play for Snaketown and both, he said, have abstained from drugs and alcohol because of it.

Lucero said basketball has the power to bring families together. "The family aspect of it is the most important thing for me," he said. "Basketball has been very, very good for us...hanging out with each other and teaching and going to [different] places."

Snaketown didn't win its Tuesday matchup against A1 Elite, but the team continued to put up more of a fight as the game developed.

Two other teams from the Gila River Indian Community competed in the tournament. The Gila River Girls pounded the hardwood and learned some hard-fought lessons to bring back to the court next year.

The GR Hawks showed the most promise among the four GRIC squads, qualifying for the Boys' Silver Division Tournament. After handing losses to the AZ Outlaws and the Young Bucks, the Hawks fell in a nail-biter to the T.O. Storm.

On July 15, four teams, representing some of Indian Country's most talented basketball players went head-to-head at the Talking Stick Resort Arena where the Cheyenne Arapaho boys' team and Yakama Nation girls' team took home the tournament's gold division championship.

The championship, which featured four games split into silver and gold divisions, was the culmination of this year's NABI tournament where 64 boys teams and 64 girls teams, faced-off in over 300 games played during a span of seven days.

### Boys' Gold Division

In the boy's gold division, five-time NABI champions the Cheyenne Arapaho, out of Concho, Okla., played against The Lower Sioux, of

Morton, Minn.

The Arapaho team, who were runners-up in last year's NABI tournament, began the game slow with just 8-points scored against the Sioux's 30, with only 6-minutes left on the clock in the first half.

The Sioux's large lead was short-lived however, as the Arapaho picked up their pace and began dominating offensively, closing the gap by the end of the first half, 35-24.

During the second half the Arapaho gained the lead and kept it until the buzzer marked the end of the game and clinched the team's sixth NABI championship, the score 75-71, Arapaho.

### Girls' Gold Division

The girls' gold division game began with the Yakama Nation from Washington and the NN Elite out of Houck, Ariz., playing a highly competitive game, with each team scoring almost every time they had possession of the ball. Yakama led the game at the half, 32-27.

During the second half NN Elite climbed within one point of Yakama, but couldn't keep pace with the Washington-based team as they began to flounder after giving up 13 points with no response.

Yakama Nation closed out the game, 64-50, grabbing the girls' gold division championship.

### Boys' Silver Division

The Barrow Whalers out of Sells, Ariz., and the only O'odham team to make it to the NABI championship faced the San Carlos Chiefs, out of San Carlos, Ariz., in the boys' silver division.

The game was typical of rezball, physical, high scoring, and fast-paced with both teams neck and neck as the clock wound down during the first half. With only minutes left on the board, the Whalers picked up their pace, pushing to a 10-point lead due Tahja Mayberry's aggressive play-making and Lionel Nez's outstanding perimeter shooting.

The Whalers continued to play strong, leading the game with just five minutes left. With the clock counting down, the Whaler's began to slow their pace on the court, scoring less and less each time they had possession of the ball. The Chiefs capitalized on the games changed momentum, gaining a 12-point lead and winning the boys' silver division championship, 87-75.

The Whalers is a misnomer. The team is actually called Three Nations with boys from the Tohono O'odham Nation, Gila River, and the Navajo Nation. However, due to administrative complications they are listed as the Barrow Whalers with NABI.

### Girls' Silver Division

In a lopsided match between the Elite N8Vs of Gallup, N.M., and Waziyata Unpi out of Fort Yates, N.D., the N8Vs dominated the first half of the game with the help of Amanda Mitchell's string of three-pointers. N8Vs led the game at halftime with a score of 25-11.

Waziyata continued to fight against N8Vs powerhouse offense, and with 2-minutes left in the game, slowed their pace and struggled to hold their defense together.

The N8Vs took the girls' silver division championship with a final score of 48-26.



# NABI



GILA RIVER CONGRATULATES ALL THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL



Photo Courtesy Kristina Morago, Ak-Chin Runner

# DEQ employee and recent grad has interest in environmental issues

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

At her office at the Department of Environmental Quality, Althea Walker, an Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist, talked about her aspirations and what she's been able to accomplish in the year since graduating with her Masters in Environmental Technology Management from Arizona State University.

"I'm not your traditional college student, I didn't go to college right out of high school," said Walker, "I started in the business program, I thought I wanted to go into engineering... and then I finally realized I want to go into environmental protection."

She said a chance visit with a University of Arizona Professor Karletta Chief, who works at the Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science, sparked her interest on the environmental issues shared among American Indians.

"I remember a Navajo lady talking about being a hydrologist and coming from her home on the Navajo Nation and speaking about the environmental issues and how she brought her education back to her community...so that was part of the inspiration on choosing environmental protection as a field of interest," said Walker.

Walker said, that her education and job go hand-in-hand, that she is able to



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Althea Walker, at her graduation, is using her knowledge to make an impact at DEQ.**

gain exposure from each of the areas of service DEQ works within.

One of the driving factors behind her work is seeing other Native professionals who share a similar passion for protecting the environment.

She said, "Just seeing more and more through the years other Natives doing [this] kind of work, protecting the environment is really empowering. Especially when you attend conferences and see a room full of Natives and they're all doing something that they love with their education."

Walker said that her position allows her to get a well-rounded experience of everything associated with protecting the environment.

"It's a good position to be in to learn...especially coming right out of college and you continually learn a lot," said Walker, "Working with our program [here] I'm not secluded to just one

area, I get exposed to all areas."

Walker hopes to continue building her level of knowledge while helping Community members get a better understanding of the kinds of monitoring her department conducts to keep the environment safe and how it is related to their health.

"It's taking every opportunity to educate about the importance of environmental protection in a way that is personal to them... so if [you] think about air quality and how it affects your upper respiratory system and other ways it affects their health," said Walker.

Since her department works with vast amounts of data on the environment, Walker said she tries to translate that information into something that is useful.

She has aspirations of

getting a Ph.D. in sustainability that she hopes will elevate her journey into playing a more integral role building a cleaner more eco-friendly future.

"Eventually I want to take on more responsibilities and be able to be in a position of influence through a leadership role... but we'll see how that goes. It may not happen that way,

but as long as I get to do the work along the lines of what I do now post doctorate, I'll be satisfied with that," said Walker.

She said opportunities to help college students on the rise is two-fold, because on the one hand it shows there's an interest in protecting the environment and second, it offers her a chance to mentor students

that want to make a positive change in the Community.

Walker said, "To help influence another Community member to get them into environmental protection, who is eager to do it...I find that rewarding and hopefully they can stay [here] within the department and work along the lines of what they're studying in school."

## Gila River Department of Community Housing

### Urban Rental Assistance Program

**Up to \$300 per month rental subsidy for qualified applicants**

The Department of Community Housing (DCH) has identified a need to assist low-income Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) members who reside off Reservation on the Pinal & Maricopa County areas.

The number of rental units currently available in the Community is insufficient to meet the current demand for housing, rental or homeownership. To address the need for rental assistance, DCH has established the Urban Rental Assistance Program for families who are in a contract unit (meaning an apartment complex) or renting a house (including townhouses, duplexes and condominiums).

**To qualify:**

- ◊ Be at least 18 years old on the date the application is submitted.
- ◊ Must reside in Pinal or Maricopa County, portions that are not part of GRIC.
- ◊ Applicants name **must appear on the lease agreement as the primary head of household.** Co-Signed leases are not eligible for assistance.
- ◊ Applicant **must pass a background check.**
- ◊ Applicants currently under any **Section 8 Program or any other Federally Funded Program are ineligible.** This includes room and board received for education purposes.
- ◊ Must meet 80% of the median gross family income requirement. (per HUD Yearly AMI Chart)
- ◊ Rent must not exceed 30% of monthly adjusted household income.
- ◊ Must be in an existing apartment/house lease, current in rent payments and have a good tenant history.
- ◊ **Current GRIC CDIB for head of household and tribal ID for all other members in the household.**
- ◊ Approved and waiting list applicants **must attend a mandatory orientation to be held in September.**

Applications can be picked up beginning July 24, 2017 at the  
 DCH Main Office—Sacaton, 136 South Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona  
 DCH West End Office—Komatke, 119 Tashquith Drive, Laveen, Arizona  
 ALL District Service Centers or downloaded from [www.mygilariver.com](http://www.mygilariver.com)

**Open: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 Closes: Thursday, August 31, 2017**

Submit completed applications to:  
 DCH Main Office Sacaton from 8am-5pm (Monday/Friday)  
 (Closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm)

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Currently funded URAP participants must reapply to be considered for future funding, funding status does not carryover nor does the waiting list, all lists will terminate September 30, 2017.

For questions or for more information please contact  
 Debra Marrietta or Fera Wapaha at (520) 562-3904  
 E-mail: [debra.marrietta@gric.nsn.us](mailto:debra.marrietta@gric.nsn.us) or [fera.wapaha.dch@gric.nsn.us](mailto:fera.wapaha.dch@gric.nsn.us)

*The URAP is not a guaranteed program and is subject to change in accordance with the yearly Indian Housing Plan.*

# Double Shoe Arena

**2nd Annual Community Event**  
**"Laws Residence"**  
**713 South Horseshoe Rd, Casa Blanca, AZ.**

**July 29, 2017**  
**Sign up: 10:00 am**  
**Close 12 noon**

**Events:**

- ⇒ **Mutton Busting- 0-5 yrs. \$10** 1st & 2nd Buckles
- ⇒ **Calf Riding- 6-10 yrs. \$20** 1st & 2nd Buckles
- ⇒ **Steer Riding 11-13 yrs. \$25** 1st Buckle
- ⇒ **Jr. Bulls 14-17 yrs. \$30** 1st Buckle
- ^Limit of 20 riders per category^ (except for open bulls)
- ⇒ **Open Bulls No age limit \$45** 1st Buckle

Paying 3 places in each event

We, the Laws Family, at the Double Shoe Ranch Arena are not responsible for any injuries, death, accidents, thefts, losses, etc. arising from this event.  
 "Compete at your own risk"

For information contact Gene Laws Jr at  
 520-450-6095 or 520-315-1445

Food vendors on site

Drug/alcohol is strictly prohibited. No gang attire or affiliation.

# AILDI Training focuses on the preservation of Native languages

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Language is more than a means of communicating, it is a form of identity that is used to distinguish one group of people to another.

The University of Arizona American Indian Language Development Institute held a training for Community members that focused on integrating indigenous languages into a more formal teaching settings. The training was held at the District 3 Head Start building on July 10.

AILDI hosts annual summer session trainings in different tribal communities. This year's training was coordinated in collaboration with the Tribal Education Department and AILDI Project Coordinator Alyce Sadongei from July 10 to 20.

Other AILDI staff presenters included institute Director Ofelia Zepeda, of the Tohono O'odham Nation, who is a highly regarded professor of linguistics at U of A.

She talked about the Native American Language Act of 1990, which established federal policy recognizing the language rights

of indigenous people across the United States.

Zepeda said she was a part of like-minded individuals who developed a legislative proposal that could help promote indigenous language, which was a response to the "English Only" movement of the 1980's to make it the National language.

The 10-day session is unlike any other symposium on indigenous languages because it presents language in the context of a living thing that requires nourishment that can only be satisfied through teaching the younger generation of Natives peoples.

Language has significant impact in the lives of tribal members and those who work for tribal communities regarding language and language education within the community and the school and of course in the family.

Zepeda talked about her role in making indigenous languages official languages for several states that adopted a language other than English.

"The way that I talk about it is from my own experience, because I was



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**The University of Arizona and the Tribal Education Department collaborated on educational training held at the District 3 Head Start Building on July 10.**

involved with [this] particular document in the beginning stages of it, because it started out as a meeting of individuals from various Native language speaking tribes to get together that was hosted by the Native American Language Issues Institute," said Zepeda.

She said the creation of NALA is for those in language education that can take advantage of this particular policy for their school's and community's

advantage when it comes to language planning and promotion

Zepeda said, "Language isn't like an animal, it will never die, it will always be there, but it won't be quite the same...you can keep it from making a dramatic change over time from what it was in the past."

From her perspective, language should not be placed on a self like an object or hung on a wall like

art.

She said, "Once placed on a wall it can never be fully appreciated, but to be used in order for it to be carried on from one generation to the next. [It] either adapts or goes away, and so it is our responsibility to promote the use of indigenous languages."

Others topics covered at the training included subjects like oral immersion, storytelling and discussions on ideologies and philoso-

phy based on metaphors in indigenous language.

One of the presenters, Sheila Nicholas, who is from the Hopi Tribe and teaches at the U of A in indigenous language and maintenance and revitalization said in her culture, being able to speak the language is held in high regard, because it fully establishes the concept of what it means to be a Hopi, among other aspect of life among her people.

For the students, she cautions that language does not always translate well into English and vice versa, but for them to always have a creative approach in describing objects and things to their students.

"When we think about language, it actually starts at conception...as parents, we have to understand that, that first step is being able to speak the language to our children," said Nicholas, "What is the role of language in a child's life, is always under question, but I think where it stands, it encompasses everything around them and what they see."

## Gila River Hotel & Casinos unveil THE CARD

CHANDLER, ARIZ. – Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc., operator of the Gila River Casinos three Phoenix-area properties – Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, Lone Butte Casino and Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino – announced today the launch of THE Card™ by Gila River Hotels & Casinos.

"At Gila River Hotels & Casinos we are known for exceeding our guests' expectations in all aspects of our hotel and casino experience, and our loyalty program is no different," said Kenneth Manuel, CEO of Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. "Now with THE Card, our Players Club members can accumulate points even faster, making it easier to earn incredible rewards."

THE Card features Emerald, Ruby, Gold and Platinum tiers that offer exciting perks and benefits. The more points guests earn, the higher their status and access to exclusive perks.

Now with THE Card, guests will be able to:

- Earn new and enhanced rewards including same-day cash back and free play playing slots, table games or bingo
- Win Gila River Casino comps at more than 30 convenient locations at all three of the Gila Riv-

er properties such as the award-winning Shula's Steak House and the exciting Ovation LIVE! Showroom

- Score other comps including tickets to watch sports teams like the Arizona Diamondbacks and concerts at Gila River Arena

- Enjoy convenient Players Club account management – guests can review balances, points, rewards and manage their account online or on the new Gila River Casinos app

THE Card is not property-specific. All the points guests earn with THE Card count toward their rewards status, and can be used across any of the three Gila River properties.

The number of base points guests earn annually determines their status. And the higher their status, the more exclusive the perks. If, at any time during the year, guests earn enough base points to qualify for a higher tier status, the guests will receive a new card. At the end of the year, the guests' base points will be tallied and their status for the next year will be determined.

To celebrate the launch of THE Card, Gila River Hotels & Casinos will kick off a new promotion during the months of July and August called \$1,000,000 Pick THE Card. Each night,

16 Players Club members will be selected to play \$1,000,000 Pick THE Card -- securing a shot at winning up to \$1 million and other incredible prizes. The contest will be played every Monday night at Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino, every Tuesday night at Lone Butte Casino and every Wednesday night at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino.

To maintain the momentum of THE Card, Gila River Hotels & Casinos will offer a \$25,000 new member sweepstakes for all new Players Club members. Guests who enroll in the loyalty program will instantly win up to \$1,000 in free play; they also will be entered into a drawing in which Gila River Hotels & Casinos is giving away an additional \$25,000 in free play.

Learn more about THE Card at THECardbyGilaRiverCasinos.com or visit the Players Club at any of the three Gila River Hotels & Casinos properties.

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Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning

# Upcoming Tribal Lot Inspections

Beginning October 2, 2017

The Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning will conduct Tribal Lot Inspections throughout The Gila River Indian Community

Some items that LUPZ will be looking for:

- Yard Debris
- Non Working Vehicles
- Unapproved 2nd Dwellings
- Number of Livestock
- Substandard Structures
- Abandoned Lots

For questions, please call: 520-562-6003  
291 W. Casa Blanca Rd Executive Ki' Bldg #2  
Post Office Box E Sacaton, AZ 85147

# Jr. NBA from Page 3



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

**NBA Coordinator Maria Laterza (center) warms up a group of young girls during the Jr. NBA Basketball Camp on July 12.**

On July 12, former Phoenix Suns forward, Ceballos, stood in the center of the recreation center's indoor basketball court with kids sitting around him in a semi-circle intently listening. He explained to the kids the camp is not to just learn about basketball, it is to learn about yourself and how to positively move forward through life.

"The biggest thing is just getting around other kids, so they can get some competition in," he said. "Sometimes you kind of get stuck in your own environment playing against the same people all the time, when they have camps like this for Native Americans all over the [country], you see different faces, different styles of basketball, which helps you out too."

Fourteen-year-old Mills, from District 5, said the camp helped her improve her skill on the court, and pumped up her motivation to continue playing the game.

"I learned how to

square up to the basket, how to box out somebody, and to actually get the rebound and put it back up," said Jasmine. "They tell you things about what they did long ago, they tell you and it can encourage someone to actually come out and show the talent that they got. That is why they come out here and do these because they know we have the talent and ability to do it," she said.

Coach Joerger, said the camp is just the beginning and they are looking forward to hosting more across Indian Country in the future.

"It's a fantastic program, the NBA is very involved in all parts of basketball in the world and for them to want to put on this event through the Jr. NBA is just terrific," said Joerger. "The vibe in the gym, the kids are having a good time, they are learning, not just about basketball but different aspects of the education part of it and it's just a terrific deal."



**Gila River Wellness Presents:**  
**Water Aerobics**  
 w/ Denise James

Water aerobics is the performance of aerobic exercise in fairly shallow water such as in a swimming pool. Done mostly vertically and without swimming typically in waist deep water. It is a type of resistance training and is less stressful on joints. Come learn a different way to workout in a safe and effective atmosphere.

No swimming experience required    Everyone Welcome    Lifeguards on duty

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>D1/D2</b>	<b>at D1</b>	<b>10:00am-11:00am</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>D5/D6</b>	<b>at D6</b>	<b>9:30am-10:30am</b>

**Items to bring:**

- > Towel
- > Water bottle
- > Water shoes (optional)
- > Swim wear or shorts and t-shirt
- \*no cotton clothing

**For More Information Call: (520) 562-2026**

**WELLNESS CENTER**  
 SPIRITUAL PHYSICAL MENTAL

# MORNING GRIND

W/ RAYCHELL

Start your day right!

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
 6:15am @ the Wellness Center!

Be ready to work! You will burn those calories and you will leave feeling rejuvenated!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
 (520) 562-2026**

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • July 5, 2017

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday July 5, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:09 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Janice Stewart

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-, Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans

Council Members Absent:

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.; D7-Devin Redbird

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

\*1. GRHC Introduction of Stephanie Belton, TCH Assistant Administrator

Presenter: Darlene Barkau

MS. DARLENE BARKAU INTRODUCED MS. STEPHANIE BELTON. MS. BELTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS.

\*2. GRHC Introduction of John Bell, TCH Director of Nursing

Presenter: Darlene Barkau

MS. DARLENE BARKAU INTRODUCED MR. JOHN BELL. MR. BELL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS.

## REPORTS

\*1. Development of Culturally Sensitive Food Safety Grower Trainings

Presenter: Valerisa Joe

## REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, INC. Monthly Report For May 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

## REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For May 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

## REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

\*1. A Resolution Approving The Amendments Of The Current Gila River Indian Community Voter Registration Board Bylaws (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with the additional material)

Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Office Of General Counsel

## DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Among The United States Bureau Of Reclamation, The Arizona Department Of Water Resources The Gila River Indian Community, The City Of Phoenix, And The Walton Family Foundation, Inc., To Fund The Creation Of Colorado River System Water Through Voluntary Water Conservation And Reductions In Use During 2017 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with minor corrections, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

## APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2018

Gila River Indian Community Indian Housing Plan

For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

## APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 39 To the Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2017 Through 2021 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns, Pamela Thompson

## APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget Modification No. 2 For Fiscal Year 2017 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Suzanne Johns, Pamela Thompson

## APPROVED

6. A Resolution Announcing The Intent Of Gila River Indian Community To Enter Into An Agreement With The United States Indian Health Services (IHS) For The Operation Of the Red Tail Hawk Health Care (Also Known As The Southeast Ambulatory Care Center), Pursuant To Title V Of The Indian Self Determination And Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638, As Amended) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, HSSC, concurs)

Presenter: Linus Everling

## APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving An Alternative Funding Arrangement Among The United States Department Of Agricultural, Natural Resources Conservation Services And The Gila River Indian community, To Fund the Lining Of the Casa Blanca Canal In The Amount Of \$4,500,000.00 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

## TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. A Resolution Approving the Relinquishment of Richard Jose Quintero From the Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

## APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving the Relinquishment of Jamel Lee Burns from The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

## APPROVED

10. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Gaming Enterprises, INC. Operating Budget And Capital Projects Budget For Fiscal Year 2018 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Janice Ponziani, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

## APPROVED

## ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors Appointment - One (1)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

MR. DONALD ANTONE, SR.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Valuation Of the Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline/Kinder-Morgan Right of Way (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council in Executive Session, NRSC, ESC, CRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE EVALUATION OF THE SFPP/KM RIGHT

OF WAY FOR A 20-YEAR TERM AND

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AS THE STARTING POINT OF NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOW THE EAST WEST PORTION OF THIS SFPP/KM PIPELINE LS53 TO REMAIN ABANDONED SUBJECT TO THE NEGOTIATING OF A FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF SUCH INFRASTRUCTURE

NEW BUSINESS

1. District One Enrollment Committee Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in appointing Mr. Rudy Dawahoya, Jr to the Enrollment Committee)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RUDY DAWAHOYA, JR.

2. District Three Enrollment Committee Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in appointing Ms. Ruth Cox to the Enrollment Committee)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MS. RUTH COX

3. District Four Enrollment Committee Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in appointing Ms. Marlene Norris to the Enrollment Committee)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MS. MARLENE NORRIS

4. District Seven Enrollment Committee Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval in appointing Ms. Tonna Mercado to the Enrollment Committee)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MS. TONNA MERCADO

5. Authorization to Release Community Data to the Blackwater School (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Seaver Fields

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 6. Congressional Travel Dates July 20-21, 2017 (H&SSC forwards to Council to open to any Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN TRAVEL TO COUNCIL UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

## [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

7. Enrollment Department Invitation

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN TRAVEL TO COUNCIL UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

8. ITAA Retreat Meeting

Presenters: Lt. Governor Monica Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN TRAVEL TO COUNCIL UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

## MINUTES

1. June 7, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. June 21, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

> CONCERNS EXPRESSED REGARDING DISTRICT 7 REPRESENTATION TO CTERC

>G&MSC SPECIAL MEETINGS THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017 AND FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017

>FARM BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017, 9AM AT THE FARMS

>BRUCE BRUNETTE SERVICES FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017 & SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

# Lake Mead

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or our water.

“Second, this agreement helps conserve water in Lake Mead. That conservation effort benefits our people and every resident of Arizona by helping to protect the Colorado River and our water future.”

Added Governor Lewis: “Given the central role of water in our economy and our culture, today’s agreement is truly a cause for celebration.”

In return, the tribe will receive a total of \$6 million from the four participating signatories, which include the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), the Arizona Department of Water Resources (AZDWR), the City of Phoenix, and the Walton Foundation, Inc.

An ADWR press release said the participating parties have agreed to pay the tribe for its conservation effort, with the state of Arizona contributing \$2 million, the city of Phoenix \$2 million, the USBR \$1 million, and the Walton Foundation \$1 million.

At the signing, which was held at the ADWR in Phoenix, Ariz., Gov. Lewis said the agreement was an important step towards

addressing issues caused by the region’s persistent drought.

“I want to thank everyone sincerely for being involved in making today’s agreement happen, to help protect the Colorado River and secure our water future,” he said. “Back in March, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the city of Phoenix, the Walton Foundation, and the Community agreed to work together to address the persistent drought impacting our region. Through our collective efforts and with the cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation, we were able to reach an historical agreement to conserve another 40,000-acre-feet of Colorado River water to help protect Lake Mead’s water levels,” Lewis said.

He noted the agreement, will help conserve water in Lake Mead, which benefits all residents of Arizona including GRIC, and allows the tribe to generate income that will help its own economy.

“Given the central role of water in our economy and our culture, today’s agreement is truly a cause for celebration,” Lewis said in the ADWR press release.

The release said the five partners see the agreement as a down payment

for an Arizona-based plan, which will aid in protecting the Colorado River system reservoir from years of drought that have caused water levels to rapidly drop in recent years.

The plan, which is called the Drought Contingency Plan, is an effort by local Arizona leaders to keep Lake Mead’s water levels above the first shortage trigger, which has been set at an elevation of 1,075 feet.

According to Terry Fulp, Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation’s Lower Colorado Region, as of today Lake Mead’s current elevation is 1,079 feet, just four feet from the first shortage trigger, which will cause the federal government to declare a water shortage and begin a reduction in water supplies to surrounding states.

“Today, Lake Mead is at an elevation of 1,079 [feet] above sea level, that is about 10-million-acre-feet of water storage, but it’s only about 38 percent full,” said Fulp. “It is about 120 feet down from where it was in September of 1999. So 40,000 acre-feet, that is about half-a-foot on Mead given were it is today.”

Fulp said contributions



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

**The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), State Of Arizona, City of Phoenix and Walton Family Foundation (WFF) agreed to conserve a major portion of the GRIC’s Central Arizona Project (CAP) water entitlement to secure Lake Mead’s water supply.**

### NOW HIRING

Casa Blanca Community School is now hiring for the following 2017-2018 School Year positions: Kindergarten Teacher, Math Interventionist, FACE Parent Educator, Traditional Agriculture Instructor, and Facilities Coordinator. Located at 3455 W Casa Blanca Road, Bapchule, AZ 85121. For salary and qualification information, visit [www.cbcschools.com/Employment](http://www.cbcschools.com/Employment) or contact Human Resources at 480.403.8595 ext. 2512.

### COURT NOTICE

ALBERT FRALEY  
Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing  
Case: J-17-0071/0072/0073  
Court Date: August 21, 2017 at 10

a.m., Courtroom #2, 1st floor  
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court  
Address: 10005 East Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

BRITNY JOHNSON  
Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing  
Case: J-17-0071/0072/0073  
Court Date: August 21, 2017 at 10 a.m., Courtroom #2, 1st floor  
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS  
Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court  
Address: 10005 East Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

### COURT NOTICE

IN THE CHILDREN’S COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF: A.A.M. D.O.B.: 03/23/2007 Case No.: JC-2015-0104

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION HEARING ON PETITION FOR CUSTOMARY ADOPTION TO: JOHN DOE

Notice is hereby given that you are ordered to appear before the Honorable Jay Pedro on August 3, 2017 at 1:00

p.m. at the Gila River Indian Community Court located at 721 Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 for purposes of an Adjudication Hearing on a Petition for Customary Adoption filed on May 31, 2016 involving the Minor Child, A.A.M., date of birth March 23, 2007.

If you fail to appear at the above noted hearing, the hearing may go forward in your absence 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 imposed.

### COURT NOTICE

IN THE CHILDREN’S COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE MATTER OF: S.O.W. D.O.B.: 08/14/2011 Case No.: JC-2015-0105

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION HEARING ON PETITION FOR CUSTOMARY ADOPTION TO: GLENDEN WAHPETA AND JOHN DOE

Notice is hereby given that you are ordered to appear before the Honorable Kami Hart on August 3, 2017 at 9:00

a.m. at the Gila River Indian Community Court located at 721 Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 for purposes of an Adjudication Hearing on a Petition for Customary Adoption filed on May 31, 2016 involving the Minor Child, S.O.W., date of birth August 14, 2011.

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Everyone is welcome to any of our classes! If you miss a few classes, that's okay, come back!

\*Matter of Balance is an 8 week curriculum.  
For more information call (520) 562-2026

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# New Native film follows story on the Pine Ridge Reservation



Courtesy of InYo Entertainment  
**“Neither Wolf, Nor Dog” follows a writer’s journey through the Pine Ridge Reservation.**

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
 Gila River Indian News

A film about historical trauma and a personal quest for understanding is captured in a movie set against the backdrop of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

“Neither Wolf, Nor Dog,” was adapted from Kent Nerburn’s 1996 novel of the same name.

The film is showing in limited release at Harkins Movie Theatres across Arizona, and is directed by Scottish Director Steven Lewis Simpson.

It was funded through a Kickstarter campaign. Kickstarter is an online crowd sourced funding website that financially supports various creative projects.

The story follows writer Nerburn, played by Christopher Sweeney, who travels to the Pine Ridge Reservation on an anonymous call to write the stories of an elder who goes by the name Dan.

Portrayed by Dave Bald Eagle, Dan is an Oglala Lakota with a story to tell, that’s not just of his own, but also of the Lakota people, and a very traumatic episode in the history of his people and the United States.

Although Nerburn believes Dan has tasked him with the impossible, it becomes clear that in order to accurately tell the stories of the Lakota people, it requires an empathetic approach.

When Nerburn appears hesitant to take on the task of creating the book from a shoe box of letters and short stories, Dan’s granddaughter Wenonah, (actress Roseanne Supernault/Prairie Metis Settlement), emphasizes the amount of confidence her grandfather has placed on him.

During the course of the film, Nerburn struggles to capture the heart of Dan’s stories, because

he cannot fully understand the emotional feelings that come with each story told by Dan and contemplates backing out of the project to the point he writes a letter stating his regret of not being able to complete the book.

The addition of Dan’s friend, Grover (actor Richard Ray Whitman/Muscogee Creek Nation), adds to the pressure to Nerburn’s concerns about conveying the meaning and feelings behind the stories.

Nerburn’s ambitions to write the book are often dashed by Grover’s criticisms as they ride the dusty back roads of the Pine Ridge Reservation in his old Buick in search of common ground about how to write the book.

At the center of Dan’s stories is the horrific retelling of the Wounded Knee massacre that took place on a frigid December day in 1890, which deeply impacted Nerburn’s feelings about completing the book.

By the end of the film, we learn that Nerburn has completed the book, which Wenonah brings to Dan at the dinner table. In a bit of humor he places the book under the leg of the table to level it and makes a comment about the book being just right.

Although the film is slow-paced, it seems purposefully executed to allow the viewer to fully appreciate and take away their own interpretations of what it represents, whether it is engaging in our own tribal and family history by documenting them, or overcoming what we believe is the impossible when we encounter our own challenges.

Outside of the silver screen, what makes actor Bald Eagle’s life extraordinary, aside from being a familiar face in Hollywood, was the fact that he served in World War II as a Paratrooper with the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division,

which is known at the “All-American,” division.

In July of last year Bald Eagle passed away at the age of 97, he never let the light of fame change the fact that the story of all American Indian people needs to be told and not be forgotten, which is why “Neither Wolf, Nor Dog,” seems to be a role that mirrors his life experiences.

# Tribal Forum

Save the date

**Thurs., Oct. 19 – Fri., Oct. 20, 2017**

Location: Anthony B. Shelde Building at Whirlwind Golf Club  
 5718 West North Loop Road, Chandler AZ, 85226

The Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center hosts “Indigenous Environmental Stewards: Bridging Tribal Communities to Healthy Futures”, a forum for tribal community members, educators, and tribal environmental and health professionals to explore and create action plans for the important environmental issues that impact the health of tribal communities.

Artwork by Dwayne Manuel, O’odham, representing the O’odham way of life (Himdag) and the relationships between the people of the past and the people of the present. The composition features land, water, and culture – all of which have strong connections and representation for the O’odham.

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 12:30pm-1:00pm

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### MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

During the Monday/Wednesday classes you can expect to be pushed to your potential. These classes will consist of exercises you may be already familiar with and/or introduce completely new movements you’ve never tried before. Expect the unexpected! Come ready to work!

Intensity Level: Moderate-High Intensity



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### Regular Business Hours

Monday-Thursday:  
 6:00am-8:00pm  
 Friday: 6:00am-5:00pm  
 CLOSED WEEKENDS  
 and HOLIDAYS

The Wellness Center may be closed on additional days due to Special Events, Staff Meetings etc. Signs will be posted in the event of a closure.

For more information call (520) 562-2026

### TUESDAY/THURSDAY

Tuesday/Thursday classes will consist of the usual station set up you are used to. However, these classes may incorporate kick boxing movements introducing a new stimulus to the body for many. Although this may be a low-moderate level class your instructor will ask you to give your best!

Intensity Level: Low-Moderate

### FRIDAY

You can expect low-high impact cardio/strength workouts. Each class will vary from total body work to specific muscle groups such as abs, legs, arms and etc...

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