

NARD draws large crowd at Chase Field

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In an annual tradition that honors Arizona's Native American heritage, the Arizona Diamondbacks hosted Native American Recognition Day at Chase Field on June 10.

With temperatures rising outside of the ballpark, baseball fans flocked to the stadium to catch the Dbacks in a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The matchup on the baseball diamond wasn't the only action going, underneath the rotunda at Chase Field, dance groups from all over Arizona gave it their best as they shared American Indian culture with fans.

Gila River Gaming Enterprises Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Manuel Jr., said the event is very representative of the Community and also highlights their partnership off the field.

"We are very excited once again, we are proud to host this event. We've hosted this event for a number of years. It's our chance to really showcase to the Arizona public, just what it is that we do, that is part of our partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks," said Manuel.

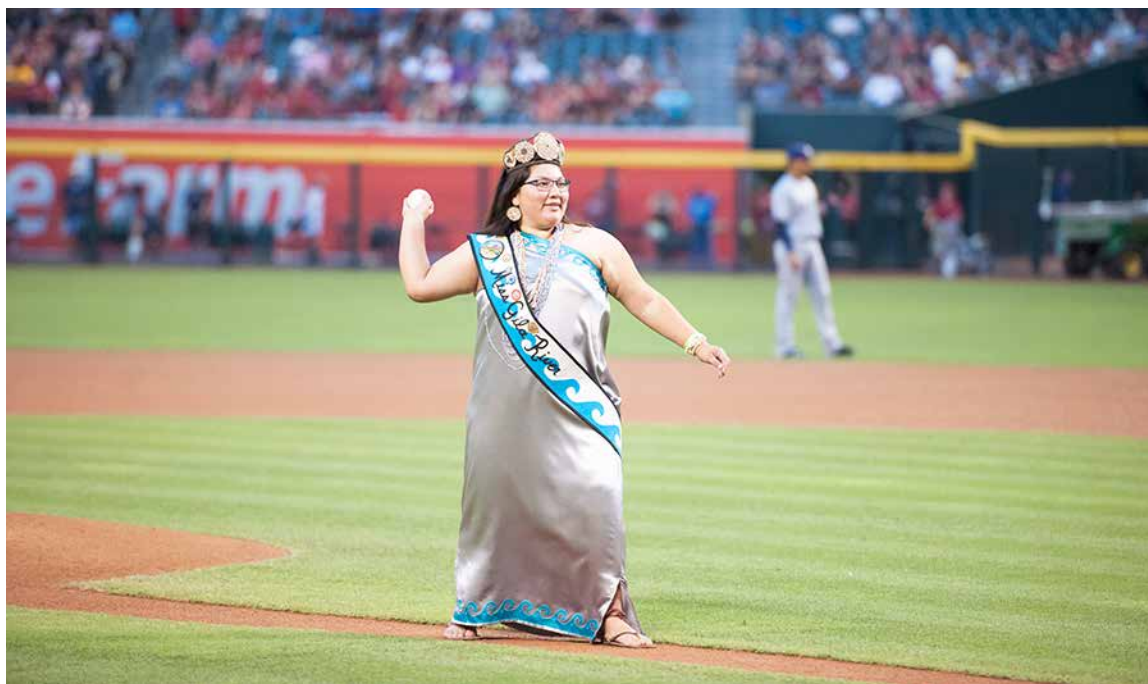
Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was amazed at the performance of the youth baseball teams that took part in the Inter-tribal Youth Baseball and Softball Tournament in days leading up to NARD.

The Gila River Bears and Team Outkast, two teams from the Community, were honored on the field during the pregame festivities.

Both teams took second and third place in their respective order and played close games against a line-up of teams from tribes from all over the state.

Lewis said the NARD event is an opportunity to show the public how much of an important partnership the Community has with the Dbacks organization.

The day would not be com-



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Miss Gila River 2017-2018 Anissa Garcia threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Chase Field during Native American Recognition Day on the evening of June 10.



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Team Outkast enjoyed a walk around the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball field shortly after being recognized for their 3rd place ranking in the Inter-Tribal Baseball and Softball Tournament.

plete without a ceremonial throwing of the first pitch, which was done by Miss Gila River 2017-2018 Anissa Garcia.

Garcia threw an impressive

pitch to start the game off. She said it was an honor to represent the Community.

Garcia prepared for the first pitch by practicing at the District

5 ball field.

Community member Bob Villa sang the Star-Spangled Ban-

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Seven newly elected and re-elected Council Representatives take oath of office



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Elected council representatives took the oath of office on June 7. From left, Terrance B. Evans, Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Rodney Jackson, Pamela Johnson, Jennifer Allison and Joey Whitman.

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The Gila River Indian Community's Council chambers was filled to capacity as one newly elected, two returning, and four incumbent Council Representatives took their oaths of office during a swearing in ceremony held on June 7. GRIC Chief Judge Victor Antone administered the oath of office.

The newly elected and returning Council Representatives won their respective district seats during a May 2 Community Council Election for Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The four incumbents who will be remaining in their seats

are Joey Whitman for District 1, Rodney Jackson for District 3, Jennifer Allison for District 4, and Marlin Dixon for District 5.

The two returning Council Representatives are Janice Stewart for District 5, who vacated her seat in 2015, and Terrance B. Evans for District 6, who previously served on Council for 18 years.

Community Council newcomer, Pamela Johnson, will represent District 4.

After the seven Council Representatives each took the oath of office, they were congratulated by a long line of family members, friends, and colleagues on the floor of the Council chambers followed by a 15-minute reception.

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HAPPY
Father's
DAY

MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

To all the fathers in the Community, have a very happy Father's Day. We look to our fathers for knowledge and protection. It's one of the most important jobs and it comes with tremendous responsibility. We honor those men today who guide us through life and help us strengthen our spirit and build character.

Being a father comes with a great deal of pride. It's one of the great joys for a father to see his children blossom. A father's love will provide security and confidence in good times and bad. We rely on those father's for being good role models and protecting the family and the home.

It's also necessary for a father to pass on those important values to his family. I know my own father led by example and instilled in us to always do the right thing. He worked tirelessly for the Community, but always made time for his wife and children.

So thanks again for all that you do. Being a parent isn't easy, and hard-working fathers are among the best. Enjoy your time with your family this weekend, and remember to have a blessed Father's Day.



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Gila River Police Department welcomes new officers

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Three new police officers were sworn into the Gila River Police Department on June 2.

Officer Jason Greeley is a Gila River Indian Community member who grew up in Coolidge, Casa Grande, and Mesa. He served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry rifleman, where he completed a number of deployments to Iraq and later served as a Drill Sergeant. His parents are Jason Sr. and Shannon Dobbs. He and his wife Andrea have four children.

Greeley said, "Coming back here, it's been a true blessing. It's been an honor, for one. ... This has been a huge learning experience for me because I didn't grow up out here."

He said, "It's pretty awesome to come out here and serve the Community along with learning about the Community at the same time. I'm just super excited to meet the people and learn as much as I can."

Officer Carlos Campos was born and raised in Mesa. He earned an Associate's Degree from Mesa Community College and Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix. After spending eight years as the manager of a bank, he says he is excited to begin serving with the GRPD, where he feels like he is more than a number in the ranks, but a member of a family.

He said, "Thank you to the Police Department and also to the Gila River Indian Community for giving me an opportunity to work and do my best to make a difference within the community."

Officer James Kennaugh comes to Arizona from Illinois. After high school, Kennaugh served in the medical field while serving in the U.S. Air Force. He is still in the Air Force in a reservist capacity and is working to complete a degree in pharmacy technology and aerospace medicine.

"I grew up in a small community," he said, "so being able to work for a small community is near and dear to my heart. I'm a community-oriented person, so I like to get out and talk to people and I feel like I can accomplish that here."

All three officers expressed gratitude to the GRPD and Gila River, and said they are looking forward to serving and learning about the Community.



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Left to right: Police Chief Kathleen Elliott, Officer Jason Greeley, Chief Judge Victor Antone, who performed the swearing-in ceremony, Officer James Kennaugh, and Officer Carlos Campos.

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Omitted name of high school graduate: Yzana Soto - Coolidge Alternative Program

South Mountain chuckwallas relocated due to South Mountain Freeway construction



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This mature male chuckwalla was cool as a cucumber during its relocation and processing on June 1. It was measured, weighed, painted, and a DNA sample was taken before being released at a safer location away from construction.

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Within the desert habitat of South Mountain Park, lives an animal so elusive and secretive, that many visitors to the preserve never have the opportunity to catch a glimpse of the colorful creature.

Often mistaken for its venomous cousin the Gila monster, the chuckwalla, a lizard of large proportion, calls the mountain preserve home, with hundreds of thousands of the animals living within the park's boundaries.

Now that construction of the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway is underway, a number of the lizards are living in direct path of the new roadway and in danger of injury or even death.

In an effort to keep the local chuckwalla population out of harms way, Gila River Indian Community's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and Arizona Department of Game and Fish (AZGF) have been working to relocate as many lizards as they can before construction begins.

Last September, the

team relocated 50 chuckwallas and is looking to move an additional 65 animals this month.

Russell Benford, GRIC DEQ Senior Wildlife Biologist, is one of several biologists who have been working at South Mountain to locate, study, and relocate the large lizards.

"We are collecting as many chuckwallas as we can find just before portions of the Pecos Road section of the Loop 202 are being developed," he said. "We are going in, sometimes literally a few weeks or even days before the bulldozers come in, trying to extract as many animals as we can, to save them, and to move them to a safer habitat where they won't be impacted," he said.

AZGF Wildlife Herpetologist, Daniel Leavitt, said the chuckwallas are not being moved very far from their habitats, with their new relocation sites being just uphill from their original territory.

"This movement will bring them into new habitat alongside their brothers and sisters that are just uphill from them in South Mountain Park," he said. "So they will be relocated a couple hundred meters. Not very far from where they

existed, but out of the way of harm."

Relocating the large lizards several hundred meters may seem simple enough, however, the issue of finding the elusive animals is much more difficult.

"They are really hard to find and that is to their advantage because that is one of their main sources of defense," said Benford. "We have some trained people who are really good at this kind of thing."

He said their group spends a lot of time in the desert looking very closely in areas where chuckwallas like to hide, sometimes searching up to ten minutes in a single piece of habitat. This may seem like a reasonable amount of time, however, when adding in the immense area of land the lizards inhabit, the job becomes much more laborious.

In Search of Chuckwallas

From May 30 through June 2, biologists from DEQ, ADOT, and AZGF hiked the hills of South Mountain in search of chuckwallas to relocate.

On the morning of June 1, during one of their many outings to South Mountain, the group traveled to a



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Members of the Arizona Department of Transportation paint this chuckwalla's feet white so they can identify it again during future surveys.

temporary processing area where they measured the chuckwallas and took DNA samples.

The biologists measured the chuckwalla's length and weight, "[which] together will give us a sense of body condition for the population, [and] how healthy they are," Leavitt said. "In addition to that there is a geneticist who is taking tissue samples off of these animals," he said.

Before releasing the chuckwallas, the team painted each of the lizard's feet white so the animals can be re-identified during future surveys.

Chuckwallas and their DNA

The chuckwalla is a species of large lizard that can be found throughout the American southwest from southern California, to southern Nevada and Utah, western Arizona, Baja California, all the way to northwestern Mexico.

They reach lengths of over 15-inches, have wide flat bodies covered in coarse scales, and their thick tails taper to a blunt end.

The orange-tailed chuckwalla, which can only be found within the park's sprawling 16,283-acres of native desert habitat, look different than other species of chuckwalla, with mature males sporting a black body and vibrant orange tail, while females having a mottled brown coloration.

"Our survey so far have only found [orange-tailed] chuckwalla to occur in South Mountain," said Leavitt. "This one population is the only population with the orange tail variation."

This striking variation has some biologists wondering if new genetic testing will show the mountain's population of chuckwallas to be any different from others in the

area.

"If we find that these chuckwallas are indeed genetically distinguishable from other chuckwallas in the region, that means that they might be considered... their own distinct population," Benford said. "They are very unlikely to be considered a separate species, but even a little bit of genetic and physical differentiation from other populations will help us, and other agencies, understand that this is a population that is special," he said.

While the current thought among many biologists is that the orange-tailed chuckwalla is not a separate subspecies, based off of results from genetic testing performed in the 1980s and 1990s, new testing is being done to find out more information about the animals.

Whether future genetics testing finds South Mountain's orange-tailed chuckwallas to be their own separate subspecies or just your regular garden-variety chuckwalla, one thing is certain, DEQ, AZGF, and ADOT have saved a large number of the lizards.

"They are really a gem in the desert here and are one of the ecological assets the Community has," Benford said. "These chuckwallas are like no other chuckwallas in the world, and that is something to be proud of."

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Incident Log

May 21-27, 2017

Calls for services this week: 647, Arrest made: 47

District One (Blackwater):

Theft – Victim alerted police by pressing her alert button on the base of her phone after the suspect punched her in the face for

verbally disciplining the suspect's child. The victim advised the suspect to leave her residence, as the suspect walked out he took the house phone receiver with him. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival. The victim refused medical attention.

Status: Suspect outstanding

Homicide – The victim had been discovered lying in their bed covered in blood and unresponsive. Further investigation revealed the victim sustained a gunshot wound in the

head near the temple. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene and the investigation was turned over to detectives. The suspect was not located, but is currently being searched for.

Status: Suspect outstanding

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Theft – An elderly vic-

tim stated that a male subject entered into her yard and removed her garden hose from the residence. She stated she heard a noise in her backyard and proceeded to look through her window. She was unable to see any individual but then again heard the noise for a second time. As the door opened she observed the male subject walking out of her yard with the hose.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim stated that money was tak-

en from her wallet while she was at the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital. The victim and hospital security confronted the alleged suspect, but the suspect denied taking the money. The suspect's identification was not known at the time and she then left the premises prior to the Police's arrival. This investigation is currently on going and we are in the process of identifying the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic

Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a residence in reference to a domestic dispute in progress. Upon their arrival the investigation revealed the suspect had assaulted the victim by striking, biting and strangling the victim. The victim showed signs of strangulation but refused all medical treatment and refused to be transported.

Status: The suspect was arrested and booked into jail

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District 4 (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft – The victim reported that he gave his vehicle to a friend to borrow for the day; while driving around his friend stopped at the Lone Butte to get money from the ATM. His friend left the keys in the ignition and his friend in the vehicle. Upon returning outside his friend and the vehicle were no longer at the location. The friend contacted the registered owner whom in turn reported the vehicle stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A male and female were observed on video surveillance taking, concealing, and consuming food inside of the Lone Butte Trade Center. The individuals ate the contents and then walked out of the store without paying for the merchandise they consumed. The two were last walking towards the Lone Butte Casino.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a residence in reference to a fight in progress between two female subjects. Upon arrival the investigation revealed the victim had asked the suspect to move out of the residence. The two began a verbal argument where the suspect punched the elderly victim in the facial area. The police department was able to locate the suspect from the incident and determined they had been intoxicated at the time. The suspect was detained at which time she struck twice with her foot and spit on the officers on scene. The elderly victim refused any medical attention.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Six – (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – The victim was assaulted with an unknown blunt object causing serious injury. After the suspect assaulted the victim the suspect then broke a bedroom window before leaving the residence. The victim had swelling to the facial area and blood coming from their eye. The victim was transported to the hospital for further medical treatment with follow up currently being conducted.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – A victim reported to police they were assaulted with a gun causing a laceration to the top of their eye. After

the assault had occurred the suspect entered into their vehicle and fled the scene.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapons– While Officers were in the area they observed a vehicle fleeing the scene of shots fired. The Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and located Azastava AK47 along with several spent casings. The Officers also located several alcoholic containers which were open throughout the vehicle. Due to being under the influence and the firearm being within the suspect's immediate control he was taken into custody for negligent use of a deadly weapon.

Status: The suspect was booked into jail

District Seven – (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part I crime

Incident Log

May 28- June 3, 2017

Calls for services this week: 793, Arrest made: 31

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – The victim reported to officers she was strangled by the suspect during the course of an altercation. The suspect was not contacted during the investigation and follow up is being completed. The victim was treated by GREMS and released.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to the hospital in reference to a stabbing victim. Investigation revealed the victim sustained a laceration to the palm of her right hand. The victim stated she and the suspect were drinking when an altercation occurred. Witnesses stated the suspect and victim were fighting and the suspect was said to have a knife in their possession.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to a local business in reference to a shoplifting which had recently occurred. Upon arrival the investigation revealed a male suspect had walked into a smoke shop and took three cartons of cigarettes. After grabbing the items the suspect exited the building and fled on foot. A photo of the video footage was shown to people in the surrounding area

to assist in identifying the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – During the course of the altercation the suspect struck the victim with a coffee table and a large metal pipe. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional for her injuries and the suspect was arrested.

Status: The suspect was booked into jail

Auto Theft – A juvenile male suspect took a black jeep belonging to a family member without permission. Officers attempted to locate the vehicle with negative results and the jeep was entered into the system as stolen.

The Police Department was able to later locate the suspect and another juvenile male who were still in possession of the stolen vehicle. Both subjects were arrested and booked into jail for possession of the stolen vehicle.

Status: Two juvenile males were arrested

Burglary– The victim reported the side door

to her residence had been kicked in and a bedroom door had been taken. No other items were reported missing at the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft – The victim reported her vehicle was broken into and her purse was taken while she was in the Gila River Casino. Video surveillance captured three male suspects at her vehicle searching the inside of her vehicle and leaving in a vehicle from the premises. The victim's purse was later recovered in the area with and the items dumped near a bush.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to a shoplifting call in the Casa Blanca area. The investigation revealed five intoxicated subject arrived at the store and were observed to be acting suspicious. Surveillance was reviewed and it revealed one of the five subjects place chewing

gum and monster Slim Jims in his pocket and left the store without paying. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival but was identified by one of the store employees.

Status: Charges are being long formed and follow up being completed.

District Six (Komatke):

Burglary – The victim reported items missing from her residence when she returned home from work. The investigation revealed the victim left their home to go to work in the morning and returned home in the evening. The victim observed the side gate was open which leads to the back of her residence. The victim conducted a walk through and observed a bedroom window was open and noticed a large majority of electronics were missing from the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim was playing a slot machine at Vee Quiva Casino and stood up to place her purse strap around her neck causing her money fall to the ground. The suspect ob-

served the money on the floor and picked it up. The suspect was contacted and admitted he did pick up the money on the floor but stated it was not as much as the victim stated.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft of a purse. The investigation revealed the victim was in the poker room and had left their purse sitting on the table to their left. The suspect walked up to the purse, removed it from the table and quickly left the casino premises. The suspect was later located and admitted to taking the purse.

Status: The suspect was booked into jail

Theft– The victim stated her license plate belonging on her vehicle was taken by an unknown suspect. The victim stated she had driven the vehicle the night prior, but was unsure if the plate was attached or not.

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GRPD new recruitment strategy a success; 150 apply for job

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In years past, Gila River Police Department's police officer recruitment drives have brought in around 30 applicants, but now, due to the development of a new recruitment strategy the department is receiving a record number of applicants, with over 150 people applying for the position on June 2.

The new recruitment strategy, developed by the Backgrounds and Recruiting Unit led by Sgt. Paul Maroney, created a hiring campaign that not only reaches every corner of the Gila River Indian Community, but also the Phoenix Metropolitan area and beyond.

This has led to daily recruitment drives at every service center in the Community, recruitment billboards off of the I-10, electronic billboard displays inside the Gila River Arena, job fairs at many local community colleges, and job fairs at Fort Huachuca, where hundreds of United States Marines are transitioning out of military service back to civilian life.

"When I came into the unit, we had approximately

33 to 36 applications for police officer," said Maroney. "This was all by word of mouth or people [being there] at the right time, [the] right place. I would call it a low response," he said. But now, due to the success of the new hiring campaign, the department recently received over 150 applications for the position of police officer.

"We are seeing a higher response," said Maroney. Two years ago they received on average around 30 applicants, he said, but as they utilized their new strategy they saw a large increase in interest, with 113 people applying six months ago, and most recently, with over 150 people applying for the position.

In addition to the new advertising campaign, GRPD has changed their hiring strategy of posting a job application on mygilariver.com for 30 days, to having an open continuous recruitment policy. This means individuals interested in applying for the position can do so at any time.

"This is a true dynamic change in the face of the department and what we are doing: proactively searching for new applicants," said Maroney. "At the same



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GRPD Sgt. Paul Maroney, left, Officer Jerrod Rosson, and Officer Veronica Sanchez (not pictured) make up the department's Backgrounds and Recruitment Unit, which has worked to increase recruitment.

time...our primary focus is Community members. We pushed really hard this past year to gain community interest in our positions," he said.

Maroney said that while GRPD has been advertising for positions in the Phoenix area and even out of state, they have also been pushing hard to get Community members on

board. One day a week, for seven weeks, GRPD's recruiting unit visited each of the Community's district service centers in an effort to find interested tribal members, he said. GRPD also recruited at special events like the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo, local car shows, and even set up a booth at the Governance

Center during a per capita payout, all in an effort to recruit local talent.

In addition, GRPD is gearing up to recruit Community dispatch personnel. Because the minimum requirement for the position is that applicants must be 18-years-old, the department will be visiting local high schools in search of future employees.

"We are specifically looking for Community members that go to one of these high schools to move in and become a dispatcher," Maroney said.

If you are interested in becoming a GRPD police officer, a dispatcher, or would like to learn more information, call (520) 562-7114 and ask for a recruiter.

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12:00pm	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices-Looking from Our Roots	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Cousins Across The Sea	Impact of the Frolic	Languages of Victory	The Process	Jaynelle	
12:30pm	<i>Aqui Voy A Andar</i>	<i>Standing Rock Special</i>	<i>Legends, histories and evidence that verifies the the people of the Pacific.</i>	The Beginning of the End	Stories of the River	<i>Insightful journey into lives of those affected by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.</i>	<i>She grew up having a bad childhood with alcoholism, drugs, and violence.</i>	
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Portrait of a Mask Maker	Seasoned with Spirit	
1:30pm	Native Report	<i>Carrying on the Tradition</i>	Vitality Gardening	<i>The New Masters</i>	Vitality Gardening	<i>Desert Southwest Cuisine</i>	<i>Working It Out Together</i>	
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	<i>Community Gardening</i>	<i>How to Compost</i>	<i>Welcome to Vitality</i>	<i>Gardening Therapy</i>	<i>We're Going Berry Picking</i>	Sivummut	
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Sivummut	
3:00pm	<i>Nothing Breeds Success ...</i>	From The Spirit	From The Spirit	From The Spirit	From The Spirit	From The Spirit	From The Spirit	
3:30pm	<i>How did a small nomadic tribe establish supreme power.</i>	<i>George Littlechild</i>	<i>Archie Beaulieu</i>	<i>Joane Cardinal - Schubert</i>	<i>Jim Heart</i>	<i>Eli Nasogaluk</i>	<i>People of the Pines</i>	
4:00pm	Aztec Pyramids of War -Pt1	Working It Out Together	Indian Pride	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride	Storytellers in Motion	<i>Crossroads</i>	
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5:00pm	Don't Get Sick After June	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	
5:30pm	<i>U.S. gov't's failure to provide health care with American Indian nations.</i>	Native Report	People of the Pines	Making Regalia	People of the Pines	Make Prayers to the Raven	Indians and Aliens	
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9:00pm	SHRED IN THE NAME OF LOVE SKATE COMPETITION @ D3, SACATON, AZ	Fish Out of Water	Fish Out of Water	Fish Out of Water	Fish Out of Water	Fish Out of Water	Hit The Ice	
9:30pm	<i>Fort William Historical Park</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	<i>Max Effort</i>	
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Washing, Bathing and Cleaning in O’otham

In O’otham there are different words used for personal grooming to express the meaning of “wash”, “bathe” or “clean.” For example, one phrase that is often spoken to children is *Ha vapkuan heg e no:n-ov* or “wash your hands”. This phrase makes use of the O’otham verb *vakuan* ‘to wash’, which in this example is used in its plural form *vapkuan*. Most verbs (action words) in O’otham have a singular and a plural form that match the number of items that undergo the action (in this case two since both hands are being washed). The verb *vakuan* can be used when washing different types of items like individual parts of the body, tools, household items, and even cars and trucks. When you want to tell someone to wash something you use either the phrase *Vakuan heg (e) _____* or *Ha-vapkuan heg (e) _____* and add the item that you are requesting to be washed at the end. The choice of either phrase depends on whether the item that is being washed is singular (only one) or plural (more than one). For example if you wanted to ask

someone to wash their face you would say “*Vakuan heg e wiyosha*” using the singular form of the verb. But if you wanted to ask someone to wash their laundry you would say “*Ha vapkuan heg e eñga*”. To use this phrase correctly you also need to know whether the item that is being washed belongs to the person or is uniquely associated with the person. If the item is associated intimately with the person (either is part of their body or belongs to them) you use the word *e* before naming the item. For example to tell someone to wash their hair you would say “*Vakuan heg e mo’o*” but if you wanted them to wash the spoon (something not linked with them) you would say “*Vakuan heg kusal*.” In casual conversations fluent speakers may leave out the first word *Ha* when stating plural requests and shorten the phrase to *Vapkuañ heg (e) _____*. This is probably because the first word *Ha*, which is used to indicate the action is happening on a plural item, is not needed as the verb is already in its plural form.

A similar word that is used for personal grooming is the O’otham verb *vachvi*. *Vachvi* means to “bathe” or “shower” and is different than *vakuan* because *vachvi* implies that you are getting fully immersed in water like when you take a bath or shower. When you want to tell your kids to go take a bath you can say “*Him k e vachviñ*” or more straightforwardly “*E vachviñ*”. *Vachvi* is more limited than *vakuan* because its meaning is restricted to people and animals where the whole body is washed as opposed to parts of the body. Nevertheless it is useful in contexts where you want to tell someone to bathe themselves, their pets or other family members. To use this phrase to tell someone to wash or bath another person or animal you would say “*Vachvin heg (e) _____*” or “*Ha-vapchviñ heg (e) _____*”. Once again the difference between the two phrases depends on whether the item is singular or plural. So for example if you want to tell someone to give the cat a bath you can say “*Vachviñ heg mi:thol*”

Match the O’otham “washing/cleaning” word with its picture!

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Kekchuth heg ki:!

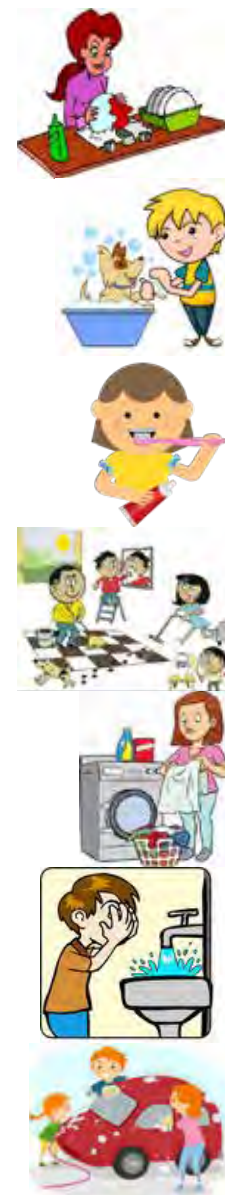
Vakuan heg e wiyosha!

Ha-vapkuan heg huasa:’a!

Vakuan heg kalith!

Vachviñ heg gogs!

Ha-vapkuan heg e eñga!



and if you wanted to say give your brothers a bath you can say “*Ha-vapchviñ heg e vepnag*.”

One more word that is useful to know is *kekchuth*. *Kekchuth* is used when talking about cleaning, fixing or repairing something that is broken. It can be used with personal grooming in contexts like brushing your teeth or cleaning your nails. So when you want to tell your kids to brush their

teeth you can use the word *kekchuth* as in the following phrase “*kekchuth heg e tha:tham*”. *Kekchuth* is not used as often when talking about personal grooming as it is more often used when talking about cleaning a house or fixing a car. But as can be seen *kekchuth* is used in much the same way as *vakuan* and *vachvi*.

Now that you have learned (or refreshed your memory) on words

for washing, bathing and cleaning in O’otham try using them with your family members. Talk with elders and speakers in your family and find out how they use the words *vakuan*, *vachvi* and *kekchuth* and ask what other words they use when talking about personal grooming. This month’s word match will test your memory on the phrases you just learned.

Tibetan monk visits Huhugman Heritage Center for cultural discussion

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Huhugam Heritage Center welcomed a special guest from Tibet to learn about local Native culture and to make connections between the two peoples.

During an impromptu visit, Phakkyab Rinpoche, visited the Huhugam Heritage Center to learn more about the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh cultures on June 6.

He said the Tibetans and Native people share similar history and struggles, and he was compelled to visit a local tribal community during his visit to the Valley.

HHC Museum Aide II Robert Johnson, provided Rinpoche with an overview of the history of the Community.

Tribal Education Department Assistant Culture Coordinator Tammy Hestia, helped coordinate the visit.

She said the HHC was the most direct way Rinpoche was going to get a



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Pahkyab Rinpoche, right, visits with HHC staff.

full representation of the Community.

Johnson said the Community has always had a long tradition of welcoming visitors to its tribal lands, since the time of early Spanish explorers, 49ers

and expeditionary forces by the U.S. Army.

At 13-years-old Rinpoche said he had a connection to Buddhism and its relation to spirituality with nature. This influenced his decision to enter a monas-

tery when one opened in his town of Kham Tibet.

Rinpoche, who has advocated for the progress of his people, established a foundation called the Healing Buddha Foundation Endowment, which provides financial support for healthcare and education among the people of Tibet.

His organization also provides assistance to help rebuild monasteries that are disrepair due to political unrest that has plagued Tibet since 1950.

During his recent visit to the Community, Rinpoche shared how his native homeland has been in turmoil and that there is a need for education and health care for the people of Tibet.

He also wanted to learn more about the history of the Community, which included a tour of

the archives that are home to artifacts from prehistoric times like woolly mammoth bones and tusks, to the Huhugam people, who inhabited much of central Arizona. He said for many decades Tibetans have been

under the authority of the Peoples Republic of China’s government and that during the course of that leadership, many of Tibet’s monasteries have closed,

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NARD Dbacks

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ner and received a resounding applause for his performance.

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due to the persecution of Buddhist monks, who fled to nearby India.

Throughout PRC's control of Tibet, he said the number of Buddhist monks has drastically declined.

His personal story of perseverance and his mission to keep the Buddhist teachings alive have led him to many parts of the world from France to New York and the Community.

In 2003, Rinpoche immigrated to the United States to New York City to seek treatment for wounds sustained while held in a Chinese prison over several months.

Rinpoche said he had developed gangrene from untreated wounds in his right leg and foot and that

doctor's considered amputation.

"My leg was so swollen, that it hurt to move...I really didn't want my leg to be amputated," said Rinpoche, "With my condition, I thought I would try to meditate using what we call 'Tsa Lung,' to heal myself."

Tsa Lung (channel, breath) is a series of exercises that are taught to Tibetan Buddhists to help them transfer the flow of energy to different areas of the body.

The process wasn't easy and took several months and long days of meditating to heal his leg and body, without the assistance of medication or treatment.

"I was on crutches for

most that time and it took a while to heal...it was a 'bumpy river,'" said Rinpoche describing his road to recovery.

Rinpoche has traveled to several countries, sharing his story of overcoming his health struggles and how karma has been part of the journey of giving back.

He said, "The mind is powerful if you open it to other sources of healing... No matter if someone is young or old, you have the ability to see inner peace and compassion."

Each of these components are what Rinpoche says he's grown to understand and share with the people he meets, because it all ties back to Karma and seeing others develop the same attributes about life and self-worth.



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Group shot following the presentation with Pakhyab Rinpoche.

Rinpoche thanked the HHC and TED staff for welcoming him to the Community and to tour the facility to see firsthand, what makes the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh unique from those he has visited all over the world.

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"All Of Us" conference looks to improve Native public health



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presents at the "All Of Us" conference on May 25.

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Gila River Indian News

A local university and healthcare provider hosted a conference to improve the treatment of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples through patient specific care.

The University of Arizona and Banner Health hosted the regional Amer-

ican Indian and Alaskan Native dialogue conference called "All of Us," a research program on precision medicine, that was held at the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel on May 25-26.

The discussion was on how to bring patient care to underrepresented communities without sacrificing the quality of care.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed the gathering of researchers, clinicians and public health representatives for investing the time and effort to provide a conference that opens the door to partnership with institutions, such as U of A.

He said it is important for tribal communities

to build relationships with universities like U of A that have a sincere investment in helping tribal communities combat health disparities.

"When [we] can look at innovative partnerships with institutions such as the University of Arizona...it is beneficial for both parties, it is beneficial for the tribes and for a great and proud institution like the University of Arizona," said Lewis.

The conference is meant to bring together tribal leaders and partners to help stimulate dialogue with the U of A and Banner Health on what can be done to address health disparities.

Lifestyle, environment, and biological makeup can impact a person's health according to data collected through the "All of Us" research program.

John Molina, conference co-chair and Corporate Compliance Officer at the Native Health Center in Phoenix, said the conference is about bringing together a dynamic lineup of speakers that can bring in their expertise in working in tribal communities and how that can translate into precision medicine.

Senior Vice President for Research Dr. Kimberly Espy, said the university appreciates the commitment of individuals at

the regional and national healthcare level, and from advocacy organizations and researchers, to start a dialogue around what precision medicine means and how that can be translated to patient care for underrepresented minorities.

She said, according to a National Institutes of Health report, "Underrepresented minorities account for fewer than 10 percent of [those] enrolled in clinical trials."

Espy said that participation is crucial in development of research that will lead to better treatment and therapy and the possibility of eradicating certain diseases.

With the stigma around research and clinical trials among Native communities, its understandable that there is a hesitancy to participate, which is why the people at U of A and Banner Health want to let Native people know the research is in mutual partnership and is not a one direction flow of information, but includes everyone from community members to tribal leadership.

Gov. Lewis said, the Gila River Healthcare Corporation addresses the health conditions and needs of tribal members.

Gov. Lewis said having a health care corporation allows GRIC to improve the health of the

people, which he said is all part of being a sovereign community.

"We are looking at the current health issues like diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer...so [we] are looking at these health conditions, and how [our] people can take control of their health," he said.

He said that partnerships like the "All of Us," research initiative adds more to the ever-growing effort to address health disparities among tribal nations.

Espy said that at the core of precision medicine is the opposite of the historic one size fits all approach, and that it is an effort to revolutionize health and treat diseases in underrepresented populations.

"Precision medicine considers participants as unique individuals and takes into account the multiple biologic, social and cultural factors that differentiate us in subtle ways," said Espy, "Sure those difference start in our individual genes that not only establish a frame that effects our health, but is not only in the genes, its in other characteristics, sex, age, but more importantly precision medicine considers how our unique environments and lifestyles, which are shaped by our cultural heritage effect the prevention and prevent a disease."

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GRIC unveils new building for District 5 Agricultural Program



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Tribal leaders, local farmers, and other stakeholders who contributed to the construction of the new District 5 Agriculture Building.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Workers for the District 5 Agriculture Program have a new building to store equipment, make repairs, and complete projects under protection from the elements. The D5 Agriculture Committee and Gila River Indian Community Council opened the new facility June 1.

The grand opening featured stories from farmers over large clean concrete floors.

"It looks like a conference room in here right now," said Agriculture Committee Chairperson Danny Williams, "but once they get their equipment

in here there's not going to be much room to walk around."

D5 Coordinator Darin White said, "We are happy to have this facility built for the District's and Community's use."

The D5 Agriculture Program assists local farmers with everything from weeding to planting seed to bailing hay and directing water. All that farm work puts demands on their equipment, which needs to be repaired from time to time. The new shop is the perfect place to fix the tractors and other heavy equipment they use.

"We got the building, and we need it," said Williams. "It gets real hot sometimes, and it gets

real cold [in the winter]. A building like this will really help the workers here."

Agriculture Program Manager Neil Granger seconded that. "We'll be able to bring our machinery in here and work on them in a good environment. And when the rain and wind are blowing, we'll be in here out of the rain and everything else. Same thing with the wintertime, when it's real cold we should be able to come in here and work on equipment that we have to fix."

The structure was built by Arrow Indian Contractors and features a lunchroom, a restroom with shower, a 716-square-foot office, and 4,882-square-foot warehouse/maintenance shop with three large bay doors. It is on Nelson Road, just west of the I-10, on a 40-acre lot, which serves as the Ag Program Yard.

District 5 is the only district that offers free agriculture services to its residents, and local landowners were encouraged to make use of their land for farming.

"Let's make use of what we have here," said Williams. The farm aid wasn't always an option for local farmers in the past, "but now we've got more



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The District 5 Agriculture Building features three large bay doors, an office space, a break room, and a 4,882 square-foot shop for farm workers to complete projects.

farmers." District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone agreed. "We have the building, we have the resources," he said. "It's just in our blood that we like to farm, to grow things."

Local farmer Alex Blaine would like to see more farmers producing and selling in his area. "With all the things that we have here in Gila River with the water, the land, and all the help from the different entities [like the D5 Ag Program]," he said, "it's a good place to be now. We need to set an example for our young people

that are coming behind us, that they'll go on and carry on that [work ethic]."

Former Gov. Donald Antone said agriculture is a major part of O'otham history.

"In the past, agriculture was so important that the schools included their farming business as part of the curriculum," he said. "But the future is what concerns me."

He said, "I think that if we're going to move forward with our economic development in our agriculture, we're going to have to set agriculture as our top priority. ... Our agriculture

history will continue. It may be in a little different form than what it was in the past, but it definitely needs to be moved forward."

Former District 5 Council Representative Frank Pablo, who is also a former Ag Program manager, said the new facility has been a long time coming, "but it's well worth it. ... We have a new beautiful building, where a welding shop can go in here and hopefully in the future we can expand it. But it couldn't have been done without the help of everyone. So, thank you."

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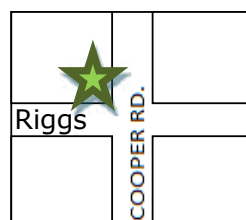
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Where The Piipaash Walked



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Historian Harry Winters presents a history of Piipaash using Piipaash place names for mountains and lands along the Lower Gila River, Middle Gila River and Salt River at the Huhugam Heritage Center's Piipaash Elders' Meeting May 23.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

[Author's Note: There are many ways to spell Pee Posh/Piipaash. In this article, we will use the latter spelling, Piipaash, because that is the version used by historian Harry Winters.]

The story of our ancestors is contained by the land they inhabited and revealed by the names given to places like the hills, valleys, and paths they crossed. Mountains like Kukupur Nyivash (Painted Rock Mountains) tell us how the Piipaash saw their world, while flat lands like Kwa'ak Mat (Catclaw Field) may have given the "Maricopa" their name.

Equipped with books, photos, and a PowerPoint slideshow, historian Harry

Winters guided an audience of mostly Piipaash elders from the Estrella Mountains westward along the Gila River toward the Colorado River, pointing out place names in Piipaash and O'otham along the way. The Huhugam Heritage Center arranged the May 23 presentation, which took place at the Estrella Mountain Regional Park Nature Center and focused primarily on Piipaash names.

Winters began with a brief history of the Piipaash and O'otham along the Lower Gila River. He defined the Lower Gila as the segment of the river from its confluence with the Salt River in Laveen all the way to where it meets the Colorado River in Yuma.

"So starting on the Lower Gila," he said, "if

you go southwest from Buckeye, you follow the old highway to Gila Bend. There's a hill out there, a very distinctive butte called Power's Butte in English, and the O'otham call it Chuk Kaviddk." They called it that because a kaviddk is a ramp-shaped hill, and it's black, hence, Chuk Kaviddk.

But, he said, "The Piipaash called it Vii Hash A'amp...and what it means is it looks like the mountain is lying on its stomach to drink water out of the Gila River."

The next stop was Uupad Oidag or Kwa'ak Mat, Catclaw Field in O'otham and Piipaash, respectively. This is near the part of the river that bends west. Winters said in the 17th Century the O'otham may have mixed the two languages to call the Pi-

ipaash the Kwa'ak Mat Oba - oba meaning "non-O'otham person" in O'otham. The phrase may have transformed in translation from the O'otham to the Spanish to Cocomaricopa, and eventually shortened to Maricopa.

Following the river downstream, you will run into the Painted Rock Mountains, which the O'otham called S-wepegk because the rocks are very red.

"But the Piipaash called it Kukupur Nyivash," said Winters. In his research with Piipaash elders, Winters was told that Kukupur is a spirit of some kind who made the Painted Rock Mountains his home. The Piipaash would go to Kukupur Nyivash to ask for something and if they didn't turn and run away when a noise came from the rocks, it would be granted to them.

"So I'm going to jump now from that place all the way down to the Agua Caliente area," said Winters. Agua Caliente was well known for its hot springs and given the same name, "Hot Water," in all languages - Ha Kupinysh in Piipaash and S-toñ Shuudag in O'otham.

Winters said Father Francisco Kino, a Spanish priest and explorer who kept detailed documents of his 17th Century voyages into O'otham and Piipaash country, began his journey along the Lower Gila and worked his way eastward up the river. The first large

Piipaash village he came to was across the river from Agua Caliente on the south bank of the river.

"And when he was there," said Winters, "they gave him so much fish and grain and corn to take with him on the rest of his trip, he couldn't even carry it. And they told him there were a lot of Piipaash on the other side of the river at Agua Caliente...but they couldn't get across because the river was so wide and deep and fast their horses would drown. So they couldn't cross it."

After covering the Lower Gila, Winters backtracked and named a few significant locations along the Salt River area and the Middle Gila River.

The presentation was full of details and history. Winters has been studying the O'otham language since his teenage years and Piipaash for the past half-decade. The retired geological engineer is very familiar with the geography and geology of Arizona, and spends his spare time researching this history of the land from the perspective of the indigenous peoples who have occupied this corner of the earth for centuries.

He said, "I was always interested in the first people, the Native people. What did they think when they saw a place? What did they call it?"

Winters is generous with the information he is learning. He is working on a book, which he hopes to

have finished in three or four months and ready for purchase not long after that. It will cover more than 70 place names in Piipaash and O'otham based on interviews he conducted with his Native American friends.

He told the class, "This book, I want everybody to understand, is not being written for money. It's being written to make a record to capture everything we can while we can so that future generations will at least have that knowledge."

He said, "I'm hoping that [the book will] spark people's interest, they'll realize that there is still a lot of information that's available, that can be saved. ... And so, if by seeing all this, it makes people start thinking about what they heard...we can keep getting it down so that the future generations will at least know to what extent the people occupied the land and what they thought about it and what they called it and what happened there."

The audience included elders, scholars, linguists, and educators. Cheryl Lyn Anaya, Education Coordinator for GRIC Head Start Programs, said, "I was really fascinated with it because it shows that there's a lot of history in the lands."

Anaya's family is from District 6, not far from the confluence of the Gila and Salt Rivers, and now she works with the children from that area.

"I'm looking at it from an educator's standpoint, how we can use the landscape to teach our children appropriate ways to behave or...just lessons about who they are and knowledge about their families that could be contained in that land."

She said, "I think a lot of people don't pay attention to that value in just being able to look at the lands [and] looking at place names because there's so many reminders of who we are as a people and how we're supposed to be."

The land tells the story of who we are and where we come from. Our ancestors moved and traveled, but they have called this land home for centuries. Anaya said educators could use the land and language to teach the history of the Piipaash and O'otham people.

"The kids would have a very different perspective on where they're living and who they are and being able to make that emotional connection to the land," she said. "It gives you a sense of place, a sense of belonging."

O'OTHAM NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Cultural Circle-Sacaton Fair Grounds | June 17th-6pm to June 18th-Sunrise

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
CULTURAL GAME DEMONSTRATIONS - 6PM
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Post 84 and Auxiliary Unit 84 officers installed for 2017-2018



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Auxiliary Unit 84 Officers take the oath on June 11.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Fourteen members of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 and Auxiliary Unit 84 were sworn in as officers for the oncoming year during the 2017-2018 Officers Installation and Dinner held at the Holiday Inn Casa Grande Hotel on the evening of June 11.

Post 84, which formed in 1972 and has been active in the Gila River Indian Community hosting commemorative events and providing numerous supportive functions for local veterans, swore in seven officers and an additional seven officers for Auxiliary Unit 84.

The evening began with an opening prayer performed by Post 84 Commander Chesley Juan, followed by opening remarks from Juan and Auxiliary Unit 84 President, Carletta McDaniel

“We just thank everybody for helping us and the support we’ve seen wher-

ever we go,” Juan said.

Post 84 Adjutant, Tony McDaniel, called up member Robert Delsi, who recently underwent chemotherapy treatment, in recognition of his work and loyalty to the post.

While presenting a gift to Delsi, McDaniel said “Robert has served faithfully for many, many years.”

In response to the honor, Delsi said, “This post has got more class than anybody I know. I’m so blessed to belong to this post.”

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, whose father Edward Allison served in Post 84, thanked the veterans in attendance and wished the incoming officers good luck.

“I’m very honored to be here tonight amongst the veterans,” she said.

A highlight of the event was the swearing in of newcomer Martin Isvak, who was elected to the position of Jr. Vice Commander. McDaniel said that it was because of Isvak’s

hard work and determination he was elected to the position.

“Right away he jumped in and is helping, working, and doing everything that he possibly can,” said McDaniel.

While Post 84 performs a host of functions in the Community, the state of Arizona, and beyond, their main focus is to get veterans registered so they can receive benefits earned serving in the military.

“One thing we need is for all military veterans to have their discharge papers on file for their families,” said McDaniels. “Register as a veteran, because there are some benefits that your family can receive like your headstone and your burial flag. They can’t get that from the government if they don’t have a copy of their discharge papers,” he said.

To learn more about Post 84 or if you are interested in joining the post, call (520) 562-8484.

Below is a list of incoming officers for Post 84 and Auxiliary Unit 84:

- Post 84**
- Chesley Juan – Commander
- Leslie Jackson – Senior Vice Commander
- Martin Isvak – Junior Vice Commander
- Tony McDaniel – Adjutant
- Robert Amado – Finance Officer
- Father Edward Meulemans – Chaplain
- Gilbert Gonzales –



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Post 84 incoming officers are sworn in at the installation ceremony.

Sergeant at Arms

- Auxiliary Unit 84**
- Carletta McDaniel – President
- Geanine Trout – Vice President
- Macelyn Roberts – Treasurer
- Doris Jackson – Secretary
- Rowena Juan – Chaplain
- Cindy Giff – Sergeant at Arms
- Elaine Lopez – Historian



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Post 84 member Robert Delsi, right, is presented with a donation for expenses following his chemotherapy.

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Gila River Indian Community
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Tell us what you think about:

1. The location of services
2. Quality of services
3. Transportation concerns
4. The types of services being offered

Day: Tuesday
Date: 06/20/2017
Time: 6:30 PM till 7:30 PM
Location: District I Multipurpose Bldg

For more information please contact:

Ron Fosson:	Phone: 520-562-3321
Noah Sundust:	Phone: 520-610-0454
Christina Floyd:	Phone: 520-562-5119

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- Maintain good physical, emotional & spiritual health
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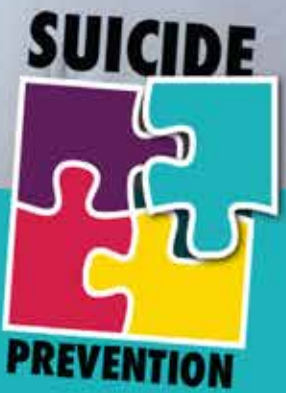



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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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 June 7, 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 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

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 (10:17); D5- Janice Stewart (10:17), Marlin

Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony

Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans

(10:17); D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

District 1 – Joey Whitman Victor Antone

District 3 – Rodney Jackson

District 4 – Jennifer Allison

District 4 – Pamela F. Johnson

District 5 – Janice Stewart

District 5 – Marlin Dixon

District 6 – Terrance B. Evans

Presenter: Chief Judge

CHIEF JUDGE VICTOR ANTONE PROVIDED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO EACH OF THE NEWLY AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:17 A.M.]

(15- minute reception to follow)

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

REPORTS

*1. St. Peter's Indian Mission School Quarter 2 Report SY 2016 – 2017

Presenter: Sister Martha

REPORT HEARD

2. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 FY17 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Chesley Juan

REPORT HEARD

3. 2017 Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo Report

Presenter: June Shorthair

REPORT HEARD

4. Travel Report 2nd Quarter-Fiscal Year 2017

Presenter: Suzanne Johns

REPORT HEARD

5. Development of Culturally Sensitive Food Safety Grower Trainings

Presenter: Valerisa Joe

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Sacaton Middle School Quarter 2 Report SY 2016-2017

Presenter: Philip Bonds

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

REPORTS 6, 7, & 8

7. Skyline Gila River School Quarter 2 Report SY 2016-2017

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #6

8. Johnson O'Malley Quarter 3 Report SY 2016-2017

Presenter: Gabriella Alvarez

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #6

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Arizona State Public Safety Pension Issue (Executive Session)

Presenters: Sharon Harvier, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Financial Activity Report Ending April 30, 2017 FY17 MOD 38 Capital Projects Review & Update April 30, 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Suzanne Johns, Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Kelly Gomez

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report April 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manual, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gila River Gaming Commission Report For April 30, 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

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 The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No ROW_D4_14_001 Crossing Allotted And Community Trust 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 4 And As Shown On Drawing No 40414-0689-EA-01 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Calvin Touchin, Antonelli Anton

APPROVED

2. 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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

3. A Resolution Approving Tribal Health Department Agreement With Johns Hopkins University For The Implementation Of Their Family Spirit Program (H&SSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with correction, ESC concurs)

Presenters: Christina Floyd, Veronica Perea

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase of Allotted

Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 227-A) (G&MSC motioned to forward to the June 07, 2017

Council meeting with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 3146-A) (G&MSC motioned to forward to the June 07, 2017 Council meeting with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2172) (G&MSC motioned to forward to the June 07, 2017 Council meeting with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America For The Four Mile Post Lift Station And Pipeline Wholly On Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval, with corrections)

Presenter: David DeJong

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Amending GRICUA's Plan Of Operation To Allow Board Members With Expired Terms To Continue To Serve On The Board Until The Community Council Appoints Or Reappoints An Individual To Serve A New Term On The GRICUA Board (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: GRICUA Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

9. A Resolution Approving The Assignment Of The Sublessor's Interest In The Sublease Between Gila River Farms, An Enterprise Of The Gila River Indian Community, And Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation, A Tribal Corporation Of The Gila River Indian Community, Lease No. B-GR-130-A To Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Gloria Koehne

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of All Remaining San Carlos Irrigation Project Non-Irrigation Customers Within The Exterior Boundaries

Of The Gila River Indian Community And Approving The Amended And Restated Electric Wheeling Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community, The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority, The Bureau Of Indian Affairs And The San Carlos Irrigation Project (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Lenny Gold

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Appointments (4) (2- Full Terms; 2 - Unexpired Terms)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

SERENA JOAQUIN AND DALE ENOS TO THE

FULL TERMS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

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DUANE JOHNS AND DENISE ALLISON TO THE UNEXPIRED TERMS
 2. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Board of Directors 2 – Appointments
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT BELINDA NELSON & LEE MIGUEL, JR.
 3. Community Treasurer Appointment
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ROBERT KELLER
 4. Community Council Secretary Appointment
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT SHANNON WHITE
 5. Government & Management Standing Commit-

tee Appointment - (1) Council Seat
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR.
 6. Natural Resources Standing Committee Appointment – (2) Council Seats
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MARLIN DIXON AND RODNEY JACKSON
 7. Health & Social Standing Committee Appointment – (2) Council Seats
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA JOHNSON AND JOEY WHITMAN
 8. Legislative Standing Committee Appointments – (2) Council Seats
 Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR. AND JANICE STEWART
 9. Education Standing Committee – (3) Council Seats
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA JOHNSON, JANICE STEWART AND TERRANCE EVANS
 10. Cultural Resources Standing Committee Appointments (2) Council Seats
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MARLIN DIXON AND ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR.
 11. Economic Development Standing Committee – Appointments (2) Council Seats
 Presenters: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT JENNIFER ALLISON AND CHARLES GOLDTOOTH
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
 12. Gaming Amendments (Executive Session)
 Presenter: Linus Everling
 ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
 NEW BUSINESS
 1. Declaration Of Farm Board Vacancy (G&MSC motioned to forward the vacancy to Council)
 Presenters: Gila River Farm Board
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT TERRANCE EVANS
 2. Declaration of Vacancy for Court of Appeals Judge (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to reappoint Mr. Little or declare vacancy)
 Presenter: Shannon White
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REAPPOINT JUDGE ANTHONY F. LITTLE, II
 3. Letter of Resignation (LSC forwards to Council)
 Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr.
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND APPOINT AT THE NEXT MEETING
 4. Memorandum May 23, 2017, Canton Indian Asylum Cemetery Annual Memorial Services (CRSC forwards to Council under New Business)
 Presenter: Reylynne Williams
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE
 [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 5. Zuni Invitation – Delegation
 Presenter: Councilwoman Jennifer Allison
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE
 MINUTES
 1. December 7, 2016 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
 2. May 3, 2017 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
 3. May 17, 2017 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CHAGE
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 > WORDS OF GRATITUDE EXPRESSED TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE CHOCTAW MEETINGS
 >NCAI TRAVEL JUNE 10-16, 2017
 >SPECIAL H&SSC MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017, 9-10AM
 ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:25 P.M.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



**Gila River Indian Community
 Head Start and Early Head Start Program**

**Enrolling now children ages
 0 – 5 years old for SY 2017-2018**

The Head Start program provides a learning environment that supports children’s growth in the following:

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Documents needed: Family’s income verification
 Child’s name & age verification

Additional documents will be requested upon acceptance – child’s Immunization record, child’s current Physical exam and Lead screening

Attention Dog & Cat Owners

Gila River’s Animal Control Program & Spay/Neuter Clinic will be having their annual summer rabies clinics starting in late June 2017. If your dog or cat is at least 3 months old it can get a Rabies shot. The dogs/puppies 5 in 1 and the cats/kittens 3 in 1 health shots will also be available. We will also be offering tick/parasite control. The following is the schedule:

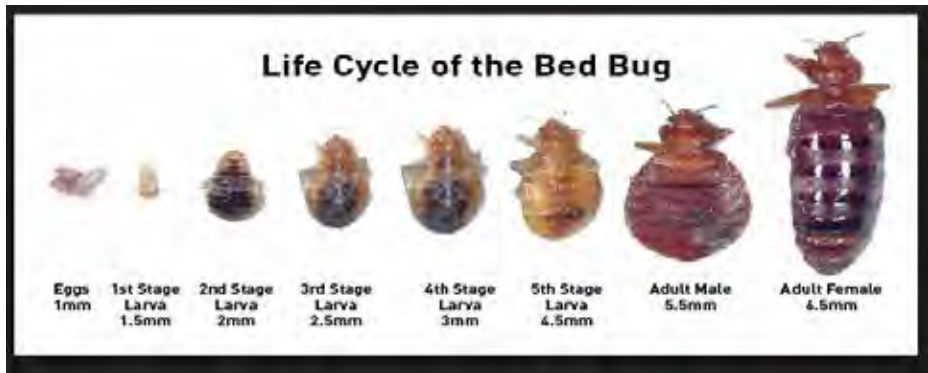


District 6 Tribal Health Department	Friday, June 16, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 1 Multi Purpose Building	Monday, June 26, 2017	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
District 2 Ball Park	Monday, June 26, 2017	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
District 3 Service Center	Tuesday, June 27, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 4 Ball Park Ramada	Wednesday, June 28, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 5 Ball Park Ramada	Thursday, June 29, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 7 Ball Park Ramada	Friday, June 30, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For more information or questions, please call Animal Control at 520-562-5177.

Remember to always keep your animals on a leash.

GRIC Environmental Health Offers Public Awareness on Bed Bugs



The GRIC Tribal Health Department would like to increase community awareness about bed bugs. We will begin by giving you a few "did you know" facts about bed bugs. Here are the following:

DID YOU KNOW?

- * Bed bugs are appearing due to changes in pest control practices, increased personal travel and bugs hitch hiking on clothing, people and personal items like bags and purses.
- * Bed bugs are wingless and cannot jump or fly.
- * Adult bed bugs are brownish or red in color, flat and oval shaped.
- * Bed bugs range in size from small-

er than a poppy seed to as big as an apple seed.

- * Bed bug eggs are very tiny and look like rice.
- * Bed bugs are often mistaken for ticks, fleas, and cockroaches.
- * Bed bugs feed on humans only and when they do feed it's called a "blood meal".
- * Bed bug adults can live 6-12 months without a "blood meal".
- * Bed bugs like to hide and rest where humans sleep and hang out.
- * Bed bugs do not transmit disease.
- * Bed bug bites are painless and human reactions to bites vary.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you think you may have a bed bug

infestation, the GRIC Environmental Health Services Program would like to offer a few tips to increase community awareness when inspecting your home. Early detection for the presence of bed bugs can prevent a large infestation from happening. Our suggestions are as follows:

- To get helpful tools including a flash light, magnifying glass, and playing card
- To start by looking in the first place you saw the bed bug
- To inspect the bed first and work out from there
- To search for bed bugs of all life stages, shed skins, and white rice like egg cases

- To collect a sample of the bug and call the GRIC EHS for a positive identification
 - To look for the bed bug, and brown to red lumpy dropping stains on fabric, wood and metal
 - To be aware of stains that will look as if someone touched the tip of a magic marker to the fabric
 - To look behind the floor moldings by the wall, head board, mattress and box spring seams, and the mattress frame where they come together
 - To inspect linens, pillows and casings, notches and grooves in wood and metal
 - To inspect wall hangings, curtains, books, night stand drawers, TV and remote
 - To inspect all furniture and if someone is sleeping on the couch, search there also
- The search and detection for bed bugs requires persistence and patience. When searching your home for bed bugs, you practically have to think of everything. A thorough search and identification can prevent an active bed bug infestation from spreading throughout the home. Please be on the lookout for our final bed bug awareness article on how to get rid of bed bugs. If you suspect that you have bed bugs or have any questions

and concerns about bed bugs, please give our Environmental Health Program a call at 520-562-5100.

I've Got Bed Bugs! Now What Do I Do?

If you have positively identified bed bugs in your home, the GRIC Environmental Health Program would like to provide awareness of some common practices in managing your infestation. They are as follows:

- To remove all furnishings, wall hangings, fabrics and bedding from the infested room.
- To place all items in direct sunlight, spread out for no less than 6 hours on a day that is over 113 degrees Fahrenheit.
- To drive the bed bugs from their hiding places using a hair dryer, tape, or a vacuum to remove them from cracks and crevices, outlets, trim, molding, etc in each room.
- To scrub all wood, wall and floor surfaces in each room with a mild bleach solution or detergent and a stiff bristle brush.
- To seal all holes with plaster or joint compound; cracks and crevices with elastomeric caulking.
- To vacuum and scrub all furnishings which were placed outdoors; focus on the mattress/box spring seams, uphol-

stered furnishings and wood furniture cracks and crevices.

- To dry all fabrics at high heat then place them into the washing machine.
- To contact an exterminator to apply pesticide along all remaining cracks and crevices in the "cleaned", empty rooms that have been properly prepped.
- To only put back properly cleaned furnishings and fabrics into the home environment.
- To utilize specialized bed bug encasements for each mattress, pillow and box springs.
- To do searches and extermination for bed bugs on a continuous basis over the course of 6 to 9 month intervals.
- To label all discarded items as "Bed bugs, Do Not Re-Use".

As you can see, prevention, patience and persistence are required when removing bed bugs from your home. Any lesser amount of remediation from the above mentioned recommendations will decrease the possibility of a complete and thorough removal of a bed bug infestation. If you have any questions regarding the removal and awareness of bed bug infestations, please give the GRIC Environmental Health Program a call at 520-562-5100.

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: Uhs Kehk Market
 Facility Address: 4401 W. Arizona State Route 87, Coolidge, AZ 85228
 Owner Name: Wild Horse Pass Development Authority
 Owner Address: 5350 N. 48th St., Chandler, AZ 85226
 Air Contaminants Emitted: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
 Public Notice Start Date: May 19,

2017
 Public Notice End Date: June 19, 2017
 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 DEQ 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.

CIVIL SUMMONS

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 MESSINA COLT
 Petitioner/Plaintiff
 vs.
 FRANK SUNN
 Respondent/Defendant
 TO: FRANK SUNN
 8419 S 91ST AVE
 LA VEEN, AZ 85339
 CIVILSUMMONS
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 YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. Ha written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the bearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
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 DATED this 5th day of June, 2017

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 Christina Floyd @ Phone: 520-562-5119

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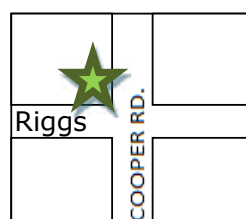
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Workplace Tips for Monsoon Preparedness

Planning Ahead for an Emergency

Disaster can strike at any time, at any location with little or no notice. It can create a significant impact on individuals, the community or the workplace. The probability that a specific hazard will impact your department is hard to determine. That's why it is important to consider the different threats and hazards. Monsoon season is quickly approaching and preparation is key for departments to be prepared.

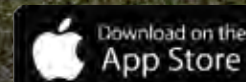


What can you do to be prepared?

- Be informed and stay alert.
- Pay attention to warnings; weather alerts, emails, and intranet updates.
- Do they know what to do about driving during a dust storm?
 - Pull off the road immediately.
 - Put the car in park.
 - Take your foot off the brakes so your brake lights are not illuminated and turn off the headlights.
 - Stay put until the dust storm passes (dust storms can last a few minutes to over an hour).
- Communicate! Communicate! Communicate! Ensure employees are informed and are familiar with emergency plans.
- Have employee numbers and emergency contact numbers readily available and have a department communication plan.
- Have an emergency "To Go" bag at the workplace and encourage all of your employees to have one at their home. Discuss with your employees what should be in the "To Go" bag. This can include water, a flashlight, telephone numbers, etc.
- Take a tour of your facility inside and out. Are there things that have been put off to get repaired? These can create further damage to the facility during storms. This will also ensure that critical infrastructures are protected and that the Community is able to recover from an incident with minimal delay.

OEM Contact Info:

For questions or assistance contact the Office of Emergency Management (520) 796-3755 or go online to gricready.org OR gricready.com.



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