



A Blackwater Community School student decides which color backpack to choose. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Acting IHS director visits GRIC and tours Hau'pal Health Center



GRHC COO Derrick Glum takes acting IHS Director Michael Weahkee on a tour of the Hau'pal Health Center on Aug 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Backpacks to Blackwater

FoxGives donates 300 backpacks at Blackwater Community School

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Fox Sports Arizona donated over 300 backpacks filled with school supplies to the students at Blackwater Community School on Aug. 14 as part of their FoxGives initiative.

"It's our way of helping out in the community, we look forward to this event, specifically, every single year," said Brett Hansen, director of communications and marketing. "This was a school we knew was in need and we loved to come out and help them give backpacks to kids and kick off their school year the right way."

The FoxGives initiative allows Fox colleagues purpose-driven, impactful volunteer opportunities and philanthropic

support of non-profit organizations.

The students were brought into the school library class by class to choose between red, blue and black backpacks. Inside the bags were binders, notebooks, pencils, erasers, rulers and other school supplies.

According to Hansen, this was the third year that Fox Sports Arizona has come out to the Community and second time donating backpacks filled with school supplies. Fox Sports Arizona has a partnership with the Gila River Hotels and Casinos.

The Fox Sports Arizona staff spent Friday afternoon loading the backpacks up with the supplies in preparation for the school distribution.

"It was awesome seeing the smiles on the kids' faces," said

Hansen. "It makes it well-worth it and hopefully we make a difference and that's what FoxGives is all about."



A student smiles after receiving a backpack full of school supplies. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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A top official from the Indian Health Services agency visit the Gila River Indian Community after opening its latest health center.

Acting IHS Director Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee and departments heads within the agency took a tour of the Hau'pal Health Center on August 1.

Weahkee, a member of the Pueblo of Zuni tribe of New Mexico, has served as the Chief Executive Officer for the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, and in the United States Air Force as a Public Health Specialist.

During a special meeting at the GRIC Governance Center, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and members of the Community's Health & Social Standing Committee met with Weahkee about the interests of the Community to expand its healthcare and how that fits within overall mission of

IHS to serve tribal nations.

Topics for discussion was funding for healthcare, initiating dialog on tribal consultation with Indian communities and funding for the treatment of veterans for health issues.

Gov. Lewis encouraged the acting IHS director to consider the opportunities that are available through collaborating with tribes on improving their healthcare systems.

Lewis said AIs have taken on more roles to provide their own healthcare, which opens the door to more effective collaborations with IHS over healthcare that is directed where it needs to be.

To follow up with the Community's recommendations, Weahkee said based on feedback from other AI communities, IHS's current tribal consultation policy should be reviewed and updated

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Myrna Beeson speaks at the FY19 Budget Community Outreach meeting on Aug. 11 in District 7. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Community members attend FY19 Budget meetings

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community held a pair of meetings to present the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The FY19 Budget Community Outreach meetings were held on August 11 in District 1 and District 7. The Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor, Office of the Treasurer and the Office of the Community Manager hosted the meetings, which included a preview of the upcoming operating budget.

Following the meeting in District 1, the second meeting was held at the District 7 Multi-purpose Building at 1 p.m. Before the information was presented, non-Community members were asked to leave until the end of the proceedings.

Community members listened to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Treasurer Robert Keller and Treasurer Mentee Suzanne Johns. Attending Community Council Representatives also gave remarks including Carol Schurz, District 2, Carolyn

Williams, District 3, Monica Antone, District 4, Pamela Johnson, District 4, Janice Stewart, District 5 and Devin Redbird, District 7.

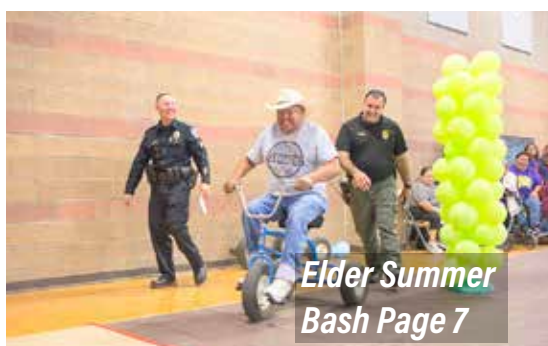
To open the discussions, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis pointed out two key proposals to the FY19 Budget, which included an increase for Tribal Social Services and a 4% cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, for all tribal employees.

In addressing the increase to

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GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE

The Caring House Employees Lauded for Achieving Substantial CMS Compliance

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of Directors, "Recognition must be given to each of The Caring House employees whose hard work obtained this type of result." Scott Gemberling, CEO, added, "The CMS surveyor was impressed with the accomplishments achieved in the short period of time, declaring The Caring House in substantial compliance."

Recently, the Board of Directors (BOD) and Executive Leadership Team (ELT) hosted a special event to recognize the employees of The Caring House (TCH) for going over and beyond to achieve compliance with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) standards.

Myron Schurz, Chairman of the GRHC Board of Directors, offered the following statement on behalf of the GRHC Board

At the recognition event, TCH employees were celebrated for their accomplishments and responded with reaffirming their commitment to focus on maintaining compliance while further improving operations to ensure a high level of service. "We have to keep growing; we have to keep striving for better; we have to improve our delivery of care on any given day," Ron Preston, TCH Administrator said. "I think the unrelenting support of the BOD and ELT encouraged TCH employees to persevere to reach the achievements and the enthusiasm to accomplish what we are expected to achieve in the future."

With the support of Gila River Health Care's leadership, The Caring House employees are eager for the future and look forward to giving the Community more reasons to be proud of the Caring House.

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Youth competes in soap box derby championship



Andrew Sakeagak poses with his soap box derby racer. Photo Courtesy of Takkak Sakeagak

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Strapped to his seat with hands tightly gripping the wheel, one boy rides his way to a top ten finish at international soap box derby.

On July 21 Andrew James Inquin Barehand Sakeagak took

7th place in the 81st Annual All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron Ohio, racing among a field of entrants from Japan and Europe.

The derby is known around the world for attracting competitors to the Derby Downs Track in Akron, a 989-foot-long track made just for soap box racing.

Andrews father Takkak Sakeagak said, "My son, wife and I built his first derby car when was seven and ever since then he is always willing to help maintain his cars."

He said their family are descendants of the Cross and Lyons families from District 5 Casa Blanca, are an active family on the go involved in various activities.

About Andrew, he said, "It's was a very exciting time for all of us...He has gone a couple of times before, but never made it out of the first round and same for his younger brother."

At age 13, Andrew is an 8th grader at Parma Senior High is Cleveland Ohio and is one of four brothers are always involved with activities outside of driving soap box cars, participate in soap box car derbies, play hockey and are involved in Boys Scout and Cub Scouts.

Their oldest son, who is autistic, competes in the Super Kids soap box car category, who An-

drew drives with in a dual car set-up with one steering wheel.

Sakeagak added that he plays in a special needs hockey league on a team called the Cleveland Rockin Wildcats and is part of program called Parma Pride, where the kids play various sports activities throughout the year.

"Recently they did baseball for the summer and this past fall/winter they did racquet sports ie: badminton, racquet ball, and tennis," said Sakeagak.

He said Andrew has been playing hockey since he was six years old as a goalie in which his team has won two championships and made it to the playoffs four times through his six seasons playing.

Sakeagak said Andrew will be participating in another race on the August 25, and throughout the fall season.

Recently, three of their children participated in a flag ceremony for the local arena football team.

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to address their needs.

At the Hau'pal health center, Chief Operating Officer Derrick Glum and the Gila River Healthcare Board of Directors welcomed Weahkee to the new facility.

GRHC board member Wanda Manuel thanked Weahkee, because of the IHS funding used to build the facility, which will also serve as an alternative for the Phoenix Indian Medical Center for to patients

seeking treatment for their health needs.

Weahkee said the Hau'pal health center is great addition to the Community and will benefit other AIs that will come through the facility for treatment.

"I know what a relief that will be for ambulatory care provision taking 15,000 or so patients that are currently receiving treatment downtown [here]," he said.

Phoenix Indian Health Service Area Director Charles (TY) Reidhead, who attended the groundbreaking, was amazed to be back to see the health center completed.

"I've seen the facility at various stages, from when it was dirt to now being completed," said Reidhead.

Afterwards, Glum gave the IHS officials a tour of the new facility, discussing the key services that will be available to patients.

In the main entrance of the health center, a public viewing for Community

elders to place allowing the chance to look at the various departments and talk with customer service staff, who guided them on tours giving them facts on the facility.

Now that the Hau'pal health center is open, it will serve as an alternative location for AIs to receive healthcare and reduce the time to being seen at PIMC, in which the new facility

aims to alleviate the large influx of patients treated there.



Community leadership meet with Acting IHS Director Michael Weahkee at the Governance Center to discuss funding priorities. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Wyman's TOP Youth Club

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12:00pm	Native Planet-Hawaii <i>The growing native sovereignty movement.</i>	Gringo Favelado <i>Journey through the lives of three gringos who have chosen Rio favela as home</i>	Why Treaties <i>World views that motivated tribal leaders, settlers, and the US gov't.</i>	The Young Ancestors <i>Teenagers learn their native Tewa to revitalize their language and traditions.</i>	7H R O W B A C K 7H U R S D A W!	Nickel, The Treasure of Kanak <i>Kanak have fought to obtain their share of the wealth arising from mining.</i>	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and its impact on drinking water.</i>	
12:30pm						Ravens and Eagles <i>The New Masters</i>	California Pow Wow	
1:00pm	Storytellers in Motion <i>The Maori Voice Part 2</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Argillite Carver</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Carrying On Traditions</i>		Vitality Gardening	Sivummut	
1:30pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening <i>Raised Garden Bed</i>	Vitality Gardening				
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Working It Out Together <i>The Results</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Ready, Set, Go</i>	Working It Out Together <i>Feel The Burn</i>		Working It Out Together <i>Feed The Soul</i>	Wassaja	
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl <i>Is Blood Thicker Than Love</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Abraham Anghik Ruben</i>	From The Spirit <i>Kevin Red Star</i>		From The Spirit <i>Michael Massie</i>	People of the Pines <i>Legacy of Casinos</i>	
3:00pm	Peach Blossom Garden <i>Philosopher, poet, musician, daring, extravagant and unorthodox.</i>	Native Planet-Hawaii <i>The growing native sovereignty movement.</i>	Indian Pride <i>Health and Healing</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Billy Mills</i>		Storytellers in Motion <i>Hunkpapa Women</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Children of the Desert
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4:30pm	Mad Money Hunters	Behind The Brush	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Making Regalia <i>Leather Belts</i>		Native Report		
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6:00pm	Native Voice TV <i>Michelle Montanez</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>		Sharing Circles <i>Money for Healing?</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Walking the Plank</i>	
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8:00pm	Native Shorts <i>OK Breathe Auralee</i>	Wild Archaeology	Urban Native Girl <i>Lisa vs. Lisa</i>	Kvcarts <i>Def-1</i>	Cousins Across The Sea <i>Skeletons of New Zealand-Pt 3</i>	A Game for Life		
8:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Indians and Aliens	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Allan Baldwin: In Frame <i>Exploration into hearts and minds of the greatest Kuia and Kaumatua.</i>	Turquoise Rose <i>Her grandmother becomes ill, suddenly Turquoise must make a decision between Rome and the Reservation.</i>		
9:00pm	The Aux	The Romance of a Vanishing Race <i>Natives and their life-style in the early 1900s.</i>	Standing On Sacred Ground <i>Fire & Ice</i>	Mad Cow Sacred Cow <i>Shocking connections between Mad Cow crisis, Farm & Global Food crisis.</i>	Smoke Traders <i>The multimillion dollar industry that Mohawks built has gotten them out of third world poverty.</i>	The Native Mascot Issue		
9:30pm	Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people.</i>	Gold Fever <i>As the gold frenzy brings in a profits, the community launches a powerful resistance struggle.</i>	Alaska Tribes <i>The Story of Federal Indian Law in Alaska</i>	Trail of Tears <i>America's darkest period: President Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act of 1830 and the forced removal of the Cherokee to Oklahoma. Nearly a quarter of the Cherokee died during the Trail of Tears.</i>		Traditional Ecological Knowledge		
10:00pm			Song of the Drum: The Petroglyphs of Maine <i>Native Americans began carving images into stone about 3,000 years ago.</i>					
10:30pm								
11:00pm	RUSSELL MOORE PRESENTATION @ Pueblo Grande Musuem	Treading Water						
11:30pm								

Vets gather at the Veteran & Family Services Conference

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Veteran & Family Services Office held the 2nd annual Veteran & Family Conference on Aug. 11 at the Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass Resort providing workshops and support to Community veterans.

Two workshops in the morning were designed to help veterans learn and understand about benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which had representatives on site.

A workshop titled, "VA Service Connection & Benefits," helped veterans become service connected with the VA and learn about the many benefits they offer. The VA representative discussed the compensation/pension plans as well as what is covered in disability.

He also discussed how the VA can assist veterans that had been exposed to certain situations while serving which include exposure to agent orange, contaminated water at Camp Lejeune and toxins from burn pits during the Iraq War.

The paperwork and process can be confusing and that is why the confer-



Community member David Molina, a Purple Heart Recipient, speaks during a panel at the 2nd annual Veteran and Family Conference held on Aug. 11. . Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

ence had a VA representative on hand to assist anyone prospective veterans and answer their questions in regards to receiving benefits.

He also discussed the VA loan program to purchase a house, which also has a specialized loan for American Indians who live on Indian reservations.

After lunch, the conference continued with two more workshops that featured Community members.

One was a panel discussion with three recip-

ients of the Purple Heart Medal which included David Molina, Gary Rodriguez and Bruce Hutchinson. The trio discussed how their injuries were sustained and what life was like post-combat.

Molina and Hutchinson served in the Vietnam War and Rodriguez served post 9/11. They each battled with post-traumatic stress disorder once returning home and each shared their own journeys which was riddled with alcohol abuse and lack of VA knowledge.

With help from the

VA and understanding services offered to them, they were able to overcome their faults and get the counseling services they were entitled to and turned their lives on the right track.

Rodriguez, from District 1, served in the United States Marine Corp. said in addition to his PTSD, he suffered from survivor's guilt after he lost a close friend in a bomb explosion. He said that being a Purple Heart recipient there is a bond that cannot be broken.

"I look at any soldier, marine, airman, sailor and we have a bond automatically, any branch, at one point we have been cold, wet and hungry and we've been through certain stuff in our lives," said Rodriguez. "When I see a Purple Heart recipient, I know they've gone through a cer-

tain type of trauma. There's a lot of blood, sweat and tears that goes into it and no one goes out to get one."

Molina, an Army veteran, said that he still suffers shaking from his injuries. He discussed how a DUI was the changing point in his life and with help from the VA received the counseling that he needed to help with his PTSD.

Hutchinson, also an Army veteran, serves as a service officer for the Veteran of Foreign Wars of the US for Tolleson and for the Pee Posh Veteran Group in District 7. He discussed how he had no idea that the VA offered compensation or counseling services for nearly 40 years.

He said that he thought his battle with PTSD was normal for any serviceman that returns home, not fully understanding the gravity of the situation at that time. He also said living on the reservation makes it hard to understand the VA benefits, saying that American Indians didn't understand stuff like that during that time period.

Because of that, now, he tries to help as many veterans that he can.

He cautioned the audience about PTSD, saying that although someone may seem alright, they could be suffering. He also said that families suffer from PTSD as well and that it is not limited just to the veteran.

The last workshop offered was Veteran Cultural

Practices that discussed cultural ceremonies that families have done for their servicemen.

A mother of a Marine, Pam Thompson, along with Aaron Sabori discussed how important ceremonies are to soldiers when they return, saying it brings a certain type of closure. They also said that these "ceremonies" don't have to be traditional, it can be church-related, etc. but if it's done with good intentions of the heart, it will help ease a soldier's return home.

After all of the workshops concluded, the veterans and their families returned to the main ballroom for closing remarks. In just its second year of hosting the conference, the VFSSO hopes to continue growing the annual conference and might look at including nearby tribes in the future to make it more than just a one-day affair.



Aaron Sabori shares personal insight during a veteran cultural practice panel. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



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BE GRIC FIT NEWS

This summer the Wellness Center was honored to have WIOA workers Giovanni Molina, Allyiah Silver and Nicoleah Morgan. These young ladies had the opportunity to be mentored by our Fitness Instructors in various areas of the field. They were taught many skills and encouraged to come out of their shell in this high energy environment. As a farewell and thank you to these young women, we hosted a community wide Deadlift Party. One of our main goals is to encourage our youth to live an active lifestyle no matter what the interest may be. This event brought in 20+ lifters locally and some coming from as far as Tucson. We thank these young ladies for their willingness to learn and positive energy. It was a delight to have them this summer and we wish them the best of luck in their future goals. Thank you ladies.

DEADLIFT PARTY JULY 27



Wellness staff offered a fitness booth at this years Gila River Youth Conference at the Rawhide Event Center. Participants were encouraged to take on the max rep burpee challenge. These young gentlemen took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. We also had many participants spin the fitness wheel from as young as 6 years old. Everyone who visited our booth walked away with multiple goodies. The future is looking bright when you have such willing youth ready to tackle their future goals.

GILA RIVER YOUTH CONFERENCE JULY 13, 2018

To end their season, little t-baller's were treated to their own private awards ceremony at the Wellness Center on August 4th. Children enjoyed a meal with their fellow team mates, parents and coaches. They also played trivia games, received team awards and plenty of goodies. We thank these awesome youngsters for their teamwork and of course, the parents for their constant time and energy in supporting the youth to continue in sports activities. See you all next season.

T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY AUGUST 4, 2018



To mix things up, Fitness Instructors "Bee" and "Fabby" recently partook in Yoga training and are now offering their new found knowledge in basic yoga. Come join us every Friday 9:00am- 10:00am at the Wellness Center Gymnasium. For a change of pace, these ladies set the mood with dimmed lights, aroma therapy and soothing tunes to help you relax and get a different type of workout. Our minds are just as important as our bodies! Come try it out!

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Shopol Es'big Mashath – Short Planting Month



Photo Courtesy A. Joyce Hughes

This month's featured plant is the Ihug, also known as the Devil's Claw, or Martynia. There are two types of ihug O'otham basket weavers use, the Proboscidea parviflora var. Hohokamaina, the scientific name (annual), and the Ban Ihug'ga known as the Proboscidea parviflora, Altheaefolia (Perennial).

O'otham women refer to the plant simply as "Ihug." The former, ihug, is domesticated and known as "White-seeded Devil's Claw." This plant is listed in the Haichu E'es 'planted things' plant category. O'otham weavers purposefully grow it along the edges of summer gardens and next to ditch banks where

it receives enough water in the dry hot summer. This variety of ihug grows larger and longer spines which the weavers value. The later, Ban Ihug'ga or black seeded variety is listed in the "Wild Annuals" plant category because it grows wild anywhere on the landscape. This ihug sprouts after periods of heavy summer rains

Figure 6 Vowels

Vowels	O'OTHAM SOUND	English Sound
A, a	ash – laugh ali – baby añilo – ring asuga – sugar auppa – cottonwood	<u>f</u> ather
E, e	esh – chin e'es – plants e:kthag – shadow elthag – skin eñga – clothes	<i>Own distinct O'otham Sound</i>
I, i	ipud – dress i'iks shu:shk – tennis shoes i'ispul – spurs i:bthag – heart i:vak – spinach	<u>F</u> ish
O, o	o:g – father on – salt o:o – bone(s) o'hon – letter, book, magazine o:og – tears	<u>S</u> aw
U, u	u'us – sticks uv – girl u:k hi'himtham – airplane u'u – bullet u:ig	<u>m</u> oon

Excerpt from 'AKIMEL O'OTHAM READING AND WRITING: A NEW BEGINNING'

and adds a touch of green to the barren landscape. Yellow blossoms give way to pods that contain the two-pronged 'claw' that grow into maturity. In early fall the succulent skin dries and sheds off the black, short-stemmed claws. Later, as the claws completely dry out the two-prongs separate, and hang on the dried stems of the dormant plant, or fall to the ground. Basket weavers collect both types of ihug and store the pods away until needed for weaving throughout the year. O'otham and animals

alike eat the seeds of both plants.

Akimel O'otham Vowels

Section Two: The Akimel O'otham written alphabet is borrowed from the English alphabet. We are using letters that is the closest sound to our language. The vowels below are to some extent tricky. We encourage you to ask a speaker to tell you the O'otham word that is written in English to get the right sound and practice the sounds.

Figure 6 shows and

explains the five Akimel O'otham vowels [a, e, i, o, u]. In this chart, the middle column shows the O'otham vowels with O'otham example teaching words using the vowel plus the English meaning. The last column has the English letter that has the sound closest to the O'otham vowel. The letter 'e' has its own Akimel O'otham unique sound. For the 'e' vowel it is best for a speaker to articulate the 'e' sound and teach this sound that way.



Elders try their hand at the various game stations during the Elder Summer Bash at the District 3 Sacaton Boys & Girls Club. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



An elder rides a tricycle around an obstacle course at the Elder Summer Bash. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Over 250 participate in the Elder Summer Bash in Sacaton

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community elders converged on the District 3 Sacaton Boys & Girls Club the center of activity for the Elder Summer Bash event on August 6.

To mark the events eleventh year, elders from other tribal communities across Arizona and one from California came to the Community for some old-fashioned fun away

from the heat.

District 3 Elderly Coordinator Reba Manuel said several departments came together, including the elders in putting on the event.

Over 250 elders took part in the event and 16 chair volleyball teams bumped, served and spiked their way to victory.

"The elders really got involved with coming up with the types of games and activities they wanted to do," said Manuel,

Assistance from the

Communication & Public Affairs office and public safety contributed their time and resources to provide the fun activities to the elders.

It would not be possible without the help of the elders themselves, who helped out with the registration booth and table games.

A series of games and an obstacle course, that required careful navigation on an oversized tricycle awaited the elders inside

the Boys & Girls Club gymnasium.

Personnel from the Gila River Fire Department and Police Department also played a part in providing the games.

Manuel said they have been coming out providing presentations and playing with the elders, and that it was good to see them out helping with the games.

"We appreciate CPAO for supporting us these past couple of years and we continue to work with them in

the future to provide a fun activity for the elders," she said, "We look forward to even bigger turnout next year."

With the increased popularity of chair volleyball, the possibility of hosting a large tournament in the Community is being talked about.

When the last serve of the chair volleyball tournament was made three teams took home a trophy made by Community elder Eric Manuel.

1ST PLACE – S-To:-Ta A'an (Tohono O'odham Nation)

2nd PLACE – Kuumarr (Barona Band of Mission Indians – California)

3rd PLACE – Salt River Steppers (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community)

Trophies were one of a kind and they were handmade by a local elder which is also my father Eric Manuel.

GRIC Educators gather for reservation-wide teach in-service



Early education teachers listen to a presenter during the 14th annual teacher in-service that was put on by the Tribal Education Department. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



Teachers brainstorm ideas during one of the workshops at TED's 14th annual reservation-wide teacher in-service. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Educators in all capacities from across the Community met for the 14th annual reservation-wide teacher in-service on Aug. 10 at the Ak-Chin Ultrastar Multi-tainment Center for workshops and presentations aimed at assisting schoolteachers for the upcoming school year.

The in-service split participants into two groups: Early Education and Elementary Education. The early education group was aimed for educators working with students in pre-kindergarten through second grade while elementary focused on third through eighth grades.

“We wanted to place an emphasis on Gila River Indian Community culture and language,” said Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido. “

The in-service served as an introduction to the Gila River Indian Community. For the early education group, there was an emphasis on culture and language instruction for the youngest of students in the Community.

The early education group also held an elder-panel after the welcoming address. The purpose of the elder panel was to see how the early childhood education can integrate that into school and gives the teachers an idea of what the Community is looking for in culture and language learning.

Their workshops included: Exploring Family and Community Engagement, Supporting early literacy in American Indian Children, Reclaiming Education: promoting indigenous knowledge in the

classroom, The American Indian Language Development Institute and the History of Education on Gila River.

They also had CIRCLES Training for preschool teachers that shared the foundation frameworks for CIRCLES core curriculum approach.

During their lunch banquet, Dr. Ofelia Zepeda from the University of Arizona provided the keynote speech. Dr. Zepeda is member of the Tohono O’odham Nation and teaches at the University of Arizona. She was a co-founder and now director of the nationally recognized American Indian Language Development Institute.

In addition to the keynote address for the early education group, Dr. Zepeda also was the opening keynote address speaker for the elementary education group as well. The focus of the elementary education group was to learn about the many resources that are available from within the Community, as well as outside the Community.

Following, Dr. Zepeda’s opening address, the educators watched a video that shared different resources that are available to the Community’s teacher. The video had interviews with resources on the Community such as Tribal Health Department, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, Huhugam Heritage Center and Wellington Ranch.

Off the Community, resources included Audobon Arizona, Basha Art Gallery and the Casa Grande Ruins. Following the video, the group had an open discus-

sion of how they plan to incorporate the resources into their curriculum and which they might use.

The most popular was the Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery of Western American and American Indian Art features many special pieces including a vast collection of baskets.

The other popular choice was the Wellington Ranch in District 4, which seems to be the Community’s hidden gem, with not

many educators knowing what it has to offer. In the open discussions teachers voiced how they plan to use the resources and integrate into their lesson plans.

All of the resources given to the teachers are able to be used as a field trip or have representatives come into the classroom and share lessons.

Workshops available to the elementary education group was safeTALK which teaches how to recognize and engage persons

who might be having suicidal thoughts and how to connect them with Community resources.

Also offered was Childhood trauma and the classroom as well as a history of education on the Gila River.

With most of the Community’s teachers coming from off the Community, Salcido said the main goal of the in-service was to teach them a little about the

Community and let them be aware of the many resources available to them as educators.

“I think it was very successful with over 550 educators from across the Community,” said Salcido. “The overwhelming feedback that we have gotten so far is that they really liked it and enjoyed the presentations and hearing about Gila River.”



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WIOA 2018 summer cadets introduced at Community Council meeting

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

At a Community Council meeting on Aug. 1, the Gila River Police Department Chief Kathleen Elliot introduced their 2018 summer cadets and gave a brief overview of their summer program that was sponsored through WIOA.

Fourteen participated in the cadet program with two returning from previous years. This was the fourth year that the police department had cadets and was the largest group to date.

The police department also partnered with the EMS and fire department to get the cadets exposure to three different branches of public safety.

The program allowed the cadets to understand and be in a work environment. They learned about the different job responsibilities of each department. They also worked on their leadership skills and worked out every day as part of health and wellness.

They had a chance to experience dispatch, learned CPR while with the EMS crew. They went out to the shooting range

and were able to do ride-alongs.

With school in session, only two new cadets

were able to make it to the Community council meeting along with three prior cadets.

After introducing themselves to the Community council, they shared their favorite learning ex-

perience and answered questions from council.

The cadets were under the director of Police

Sergeant Joaquin Manuel and Officer Rachelle Rodriguez.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis poses with Gila River Police Department 2018 summer cadets following an introduction during a Community Council meeting on Aug. 1 in Sacaton.. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



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Sat. Sep 1	UTSA	
Sat. Sep 8	Michigan State	
Sat. Sep 15	@ San Diego State	
Sat. Sep 22	@ Washington*	
Sat. Sep 29	Oregon State*	
Sat. Oct 6	@ Colorado*	
Thu. Oct 18	Stanford*	
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Gila River Indian Community applauds Federal Appeals Court dismissal of Goldwater Institute lawsuit attacking the Indian Child Welfare Act

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

In a victory for Arizona's Indian tribes, the federal United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled today that the Arizona-based Goldwater Institute's challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act must be dismissed because the lawsuit was determined to be moot.

The lawsuit, filed in

Arizona federal court in 2015, challenged the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act, a federal law which requires state courts to apply certain standards to dependency and adoption cases involving Indian children.

Although children from the Community and Navajo Nation were identified in the lawsuit, the Goldwater Institute attempted to block the participation of both tribes in the case. The tribes were

eventually permitted to intervene in the lawsuit and join in arguments seeking dismissal of the case.

The federal court ruled against the Goldwater Institute and the lawsuit was dismissed by the federal court in March of 2017, after which Goldwater appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Today's decision also dismisses the case.

Child welfare experts often refer to ICWA as the "gold standard" of child welfare laws. ICWA was

enacted because Native American children were being removed from Indian homes at alarming rates and often without notice to immediate family members, close relatives or tribal authorities. Although ICWA was enacted in 1978, Native American children continue to be removed from their homes by state authorities at much higher rates than non-Native children.

Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis ap-

plauded the Ninth Circuit's decision. "Not only does the Indian Child Welfare Act work to the benefit of Indian children, but in cases where ICWA applies, Indian tribes bring additional resources and a perspective that ultimately benefits the child" he said. "Under ICWA, tribal and state agencies work hand-in-hand in determining what is best for the children involved."

Gov. Lewis continued, "The Ninth Circuit's

decision confirms that the Goldwater Institute manufactured a baseless lawsuit that had nothing to do with the needs of the children they claimed to represent. The Gila River Indian Community will continue with an unshakable resolve to protect its children and to defend ICWA from ideological attacks that use Indian children as pawns in attempts to sow division."

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

TSS, Gov. Lewis said, "We want to put the resources where we can protect our children." New positions will be introduced to decrease existing caseloads. Gov. Lewis said there will also be resources for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Gov. Lewis said the COLA was important because, "We haven't had a cost-of-living [adjustment] since 2008, and this is long

overdue."

Lt. Gov. Stone followed Gov. Lewis and then slides of the budget overview were presented by Treasurer Mentee Johns. "This year, we're expecting an increase in gaming revenue," said Johns.

Johns also said there will not be an increase for employee benefits such as medical insurance as well as dental and vision. Johns also noted that the budget includes the annual Christ-

mas gift, an increase in burial assistance, and an increase in kinship care. Along with the COLA, there is a proposed increase in pay for Community Council, and a competitive wage increase for Office of General Counsel and the Council Secretary's Office.

A question and answer session followed the budget overview.

Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone also mentioned proposed budget modifications to address district needs as well as the results of assessments for the Gila River Police Department.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone speak at the budget outreach meeting. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

TSS and DEQ employees win Governor's Employee of the Month award for April and May

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Two Community employees, Ryan Eberle and Boyd Chewing, were recognized by the Executive Office as the Governor Employees of the Month for April and May, respectively. The pair was presented with commemorative plaques by Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Eberle is the Department of Environmental Quality Air Program Manager. He was instrumental in helping the Community qualify for millions of dollars from a national Volkswagen Settlement, in which the German manufacturer deceived customers.

The settlement set up a trust fund to help Tribes purchase new low emission vehicles, replacing older high emission diesel vehicles.

The entire process



From left, Boyd Chewing, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Ryan Eberle at the Executive office for the Employee of the Month presentations. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

was complex with short deadlines, multiple forms, incorrect instructions and last minute requests. It ap-

peared the complex process was designed to set applicants up for failure. Not deterred, Eberle worked

tirelessly, past regular work hours and on the weekends to ensure that GRIC was eligible for the funds set up

by the settlement.

Because of Eberle, the Community will now be able to purchase new vehi-

cles at no cost by ensuring that GRIC was eligible despite the many hurdles.

Chewing works with Tribal Social Services as a CPS worker and was nominated for being a great team player who is passionate about his work. He helps his fellow colleagues by walking new CPS workers through the steps for different types of investigations. He also helps them meet strict court document deadlines.

He was also praised for being able to keep his cool in difficult situations and remains polite to whomsoever he comes into contact with. In addition, he is always trying to help his clients in any way that he possibly can.

The Governor Employee of the Month is available through Human Resources' employment development program and is due on the 15th of each month.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • August 1, 2018

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, August 1, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Williams

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone (9:25)

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz;

D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson;

D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles

Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4- Monica Antone

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to

5-minutes)

1. Introduction of 2018 Summer Public Safety

Cadets

Presenters: Kathleen Elliott, Joaquin Manuel, James

Milano

CHIEF KATHLEEN ELLIOT INTRODUCED OFFICER WHO PROVIDED A BRIEF BACKGROUND

OF THE PROGRAM. EACH CADET PROVIDED AN INTRODUCTION. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND

LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

REPORTS

*1. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services 3rd Quarter

Report

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

REPORT HEARD

2. The Caring House Tobacco Tax Reimbursement

Methodology

Presenters: Scott Gemberling, GRHC Representatives

REPORT HEARD

3. Office of the Prosecutor 3rd Quarter Written

Report

Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

REPORT HEARD

4. Canton Indian Insane Asylum Memorial Gathering, THPO Report No. 15-50

Presenter: Reylynne Williams

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community Council For June 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly

Report for June 2018 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. FY 18 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report (Executive

Session)

Presenters: Suzanne Johns, Treasurer Robert

Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Capital Projects Budget For The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. For The Period October 1, 2018 Through September 30, 2019 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller, Suzanne Johns

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Agreement Between The United States Of America And The Gila River Indian Community For The Transfer Of Long-Term Storage Credits And Commitment For Recovery Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Jason Hauter, Akin Gump

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Savana Angel-Rain Salcido Into The

Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

RESOLUTIONS #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11

4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Beverly Maxine Rivas Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

5. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Christian Leander Johns Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

6. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Chenoa Lynn Johns Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

7. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Ameera MickeyAna Antonio Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

8. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Alieyah Malika Antonio Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

9. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Marymae Pablo Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

10. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Carol Ann Golding Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

11. A Resolution Approving The Petition For

Membership For Tavion Misun Crawford Into The

Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

APPROVED AT RESOLUTION #3

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

1. Special Council Meeting Request

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL

COUNCIL MEETING, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17,

2018 @ 1PM

NEW BUSINESS

1. Educational Priorities For Tribal Education

Department (ESC motioned to forward to Council

with recommendation for approval of the 3 goals

that were established at the Governor's Education

Summit)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. IOPC Request for a Special Community Council

Meeting to Present Recommendations Regarding

the Restructure of GRGE (G&MSC forwards to

Council under New Business)

Presenter: Ronald N. Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST

13, 2018, 1PM

3. Resignation Letter For District Seven Planning &

Zoning Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council

with recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

4. District One Letter of Appointment to Planning &

Zoning Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council

with recommendation to accept with inclusion of the

term dates)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

CHERYL COPPEDGE

5. National Indian Gaming Association Mid-Year

Conference & Expo September 25-27, 2018 –

Temecula, CA (G&MSC forwards to Council for any

interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues &

Delegation)

DE AND SECOND TO APPROVE COUNCIL

TRAVEL

6. Gila River Indian Community Chuckwalla

Population Genetics (NRSC forwards to Council

under New Business with recommendation for

approval; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeis

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Gaming Commission Requesting A Council

Orientation (G&MSC forwards to Council to have an

orientation on August 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with the

location to be determined)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ORIENTA-

TION, AUGUST 31, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

1. July 18, 2018 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> DISTRICT 1 WORK SESSION FRIDAY, AUGUST

3, 2018 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:10 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Groundbreaking for the new GRICUA Sacaton 2 Substation

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Community's utility authority breaks ground on a new substation that will add to the robust infrastructure of providing electricity to its members.

As the sun steadily rose over the Santan Mountains and shovels dug into the ground, the Gila River Utility Authority broke ground on a new substation on August 15.

"This is a really im-

portant project for all of the Community," said GRICUA Operations Director Kathy Galloway.

She said, "There's been new sub-stations built for commercial development, but there has not been a new sub-station built for the heart of this Community for 40 years."

The building of a new substation is indicative of GRICUA's initiative to develop a robust infrastructure to deliver power to the Community.

The new substation is estimated to cost an estimated 5 million dollars, which will be built on San Carlos Irrigation Project dollars to complete the project.

Galloway said that in other districts, the substations there have been rehabilitated and are equipped with new transformers to supply electricity to customers.



Community Council Representatives and members from GRICUA break ground on the Sacaton Substation 2 on Aug. 15. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
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Docket Number: FM-2018-0083-D V
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Answer/Response Hearing
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
2nd day of October, 2018 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 1 before the Honorable Anthony Hill
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LAVEEN MAN SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR STRANGLING GIRLFRIEND
PHOENIX – Today, Colin Lee Juan, 33, of Laveen, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Diane J. Hume-tewa to 30 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release. Juan had previously pleaded guilty to assault by strangulation of an intimate partner.

airflow. The incident occurred on the Gila River Indian Community, and both Juan and the victim are members of that tribe.
The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Christine Ducat Keller, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.


THANK YOU

Hello,
My name is Gabriel Thomas and I am from District 1, Blackwater. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Gila River Indian Community for allowing my great-granddaughter Jessie Sundayman to fly the Gila River flag during her Coming of Age ceremony in Mescalero, N.M. from July 4-8. I also want to give a special thank you to the

District 1 Elders for coming to Mescalero to experience and celebrate this very special event with us. I also would like to thank Lt. Governor Robert Stone for the use of the Gila River flag and Councilman Arzie Hogg for his assistance.
Sincerely,
Gabriel Thomas



Photo Courtesy of Gabriel Thomas



Pesticide Control Office

Selecting a Pest Management Company


Spring and summer can leave us searching for ways to be rid of pests that flourish during these times of year. While we can prepare our homes to prevent pests from entering by practicing integrated pest management (IPM), sometimes enlisting the help of a professional pest management company is needed to deal with pests that present a difficult problem.

There are many pest management companies to choose from, but selecting the right one can be a challenge. By looking for the criteria listed below when selecting a pest management company, you can help to ensure that you are choosing a company that will be successful in helping with your pest management needs:

- A pest management company that is permitted by the Pesticide Control Office to ensure they are qualified;
- A company that implements an IPM program;
- A company that takes time to communicate their action plan for treating the pest problem and addresses your concerns.

Don't select a company just because they are the lowest price; make sure they meet the other criteria. Be willing to do your part of the treatment program prescribed by the pest management company; the success of it can depend on your commitment.

For a current listing of pest management companies permitted by the Pesticide Control Office, please visit us on the web at
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ROCK CLIMBING

MECHANICAL BULL

WATER INFLATABLES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

Fun for the whole family!

Registration sign in times will be from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 1/2 Mile Elder Walk,

6:00 p.m – 5K non-competitive Run

6:30 p.m - 1.5-mile Walk

Light meal and snacks provided for walk/run finishers

RAWHIDE EVENT CENTER

5700 W. North Loop Rd., Chandler, AZ

All pre-registered participants will receive a finisher medal & t-shirt Incentives.

THE FIRST 700 PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE THE RUN/WALK WILL RECIEVE AN INCENTIVE!

Pre-registration will close **Friday August 31, 2018**

Pre-registration Forms can be downloaded at www.mygilariver.com
or picked up in the CPAO Office located in the Governance Center

For more information email: Special.Events@gric.nsn.us or contact Alie Walking Badger (520) 562-9713
or Shannon Redbird at (520) 562-9859.

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Saturday, September 8, 2018

*Gila River Indian Community
District 7 Pee Posh Park
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