



More miniature libraries open to promote literacy



District 6's miniature library was designed by artist Darrell Justin Sr. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The miniature library project has touched down in two more districts. As part of the Growing Readers, Developing Leaders initiative to promote literacy in the home, two more mini libraries have been installed in District 4 and District 6.

Each library is illustrated and painted by a Community artist. Darrell Justin Sr., from Santa Cruz Village, designed the District 6 mini library. He incorporated several traditional elements like the annual harvest of cactus fruit, and traditional baskets.

"I've never done anything like this...I really just wanted to show what the Community was way back then," said Justin.

"I think young people don't understand that there was a lot of work people did back then, there's other things, like food people collect, not to mention the wood people chopped and hauled over long distances."

He said his library represents some of the traditional foods of the past to survive, including the mesquite tree, which provided a wealth of nutrition to the Akimel O'otham.

"Some of these foods [were] stored and when you added water to them, you have a meal right

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The Gila River Indian Community breaks ground for the 2014 RHIP Housing Project. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Burial of father's remains brings closure for GRIC elder

Sgt. Johnson McAfee's remains are welcomed home with a burial at the National Memorial Cemetery

Christopher Lomahquahu
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Laverne McAfee shared her appreciation for the outpouring of support she received on behalf of her father, the late Johnson McAfee Jr.

McAfee said the process of bringing her father's remains home, was a long-awaited journey, that ended at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, located in Cave Creek on March 30.

On the day before the interment of Johnson's remains took place, an American Airlines flight from Hawaii brought them back to Arizona at Sky Harbor International Airport.

McAfee said, when the plane came to a halt, she knew the swell of emotions would be high, bringing back memories of her father as she remembered him before he was killed in action.

At the airport a host of public safety and airport personnel paid tribute to Johnson, with a fire engine ladder truck that had an American flag hoisted on it with lights flashing.

"When the plane came to a stop after some time, they brought my father's casket out from the front compartment and one of the representatives from the mortuary asked me to place my hand on it," said McAfee.

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BREAKING GROUND

2014 RHIP housing project kicks off with a pair of groundbreaking in District 4 & 7

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
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Housing groundbreaking ceremonies were held in succession in Districts 4 and 7 on April 26 and 27, respectively. Members from the Executive Office and respective Community Council Representatives were there for the celebrations.

As part of the 2014 Residential Housing Improvement Project, there are 141 houses that will be constructed in the Community in subdivisions and scattered home plots on both tribal and allotted land.

The houses being constructed are for those Community members that completed their housing applications in late 2013 and 2014.

District 4 Ceremony

Speaking on behalf of the Executive Office was Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

"We want the Community members, tribal members that are getting homes to know, thanks for being patient and waiting," said Lt. Gov. Stone. "I know that at the end of the long process you'll have the home of your dreams."

Following the Lt. Gov., the Community Man-

ager also spoke to the small crowd.

"The last so many years we've talked about land development and that we can put down everything, the infrastructure," said Community Manager Pam Thompson. "We worked so many years for this day so when the contract was executed for Patterson to come out to construct, that's all they would have to do. That was our goal and that was our mission."

Also speaking was District 4 Council Representative Nada Celaya who acknowledged that the last time housing was being constructed, there were a lot of delays and that this time things are moving smoothly but the challenges now are identifying land that can be used for construction.

Barnaby Lewis provided a traditional blessing at both groundbreaking ceremonies. Additionally, speaking was Ed Patterson, of Patterson Enterprises.

The Paul family, whose house will be built in District 4 at the George Webb Village, also spoke a few words to the crowd, telling of their journey. The Paul family is excited for a chance to have a

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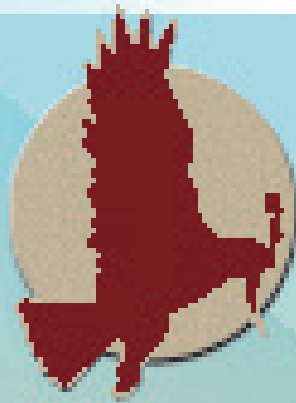


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PATIENT REMINDER

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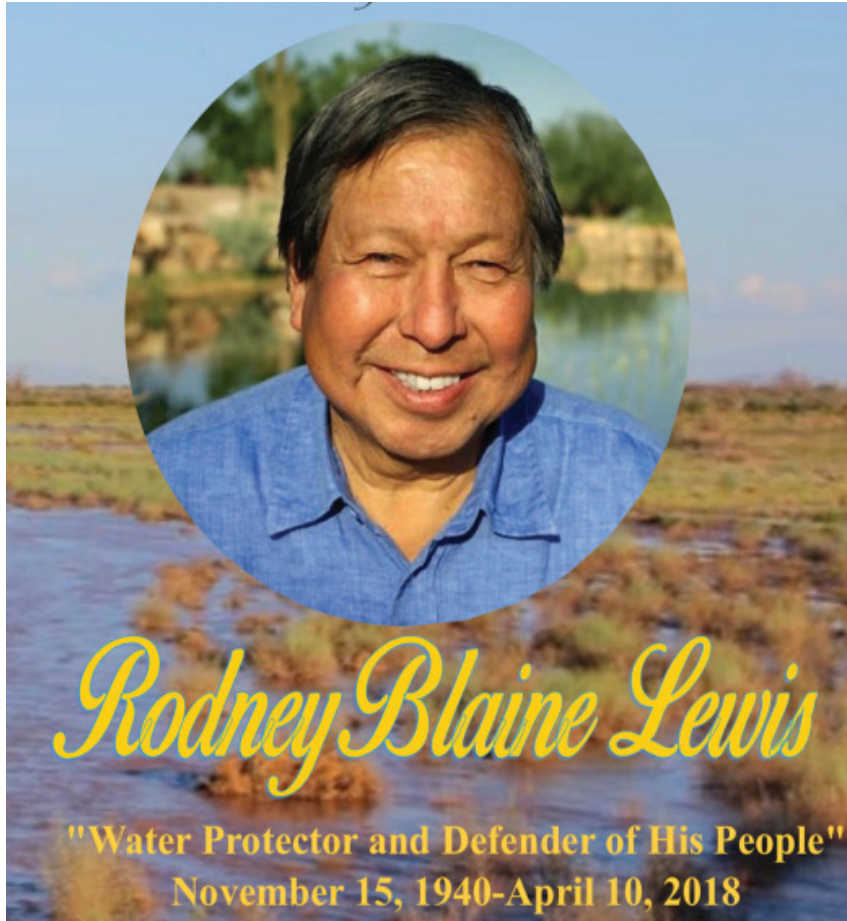
If you have any questions, Please feel free to speak with your provider. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you Letter from the Lewis Family

The Family of Rodney Blaine Lewis wishes to thank the many, many individuals and entities who have assisted us in thought, word, and deed, during our time of grief.

The many acts of kindness and caring extended to our family have provided much comfort to us during these days of sorrow. We are comforted also by the knowledge that our loved one was so respected and revered, that his long years of service to the Community are appreciated, and that his extraordinary contributions are recognized.

May God bless each and every one of you.



Johnson McAfee's grave marker. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

zations attended the burial ceremony.

McAfee said the Ira. H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, provided the colors, standing attention during a playing of TAPs, to remember their fallen brother in arms.

Additionally, the Marine Corps honor guard from the day before, escorted Johnson's casket, and presented her with the American flag.

"All I wanted to do, was to have my father acknowledged and honored...I'm proud of who he was and what he stood for," said McAfee.

At the burial, a woman of Korean descent gave McAfee two dozen yellow roses for her father's service during the Korean War.

"I was surprised to see [this] stranger, someone who I never knew, give me flowers," said

McAfee, "[She] had this one message and that was, 'Your father saved my people.'"

When she heard those words, McAfee said the sacrifice of her father and many others, encompassed the selfless duty to protect the people of a country they never met.

Bringing her father's remains home was a stressful time for McAfee. She had limited access to transportation, but she thanks the many individuals who gave her rides, and all of the new friends she made in the Community during this very important time.

"It's a little bit stressful, because there's so much involved, it was quite emotional as well" she said, "I've given 100 percent to make sure that I could do what I can to bring him home."

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From the military a United States Marine Corps honor guard was there to transfer Johnson's casket from the plane to an awaiting hearse.

McAfee said family, friends and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and members from local veterans' organi-



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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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Incident Log
April 8-14, 2018

Calls for services this week: 642

Arrest made: 29

District One (Blackwater):

No Incidents involving part I crime

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No Incidents involving part I crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Burglary – The victim called dispatch to report a burglary. Upon contact with the victim he stated he was away from his residence and his neighbors were messaging about clothes being strewn across his front yard. Upon returning home the victim noticed clothes in the yard. Upon entering the home the victim noticed personal items and electronics were also taken from the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – While conducting a neighborhood patrol in the south housing area; gunshots were heard. Officers observed a vehicle leaving the area where the shots had just been heard. Officers were able to catch up to the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop which the vehicle initially failed to yield. The vehicle was intercepted and three male subjects fled the scene. One male was located a short distance while he hide in bushes. The other two males are currently outstanding while the investigation continues.

Status: Suspect was arrested for interfering with law enforcement

Weapon– Officers responded to a residence for a report of loud music. As officers arrived on scene multiple subjects were observed rushing into the residence. While the officers were walking up to the residence they observed a rifle and sawed off shotgun sitting on the seat of the vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a domestic call at a residence. Upon arrival the victim stated she was having an argument with her boyfriend who was trying to take her vehicle. The victim stated she was grabbed by the throat and strangled during

the course of the altercation. The suspect let go of the victim, punched her on the right side of her face and then fled the scene.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Victim stated that her vehicle was at the wellness center when a rack was stolen from the back of her Nissan. Video footage is being obtained to assist in identifying a suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft (from vehicle) – Officers were dispatched to a location in reference to theft from a tractor trailer.

Upon the officer's arrival the victim stated he returned to his vehicle where he observed his driver side vent window to be broken. The victim initially thought someone collided with his side view mirror causing the glass to break. When he opened the door he observed his briefcase was open and his paperwork had been rifled through. He also observed money had been stolen from his briefcase as well. The truck next to his vehicle advised their dash cam was recording and would be able to obtain the footage from his company.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Two females entered a store located at the Phoenix Premium Outlets. Once inside the store they took two shirts from the store and exited without paying for the items.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to shoplifting. A female subject accompanied by two male subjects entered the store and the female picks up a shirt from the display.

She then proceeds to place it in her handbag and the three subjects then walk out of the store, without paying for the merchandise. While exiting the store the security sensor was set off. The store supervisor followed the suspect into the parking lot and was able to get a description of the vehicle they left in. The Police Department is currently following up on leads.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to shoplifting. Contact was made with the supervisor who stated that as she was walking into work a store alarm was sounding. The store employee was able to



detain a male subject and requested to look in his bag. A shirt from the store was located and a receipt was requested. The male stated he did not have a receipt for the item. The male's information was taken down and given to officers. Contact was made with the male who did admit to taking the shirt without paying for it.

Status: Charges Forwarded to Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Theft– The reporting party stated a lap top, cell phone and wallet were taken from a back pack while they attended the Light Festival at Rawhide.

Status: Under investigation

Theft– The victim reported his cell phone taken while at the Phoenix Lights event at Rawhide. The victim stated that the last time he seen his phone was approximately 2130 hours and believed he was pick pocketed.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– The victim reported that a subject entered his vehicle and took the registration and proof of insurance from the vehicle. No damages were observed or reported.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers were dispatched to Lone Butte Trading Post where the victim reported a theft out of her vehicle while at the Rawhide Music Festival the night prior. Contact was made with the victim who stated while she was going through her vehicle she noticed several items which were missing.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft– Officers were dispatched to a store within the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a theft. Upon further investigation it was discovered and a subject had stolen a watch. Fingerprints were recovered and sent to AZ DPS for examination. The case is pending further in-

formation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

No incidents involving part I crime

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a domestic call. It was reported that the suspect "choked" the juvenile male victim. Upon contact with the suspect a knife was observed on her person and the suspect would not comply with commands. The victim stated the suspect grabbed them from behind similar to a choke hold and started to apply pressure, causing difficulty to breath. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Auto Theft– The victim reported his vehicle stolen while at the Vee Quiva Casino. Upon contact with the victim, he stated he came to the casino and when he was ready to leave he could not locate his vehicle. Video surveillance showed the victim's vehicle leave after two subjects, which the victim did not know, entered the vehicle. The victim stated only his cell phone and other items of small value were in the vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault –Officers responded to a location in reference to a weapons call. Investigation revealed the suspect forced entry into the residence by kicking open the front door. Upon entering the residence the suspect pointed a shotgun at the victim. The suspect attempted to locate another subject inside the residence, which allowed the victim to flee. During the process the victim heard the suspect actively fire off one round in an unknown

direction. Further investigation revealed a total of three spent shell casings which were located on the property. The suspect fled the scene and Officers are continuing to follow up.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incidents involving part I crime

Incident Log
April 15-21, 2018

Calls for services this week: 674

Arrest made: 85

District One (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a domestic call. Dispatch advised the suspect was fighting his girlfriend (the victim) and also broke the windshield of her vehicle. During the incident the suspect placed his hands around the victim's neck and strangled her. The victim was transported to an area hospital and the suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Aggravated Assault – Two guys walked up to the victim's residence and asked for him. The victim then exited the residence where he was then shot in the leg. The suspects then fled the scene. The victim sustained a gunshot wound to the area of his knee.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three (Sacaton):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect was arrested for aggravated assault against the victim due to striking him with a metal broom stick. The strikes from the metal broom stick resulted in the victim receiving multiple welts on both of his forearms and a swollen bump on his forehead. The suspect admitted to striking the victim and was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Theft– Contact was made with the victim, who wished to report theft of his personal items. The victim stated he had been staying at the residence for a week and had stored items in the rear of the house. When the victim parked his motorbike in the rear he observed his personal items to be missing.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic

Area):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed aggravated assault by threatening the victim with a knife and placing his left hand around her neck. The suspect was located and booked into DRS after admitting to the altercation.

Status: Suspect Apkaw was arrested and booked into jail

District Four (Lone Butte Area):

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets reference to a shoplifting. Contact was made with a store employee who stated that a male subject entered the store and took a blue backpack along with a bottle of cologne. The suspect then walked out the front door without paying for the merchandise. Security followed the suspect into the desert area south of the mall where they lost visual of the suspect. The backpack was located during a check of the area when the suspect dropped it while running through the desert.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft (Shoplifting) – Two females were caught shoplifting at a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets. The suspects were detained and held in the back of the store with security and the store manager until the Police Department arrived.

Status: Suspects were cited and released into a Maricopa County Court

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a shoplifting. Contact was made with a floor supervisor, who stated that the suspect entered the store and concealed clothing on their person without paying for the items. When the suspect exited the store he activated the stores anti theft alarm. The suspect was identified by store employees and was then contacted by Police.

Status: Suspect was cited and released

Theft– Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Casino in reference to a stolen cell phone. The victim left the cell phone on the gaming floor. The cell phone was picked up by casino staff and being turned into security as lost property. A female suspect walked up to the casino staff and advised them it was their cell phone and took possession of it. Video surveillance captured the whole incident and the suspect was identified.

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UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

2018 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
2018 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION

May 1, 2018



COMMUNITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES					UNOFFICIAL RESULTS		
COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1	DIST 1 POLLING SITE	DIST 4 POLLING SITE	DIST 5 POLLING SITE	DIST 6 POLLING SITE	ABSENTEE	TOTALS	%
BETTY MOLINA	20	0	1	0	2	23	16.20%
CHERYL COPPEDGE	30	1	0	1	6	38	26.76%
SHIRLEY MILLER	6	0	0	0	1	7	4.93%
ARZIE HOGG	68	0	2	0	3	73	51.41%
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.70%
100.00%							
COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4	DIST 1 POLLING SITE	DIST 4 POLLING SITE	DIST 5 POLLING SITE	DIST 6 POLLING SITE	ABSENTEE	TOTALS	%
MONICA ANTONE	0	121	2	5	4	132	61.68%
NADA CELAYA	1	74	1	0	6	82	38.32%
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
100.00%							
COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5	DIST 1 POLLING SITE	DIST 4 POLLING SITE	DIST 5 POLLING SITE	DIST 6 POLLING SITE	ABSENTEE	TOTALS	%
THOMAS R. WHITE	1	2	76	1	11	91	38.56%
FRANKLIN PABLO, SR.	2	1	70	0	13	86	36.44%
VERLENE BANKETEWA	0	0	3	0	0	3	1.27%
CHERYL JEFFERSON	0	2	48	0	2	52	22.03%
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE	0	1	3	0	0	4	1.69%
100.00%							
COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6	DIST 1 POLLING SITE	DIST 4 POLLING SITE	DIST 5 POLLING SITE	DIST 6 POLLING SITE	ABSENTEE	TOTALS	%
SANDRA NASEWYTEWA	0	2	2	78	8	90	42.65%
ANTHONY "CHRIS" VILLAREAL, SR.	0	2	2	108	7	119	56.40%
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE	0	1	0	1	0	2	0.95%
100.00%							
TOTAL VOTERS	TOTAL BALLOTS CAST					PERCENTAGE	
4407	DISTRICT 1 128	DISTRICT 4 208	DISTRICT 5 210	DISTRICT 6 194	ABSENTEE 63	TOTALS 803	18.22%

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DISTRICT ELECTION JUDGE DISTRICT #5

DISTRICT ELECTION JUDGE DISTRICT #6

Community Election Coordinator

Community Chief Election Judge

Incident Logs

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Status: Under Investigation
 Theft- A female subject was in a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets when she grabbed merchandise and fled from the store. She ran into the parking lot and was then lost.
 Status: Under Investigation
 Theft- Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth reported an employee was involved in thefts which was occurring at the store. The suspect was dealing in both merchandise and transactions. The suspect was booked into 4th Avenue jail.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail
 Theft - Officers were dispatched to the Wildhorse Pass Casino Valet where the victims wanted to report items taken from their vehicle. The investigation revealed a male subject entered their vehicle while it was unattended and then left the area on foot. The victim noted several personal items which were taken from the vehicle along with some cash.
 Status: Under Investigation
 District Five (Casa Blanca):
 Aggravated Assault -

The victim reported that a suspect committed aggravated assault by pointing a black handgun at the victim, while in a moving vehicle. The suspect was not located and the victim was uninjured.
 Status: Under Investigation
 Aggravated Assault - The victim stated that the suspect ran up to him and hit him with the crowbar two times. The victim was transferred to a local hospital for further evaluation. The suspect was located, arrested and booked into DRS.
 Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail
 Theft (Shoplifting) -

Two male suspects walked out of the Casa Blanca Market with items that they did not pay for. When confronted by officers, the two males ran away in an attempt to evade apprehension. One of the suspects assaulted an officer causing injury to the officer. The second suspect provided a false name when asked by officers. Both suspects were booked into DRS for warrants, shoplifting and assault.
 Status: Dominic French and Jamal Burns were booked into jail
 Theft- Officers were dispatched to the location in reference to a theft of money. Upon further inves-

tigation it was discovered a younger sibling witnessed the suspect take the money from his mother's drawer. The suspect was located near his residence and placed under arrest.
 Status: Juvenile male was booked into JDRS
 District Six - (Komatke)
 Aggravated Assault - Officers were dispatched to a local hospital in reference to an assault that occurred on GRIC. Contact was made with the victim who stated he was walking on a trail located in District 6. The victim was then confronted by three individuals, who assaulted him with

a metal pipe and kicked him while on the ground. The victim suffered a laceration and other minor injuries.
 Status: Under Investigation
 District Seven (Maricopa):
 Theft - A suspect committed theft from a motor vehicle by entering the victim's Ford Explorer and stole two cellular phones while also damaging the ignition switch to the vehicle.
 Status: Under Investigation

GRIC Splash Pad Awareness

Tribal Health Department
Gila River Indian Community

As the temperatures rise and summer nears, the Tribal Health Department Community Health Education (CHE) Program wants Community members to be safe while attending splash pads, interactive fountains, pools and spray parks. Although, there may be chlorine in these water systems, this treatment does not kill all germs instantly, which gives some germs an opportunity to cause illness. Swallowing water from these water play areas might cause adults and

children to become ill. Swallowing water containing germs such as Cryptosporidium (crypto), which enter the water through the poop of an infected person or animal, can make you sick with watery diarrhea and other symptoms such as dehydration, loss of appetite, stomach cramps or pain, fever, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms may begin anywhere between two and ten days after becoming infected, usually within seven days on average. Crypto symptoms generally last one to two weeks in people with healthy immune sys-

tems, but could last up to 4 weeks. In some cases, the symptoms may go in cycles in which you seem to get better for a few days, then feel worse again before the illness ends. Cryptosporidium infection and diagnosis is performed by a doctor who identifies cryptosporidium under a microscope through a stool sample. Treatment for cryptosporidiosis includes; drinking plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration, maintaining a well balanced diet, and over the counter medications to treat symptoms. In severe cases, anti-parasitic medications

such as Nitazoxanide could be prescribed by a doctor, to also help alleviate diarrhea. Although people may ingest water with cryptosporidium, they may not get sick at all or they may get infected but show no symptoms. In order to decrease the chance of getting

cryptosporidiosis, please stay out of the water if you or your children have diarrhea. If you will be swimming or in the water for a long period of time, take bathroom breaks every hour. Check and change diapers away from the water. Remind your children to

not put water in their mouth or drink it and keep spongy water toys and hands out of their mouth. Finally do not sit or squat on or over the water jets. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the GRIC Tribal Health Department at (520) 562-5100.

SESD Summer Business Hours

This summer, Sacaton Elementary School District 12 month employees will work four 10-hour days. The District Office and Schools

will be open Monday -Thursday. The District Office business hours will be from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The summer schedule will begin the week

of June 4th and end July 20th.
 Week of July 4th:
 Wednesday, July 4th - Schools and District Office closed

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

house in District 4 after residing in District 6 for the last 17 years.

District 7 Ceremony

On Friday morning, representing the Executive Office was Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

"It takes a real partnership from everyone," said Gov. Lewis referencing the last time housing was built. "We have a great contractor... we are building on some great practices, some model practices, that we want to build on for great, quality homes for people in our Community starting here in District 7."

Also speaking was District 7 Council Repre-

sentative Devin Redbird as well as Community Manager Thompson, who reminisced about how she grew up with family as her neighbors, something that will be replicated for the Sunn Family with four houses being built next to each other on the same lot.

Speaking in District 7 was James Sunn and his mother Terry Sunn.

A teary-eyed Terry Sunn talked about when her four children were small they played on the trees that were adjacent to the ceremony and how happy she is that her children are back to the area they grew up in and are able to raise their families together and have the

opportunity to make memories as a family.

Will Patterson spoke on behalf of Patterson Enterprises, expressing how grateful his company is for the opportunity to build homes for the Gila River Indian Community. He said that his company pours their hearts and souls into the homes that they build and hope the families are able to feel the love that is put into building the houses.

Construction on the houses will start in District 7 before moving eastward through the Community. The entire project is expected to be finished by March 31, 2019.



Stakeholders joined tribal leaders in District 4 for the groundbreaking. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

PRESS RELEASE

Pinal County School Superintendent Jill Broussard has decided not to appoint a Governing Board member to the vacant seat on the Sacaton Elementa-

ry School Board. The seat will remain vacant until the election in November, 2018.

If anyone is interested in running for the Sacaton Elementary School Governing Board in the

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SOMETHING TO BE TOLD OR TALKED ABOUT
BY BILLY ALLEN

At this time of the year we are already cautious for summer because how quickly it has become warm. When hearing this many of us older GRIC-sters may nod and smile in agreement but on the inside, chuckle-silently. We recall our youth when we were outside all day and as we got older, worked from sunrise to sunset. And we liked it! Now we enjoy short periods of sitting outside allowing tash or sun to loosen our limbs, soothe aches but mainly to remember our yesterdays. With this in mind, the following information is taken directly from *The Pima Indians* by Frank Russell. In 1901-02, Mr. Russell came to Gila River to gather information about Akimel O'otham and Piipaash. He probably sat outside listening to elders of the time. A topic of interest was the past relationship with tribes to the north and east, tribes with a different way of life and labeled Apaches.

Keli Akimel or Old Man River was and is still surrounded by some of the best agricultural land in Arizona. Farming gave us a dependable food source but was subject to the unpredictability of the weather.

In a land of desert and river our ancestors felt water and food was to be shared with relatives (hajun) or friends (navoj). Other bands or tribes who did not follow our way of life saw our land as an opportunity to take what they needed thus labeled enemy. To defend ourselves we formed an alliance with the Piipaash. We would help each other against enemies, making both tribes stronger. Our southern O'odham cousins along with Kohatk and Sobaipuris were all willing allies also.

Antonio Azul, who served as an informant said every three or four days, small parties of Apache would come to raid. Larger groups might come once or twice a month. As the frequency of raids increased, GRIC villages moved closer together and further from the akimel. Because of the thick growth along the akimel, defending our villages was difficult. Away from the banks, clearings offered a better chance of survival but the people would wear their sandals at night. Guards were posted along main trails leading into villages. On stormy winter nights, guards would build small brush shelters; light small fires then hide in an attempt to lure the enemy to the fire.

When a headman felt he wanted to go after the enemy, he would go from village to village, asking for men to join him on a raid. If a headman had a good and successful reputation, a war party was quickly raised. Food and extra supplies had to be gathered. Before the horse, women carried the extra gear, women who had lost relatives in battle. If chosen to go, a male relative had to accompany the woman. Warriors had a choice of weapons; bow and arrow, short heavy war clubs and round rawhide shields. Some arrows were made of mulberry taken from the land of the enemy and added with arrows made from wood back home. The

small shield offered protection as warriors jumped and zigzagged towards the enemy. The shield had designs painted on it and twirled to confuse or distract the enemy. When one of our warriors was lost, his bow and remaining arrows were broken and left where he fell. The body was burned when the battle was over.

Headman Azul recalled his first fight when he was part of a small army which tracked the enemy to near present-day Riverside. They found the enemy but the element of surprise was gone so there was no major conflict. The 500 O'otham and Piipaash, 200 Tohono O'odham, and 20 friendly Apaches marched back home. These and other stories are included in *The Pima Indians*. Now would be a good time to go outside to allow tash to loosen our limbs and soothe the aches. Grab the book and be thankful such days are long past.



Christopher Lomahquahu explains his mini library design in District 4. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Libraries from Page 1

there,” said, “So through this mini library you can get an idea of how it was.”

District 6 Coordinator Shelby Francisco said the mini library represents the primary goal of the service center, to serve as a resource for the Community.

“We hope that people bring their young children and come and take a book and bring it back,” said

Francisco.

District 4 recently unveiled their own library as well with the help of Christopher Lomahquahu who designed the mini-library in District 4 from imagery in the area and from memories of growing up in District 4.

The structure is painted with wheat fields on one side, a quail family above the door, another side features a machchud ready to harvest a baithag and on the

backside a rendition of the Aji Mountains and a red tail hawk.

Eventually as part of the initiative each district will have its own mini-library that will act as a book exchange for the Community’s youth.

Three libraries are up with four more scheduled to be completed soon so that the Community has books available to all of the youth.

A purple-themed poster for the 9th Annual Cancer Awareness Day. At the top, it features logos for the Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Gila River Health Care Center. The main text reads "9th ANNUAL Cancer Awareness Day". Below this is a large illustration of three Native American figures in traditional dress, with a cancer awareness ribbon and a star at the bottom. At the bottom of the poster, it says "Save The Date 5/19/18 • District 7" and provides details for the "HONOR WALK/RUN 7:00AM • MAIN EVENT: 9:00 AM". It also includes a call for volunteers with contact information for Victoria Allison: (O) 520-550-6007 • (C) 520-610-1062.

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Upcoming Events:

- Employee Fitness Week
- Tour the District was at D7- Everyone enjoyed themselves learning about what is offered in their District for fitness and how to use the gym equipment on their own.
- Strong Man/ Strong Women Fitness event deadline for sign up is May 9. 2018

Sports Highlights:

- Elder's chair volleyball legends Tournament is May 4th from 8am to 2pm. All Elders will come dressed as their favorite Legend. There will also be a best dressed team award given out.
- 35 & Older Basketball Tournament was held on 4/27/18



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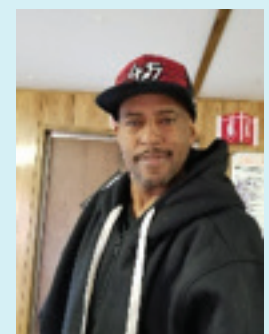
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Tribal Recreation & Wellness Program Employee Highlights Huey (Duane) Guy

Mr. Guy is a Recreation Coordinator at Tribal Recreation & Wellness. He is Coordinating the youth programs for Fy18-19. The program is implementing new leagues and tournaments for the Gila River Indian Community. We are very fortunate to have the additional assistance in this program. This helps us to provide more to the Community as part of our Wellness campaign. We appreciate his experience and knowledge and welcome him to the Community.



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Earth Day celebrated in the Gila River Indian Community

Annual Earth Day celebration held in Sacaton, and middle school students plant trees to promote agriculture.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Earth Day took over Ira. H. Hayes and Matthew B. Juan Memorial Park in Sacaton on April 19, with a large crowd of students and GRIC departments including the Department of Environmental Quality celebrating the environment with presentations and informational booths.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone welcomed the students and attendees and encouraged them to look the Community's past as inspiration for caring over the land now and in the future.

Liberty Wildlife, a non-profit animal rehabilitation organization, brought a red tail hawk, peregrine

falcon and turkey vulture to educate students on the environment.

Gila River royalty also presented on the importance of environmental conservation and how it relates to traditional teachings.

In a separate Earth Day activity, students at Sacaton Middle School learned how math and science play a vital role in maintaining a sustainable environment. Just in time for Earth Day students from SMS took to the schools' orchard to plant citrus trees.

The citrus trees, donated by Greenfield Citrus Nurseries, were delivered to the school during a morning segment that was aired on Channel 3 and included on-air TV personality Dave the Garden guy to help with the project.

Alberto Alaniz, Math Interventionist and Agricultural Club Coordinator, said the tree-planting project prepares the students for a career in agriculture.

With an orchard, comes responsibility, said Alaniz, because it requires the student's attention and maintenance. It is also beneficial because agriculture combines lessons of math and sciences.



Sacaton Middle School students pose in the school's orchard after planting citrus trees. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



A mascot reminded everyone about importance of Earth Day and the environment. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



The National Park Service was one of the many organizations present to celebrate Earth Day. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



The Earth Day festivities featured Arizona wildlife for educational purposes. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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The 2018-2019 Gila River Royalty visited Community Council for their introductions
The young women will focus on health, education, and encouragement among GRIC youth



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone poses with the 2018-2019 Gila River Royalty on April 18. From left, Miss Gila River Second Attendant Ashley Pasqual, Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper, Lt. Gov. Stone, Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan, and Junior Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Royalty for 2018-2019 took center stage during an April 18 Community Council meeting to introduce themselves

and share their platforms. Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan, District 5, started the introductions and said it was an honor to serve in the royalty court. She also discussed her health and wellness plat-

form for the year. Juan said she plans to promote traditional games to increase participation in physical activity. She also advocated learning the O'otham language, which she said she

has done through the elders in her District. As a fourth-generation basket weaver, Juan also said it is her goal to promote basket making, which she says is a declining art in the Community.

Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia, District 1, also introduced herself and intends to promote education during her reign. Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper, from District

4, said she will focus on self-esteem and empowerment among the youth this year.

"I hope to spread positivity and encouragement to young girls and boys on being positive about their body and where they come from," said Cooper.

She said the important part of overcoming self-image problems is to embrace and accept who they are.

"It's pretty amazing to see myself in their footsteps of our past royalty and to carry on this crown to represent Gila River," she said.

District 3 member and Miss Gila River Second Attendant Ashley Pasqual said she will be attending Central Arizona College in August to study linguistics, which is part of her effort to learn more about the O'otham language.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, said he was excited to listen to the many things the Gila River royalty plans to do through their reign.

Community Council representatives also extended their support for the title-holders and their attendants.

JACL honors land use ordinance officer for his work with Japanese-Americans

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Japanese American Citizens League- Arizona Chapter had its 57th annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship, Service and Graduates' Luncheon on April 22.

During the banquet, Major Urban Giff was the keynote speaker and Paul Shorthair was an awardee of the Gold Saguaro Tribute Award. The award is given to those who have given to the Japanese-American community and greater community at large.

Shorthair was one of three that were honored by the JACL, joining Jim Kubota and Joyce Shiota.

During his keynote speech, Major Giff discussed the Community's involvement with Japanese-Americans dating back to the internment camp as well as recently

with Masaji "Mas" Inoshita, deceased member of Ira H. Hayes' American Legion Post 84 and community servant. Inoshita was also active in the Gila River Indian Community during his time with Post 84.

"Mas took part and supported the annual Iwo Jima flag raising event," recalled Major Giff, also a member of Post 84. "Mas was always willing to help and he walked a mile for the parade with a walker. His spirit was there and wanted to show his support, that demonstration of spirit was so important to the rest of us that we still honor and feel the loss of Mas to the Post."

Shorthair, GRIC land use ordinance officer, Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning, paralleled the internment of the Japanese with the O'otham and Pee-Posh having their land taken away and forced to

a confined area.

In his capacity, Shorthair has worked with the JACL to escort many Japanese-Americans to the monument at the former internment camp on the Gila River Indian Community. Through this act, Shorthair has met many people of Japanese ancestry and others that have an interest about life in the former internment camps.

Also in attendance was Lt. Gov. Robert Stone who

had a chance to speak on the special relationship between two communities.

"The bonding and misfortunes of the Gila River

Indian Community and between your community throughout history ... we can say 'that's history' or we can also say that it

makes us stronger and have a bond to make a positive light for the future," said Lt. Gov. Stone.



Paul Shorthair accepts his award from the Japanese American Citizens League Arizona Chapter. From left, Donna Cheung, President, JACL AZ Chapter, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Mr Shorthair. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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12:30pm		Ravens and Eagles Eagle of the Dawn	SNAKETOWN EARLY INDIAN FARMERS				Seasoned With Spirit Return of the Buffalo	
1:00pm		Vitality Gardening	Samaqan Water Stories				Make Prayers to the Raven	
1:30pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening Preserve Fresh Herbs		Vitality Gardening Planting Our Northern	Working It Out Together Feed The Soul	Champions of the North Modern Times
2:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Working It Out Together The Results	Working It Out Together Ready, Set, Go	Working It Out Together Feel The Burn		Working It Out Together Feed The Soul	From The Spirit Lee Claremont	People of the Pines World of the Serrano
2:30pm	Urban Native Girl Is Print Really Dead	From The Spirit Preston Singletary	From The Spirit Michael Massie	From The Spirit Laura K. Harris		From The Spirit Lee Claremont	Storytellers in Motion	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
3:00pm	2018 MUL CHU THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Working It Out Together Self Esteem	On Native Ground: Youth Report	On Native Ground: Youth Report		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Children of the Desert
3:30pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		First Talk		The New Zealanders-Round The Mountain Some heart-warming characters.
4:00pm	Tales of Wonder 1 Indian stories and legends told from generation to generation.	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk		Native Report	2018 MUL CHU THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Indigenous Focus The Reward/Johnny Be Dabiyiyuu Keeping It Real
4:30pm	Behind The Brush	People of the Pines Assimilation	Native Planet Australia Tribe defending way of life as their gov'm't attempt to develop natural gas fields.	Journey of Hope Leaders address some of the youth's needs and share encouraging prayers.		Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.		Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.
5:00pm	Tales of Wonder 2 Gregg's traditional way of Native American storytelling.	Don't Get Sick After June U.S. government's failure to provide health care in fulfillment of federal treaty	Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.	Democracy Now! Discussions with perspectives rarely heard from in mainstream media.		Wapos Bay A Time to Learn	Wapos Bay As The Bannock Browns	Hit The Ice New Beginnings
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6:00pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Wapos Bay Something to Remember	Wapos Bay A Time to Learn	Wapos Bay The Elements		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Mixed Blessings Secret Love
6:30pm	Aboriginal Adventures Petroglyphs	Fish Out of Water Wanuskewin Heritage Park	Fish Out of Water Brokenhead Ojibway	Fish Out of Water Tseycum Canoe Tour		The Aux	First Nations Comedy Experience First Native American and Indigenous standup	More Than Frybread 22 Native frybread makers from AZ compete for the first annual AZ Frybread Championship!
7:00pm	Toa Hunter Gatherer	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Urban Native Girl Clocks Ticking	Kvcarts Audiopharmacy		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Rising Voices/Hothaninpi Challenges faced to learn their ancestral language and teach it to children.	Rez
7:30pm	Native Shorts Goodnight Irene	Indians and Aliens	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		Fractured Land A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.	HHC - U'UVIG CLASS	Amazonia Eterna A critical analysis of how the world's largest tropical rainforest is understood and utilized.
8:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Irezumi, The Japanese Art of Tattoo Special ink 'Izumi' used to create masterpieces on the body.	One More River Part 1 Decision making of Crees to allow a mega-hydro project to be built on their land.	One More River Part 2 Behind-the-scenes look at the deal that split the Crees.		Native American Healing in the 21st Century Healing practices and how many are useable today.	SNAKETOWN EARLY INDIAN FARMERS	
8:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Share a heritage that goes back, in their words, "to the beginning of time."	Wisdom of the Grandmothers Love, community, family, faith, respect and caring for our Mother Earth.					
9:00pm	The Aux	Standing On Sacred Ground Elders protest U.S. gov'm't plans to enlarge one of the West's biggest dam.						
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Foster children treated to a day of fun at Miracles Royalty bowling event



Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper and Jr. Miss Fort McDowell Melody Nunez stop to take a break from bowling to pose with a family they spent the afternoon with. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN



Miss Northern Navajo Ariana Young helps a young bowler during the Royalty with Miracles event held at the Ultrastar Multi-tainment Center in Ak-Chin. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Over 30 tribal royalty were part of Three Precious Miracles' Royalty with Miracles bowling event that was held at the Ultrastar Multi-tainment Center on April 21. The event was open to Native children who are in adoptive, foster and kinship care.

Foster children from eight different Native American tribes partook in the bowling fun.

The Tribal Royalty represented various tribes from throughout the state of Arizona and even as far as New Mexico. The Royalty were at each lane and partnered with young chil-

dren and their families and interacted in an intimate setting.

"It's really neat how they have this organization to provide activities for kids under the foster and adoptive systems," said First Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona Kaelia Nash. "To hear where they come from and where they live and how many homes they've been in is heartbreaking. The fact that we are out here giving them hope that there is something out there is heartwarming."

The fun-filled day was a collective effort of many different tribes participating with Royalty from the O'otham sister tribes, Hopi

Tribe, Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Royalty were in all capacities from "Lil Miss" to "Jr Miss" to "Miss" and even "Mr." as well as the entire Miss Indian Arizona court.

"The event is pretty cool," said Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper. "It's cool interacting with the kids and talking to their families. My platform is to encourage girls and boys to feel comfortable in their skin and to be proud of who they are because they are beautiful inside and out,

no matter where they came from or their background."

For some foster parents who are non-Native, the event was a way for their Native foster children to interact with people of the same culture.

"I've been fostering for over 20 years and most of my children have been tribal and this is the first I've been aware of anything similar to this that is inter-tribal," said Karen Sherman. "We don't get too many opportunities to keep them within their culture or than occasionally a pow-wow but this gives them that opportunity. Even at the pow-wows they don't get to get up and personal with the Royalties."

For Sylvia Chewning it was the second time attending this event and said its extremely important for her foster child to be involved with the culture because she is at the age where she is starting to understand things more and after spending time with the Royalty wants to have one of the crowns someday.

Three Precious Miracles' founder Elisia Manuel described the event as an amazing success and great opportunity for Native foster children to spend time with someone that is similar to them and can be a great role model.

"A lot of these kids are in non-Native homes and my goal is to give them

hope and love," said Manuel. "To be around someone that looks like you and embraces you, it makes a world of a difference. We all have the power to make a difference in someone's life by caring for one another."

The event was sponsored by the Arizona Department of Child Safety Prevention, GRIC Sand & Gravel, Arizona Children's Association & HRT. Manuel also said that the organization is always looking for people who want to get involved and can be reached either by phone (520) 610-2555 or mail P.O. Box 2185 Sacaton, AZ 85147.

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- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standard)

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Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$16,389
2	\$22,221
3	\$28,053
4	\$33,885

For each additional person in the home add \$5,832 to income eligibility requirements.

Casa Blanca F.A.C.E. Program brings families closer together with education

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A group of educators at one Community school are not only educating children, but parents as well.

The Family and Child Education program at the Casa Blanca Community School is a one-stop shop of education, that engages with parents and children through a cycle of learning.

F.A.C.E. Parent Educator Yakoot Begum said the programs goal is to build a system of families, that are thriving in their education.

Begum said there are variables that affect the recruitment of parents into the program, mainly, time and transportation.

She said, to mitigate those issues, like transportation, the parent educator

will go out into the Community to do home-based teaching.

The home-based program only takes an hour each week and includes some incentives for participation.

Begum said, "We emphasize the home-based parent education program, because [we] want to form support systems."

"I think there is a lack of understanding about the information and what the program offers them...its about supporting the early development of children," she said.

The F.A.C.E. program hones the skills of the parent and children, as they work together in their education.

F.A.C.E. Program Coordinator and Adult Education Teacher Kenneth



Families get gift bags in appreciation of participation both in Adult Education and in Center Base Class room. CBCS Photo

Young said they are fielding a new program that will offer high school diplomas for adults.

"We are doing a program called the Penn Foster Online high school diploma, which is in its first year, as a pilot program," said Young.

The Penn Foster program, originally got its start with the U.S. Department

of Labor Job Corps, and has made its way to nationally recognized programs, like the F.A.C.E. program.

Young said the Penn Foster program is in line with the F.A.C.E. program's initiatives, because it prepares parents to obtain their GED or high school diploma.

"We are doing the high school program, where

[here] they learn and earn high school credits," said Young. "That's not all, there is also a career component that maps out their interests."

He said the program offers academic coaches, that are available to help participants develop strategies to overcome their academic hurdles.

For someone interested in the program, thinking they are too old to get their high school diploma, Young says, the oldest participant is 56 years old, which shows no matter how old you are, a high school diploma is within reach.

The program prepares students on topics like English, math, science, and humanities, and also has provisions for them to prepare for college.

"The opportunity of

communicating with people and completing their education is part of the journey to be in that leadership position in their community, where they can make a difference," said Young.

With a whole host of services provided at the CBCS F.A.C.E. program, the staff wants more participation from the parents to invest in their child's education.

"Literacy involves more than reading and includes writing and interacting with them during an important part of the day," said Begum.

She said the focus is to let parents know, that the program is not a burden, it's not mandated, but an investment in something bigger, a child's future.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

Norma Jean CASILLAS

Plaintiff(s)

Vs

Eleazar Theodore Gomez Jr

Defendant(s).

Cue Number. CV-2018-0076-RO

TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MAT=TER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and It appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, ELEAZAR THEODORE GOMEZ JR.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS

RESTRAINED FROM COMING

ABOUT THE NAMED NORMA JEANE CASILLAS and ANDREW ANTONE IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Thursday,

May 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM lo Courtroom 1, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721

West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

Date: March 29, 2018

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Casa Blanca Community School is now hiring for the following 2017-2018 School Year positions: Business Manager, Maintenance Technician/ Groundskeeper, and Substitute Teacher; CBCS is also hiring for the following 2018-2019 School Year positions: Bus Driver, Elementary Teacher (K-3), ESS Teacher, ESS Instructional Assistant,

Human Resource Coordinator, and Instructional Assistant. Located at 3455 W Casa Blanca Road, Bapchule, AZ 85121. For salary and qualification information, visit www.cbcschools.com/Employment or contact Human Resources at 480.403.8595 ext. 2512.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

COURT DATE NOTICE
In Re Case: Eddie Ayala vs. Scherri Ayala

Docket Number: FM-2018-0031-LS

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Answer/Response Hearing

Westend Judicial Center,

4751 West Pecos Road,

Laveen, A285339

7th day of May, 2018 at 9:00 AM in

Courtroom WI before the Honorable

Dallas Delowe

Scherri Ayala Defendant

Eddie Ayala Civil Plaintiff

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

COURT DATE NOTICE
In Re Case: Patricia M. Rivers vs. David Kent Johnson II

Docket Number: CV-2018-0080-RO

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Restraining Order Hearing

AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,

721 West Seed Farm Road,

Sacaton, AZ 85147

31st day of May, 2018 at 10:30 AM

in Courtroom I before the Honorable

Janice F. Breckenridge

Restraint Order Hearing

THANK YOU

The District Five Elder Chair Volleyball Teams and Elders would like to thank the following People & Corporations for their contributions to our Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament which was held in January. We appreciate all you have done for us.

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In Loving Memory of

Jody Lee Norris

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You've left so many bits and pieces of yourself in me and I in you. I mourn you decay but try to hold strong and keep alive the beautiful memories we have created. You may be dead to the world, but alive in me. Happy Birthday 'Jody Lee Norris'.

Elmer Miller Jr.

The family of Betty V. Pablo would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance during the services. We would like to especially

thank J. Warren Funeral Services for their comfort, care and the spectacular attention to detail. To all the Beautiful Choirs/Singers, thank

you for the comforting songs and kind words about Betty. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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