



The Pee Posh Color Guard leads the Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration parade on April 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

District 7 remembers Five Tribes Peace Treaty

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Crowds arrived in droves to District 7, Maricopa Colony, Saturday, April 6, to celebrate the 156th Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration. The theme for this year was "Coming Together as One," and 83rd Avenue was packed from Baseline Road to Dobbins Road with cars early in the morning to watch the parade that spanned 2 miles throughout the district and concluded at the district's service center. Prior to the parade, a 2-mile fun run and walk was held to kick off the event at 6 a.m.

The event is no small feat as it requires nine months of planning. Devin Redbird, District 7 Community Council Representative, thanked the recreation

committee members who volunteered their time leading up to the event and for the day. This year's parade featured numerous floats from all over the Community as well as a color guard that traveled from Ft. Yuma, Calif., to partake in the festivities. The parade was a great showing of pride and awards were presented to the following: 3rd place prize, Gila River Royalty Float; 2nd place prize, Yolanda Elias-Traditional Pima Basket Dancers; and 1st place prize, Blackwater Cheerleaders Squad.

The Flag Raising Ceremony by the Pee Posh Color Guard, followed the parade, and also included at 21-Gun Salute and rendition of "Taps." Attention then turned to the amphitheater for posting of colors, the singing of the national anthem and Pledge

of Allegiance by members of the First Maricopa Colony Presbyterian Church. Community member Mike Zillioux then provided a blessing for all in attendance and gave encouraging words for everyone to carry with them even after the event.

Throughout the day, children enjoyed a splash pad and water slides, and Community resource booths and food vendors sprinkled the softball fields. Bird singers performed in the service center gym. A skate competition was held in the latter portion of the day for youth ages 7 and up. Closing out the night, Papago Warrior provided music to keep everyone moving until 12 a.m.

This event commemorates the signing of a treaty that would

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Soldier surprises family at Sacaton Elementary School



Freddie Chism sees family for the first time since his deployment. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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Rocky Whitman, a Community member from District 5 wanted to give a special surprise to his family. Whitman's son-in-law, Army Specialist Freddie Chism had been deployed in Qatar for the past year and hadn't seen his family since he left. With the news that Chism would be returning home soon, Whitman wanted to make it a special surprise for his daughter, Darice who is married to Chism and their two sons, one-year old Liam and six-year old Johna-

than, who attends Sacaton Elementary School.

On Wednesday morning, April 10, Chism arrived back to Arizona. Whitman arranged to pick him up from the airport and was escorted by the Gila River Police Department from Wild Horse Pass/I-10 to the Sacaton Elementary School where they would surprise his family, whom Chism had told that he would be returning home in two weeks. Whitman was able to arrange the surprise with the help

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O'Halleran holds town hall meeting in Sacaton

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Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-CD1) held a town hall event at the District 3 Headstart Center on April 5 to address concerns from constituents including the Native American population that reside in his district. Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was in attendance and provided a blessing and opening remarks.

O'Halleran acknowledged the 12 tribes he represents within the District 1 boundaries that has the largest population of Native Americans than any other U.S. Congressional District. With that

magnitude of importance working with Native Americans, he shared that if anyone should know how to work with native communities, "It better be me," he exclaimed.

In another instance, he expressed that in order to know Native Americans and their needs, you need to be around Native Americans.

Before questions he offered his pressing concerns about the needs of Native American communities in District 1. He was delighted to share progress in some areas including new schools like Gila Crossing Community School that is currently in development. But he then somberly expressed

dismay with the lack of progress in other areas like the nuclear waste sites sprinkled throughout the state that have not been cleaned up or treated.

O'Halleran expressed excitement with the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), just days prior in the House of Representatives. This new iteration also includes new provisions that protect transgender victims and restrict gun ownership in certain cases.

The program then transitioned to the question and answer portion of the agenda with questions posed directly to the congressman on a variety of is-



Tom O'Halleran presents at a town hall meeting in Sacaton. Kyle Knox/GRIN

issues about the V.A., budget cuts that may affect the BIA, IHS and overall healthcare costs, and inquiries about work being done to

address the issue of missing and

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Coolidge High School holds signing ceremony for GRIC basketball player

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Guadalupe Perkins, from District 1, has been playing basketball since he was a young child and has been playing all throughout high school. Perkins is one of two students from Coolidge High School who signed to play basketball for Park University.

"It's very exciting," said Perkins, "It's a great opportunity for me."

On Thursday, April 11 representatives from Park University met with the two students at a small signing ceremony inside the Coolidge High School gym where fellow students watched and cheered in support as the students signed to the university.

The students toured the campus just a few weeks prior. Also in attendance for the signing was Perkins' family and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who congratulated Perkins.

"I'm excited for him, it's a great new adventure for him," said Yolanda Duran, Perkins' mother, "He's setting an example for his brothers and sister."

Perkins' coaches have cited



Family pose with Perkins after signing. From left to right: Victor Duran, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Guadalupe Perkins, Yolanda Duran and Jordan Narcia. Emma Hughes/GRIN

him as being a very good kid and good player. Perkins expressed his excitement in pursuing college basketball and looks forward to attending the Park University, Gilbert campus.

Viejas 2019 Senior Chair Volleyball Tournament



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone supports GRIC players in the Viejas Casino Senior Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament 2019. Executive Office/GRIC

The students and staff are honored to announce the Sacaton Middle School 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

May 22, 2019

Middle School Gym

6:00 p.m.



DEQ meets the requirements to implement water quality standards through Clean Water Act

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The tribal water quality program gets a step-up in water quality standards, thanks in part to the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act. Last year, the Gila River Indian Community was granted certification to administer water quality standards under the CWA.

Willard Antone III, GRIC Department of Environmental Quality Sr. Environmental Planner & Policy Analyst, said the authorization will allow the Community to develop water quality standards on par with the federal government.

According to the application for certification, the Community is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and meet the requirements set forth in the CWA, to carry out water quality standards.

“It’s a form of self-governance, and implementing our sovereignty in a way that is important to the Community, its interests,” said Antone.

The adopted water quality standards apply to surface water, which entails natural flowing water ways and washes that occur during heavy rainstorms.

The CWA certification pertains to the management and protection of water resources, that are within the border of the Community, such as surface water quality standards. It also allows the Community to enact civil and criminal codes or ordinances governing the conduct of members of the Community and non-members on GRIC.

Antone said the certification provides levels of standards that are meant to protect human health, to see what is happening with the quality of the water while allowing wildlife to thrive.

He said through the designation, it also opens the door to several other opportunities for training and resources locally and nationally. “We are at the table, developing our own policies, which involves talking with many of our own stakeholders,” said Antone, “We will have to make sure all the right people are in place to show the federal government, that we are doing our due diligence to develop effective policies.”

The certification also provides an opportunity to for the Community to attend meetings and conferences to gain valuable knowledge on water quality standards and share their information with other tribal nations.

“It’s about sharing a lot of these things with other tribes, because the EPA doesn’t have a lot of resources to be everywhere and so tribes like us are contacts to help other

tribes,” said Antone. As part of the certification, DEQ staff can attend regional meetings to talk with EPA staff and legal counsel about topics that are important to the Com-

munity. “It about meeting with people we need to work with, project officers, our grant specialist, their lawyers, if we need to pull somebody in to address an

issue, they’re right there.” Antone said it’s about breaking down barriers and continuing to accomplish, what they need to do. “There are things, that we still have to contend

with, but the route we are taking is to protect our culturally significant resources, like our water, plants, and other things as stewards over the land.”

10th Annual Cancer Awareness Day Event “Honoring the Journey”



Saturday April 27, 2019
Ira Hayes Park
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Honor Walk/5K Run 8am-9am
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Education Booths/Arts & Crafts Booth(s)/Guest Speaker(s)
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12:00pm	Native Planet - <i>Hawaii</i>	Second Stories - Honour Thy Father	Vamizi Cradle of Coral	Washakie Last of the Eastern Shoshone	Song of the Drum: The Petroglyphs of Maine	Cousins Across The Sea- <i>Skeletons of New Zealand Part 3</i>	Finding My Talk	
12:30pm		Tears of Our Ancestors						
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion <i>Tantoo Cardinal</i>	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles	Standing On Sacred Ground - <i>Pilgrims & Tourists</i>	
1:30pm	Behind The Brush	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening		
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3:00pm	Aztec: Pyramids of War <i>Part 1</i>	Native Planet - <i>Hawaii</i>	Indian Pride	On Native Ground: Youth Report	The New Zealanders - <i>The Chathams</i>	Storytellers In Motion	Making Regalia	
3:30pm			Aboriginal Adventures <i>Scallop Farming</i>	Common Ground		On Native Ground: Youth Report	Children of the Desert	
4:00pm	Aztec: Pyramids of War <i>Part 2</i>	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	The New Zealanders - Central Plateau	
4:30pm		Behind The Brush	People of the Pines	Making Regalia	People of the Pines	Native Report		
5:00pm	Second Stories - Honour Thy Father	Vamizi Cradle of Coral	Washakie Last of the Eastern Shoshone	Song of the Drum: The Petroglyphs of Maine	Cousins Across The Sea- <i>Skeletons of New Zealand Part 3</i>	Finding My Talk	Indigenous Focus	
5:30pm	Tears of Our Ancestors						Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Democracy Now! <i>Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award-</i>	Wapos Bay	
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8:00pm	The Aux <i>Compilation of music videos featuring diverse talents of Native & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	Indians and Aliens	Hit The Ice	Indigenous Focus	Studio 49	Shadow Nation	Moose T.V.	
8:30pm	Buffy St. Marie	Behind the Label	Skeletons of New Zealand - <i>The Redheads</i>	Trick or Treaty	Lighthouse Lesvos		The Sun at Midnight	
9:00pm		Back to Pikangikum	Skeletons of New Zealand - <i>Under The Carpet</i>		Storm In The Andes			
9:30pm	Walela			Lived In History: The Story of Wind River		Spirit In Glass: Plateau Native Beadwork	Bound to Tradition	
10:00pm		Finding Indigenous Imprisonment	Gringo Favelado	Allan Baldwin: In Frame	People of the Beautiful River	The Story of the Other Forgotten Slaves	Sculpting Wood and Words - The Art of Kent Nerburn	
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Eagle born in December should be ready leave the nest in June

Christopher Lomahquahu
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Just yards from the District 7's Pee Posh Wetlands, a crew of a dozen or so workers gathered around a bald eagle nest high above the ground. Last December, a pair of bald eagles produced an egg and a female eagle was hatched in January of this year. Now that the eagle has reached three months, it's almost time for the young bird of prey to leave the nest.

Representatives from the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Game and Fish Department, the City of Phoenix and the Salt River Project retrieved the bird on April 5 to measure it and to provide a welfare check.

The biologists gave the eaglet a solar powered GPS

tracker and identifying leg bands, which DEQ and AZGFD will use to track the eaglet once it fledges.

Woodrow Crumbo, DEQ Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program Wildlife Biologist, said last year's pair of female fledglings left the nest last June. He said one juvenile eagle migrated to Spokane, Wash., while the other took a short trip to Death Valley Calif., before stopping in Durango, Colo.

Crumbo said the nest was monitored by a group of nest watchers through a program that enlists Community members to make sure the eagles were not in any danger during their time at the site.

Recently, the fledgling took a small practice flight outside of the nest and made its way to another tree several hundred yards

away, eventually making her way back to the nest. Crumbo said in that situation, the bald eagle nest watchers were quick to report the temporarily missing eagle, which could have been in danger from other predators.

Since the fledgling has spread her wings and shows signs of being capable of flight, it is anticipated, that she will leave the nest in June.

Occasionally, Crumbo said large raptors like bald and golden eagles will pass through the Community en route to their final destinations, often stopping at bodies of water for food and drink. Crumbo advises that anyone who sees an injured raptor should not try to handle it, but instead should call DEQ at (520) 562-2234 to help the animal.



A still video image shows an eagle outfitted with a monitoring system. GRIN Photo

District 7 holds meeting to address safety issues and concerns



Gov. Steven Roe Lewis pledging his support for District 7 and their efforts to keep members safe. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Just days after the annual Five Tribes of Peace Treaty Celebration, District 7 Community members

came together again for a different kind gathering. On April 11, Devin Redbird, District 7 Council Representative and Interim Chief of Police Timothy Chavez, called an emergency meet-

ing to address the safety concerns in the district; specifically addressing a shooting incident south of 87th Avenue and Dobbins Road, the night of April 6. The incident involved both

community and non-community members and eventually lead to the discovery of a deceased individual from a non-related event.

District 7 service center Community Room was filled with concerned members of the community hoping to learn or provide input as to what occurred over the weekend. After a blessing, the meeting was called to order and a report of zero crime incidents at the Five Tribes event was provided. Chavez then read aloud the narrative report on file concerning the shooting and actions that lead to the discovery of the deceased.

On Saturday April 6 at 6 p.m., Gila River Police Officers responded to reports of gunshots near 87th Avenue and Dobbins Road. Reports indicated a home had been struck with multiple bullets, with no persons injured. Upon

arrival GRPD encountered three individuals who fled south of Dobbins. Arizona Department of Public Safety officers assisted in the search for those involved. Eventually upon capture it was discovered that all the individuals were minors. When asked about the charges and identities of the minors Chavez shared, "This is an open investigation regarding juvenile suspects who are not community members. The case has been submitted to the Maricopa County's Attorney's Office (MCAO) for charging review for Minors Prohibited from Carry/Possessing firearms, Possession of a weapon by a prohibited person, Discharge Firearm in City Limits and Theft of Means of Transportation. There may be additional charges added at a later time."

Then during pursuit of the youth, a AZDPS Ranger Helicopter noticed a "signature" on their monitors almost a mile south of Dobbins. When officers searched the location, they discovered the body of a deceased male. The identity and cause of death was not shared at this time other than he was not a community member. It was later revealed that this person was the owner of an abandoned vehicle found in the same area a month prior. Lastly, GRPD shared that there was reports from this individual's spouse indicated that he was experiencing suicidal ideations in March of this year.

Saturday's incident lead to consideration of all possible solutions to the ever-growing issues of trespassing and illegal shooting in and around District 7. Councilman Redbird sup-

ported the community's vote to place barriers that will block off roads that outsiders utilize for shooting and target practicing. Some roads to be blocked are near 91st Avenue & Baseline, 91st Avenue & Dobbins, 87th Avenue & Dobbins, and 79th Avenue & Dobbins. This is just one progressive move to deter outsiders from coming in to commit violent and potentially harmful crimes.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was in attendance to observe and provide remarks in support of District 7's decision to protect its community members. Creating and possibly adopting new laws to combat new challenges the community faces is one idea suggested by Gov. Lewis. The community acknowledged that others need to be involved with these decisions like Maricopa County Department of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Together with all parties involved it seems more sustainable solutions are possible.

Rounding out the meeting Councilman Redbird shared his enthusiasm and gratitude for Gov. Lewis' support. Redbird and other community members reassured everyone that the community and district will remain proactive in combating all issues that negatively affect the community. One such option was development of areas for sub-stations for police, fire, and medical needs on the west end of the community.



District 7 Councilman Devin Redbird and Interim Police Chief Timothy Chavez. Kyle Knox/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

of the school who had convinced Darice to come to the campus, by telling her that Johnathan had spilled something on his shirt and

needed a change of clothes. Meanwhile, the teacher's lounge was packed with Johnathan's classmates, teachers, faculty,

GRPD, news crew and even Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who showed up to be a part of the surprise for the Chism-Whitman family. The room was decorated with "welcome home" banners and pictures of special moments Chism had missed throughout the year, including his son's first day of school.

Once Darice arrived, the school staff brought her into the teacher's lounge where SPC Chism and everyone was eagerly waiting. As soon as she walked through the door, she was instantly brought to tears of joy as she saw Chism

standing there with roses and toys for his children. Whitman was so happy

and emotional as well to see his family brought back together again and thanked

everyone who helped and supported the joyous surprise.



Gov. Lewis welcomes home SPC Chism and gives thanks for service. Emma Hughes/GRIN

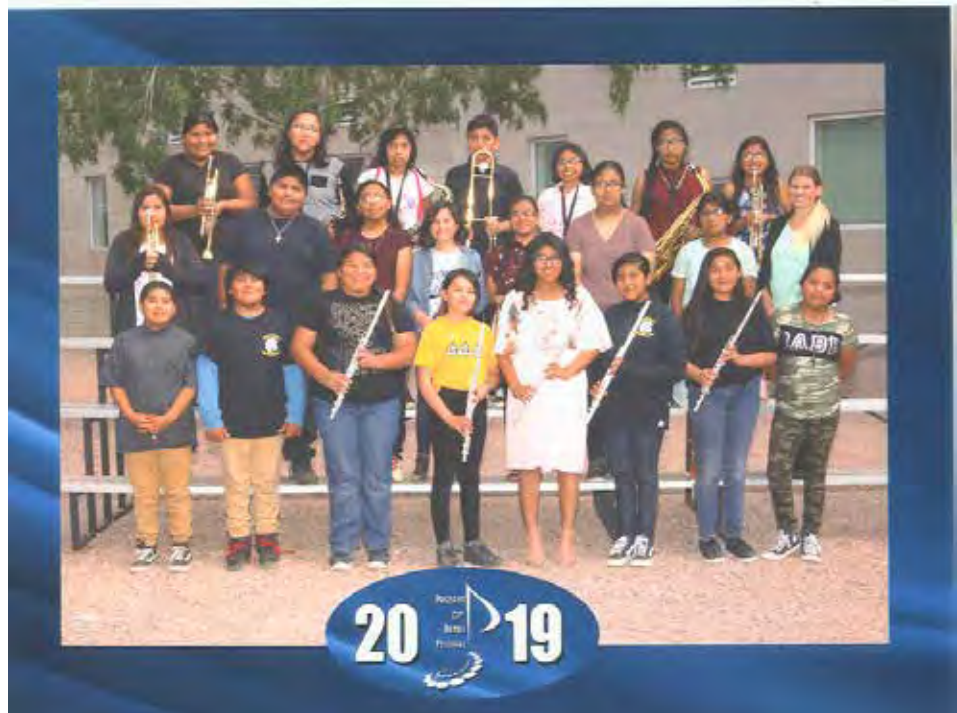


Special decorations and pictures put out for Chism's return. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Chism holds his sons, Liam and Johnathan Chism along with wife, Darice Whitman-Chism. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Sacaton band wins bronze rating



Pictured left to right. Front Row: Jaime Gonzalez, Jeremiah Jackson, Amare Pratt, Charity VanHardenberg, Aryel Preston, Angelina Donahue, Mahsi Burnette, Lacey Kalka Second Row: Christina Luna, Dariusz Ugalde Howard, Alayna Mark, ShoShanna VanHardenberg, Lillia Martinez, Maya Randall, Alarie Gonzalez, Mrs. Kristin Kennedy Back Row: Natasha Wickey, Mylee Watahomigie, Monique Kisto, Kayden Pedro, Joanna Eschier, Koemi Galaz, Nayeli Brown. Sacaton Middle School

Kristin Kennedy Sacaton Middle School

On Saturday April 6, the Sacaton Middle School Concert Band attended the Pageant of the Bands Concert Festival and took home a bronze rating. This year the band prepared two songs for adjudication. The band students attended the festival last year, only preparing one song to be judged and received a bronze rating. "I am so proud of the accomplishments and growth my students are showing. They work hard in class and re-

hearsal to build their skills on their instruments." Kennedy stated.

The middle school band currently consists of 5th, 6th and 7th grade students. Next school year, the program will be open to 8th grade students. She also works with beginning 4th grade students at the elementary school. The band is under the direction of Kristin Kennedy and assistant Alex Vuyk. The band program was recently added back to Sacaton School District #18, being

only three years old. Kennedy started the program back up, after learning there hasn't been a band program since the late Mr. Swan in 2008.

The band has performed in many events within the community such as The Ira Hayes Parade, Mul-Chu-Tha and the River of Lights Parade, as well as performing for their school. Mrs. Kennedy plans to add more performing opportunities for her students as the program continues to grow.

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Or you pick up an application at the Tribal Education Department at:
555 B. St. Sacaton, AZ 85147

Application Deadline: May 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Interview Dates: May 17-18, 2019 (Times will be scheduled appropriately)

Please contact the Tribal Education Department if you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process or camp experience at 520-562-3662 or email at Arlanna.Jackson.EDU@gric.nsn.us



As we grew up to become proper O’otham we were given responsibilities as soon as we were able to pick up and carry items around the household and yard. In our youth we were given tasks to perform that helped maintain the home, garden and other possessions such as appliances and hand tools.

We were taught at an early age how to safely use simple tools such as brooms, shovels, rakes and axes. We often watched our older family members as they taught us how to use the different tools. One thing was for certain, we learned the commands from our parents to go and complete a delegated task. We were not allowed to loaf about the house and be an “S-pathma O’otham” ‘Lazy Pima’ by our parents and Elders.

The boys and girls were assigned different tasks according to what needed to be done. Back in

the day we often had large families and had a few older brothers and sisters who helped with our training.

This was how we learned our action words such as vakuan and vapkuan. Vakuan is used to command someone to wash a single article such as “eñ s-bithag wiyosha” ‘my dirty face’ we were told “Him ko vakuan heg ‘e s-bithag wiyosha!” ‘Go wash your dirty face!’ After we had worked in the garden and gotten covered in grime. After having our meals we were delegated, “Him ko vapkuan heg huasa:’a!” ‘Go wash the dishes!’ in a plural sense. So there we all stood in our assembly line, big sister or brother washed the dishes in hot soapy water then handed the dish to the rinsers, who rinsed it in hot water. Next, the dish was handed to the drier who dried the dish with a dish towel, then handed the dry dish to the stacker, who returned the dish di-

rectly to the cupboard. We washed dishes three times a day after very meal. We were also delegated the task of setting the table at meal times. When we were old enough to handle an axe we were expected to keep the chip pail and wood box full of firewood for cooking on our wood burning cast iron stove.

When the wood pile went low all the males loaded into our pickup truck and went to New York Thicket to cut down firewood. One more word that is useful to know is kekchuth. Kekchuth is used when talking about cleaning, fixing or making our beds. It can be used with personal grooming in contexts like brushing your teeth, or making your bed in the morning. So when you want to tell your kids to ‘go brush their teeth’ you can use the word kekchuth as in the following phrase “Him ko kekchuth heg ‘e tha:tham!” You can also say “Him ko kekchuth

Mai heg Chikpan: Match the task phrase with its picture!

Vakuan heg ‘e wiyosha!

Him ko shonchk heg kua’ag!

Vapkon heg huasa:’a!

Vapkon heg ‘e no:nov!

Him ko vakth amai!

Upam chek!

Him ko ‘i hukshom heg hachag!

Kekchuth heg ki:!



heg ‘e voikuð!” ‘Go make your bed!’ Kekchuth is not used as often when talking about personal grooming as it is more often used when talking about cleaning a house or performing other tasks. But as can be seen kekchuth is used in much

the same way as vakuan and vapkuan. Now that you have learned words for washing and cleaning in O’otham try using them with your family members. Talk with elders and speakers in your family and find out how they use

the words vakuan, vapkuan and kekchuth and ask what other words they use when talking about doing chores. This month’s word match will help you learn mai heg chikpan phrases and how not to be an S-pathma O’otham.



Youth cooling off at the District 7 splash pad. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Councilman Devin Redbird serving as MC. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone welcoming everyone in attendance. Kyle Knox/GRIN

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

establish an alliance among the Pee Posh, Akimel O’otham, Yuma, Hualapai, and Chemehuevi tribes on April 11, 1863.

At that time, the tribes resided in, what was then, the Territory of New Mexico. Over the course of several days while leaders from each of the aforementioned tribes met to discuss the establishment of the treaty with the assistance of military personnel. Early Americans sought the support of each tribe in order to protect the influx of American settlers to the Territory following the Gold Rush.

Though the treaty isn’t observed by the state, the Gila River Indian Community honors the treaty as it

fostered peace among our peoples, helped establish support for Arizona to become its own Territory, and with new residents ultimately lead to Arizona achieving statehood in 1912.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Redbird emphasized the importance of this event and its meaning. Redbird conveyed how substantial this celebration is stating, “It’s an honor for District 7 to hold the celebration but it’s really a statewide celebration.”

Lt. Gov. Stone followed by saying that the Five Tribes Treaty is “strong history we need to share with our younger generation, history we need



Larry Hammond’s Bird Singers from Ft. Mojave. Kyle Knox/GRIN

to share with our community, with the state, and nationally so everyone knows and understands truly what Native Americans are all about.”

Redbird made the point for us all that day to imagine what our lands, city sur-

roundings, and state would look like if that 5 Tribes Treaty of Peace never occurred. Further reminding everyone of the huge contributions our communities have made in our state’s history.

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Workshop covers teen relationships and dating issues in District 6

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Education Department kicked off the first of four workshops throughout the Community aimed at providing awareness about teen dating abuse and stalking.

The month-long presentations are made possible in collaboration with GRIC's Tribal Education Department, Behavioral Health Prevention Services, Crime Victim Services, and Health Department. The Healthy Relationships portion of the series was held on April 4 at the District 6-Komatke Branch Boys and Girls Club.

Gale Rawson, Case management Coordinator for Tribal Education Department, decided that this year was best to begin workshops that address teen relationships after conversations with concerned parents about the need for this kind of awareness for youth. When asked, what participants should know about sensitive matters like this Rawson stressed that, "Teen dating violence does exist. There are ways you can protect yourself by tribal law and state law."

Kaity's Way student intern Kim Walker was present to provide the workshop for teens that evening. Kim is a student from Arizona State University pursuing a Bachelors of Social Work and is also from the White Mountain Apache Tribe. This was Kim's first time

providing the teen portion of the workshop by herself and despite initial jitters she executed without any issues.

Kim's desire to help native communities was evident when she stated, "I'm looking forward to teaching students and most importantly teaching Native students cause I am Native. And I feel like that's my whole point of wanting to be a social worker, is to help the Native people."

Kaity's Way is a non-profit organization, based in Phoenix, that served as the facilitating program. Kaity's Way executive director and co-founder, Bobbi Sudberry share that Kaity's Way, "brings awareness to the issue of teen dating violence and promotes healthy relationships." Sudberry's step daughter was a victim of a tragic murder-suicide that claimed her and her ex-boyfriend's lives while in high school in 2008. Her step daughter, Kaitlyn Sudberry, is who the organization is named after in honor of Kaity, who's tattooed portrait can be seen adorning Mrs. Sudberry's right forearm.

In addition to providing awareness throughout the state her efforts led to the implementation of Arizona's Kaity's Law in 2009. "Kaity's Law" now provides the same protections for victims in abusive relationships as those who are married, divorced,

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Practice Session : 9:00 a.m.
Competition: 10:00 a.m.
LUNCH Will be provided: 11:30 a.m.
FINISH COMPETITION: 12:30 p.m.
Awards: 2:00 p.m.
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Contact: Kinnamon @ E-mail jkinnamon@sacatonschools.org or Sister Carol Sister.carolm@gmail.com

share custody of children. One key portion of the law is the ability to receive an order of protection against a victim's abuser. Moving forward Rawson and her planning committee decided that events like this will need to continue on an annual basis. For anyone that wasn't able to attend the Healthy Relationships or Bullying Prevention presentations, other events will occur again next year in April.

For now, Rawson declared that the initial goal for this month's presentation is to "Reach one person" and judging by the interactions with youth in attendance it's evident that goal was accomplished.



Bobbi Sudberry from Kaity's Way presents at the Healthy Relationships event in District 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN



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Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning

ATTENTION

2019 HOMESITE ASSIGNMENT ANNUAL UPDATES

Community Members who are assigned a Tribal Homesite Lot must complete an annual update.

LUPZ Subdivision Administration Team will be in Districts 1-6 in March & April of 2019

Please call to set an appointment.

You may also complete an annual update by visiting the Department at the Executive Ki' Bldg. #2
291 W. Casa Blanca Rd. Sacaton, AZ

Annual updates are required to ensure current data is updated for contact purposes per GRIC Homesite Ordinance 20.208A.

(520) 562-6003

Native Nations producers hold dialog before the play's premiere

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The producers of the upcoming Native Nations play held a community dialog at the Phoenix Indian visitors center to discuss the play and give more information on the project.

Native Nations is written by Larissa Fasthorse and directed by Michael John Garces, and will be performed on two dates and locations; the first showing will be held in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on April 20 and the next will be at the Phoenix Indian Center on April 27.

Native Nations is more than a play, said Fasthorse, it is an experience into Native culture and casts indi-

viduals from tribal communities, with little to no acting experience.

The play originally sent out a call to cast 40 individuals, but when the day of auditions arrived, Fasthorse and Garces said they ended up with almost 90 individuals, who will fill acting, stage and other auxiliary positions.

Fasthorse said the play is more than a show, it is a recognition for the people of the land, which the play will take place on the Akimel O'otham jевed (land). It also recognizes the diversity of tribal communities across Arizona, which has 22 tribes.

"We did a wide range of plays in Los Angeles with the Arts District and those from the skid row

community," said Garces. He said every community no matter how large or small deserves some form of attention to their issues, their experience and triumphs.

"It's our duty to make sure that our local community, the one that I am a part of now, is recognized and heard, that we should honor them as guests on their land," Fasthorse said, "We they don't show up somewhere and tell the story of the people, we go where people want us to be."

Michael Reed, Senior Director of Programs & Organizational Initiatives, Arizona State University Gammage, said the play has developed a special relationship with the American-Indian community.

According to Reed, the team has done a lot of work in a lot of different communities and this play is no different, requiring careful planning to introduce the idea and message to tribal communities.

Kat Foster, a Community member living in Tucson, was cast in the play along with six other GRIC members. On top of making the drive from Tucson to Phoenix, she is commit-

ted to her role. She said that audiences will see a bit of each individual's personality in their characters.

She said the production of the play, right down to the auditions and casting has been very well organized. She said going behind the scenes, there is a lot of effort that goes into writing and producing a play involving so many individuals.


"It's challenging, ev-

erything from the script is constantly changing, but even then, makes you think about other issues related to Native people," said Foster.

For anyone interested in supporting the Community members in the play, they are Claude A. Jackson, Jr., Adrian D Thomas, Gloria Halbritter, Taiyne Juan, Rocio Marquez and Kelcey Mosley.w




Speakers at the dialog from left, Dr. Mathew Sandoval is a faculty fellow at Barrett Honors College (Moderator), writer Larissa Fasthorse, director Michael John Garces, Michael Reed, Senior Director of Programs & Organizational Initiatives ASU Gammage. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Honey bees are a critical link in agricultural production. Pollination by managed honey bee colonies adds at least \$15 billion to the value of U.S. agriculture annually through increased yields and superior-quality harvests.

As an Arizona tribe with deep roots in agriculture, bees and pollinators in general play an integral part in the Gila River Indian Community's economic and cultural welfare. To regulate managed beekeeping operations within the Community, the Community Council adopted the Apiary Registration Code, GR-01-19, on January 16, 2019.



Previous legislation regulating beekeeping activities was over 30 years old, and it was important to ensure that the new code remained applicable, culturally relevant, functional, and enforceable while meeting the needs of the Community.

The Pesticide Control Office is responsible for enforcing the Apiary Registration Code, and works closely with other Community agencies to ensure that the placement of the apiaries do not violate Tribal trespass regulations or pose a nuisance to the Community.

For more information regarding the Apiary Registration Code, please visit us on the web at www.GRICDEQ.org or contact the Pesticide Control Office at (520)562-2234



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District 3 Service Center

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Stephen Roe Lewis
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Robert Stone
Lt. Governor

Phoenix Indian Center raises money at Silver & Turquoise Ball, Gov. Lewis serves as committee chair



From left, Ernie Stevens Jr. and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the Silver & Turquoise Ball. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

It was a pretty good night for the oldest non-profit organization in America of its kind. The Phoenix Indian Center raised over \$300,000 at the 36th Annual Silver & Turquoise Ball held in Scottsdale on April 6.

"That money directly goes back into our services, our programs, our staff," said Bree Marshall, Events Coordinator for the Phoenix Indian Center.

With 507 in attendance, the Phoenix Indian Center surpassed their fundraising goal and added a little elegance in the process.

"We definitely like to step it up as far as the appearance is concerned," said Marshall.

The ball is a semi-formal affair with entertainment, awards, auctions for unique prizes, artwork and travel packages that brings out Arizona's tribal leaders and organizations.

Among those leaders was Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who was Honorary Chair of the Silver &



Lt. Gov. Robert Stone delivers the blessing. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Turquoise Ball Executive Committee with Cheryl Stevens and Ernest L. Stevens Jr., National Indian Gaming Association chairman.

"The Phoenix Indian Center is important and the impact to its customers is a direct result from people like all of you here. Your generous support and financial contributions have sustained an organization that has a legacy of helping build a better community by provided culturally relevant services and programs in four core areas: job preparedness, prevention services, cultural enrichment and youth programming," Gov. Lewis said to the audience in his remarks. Also, representing the

Gila River Indian Community in the ball's program was Lt. Gov. Robert Stone who delivered the evening's blessing.

Brooke Simpson, Haliwa-Saponi tribal member, who appeared on NBC's "The Voice," won the Leon Grant Spirit of the Community Award, named after the late Mr. Grant who was the first Executive Director of the Phoenix Indian Center. Simpson also performed with a live band.

Although the date for the 37th Annual Silver & Turquoise Ball has not been set, it will most likely revisit this year's location, the Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, according to Marshall.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE



O'Halleran with tribal leadership. From left to right, Community Council representatives Jennifer Allison, Carol Schurz, Carolyn Williams, and Rep. O'Halleran and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. Kyle Knox/GRIN

murdered Indigenous women.

There was a great deal of learning for all in attendance as O'Halleran addressed everyone's concerns as best as possible. O'Halleran spoke to the

need for better infrastructure to serve his Native American constituents, discussed updates about new systems developing for Indian county around data collection.

Then in closing,

O'Halleran made sure to let everyone know that he will continue to champion the necessary changes needed of the state's Native American populations.

In Loving Memory of Esther Ruth Jackson

We wish to express our appreciation to the many individuals who came out to offer their support and assistance during our time of loss. To those who provided their time cooking, donating food, contributed flowers, songs and prayers and just being there for us.

Thank you to the Gila River Police Department, District Three Service Center, and to the Crisis Support staff who offered their assistance in our time of need



The family of Esther Ruth Jackson

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 3, 2019

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Stone at 9:19 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Marlin Dixon

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone (9:33), Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr., Thomas White; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (9:56)

Council Members Absent:

D1- Joey Whitman; D3-Carolyn Williams; D4-Jennifer Allison

APPROVAL OF A AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS NOTED AND THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes) REPORTS

>1. 2018 3rd Qtr, 2018 4th Qtr & 2019 1st Qtr Ira H.

Hayes Auxiliary Unit 84 Report

Presenter: Carletta McDaniel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Haskell Osife Antone ALA Unit 51 FY 18 3rd & 4th Qtr Grant Financials & Summary

Presenters: Maria Pablo, Alison Anderson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Haskell Osife Antone ALA Unit 51 FY 19 1st Qtr Grant Financials & Summary

Presenters: Maria Pablo, Alison Anderson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 1st & 2nd Quarter Reports

Presenter: Avery White

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Pee-Posh Veterans Association FY 2019 1st Quarter / 2nd Quarter Budget Report

Presenter: Arnie Bread, Sr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. GRIC CASPER Project Documents

Presenter: Christina Floyd

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE AND REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:17 A.M.]

*7. State Legislative Update and Recommendations (Executive Session)

Presenter: Public Policy Partners, Office of the General Counsel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for February, 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

9. Gaming Commission General Report to the Community

Council for February 2019 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Dale Enos, Courtney Moyah

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Authorizing An Increase Of The Wild Horse Pass Enterprise Fund To Fifteen Million Dollars \$15,000,000.00 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lippes, Mathias, Wexler, Friedman, LLP (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional material; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Javier Ramos

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Jordan Hiser & Joy, PLC (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional material; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Javier Ramos

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Master Affiliation Agreement Amendment 1 For One Additional Year To Continue Student Placement Between Arizona State University And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Julian Garza

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Suzette Tsosie Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 40418-0292 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Elisha Bishop

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Granting 26.8536 Acres More Or Less Of Reservation Land In District Six For The Purpose Of A Road Right Of Way, Utility Easement And Drainage Easement To The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation As Shown In Drawing No. 40619-0003-EA (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Norman Brewer

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community's Support Of Arizona House Bill 2570 To Establish A Study Committee On Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women And Girls (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sunshine Whitehair

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

>1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Rescinds Ordinance GR-08-14 And Enacts The Amended And Restated Community Water Ordinance To Be Codified At Title 15, Chapters 7 And 8, Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with changes; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason T. Hauter

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Motions Regarding Constitution

Presenter: Anthony Villareal, Sr.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS FYI

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Congressional Introduction of Blackwater Trading

Post Land Negotiation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Gila River Farms Budget 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation to approve the FY 20 Budget)

Presenter: Stephanie S. Manuel

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Certification Of Qualifications For The 2019 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards the candidates for District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, and District 7 to Council with recommendation for certification)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE 2019 COMMUNITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

>4. Proposed Travel Dates (ESC forwards to Council the Graduations for: Chemawa Indian School Salem, Oregon May 3, 2019; Sherman Indian School Riverside, California May 9, 2019; Riverside Indian School Anadarko, OK May 10, 2019; and Wingate Indian School Gallup, New Mexico, May 17, 2019, for any interested Council members to attend utilizing Dues and Delegations)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Statement of Cooperation Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And School For The Purpose Of Improving Communication (ESC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

1. March 20, 2019 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. March 22, 2019 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ CAP DINNER INVITATION, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019, 6:30 P.M., CASA GRANDE, AZ

~ CONGRESSMAN O'HALLERAN TOWN HALL, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019, DISTRICT 3 HEAD START, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

~ EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING SKYLINE SCHOOL, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019, 10:30 A.M.

~ 5 TRIBES TREATY OF PEACE CELEBRATION, SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019, DISTRICT 7

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:46 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Mai heg Chikpan: Match the task phrase with its picture! SOLUTION!

Vakuan heg 'e wiyosha! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Him ko shonchk heg kua'ag! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Vapkon heg huusa:'a! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Vapkon heg 'e no:nov! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Him ko vakth amal! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Upam chek! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Him ko 'i hukshom heg ha:hag! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Kekehuth heg ki! (Illustration: A person sitting at a desk)

Tribal Health Department presents at public health conference in Oklahoma

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A public health conference, hosted by an Oklahoma tribe, brought individuals together to discuss a myriad of health issues in Indian Country. The Tribal Public Health Conference, a 7th Generation and Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Collaboration, was hosted by the Muscogee Creek Nation at the River Spirit Casino Resort on April 8-11.

The conference's theme was "Strength in

Community, Power in Connection," and covered a variety of health topics, faced by tribal communities across the nation.

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Health Promotions Specialist Madison Fulton and Eric Hardy presented at the conference and provided a background of the Good Health & Wellness in Indian Country grant, that is administered through the Gila River Indian Community Nutrition Coalition.

Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, who are another field site for the GWHIC grant through ITCA also presented. Fulton said the GWHIC project

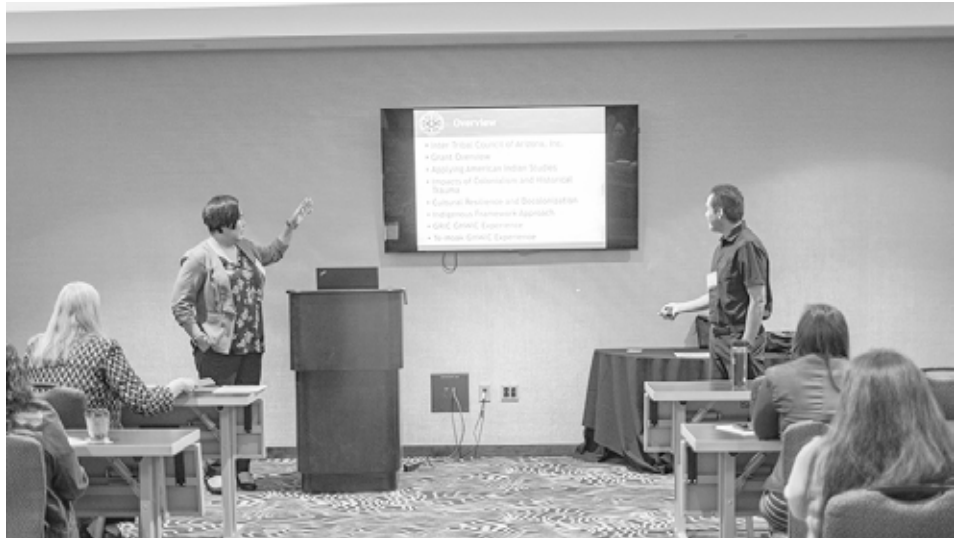
SUMMONS TO APPEAR
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
ALFREDO URUAS
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
KENDRA SHERFIELD
Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: FM- 2019- 0024-PT
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TO: KENDRA SHERFIELD
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.
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YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

is aimed to address chronic illness among tribal communities using community chosen and culturally adapted policies and environmental changes.

"What Eric and I do we provide technical and training assistance to tribes," said Fulton, "It focuses on seven prevention areas."

Fulton and Hardy discussed the differences between a conventional or western and indigenous framework and how to bring the best of both practices to addressing the health needs within tribal communities.

They were joined by Lynn Lane, Community Health Nutritionist, Nicole Watson, Community Health Nutritionist, and Taneesha Watson, Gila River Health Care Life Center Youth Education Coordinator who presented their activities and the recruitment of Community members to



Tribal health discusses their health initiatives in the Community at a conference in Oklahoma.
Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

promote wellness and culture in GRIC.

The presentation covered the history of the Community, demographics and how the nutrition coalition reintroduced traditional foods into contemporary diets. Nicole Watson said the important part of the nutrition coalition was to encourage Community participation.

Lane, who is the site coordinator for grant, stressed the importance of Community members having access to healthy foods and beverages. She said the coalition is about how Community members can contribute their knowledge of the culture and departments, and making it a part of GRIC.

"One of our main goals was get Community member participation to be a part of our coalition," Nicole said. "We also like

to encourage indigenous foods, we wanted to bring that aspect back, because a lot of members know some of what their indigenous foods are, but want to know how to prepare them to eat."

Part of that goal is to do food demonstrations and look for opportunities to provide ways of integrating traditional foods at public events. The recipes used

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
CHASTITY ROCHELLE BREAD
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
MATTHEW MICHAEL CHICO
Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: FM-2019-0029-PT
CIVIL SUMMONS
TO: MATTHEW MICHAEL CHICO
P.O.Box 623
SACATON, AZ 85147
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING re-

garding this matter on: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road Sacaton, AZ.
YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

traditional foods like tepary beans, squash and foods associated with the "three sisters."
"What we are doing is hosting Community meals, to introduce healthy indigenous foods to people," said Taneesha.

The coalition is currently working on more projects that involve healthy eating and promoting physical activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10 Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2018. This document will also be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 5350 N. 48th St., Chandler, AZ 85226, and on the AQP website at <http://www.gricdeq.org> under Public Notices. Additionally, presentations will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings during months of April - June 2019. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or comments may be given orally at the scheduled District meetings. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 1576A S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226, the AQP website (<http://www.gricdeq.org> under Air), or by calling 520-796-3782.

Memorial



It's already been a year and it still feels like yesterday.
Betty V. Pablo
January 5, 1932-April 17, 2018
In Loving Memory
I thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
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with which I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
I have you in my heart.



Gila River Community Complimentary Golf Clinics

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Clinic Dates

Saturday, April 13th	Saturday, May 4th
Saturday, April 20th	Saturday, May 11th
Saturday, April 27th	Saturday, May 18th

Junior Clinic Time 9:00am—10:00am	Adult Clinic Time 11:00am—12:00pm
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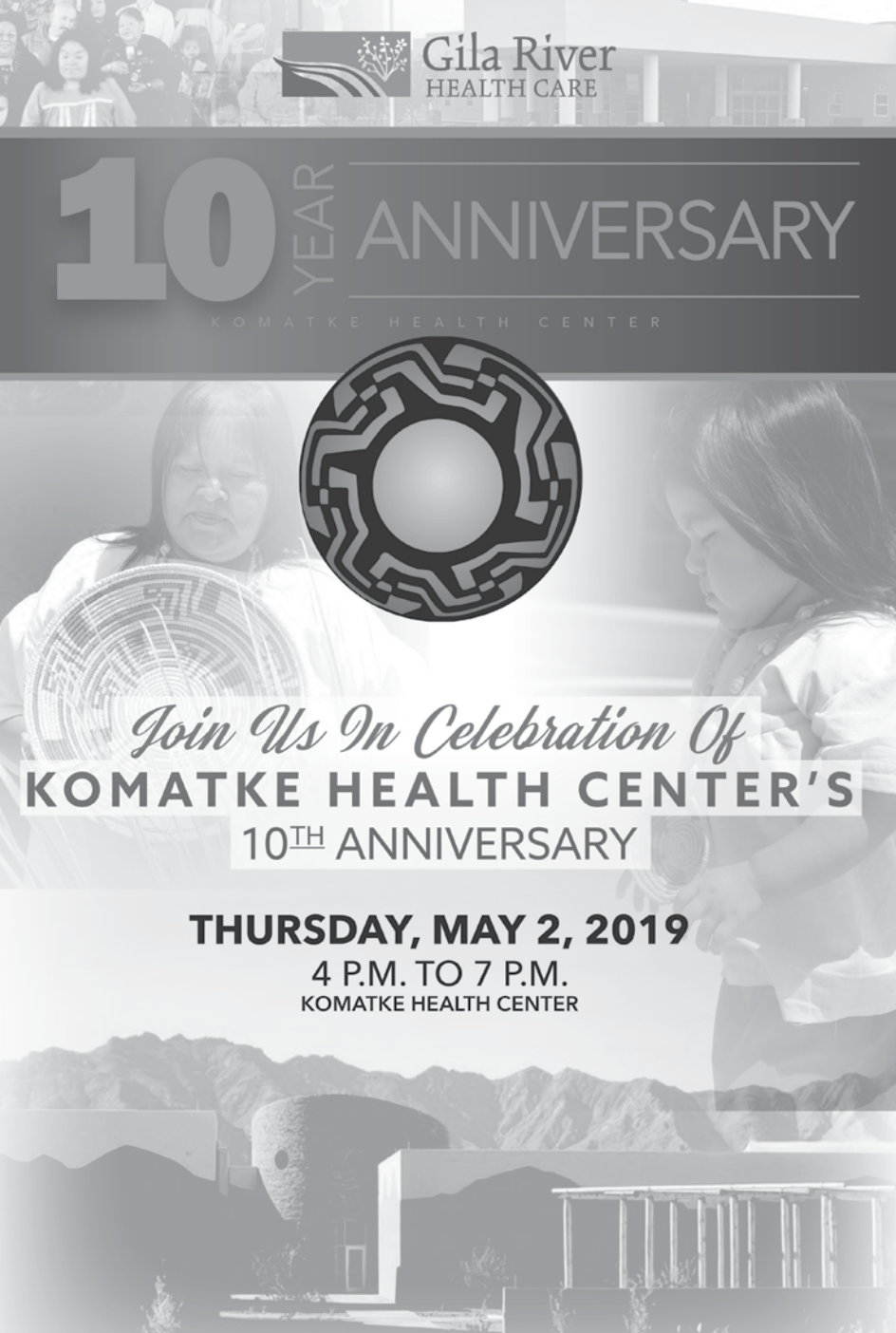
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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

NON-MEMBER RESIDENT REGISTRATION



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The Residency Ordinance requires all non-members who reside within the reservation to register their residency with the Enrollment Department, and must update their registration by January 31st each year.



Registration Forms are available at the Enrollment Department, District Service Centers and the Department of Community Housing.



The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office.

Physical Address:
Governance Center
525 W Gu U Ki
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Phone number:
(520) 562-9790



Registration Forms submitted by mail, fax or third party must be notarized.

Mailing address:
GRIC Enrollment Department
P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Fax number:
(520) 562-8103



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10 am - 2 pm

Location and Dates

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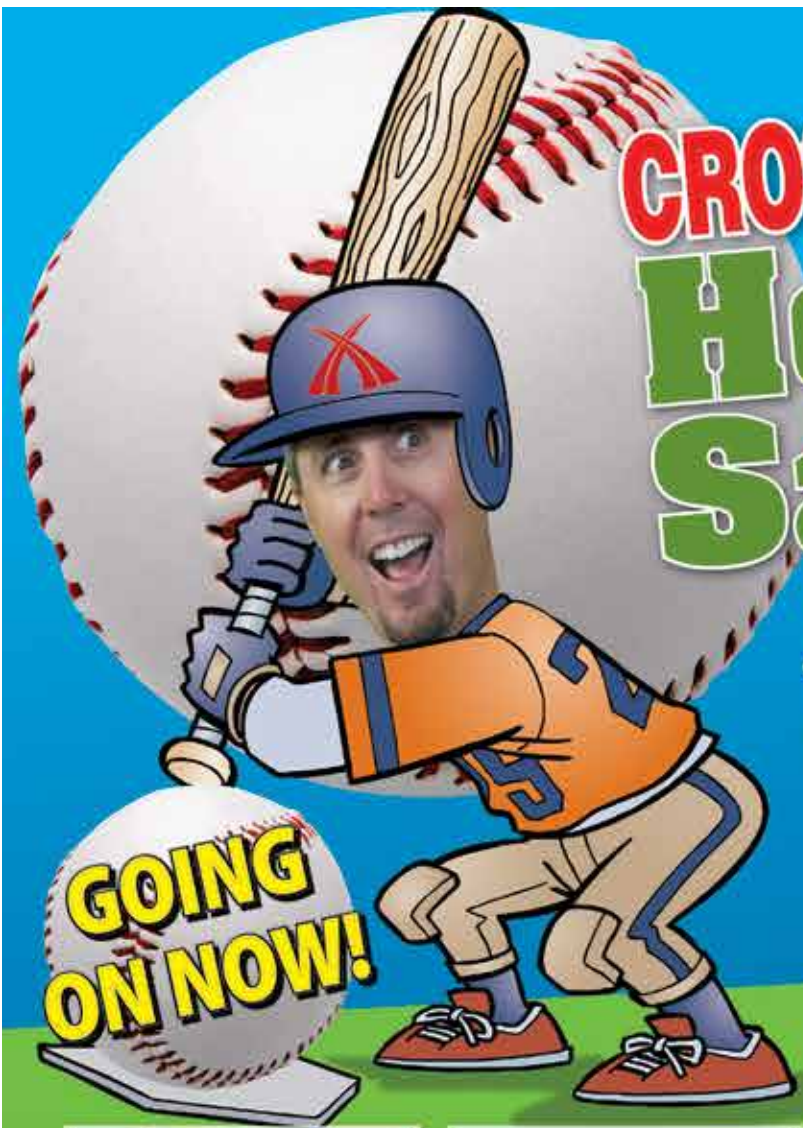
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