Council Certifies Candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judge

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The candidates for the upcoming primary election have been certified. On Aug. 6, the Community Council certified 24 candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judge.

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Voters are encouraged to attend two upcoming candidate forums sponsored by the GRIC Tribal Elections Program. The first forum will be Aug. 23 at the Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch in District 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The second forum is scheduled for two weeks later on Sept 6 at the Vah Ki Multipurpose Building in District 5.

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By Christopher Lomahqahuh Communications & Public Affairs Office

In the fast paced society we live in today with technology at our fingertips, our entertainment largely comes from gaming consoles, smart phones, tablets, and television. In contrast to these conveniences, there is something equally entertaining with history rooted in the Community. A group of youths in Gila River have taken to the outdoors trying their hand at playing thoka (or sometimes spelled tokaa) and songiv’ul.

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On Aug. 7, a warm summer evening at the Sacaton Fair Grounds, the thoka and songiv’ul practices were about to begin. The young men were clearing the ground they were about to play on. The young men were clearing the ground they were about to play on. The young men were clearing the ground they were about to play on.

A group of young men practice songiv’ul at the Sacaton Fair Grounds on Aug. 7.

Thoka Practice Takes Shape

The evening activities were filled with excitement and intensity as the ladies quickly learned the fundamentals of the game, moving the puck back and forth. In the midst of the huddle, an older woman coached some of the younger girls on how to handle the puck.

It was in these moments throughout the evening the women were learning something of value that could only be learned through immersing themselves in the game. It is in this spirit that April Crawford, District 3 Recreation Aide, and her co-workers were able to offer and facilitate the practice sessions for interested participants. “Being part of the recreation department, it gave me an opportunity to do this for the Community members and staff,” said Crawford. “The intention was to bring back the games and the culture, not many have an idea about thoka.”

Crawford discussed her desire to enlist the help of friends and acquaintances from the Community and Tohono O’odham Nation, who have experience playing the game. In looking at the series of connections being made, Crawford said, “It was like it was meant to be” because everything seemed to fall into place.

For those who are new to the game of thoka, it is an intense competition played among O’odham women and is considered a “sun up to sun down” affair where women will play for long periods of time for various prizes and honor. The game piece, “ola,” is two pieces of wood tied together in what is often referred to as a puck, while the stick, “u’usaga,” is made of mesquite measuring five to six feet with a curved end.

District 2 Art Student Published in Latest Issue of ‘Drawing’ Magazine

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Powerful art can be found in everyday objects. For Arizona State University art student Sara Lucas, District 2, those objects reflect her traditional background as well as her everyday life.

In the 2013 fall semester, for her Drawing 3 class, one of her favorite art professors at ASU, Janice Pittsley, assigned a unique project that would lead Lucas down an exciting path of recognition and gratification. For the assignment, called “Bits and Pieces,” Lucas collected items from the natural world and also made things to be used in a still life drawing.

She produced an untitled graphite drawing with a devil’s claw, twigs, feathers, safety pins, buttons and ribbons. Lucas’s drawing is strikingly realistic with the objects arranged symmetrically, emphasizing the shape and meaning of each item.

Lucas composed the drawing with the devil’s claw prominent in the center and at the top of the piece. The feathers openly up in a “V” shape and the ribbons are placed in the corners. In between the space created by the feathers, two twigs form a “T” continuing with the symmetrical and balanced theme. The safety pins circle around the bottom of the devil’s claw and the buttons.

Above: Sara Lucas holds open a copy of the summer issue of Drawing magazine, which published one of her still life drawings. The framed original piece is in the background. Bottom right: The cover of the latest issue of Drawing magazine.
Pediatric Wellness - Why Vaccinate My Child?

Children get vaccines to protect them against diseases such as Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Meningitis, Chicken Pox and Flu. Most of these diseases are at their lowest levels in history thanks to years of children receiving immunizations. Vaccines make you immune to diseases without getting sick, and work best if given to children at certain ages (children must have these vaccines to stay in school).

Some vaccines, although not required play a role in preventing diseases such as cervical cancer and are given to boys and girls. This vaccine called HPV (Human Papilloma Vaccine) is recommended for children beginning at 11 years old and is given in 3 doses in a 6 month period. The influenza (flu) vaccine is also recommended yearly for children 6 months and older to prevent flu.

The Pediatric Mobile Unit will be traveling to certain schools in the Community to provide important vaccines to students during the month of August and September, no appointments are necessary.

• Tuesday, August 13th and Wednesday, August 14th at Gila Crossing Community School from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
• Tuesday, August 19th and Wednesday, August 20th at Sacaton Middle School 9 a.m. - 1.p.m.

Today, most children lead healthier lives and parents have less anxiety knowing their children are protected by these vaccines. Immunizations are one of the most successful stories of modern medicine. Please vaccinate your children today.

The following is a list of required vaccines and the ages when children need them to attend and stay in school.

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TDAP: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis
MVC: Meningitis

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For more information contact, Robin Henry at 520.610.2379

Adult Wellness

The Diabetic Care Program (DCP) and Public Health Nursing (PHN) are pleased to announce a cooperative program which will bring DCP services into the Community. Starting, September, 15th DCP staff will be available at the District Service Centers to provide selected services to patients on a "walk-in" basis.

DCP Services will be available 9 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

9/15/2014  District 7
9/22/2014  District 5 Elder Center
District 7 PHN Office
1 p.m. thru 4 p.m. (All are Welcome)

9/29/2014  District 4
10/6/2014  District 3
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Contact Public Health Nursing at 520.550.6042 for additional information.

Family Planning/HIV Program Mobile Unit

For more appointments or information, call 520.371.0132.

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In Loving Memory

Sylvia M. Lewis-Gaytán
7/26/42 - 8/17/12

Time flies and it doesn’t seem possible that 2 years have passed since you’ve been gone. Remembering you is easy and the memories that we have will remain in our minds and hearts forever. Remembering you on your birthday and your 2nd anniversary.

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is to provide jobs for the Crow tribe. So as much as we possibly can, we’re trying to do every-
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Gila River and Arizona Coyotes Partner for Naming Rights

When the newly dubbed Arizona Coyotes face off against the Winnipeg Jets to kick off the NHL season this October, it will be in their also newly named home, Gila River Arena.

The Coyotes and Gila River Casinos reached a new naming rights deal earlier this week to bring about the name change from previous sponsor Jobing.com, whose contract is up.

“On behalf of the entire Arizona Coyotes organization...we are thrilled to partner with Gila River Casinos and the Gila River Indian Community,” said Coyotes CEO Anthony LeBlanc in a statement. “Like the Coyotes, the Gila River Indian Community prides themselves on their commitment to business excellence and to their community.”

The new 9-year deal is pending and requires the approval of the city of Glendale, who owns the facility. Further terms of the deal have not yet been released.

Gila River and the Coyotes have been friendly partners for years. If Glendale approves the deal, it will be the first time a federally recognized tribe acquired a naming-rights deal with the home sports venue of a major professional sports league team.

“As a long term partner of the Arizona Coyotes, Gila River Casinos and the Gila River Indian Community are delighted to partner with the Arizona Coyotes as a naming partner,” said Deborah Griffin, president of the Gila Casinos Board of Directors. “Gila River Casinos places a great deal of importance on being a good partner in the communities we work and live in and this partnership provides the perfect opportunity to support long term economic growth and development to the city of Glendale and the state of Arizona.”

TON and Glendale City Council Reach Agreement, Casino Deal Approved

After four and a half hours of debate and public comment at a meeting Tuesday, the Glendale City Council voted 4-3 to enter into a deal with the Tohono O’odham Nation, who promised the city $26 million over the next 20 years, including half a million in the next 10 days, to build its long-debated $400 million casino.

“I’m pleased with that kind of money,” azcentral.com quoted Glendale Councilman Gary Sherwood saying when the deal was first proposed.

“What we are being presented with tonight is peanuts compared to what other cities have negotiated,” Councilman Manny Martinez said at the meeting.

At the Aug. 12 meeting, Mayor Jerry Weiers and Councilwoman Yvonne Knack joined Martinez in voting against the agreement. Sherwood, Councilwoman Norma Alvarez, Councilman Ian Hughes and Councilman Sam Chavira voted for it.

While the city does not have jurisdiction over the site land, the two governments will have to work together to give the project life.

The deal requires the Nation to build out its own infrastructure on the 54-acre lot and to pay Glendale for off-site improvements. The Nation must also provide police and fire services.

The Nation still has pending litigation in the courts and a looming bill in the U.S. Senate that could bring its plan to an all stop, but at the moment nothing is standing in its way of getting started on the resort plan.

Recent victories in the courts and an endorsement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to turn the vacant lot into reservation land have spurred the Nation into action to build its casino, tentatively called Desert Diamond West Valley.

The city, which officially opposed the casino for five years, recently did a 180 degree flip-flop last month when it voted to end that opposition.

The new casino will burrow into the heart of Glendale on 91st Ave. and Northern, just north of the West Gate Entertainment District.

The Westend Court is temporarily relocating beginning September 2.

The Court will be located until further notice at the Health Resource Center, 5356 W. Pecos Road (West of 51st Avenue and Pecos Road) (520) 562-9862 – Phone (520) 562-9869 – Fax

The existing building is being demolished to make way for a new facility.
The origins were not always recreational like it is today, according to Antonio “Gohk” Da-visions said that every community (iron wood). Currently we are using lava rock. “Some villages would use kwu’i (mesquite), which is o’od-vasha. But even though the transition from lava rock to wood came about. “Some villages would use kwu’i (mesquite), as practically every school community would use kwu’i (mesquite),” said Davis. “Eventually this game along with many of the O’odham communities would play songiv’ul placing food, cattle, and wagons up for grabs.” Furthermore, Davis explained, “In our Ho’ok Agitha (O’odham Legends) it was told that at one point the players would use lava rock.” As time passed the scoring and everything changed depending on the Community’s discretion,” said Davis. “The scoring and everything changed depending on the Community’s discretion,” said Davis. “The scoring and everything changed depending on the Community’s discretion,” said Davis. “The scoring and everything changed depending on the Community’s discretion, said Davis. “As to how Davis became involved, it was District 3 Rec-reation Coordinator Timothy Antone, who reached out to Davis. Davis has a reputation for sharing O’odhah culture with the youth. Davis has a reputation for sharing O’odhah culture with the youth. “We met along with my brother O’odham words in your everyday lives. We met along with my brother O’odham words in your everyday lives. We met along with my brother O’odham words in your everyday lives. We met along with my brother O’odham words in your everyday lives.
Court Program Helps Parents Rebuild Lives

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Communications & Public Affairs Office

When the words “tribal court” come to mind, one thinks of paying fines, attending jury duty, and the administering of sentences. But a unique program positioned within the tribal courts is aimed at helping parents with a known history of drug abuse to rebuild their lives and better care for their children.

The Family Drug Court program is a voluntary four phase program offering parents treatment to prevent the spiraling of drug abuse and to reduce the negative impact it has on families.

Drug Court Case Manager Shelli Khan explained the intricacies of the treatment program’s goal to promote the reunification of families through the development of communication and support mechanisms critical to the sustainability of healthy families.

Parents follow four structured phases that last for 52 weeks. Parents must maintain regular court appearances before the Family Drug Court judge and receive outpatient treatment as part of the court mandate. Throughout the treatment process progress reports are submitted each week to the judge, who may speak with a parent to offer encouragement or discuss any difficulties they may be experiencing. Holding a high degree of responsibility is paramount to the success of parents graduating from the program. In the event of unforeseen difficulties, sanctions can be applied if they are not adhering to the program outlines.

“It’s not a regular court per se. We are not sentencing people to jail. It’s about the reunification of families,” said Khan. The emphasis focuses on family communication with other members to create an open environment where individuals can share their issues without being stigmatized.

“It opens up the dialogue between family members and bringing them together. Because there are so many issues with people involved in substance abuse, they do not openly speak about it,” said Khan.

Interventions that allow for the development of dialogue and family socialization are in phase two of the program called “Celebrating Families.”

“What is unique about our program is that we have a meal together. This is about learning how to talk with family, how to enjoy a meal, how to start communication going,” said Khan. “Some of our clients are starting phase two, so we are excited about that.”

Helping parents overcome their addiction to substance abuse is essential to being able to care for their children and reducing the risk of exposure to drugs and alcohol. The program works with the client to establish a support safety net while working with the parents to promote self-confidence. Professionals from other GRIC entities including, Tribal Social Services, OASES, Behavioral Health and parenting coordinators are also involved with the program to ensure there are no gaps in service.

“We have a special curriculum where our parenting coordinator is going to be working with the adults, and the Tribal Social Services case manager and I are going to work with the kids,” said Khan. The program offers several curriculums that will be introduced to parents as they progress through the program. “We want the parents to achieve sobriety when they are in the program in order to take care of their children.”

As the program ramps up, the hopes are, other parents in similar circumstances are willing to give it a try. What makes the program more of an entitlement is the ability to work with other parents who understand that interruptions happen along the way to sobriety.

“We want clients to learn how to deal with the issues they are facing more effectively,” said Khan. “I understand it’s frustrating being in the court system,” said Khan. “And that is why we are working with them every step of the way.” The stakes may be high, but the rewards are equal, because not only do the parents benefit, but the children and family members do too.
IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

U.S. Army 5th Brigade Cadet Command final approval of AZ Compass Prep was received 30 July, 2014, for the assignment of a Unit Flag for a JROTC Unit on the Campus of AZ Compass Prep.

AZ Compass Prep, the only Public Charter School in Arizona to have this honor, has received official approval of the U.S. Army 5th Brigade Cadet Command, and is now offering JROTC for the School Year 2014-2015. This class specializes in Leadership Education Training, and is offered as an introductory course in Leadership to all 7th and 8th graders. JROTC is also available as an elective for all 9th thru 12th graders.

AZ Compass Prep School is located in Chandler, on the northwest corner of North Arizona Avenue and Warner, and AZ Compass Prep and Skyline Education, Inc., have been a part of the Chandler community for over six years.

JROTC is available to all students enrolled at AZ Compass Prep, a Public Charter, and triple “A” School, focusing on Academics, Athletics, and Arts.

Title 10 of the U.S. Code declares that “the purpose of Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the value of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.”

The study of ethics, citizenship, communications, leadership, life skills and other subjects designed to prepare young men and women to take their place in adult society, evolved as the core of the program. More recently, an improved student centered curriculum focusing on character building and civic responsibility is being presented in every JROTC classroom.

For more information on the JROTC Program, and to enroll at AZ Compass Prep School, please feel free to contact us at 480-779-2000. We look forward to seeing you on our campus. Classes start on August 11, 2014. Phone Number for Quick Contact: 480-779-2000

Contact address for public inquires: 480-779-2000

Student Hours
M-F 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Office Hours
FRIDAY 9:00AM to 1:00PM

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Ira Hayes High School students experience agriculture

Ira Hayes High School students Deiah Knox and Isabel Baquetero spent part of their summer in the cotton fields and the rest in the lab. The two students were part of an internship with the United States Department of Agriculture in Maricopa.

“It was fun. We had a lot of fun,” said Knox. “We went out to the field every Monday morning, we would take the leaves and then we would go back (to the lab) and cut them and stick them in the oven.”

They had to bake the cotton leaves to make them dry and brittle “so they’ll be easier to grind.”

said Knox. They had to turn the leaves into a powder to test the nitrates in the plant to see how much the fertilizer used on those plants is affecting the atmosphere through nitrous oxide release.

“They are trying to study how the nitrogen fertilizer is affecting the cotton fields,” said IHHS teacher Hermelina Liddel, “and how many nitrates are being emitted in the atmosphere knowing that nitrous oxide is one of the greenhouse gasses that contributes to Climate Change.”

Liddel also interned at the USDA this summer as a part of her graduate program with the University of Arizona.

“It was great. You know, I was telling them, I wasn’t there as their teacher. I was there as their coworker. We worked together, we were in the same lab…and we were learning at the same time.”

Knox, who wants to be a pediatrician, said the science and lab work was a valuable experience for her and she will carry it with her into her future endeavors.

“I was there Monday through Friday…I started in June and ended in July,” she said. “It was fun. I learned a lot from it.”
ACTION SHEET Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729
CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday August 6, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chair- man Governor Gregory Mendosa at 9:05 a.m.
INVOCATION
Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewetywa
ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present: Governor Gregory Mendosa Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis Council Members Present: D1- Joey Whitman, Arze Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr.; Janie F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Vitarell, Sr. Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewetywa; D7- Devin Redbird Council Members Present: D4- Norman Wellibong
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS DRAFT
PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Skyline District 5 School – Mr. Vaughn Flannigan, Principal, Mr. Rodney James, Vice President of Education Presented: Mario Molina
MR. MARIO MOLINA INTRODUCED MR. VAUGHN FLANNIGAN AND MR. RODNEY JAMES. MR. JAMES PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. MR. FLANNIGAN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND.
2. Mayer Fire District
Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
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3. Phoenix Fire
Presenter: Ryan Scott
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5. Native Seeds/SEARCH Report on GRIC Funded Programs
Presenters: Native Seeds Representative, Cheryl Pablo
REPORT HEARD [GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MI-NUTE BREAK RECONV р NED AT 11:44AM]
2. Board Of Directors – Enterprise Update Gila River Farms
Presenters: Gila River Farm Board
REPORT HEARD [GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A ONE AND HALF HOUR LUNCH BREAK RECONVENED AT 2:12PM]
3. FY 2014 3rd. Quarter Travel Report
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
4. Gila River Indian Community-Arizona Department of Transportation PARA Grant – Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study
Presenter: Michael Lomakena
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. Health Resources Department - Overview and Recommend-
Presenters: Pamela Thompson
REPORT HEARD
6. Veterans Health Administration
Presenters: Kuauhtemoc Rodrigo
REPORT HEARD
7. Gila River Indian Community Akimel O’odham and Pee Posh Partnership For a Healthy Community – A Public Health Initiative – Presentation
Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Governor Gregory Mendoza
REPORT HEARD
8. First Things First Regional Council – Gila River Drive Drive
Presenter: Cathy Brown
REPORT HEARD [GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MI-NUTE BREAK RECONVENED AT 4:19PM]
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenter: Janice Ponzi
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
10. Gila River Gaming Commission-June Report 2014 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Serena Joaquín, Courtney Mohay
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
RESOLUTIONS
1. A Resolution Established a Loan Fund For The Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation To Assist The Corporation In Meeting Its Financial Obligations And To Allow The Continuation Of Operation Through The End Of Calendar Year 2014 (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller APPROVED
2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment No. 1 To The October 1, 2013 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder And Langford, P.C. (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Sharon Harver-Lewis APPROVED
3. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Transportation Improvement Program For Fiscal Year 2014 To Fiscal Year 2019 And Amending The 2011 Gila River Indian Community Long Range Transportation Plan (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval; with corrections; NRSC concours)
Presenter: Sasha Pachito APPROVED
4. A Resolution Authorizing The Early Head Start Program To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start Early Head Start Expansion And EHS-CC Partnership Grant (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval; ESC concours)
Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela APPROVED
5. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-23-13 Which Approved A Final Plat For Sacaton Flats 2-1 Subdivision And Amending An Amended Final Plat Of The Sacaton Flats 2-1 Subdivision Located In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 40113-0709 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Pamela Pasqual APPROVED
6. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-178-99 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Reginald Nelson, And Approving A Fifty Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Nicole Nelson, Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30414-0515 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Pamela Pasqual APPROVED
7. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Denise James Located In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30514-0707 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez APPROVED
8. A Resolution Rescinding GR-45-13 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Raquel Antone, And Approving A Continuation Of The Fifty Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Antonia Juan, Located In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 14-0516 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez APPROVED
9. A Resolution Approving And Adopting The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Safety Action Plan As The Transportation Safety Plan For the Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Sasha Pachito APPROVED
10. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Patricia Luiz From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to approve)
Presenter: Francisco Osal APPROVED
11. A Resolution Requesting That The Gila River Indian Community Election Board Set An Election On The Attached Proposed Constitution Amendments Pursuant To Article XVII Of The Constitution And Bylaws Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to approve)
Presenter: Javier G. Ramos TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
12. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Owens Harkey & Associates For Fiscal Year 2014 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Zuzette Kisto APPROVED
[Addendum to the agenda]
13. A Resolution Authorizing Certain Changes Related To The Restructuring Of The Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community And Authorizing The Design Of The Gila River Indian Community Governmental 401(K) Plan, Effective January 1, 2015
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller APPROVED
14. A Resolution Approving The First Amendment To The Second Amendment And Restated Plan Documents For the Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community, Effective January 1, 2014
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller APPROVED
15. A Resolution Granting 6.5942 Acres, More Or Less, Of Reservation Land In District One And Two To The Gila River Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Utility Easement And Right Of Way Corridor As Shown In Drawing No. 40113-04230EA
Presenter: Dante Nash APPROVED
16. A Resolution Granting 3.8245 Acres, More Or Less, Of Reservation Land In District Two To The Gila River Department Of Public Works For The...Continued on Page 10
2014 Summer High School Interns

GRICUA has selected two high school interns for our Summer Internship Program. They are Trevor Thompson from District 3 and April Lowe from District 4. GRICUA is proud to give the opportunity for high school students to learn about one of the Community’s enterprises and to expose them to similar interests.

Trevor Thompson is from District 3. Her parents are Karen Lowe and Doyle Dixon Jr. Her grandparents are George and Delila Thompson. April Lowe is from District 4. Her parents are Karen Lowe and Ross Lowe and her grandparents are Trevor Thompson. His grandparents are Karen Lowe and Doyle Dixon Jr. and Wilhelmina Thompson. April Lowe plans on going to run and playing basketball wherever she can. The Chicago Bulls is his favorite basketball team. Trevor would like to be an electrical engineer when he's older. He enjoyed working at GRICUA because it is preparing him for life and maybe a future in the company.

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Executive Office Intern Tyler Owens.

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Add another ambitious youth to the list of interns who served under Gov. Gregory Mendoza. Tyler Owens, 19, completed her summer internship in the Executive Office on Aug. 5. Owens, who is from Bapchule, is the president of the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council. Owens welcomed the opportunity to witness all aspects of the governmental and political side of the Community. “I just came into it with an open mind,” said Owens.

Throughout his term as GRIC governor, Gov. Mendoza has offered an internship to the president of Youth Council through the WIA program to get them work experience and a view of the inner workings of tribal government. Like previous interns Lisa Hendricks and Kyle Flores, Owens continued on a research project on the history of past GRIC governors and what was significant during their terms. Owens said she gained a greater understanding of accomplishments of past governors and their dedication to issues like water rights and gaming. Along with the research element of the internship, Gov. Mendoza encouraged Owens to maintain a daily log of her observations.

“I really wanted her to experience everything I do as governor,” said Gov. Mendoza. Starting on May 12, Owens did just that. She was by governor’s side for events, tours, and meetings. She observed how all the departments and committees cooperate and she came away with a clear realization: “Politics are in everything.”

Among the many highlights of her job was touring the new Residential Programs for Youth. She called it “a great facility.”

While dashing from one place to another, Owens said she relied heavily on a pen and pad. “A pen and a notebook will save your life,” said Owens.

Owens attends Chandler-Gilbert Community College and has been on Youth Council since she was 15. Working in the Executive Office was unlike any classroom she’s been in and there was something new to learn everyday. “I consider myself fortunate because there’s a lot of valuable information that you learn and that you get to obtain through this internship,” said Owens.

Owens hasn’t decided which university to attend after community college, but she has decided that, professionally, she wants to be an asset for all tribal communities as a lobbyist influencing decisions that affect Native Americans. “I definitely have high hopes for her,” said Gov. Mendoza.
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