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Gila River Gaming Enterprises Celebrates 20th Anniversary

By Christopher Lomaquahu
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The morning was a momentous occasion as Gila River Indian Community members filed into the Ovations Showroom at the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel on June 14. The atmosphere was filled with smiles, laughs, and the vibrant sound of stories shared between casino employees both past and present. The day presented a reason to celebrate what Gila River has been able to accomplish over the span of twenty years of Indian Gaming in Arizona. One can only recollect that 20 years ago the Community's entry into Indian Gaming started in a renovated office building in the Lone Butte Industrial park.

From the original Lone Butte Casino that opened its doors to the public in June of 1994, to the current gaming centers that stand today, Gila River gaming has flourished into a class-leading enterprise. Gone is the smoky cramped structure that was once the destination for

patrons wanting to try their luck. In its stead today stand three casinos: the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva Casinos.

Gov. Mendoza remarked at how far the Community has come from its humble beginnings and how the vision of tribal leaders at the time gave way to the inception of gaming for Gila River to achieve self sufficiency.

Casino employees were praised by the Gila River Gaming Enterprises board members and Gov. Mendoza for their hard work in providing exceptional service to its patrons. In many ways casino employees are the "faces of the Community," said Gov. Mendoza due to their work and hospitality. "Thank you for your commitment and dedication," said Gov. Mendoza as he congratulated the casino employees, many of whom have been employed since the opening of the first Gila River casino.

As the commencement of speeches by the GRGE board members proceeded, a video

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Top: The logo that greeted guests at the celebration. Bottom: Gov. Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Lewis pose with board members. L-R Carolyn Thompson (General Manager Lone Butte Casino), Janice Ponziani (Interim CEO), Lawrence Manuel (Board of Directors Member), Deborah Griffin (President of Board of Directors), Lt. Gov. Lewis, Alison Anderson (Secretary of the Board of Directors), Kenneth Manuel (Assistant CEO), Pamela Johnson (Vice President of Board of Directors), Gov. Mendoza and Michael Olujic (General Manager of Wild Horse Pass Casino) of Gila River Gaming Enterprises.

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Manhunt for Escaped Gila River Inmate Ends in Phoenix

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The inmate who escaped from custody while at a scheduled appointment at the Huhugam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton last week has been apprehended.



Photo Courtesy of GRPD
Francisco Gonzales.

Francisco Gonzales was being held on local charges on the Gila River Indian Reservation and faced pending charges out of Maricopa County for Aggravated Assault and Armed Robbery, according to the Gila River Police Department.

The inmate escaped Tuesday, June 10 and was discovered Friday, June 13 at approximately 6:30 p.m. at an apartment in Phoenix with his girlfriend, GRIC member Alyssa Antone. Both were arrested and taken to the Maricopa County Fourth Avenue Jail.

Gonzales will face new charges for the escape. He already faced charges from Maricopa County for Aggravated Assault and Armed Robbery. Antone will face charges for assisting in Gonzales's escape.

The GRPD worked with several other law enforcement entities in the search for Gonzales. The United States Marshals Service, the East Valley Task Force and the Mesa Police department assisted in tracking down the fugitive.

Police continue to investigate the escape; they believe others helped in Gonzales's escape and anticipate further arrests.

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Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwill at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa during the announcement of the official partnership between the Community and the Super Bowl Host Committee on June 5.

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Local media gathered at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa on June 5 to witness the official announcement of the partnership between the Gila River Indian Community and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee for Super Bowl XLIX.

Gov. Gregory Mendoza was

related to make the official announcement about the Community's partnership with Host Committee before. "We are committed to making Super Bowl XLIX a success for our people and for the state of Arizona," he said.

The Partnership allows for the Gila River Indian Community to gain national exposure and to solidify the Community's commitment to playing host for major events that will precede Super Bowl XLIX.

The Gila River Indian Community is one of two Arizona tribal communities, in addition to the Ak-Chin Indian Community, that has officially announced their partnership with the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee. Both will work with the committee to promote the local businesses and enterprises of their respective Communities.

Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwill was enthusiastic to be able to partner with the Com-

munity. "We are excited to have the Gila River Indian Community as part of the support of all the things that will be done," Bidwill said.

He added: "Gila River is stepping up to help provide the considerable community support required to make [the Super Bowl] a success."

Chairman David Rousseau of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee was present to express his gratitude towards Gila River for their partnership. "We are proud to be partnering with the Gila River Indian Community and to work together to fuel the economic engine of Arizona," said Rousseau.

The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee, a non-profit Arizona corporation, was created to generate the economic force and partnerships that will go into making the "Big Game" a success. In addressing the media, Rousseau emphasized the Community as an ideal location to host a variety of events leading up to Super Bowl XLIX including the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa playing host to the visiting AFC team. "Our partnership will have multiple elements with a major focus on education, health, and fitness for the youth of the Gila River Indian Community," said Rousseau.

The Community and the host committee are optimistic the partnership will benefit the Gila River Indian Community in building strong relationships with the

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Affordable Care Act: Avoid the Tax Penalty, File for Exemption

Under the new health care law, everyone is required to maintain minimum essential coverage or pay a fee (known as the shared responsibility payment). This ruling is connected to the federal Affordable Care Act where all Americans must show they have health insurance coverage. Native Americans are encouraged to apply for exemption and avoid the tax penalty when filing 2014 taxes. Being eligible for services at Gila River Health Care (GRHC) alone does not meet the minimum essential coverage requirement. Please visit our Benefit Coordination Department at GRHC if you meet one of the following exemptions conditions:

- If you do not have health insurance coverage and receive care from GRHC, you will need to either (1) sign up for health insurance coverage, (2) pay the shared responsibility payment to the IRS, or (3) apply for an exemption. Exemption forms are available at GRHC Benefit Coordination or healthcare.gov. Contract Health Services is not considered as health insurance coverage.
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AHCCCS or the Health Insurance Marketplace. For Gila River members that are Contract Health eligible GRHC may be able to pay your insurance premium for you through Tobacco Tax Funding through the Gila River Indian Community.

Any further information or questions about exemption or to enroll in for health care insurance coverage, please call our Benefit Coordination Department at 520-562-3321.

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Introducing GRIN Summer Intern Selena Vidal

By **Selena Vidal**
Gila River Indian News

My name is Selena Vidal and I am currently attending Maricopa High School. I'm going to be a junior and I am extremely excited about it. Before attending Maricopa High, I attended Desert Vista High School in Ahwatukee for my freshman and part of my sophomore year. During my time attending Desert Vista I took an introductory journalism course as an elective my freshman year and a beginning photography class as well my sophomore year. Having those skills led me to believe that I'd fit quite well in a position at the GRIN. My family is from Sacaton and my mother is Teri Lynne Kisto and my father is Raul Vidal from Casa Grande. I live with my mom and three half sisters and we currently live in Maricopa.

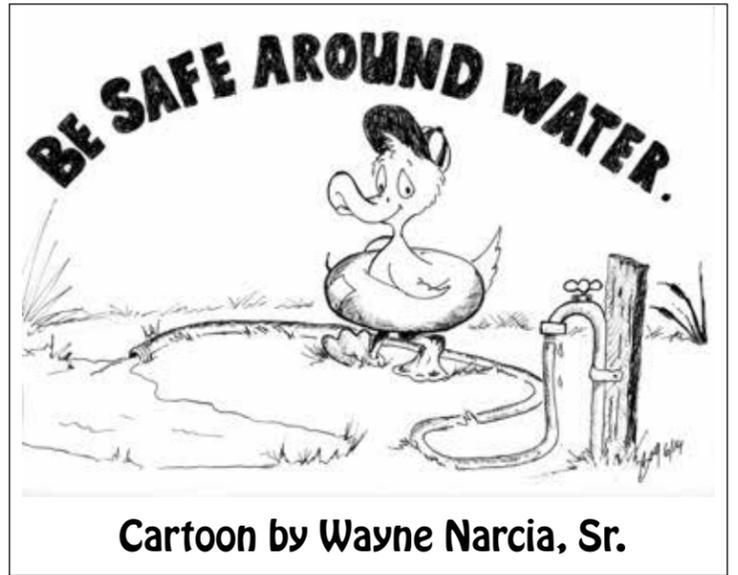
When it comes to my educa-



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GRIN Intern Selena Vidal.

tion, I have high standards for myself. I not only wish to gain an education but to grasp and endure as much as I can in the world. My main interest is photography. Anything to do with photography I absolutely love. Working with



Cartoon by Wayne Narcia, Sr.

the GRIN I believe I can gain experience taking photos and understanding photojournalism. I'm used to taking scenery pictures and just messing around with the tools and effects and adjusting it to my liking, though with working for the GRIN I'd more likely be taking pictures of people and events which is something new to me and that I'd love to explore

to sharpen my photography skills. Being at the GRIN, I'd also like to sharpen my writing skills. My biggest struggle with writing is that I have trouble following a certain format and I'm hoping to get in the habit of writing journalistically and knowing the dos and don'ts more clearly. I'm looking forward to a fantastic experience at the GRIN.



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Cultural Reading Program Looks at O'otham History with 'A Pima Remembers'



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

A group of local residents reads and discusses "A Pima Remembers" at the Ira Hayes Library Cultural Reading Program June 12.

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

When George Webb penned his book, "A Pima Remembers" in 1959, he was upholding the grandest tradition of human cultures: the preservation of his people's history through storytelling. Today the book is celebrated as one of the precious few published books that tells the O'otham story in the O'otham way, like snapshots of time through the eyes of a respected elder.

As a part of its annual summer reading program, the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library this year decided to host a reading day for

curious bookworms to take a look at "A Pima Remembers" and try to get a sense of O'otham history.

"I'm not Pima, I'm Hopi," said Loren Nahsonhoya, who lives in District 3, "[But] what motivated me to come here was... to learn a little bit more about the Pima culture since I've been [living] here for some time."

The class succeeded in that regard. Most of the people in the class had similar reasons for wanting to attend.

Jaime Madrid of Sweetwater in District 5 said he also wanted to learn more about O'otham history and culture.

He said he recently met some

I didn't know that...so that kind of opened up the gateway for me to [want] to learn more about our people."

Madrid said he grew up in Chandler "[but] I always felt like I was at home when I was here on the rez, never there in Chandler." He also said, "I want to learn more of the Pima language."

Now, he's doing his part to ensure O'otham traditions are passed on to the next generation. "I learned a few of the Pima songs, you know, and I have a 4-year-old...and I made him a gourd and he runs around the house once in a while shaking his gourd."

of the people who organize the Unity Run, which is an annual trek across the traditional O'otham homelands meant to remember and honor O'otham ancestors. "[They were] telling me some of the history of the Pimas and that we had an army...and

Traditionally, O'otham storytellers would use a calendar stick to preserve their stories.

"When I was young," Webb writes in the book's preface, "the old Pimas could remember a long way back in time. They did not have any writing, but they did have what is called a Calendar Stick."

The storytellers would carve small pictographs into a narrow wooden rod and use them to recall and retell their stories. Only the stick's owner knew what story accompanied which depiction on their calendar stick.

"Sometimes in the evenings they would look at this stick and tell what had happened in their grandfathers' time. Or they would remember a story," Webb continues.

"A Pima Remembers" is like a calendar stick in print with stories drawn from the tribe's oral history. On every page of the book are little drawings, examples of calendar stick etchings related to the stories.

Nahsonhoya, Madrid and the others who attended the June 12 Cultural Reading Program, got a special treat when O'otham historian Billy Allen stopped by and presented the stories of "A Pima Remembers" in his own way with background stories about the book and interesting tid-bits from recent history.

Everyone also got their own free copy of "A Pima Remembers."

"I taught O'otham history on

and off for 30 years at the [Casa Grande Union High] School. Slowly that class was phased out and they were going to destroy the books," said Allen.

He talked to the principal to save the books and the school let him take the box sets, which he then donated to the Ira Hayes Library, which was in turn able to give away a few extra copies. Many other copies are still available to rent.

Other books Allen likes to recommend for those interested in O'otham history are "Papago Woman" by Ruth Underhill, "Akimult Aw A Tham" by Guy Acuff and "A Pima Past" by Anna Moore Shaw.

Super Bowl

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people by promoting key topics like health and fitness. It is expected revenue will be generated back into the Community with a healthy return on investment.

Following the press conference, a mini-youth football clinic was held involving the youth of the Community that included former Arizona Cardinals safety Kwamie Lassister and wide receiver Frank Sanders and the Super Bowl XLIX mascot "Spike." The youth football clinic that was held after the press conference is a glimpse at what is come, as the host committee and the Community work together to host future football clinics.

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.

GRIC DOT paving small dirt road near Huhugam Hospital



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Dirt road under construction in Sacaton.

The small strip of dirt road that connects the governance center and the Health Resources Department to the Huhugam Memorial Hospital is getting a makeover.

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Transportation and Tribal Projects Development have undertaken an effort to pave the intersection of Skill Center Road and Chiadag Street east of the hospital.

“These two short dirt roads get significant traffic and DOT has regularly graded these roads trying to keep them smooth and reduce the dust in the area,” wrote DOT director Timothy Oliver in an email.

He said the project should be completed later this week. “We expect the users in the area to be very happy as this paving will improve the conditions in this area.”

Governor’s Employee of the Month for May:

Tecumseh Manuel



Jaime Jackson/CPAO

Tecumseh Manuel with Gov. Gregorio Mendosa and Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Submitted by Employee Development
Gila River Indian Community

Tecumseh Manuel is Governor’s Employee of the Month for May. He is Property and Supply’s Warehouse Specialist and is well respected by his co-workers. With a wealth of knowledge in

all positions of the warehouse, he consistently seeks ways to improve processes in all divisions of the warehouse. He works with vendors to ensure orders are corrected or returns done and credit is received when needed. He also works directly with the buyers on any issues pertaining to purchases.

Tecumseh is familiar with the new Munis program and in May he was acting in the absence of the warehouse supervisor and was instrumental in the recent move from Sacaton to Lone Butte. With his years of experience and knowledge of the warehouse, he is well known by all staff and departments as a go-to person on any issues and concerns.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER (RMSF)

Submitted by Devin Pablo
Community Health Education

What is RMSF?

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is a very severe and often life-threatening disease. This disease is a very serious issue and should be taken just that way.

How do you get RMSF?

Only through the bite of an infected tick!

What are some common signs and symptoms I should watch for?

Fever, chills, body aches, nausea, and vomiting. Later, if the person is not treated may show signs of rash, feel abdominal pain, and contract diarrhea.

Why should I worry?

There are many stray dogs which carry a lot of brown dog ticks. Ticks are the carrier of the disease and can latch on to humans causing them to become infected with RMSF. Because of the large amount of stray dogs and ticks in the community, no one is immune to this disease. We can only control RMSF, not eradicate it. RMSF is here to stay!

How do I prevent and/or control it?

Yards: Keep them clean making sure that all grass and weeds

are cut low; remove bulk trash in your yard including discarded furniture. Contact DPW (520) 562-3343 to have the trash picked up. For pesticide application, contact Environmental Health Service (520) 562-5100.

Dogs: Be a responsible pet owner by checking your dogs daily for ticks daily. If ticks are found remove them promptly and place a tick collar on them. Animal Control provides dog dipping Monday – Saturday from 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 pm at the D5 Kennel. They also provide dog tick collars free of charge. Contact Animal Control (520) 562-5100.

You and your family: Check yourself and your small children for ticks every day especially your kids who have been playing outside. Discuss this same procedure with older children and family members that have been outside playing or cleaning the yard. Wear insect repellent containing DEET, wear light colored clothing so ticks can be spotted easily, and tuck your pants inside your socks when working outside. Don’t take any chances if you or your family are experiencing any of the signs then please be seen by your doctor. Be vigilant and be safe!

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20th Anniversary of Gila River Gaming

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montage played on the large projector screens placed high in the Ovations Showroom highlighting some of the most notable events in the history of Gila River Casinos. Resounding voices could be heard from the audience as they were taken back in time to some of the early days of the casino.

Deborah Griffin (D6) said, “This day means a great deal to me, that I was truly blessed to be chosen as a board member.”

Other board members recalled how their past employment at the casino lead them to pursue a higher education and then return to apply their newfound knowledge where they had their start.

Pamela Johnson (D4) said her experiences in casino and tribal government led her to pursue a higher education and then return working for the Community with the casino. She touted

the fact that the Community was able to accomplish the feat of operating a casino in those early days without an outside management firm. “Without the employees we would not have made it this far and [they] are all to be commended for a job well done,” she said. “I would like to thank you the Gila River Indian Community for providing me the opportunity to continue my education and serve as a board member for Gila River Gaming Enterprises.”

The Assistant CEO in the Pathways program, Kenneth Manuel (D4), shared his early memories working at the Gila River Casinos since 1994 and how his employment with GRGE was on the cusp of something that was “historical” and inspired him to work harder in his career.

The Ovations Showroom was filled with memories, some

of which were brought back in a solo performance by Casino Board Member Lawrence Manuel. To the delight of the audience, Manuel sang the familiar jingle that was recognizable for many of the early Gila River Casino commercials with the lyrics, “Take me to the River where jackpots flow, Take me to the River where winners go...Go to the River, Gila River Casinos.”

The landscape of Gila River Gaming Enterprises has changed drastically, offering class leading services and amenities that are leaps ahead of what was offered to patrons when the Gila River’s first casino opened. The last 20 years have been marked with progress for the Community as a whole to be self-sufficient, allowing the members of Gila River to benefit from the revenue in ways that were only imagined two decades ago.

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Ha:shañ Baithag Mashath

The name for this month references the ripening and harvest of the baithaj (saguaro cactus fruit). In days past our Hekiu O’otham possessed intimate knowledge of our universe through many years of practical observations. The O’otham annual cycle of life starts with Ha:shañ Baithag Mashath (June) and is commonly referred to as our O’otham New Year.

As we have learned through the teachings of our Elders, we know that all living things on our earth were made for us by our Creator. The gifts of the ha:shañ and baithaj provides us with food, wood for making tools, and a purpose of Ceremony to give thanks for our blessings of rain and renewal. The ripening of baithaj doesn’t necessarily coincide with the Summer Solstice, but rather is dependent on the amount of rainfall the previous year and annual growing conditions. Baithaj can ripen as early as mid-June and as late as mid-July. As we experienced last summer, in some years ha:shañ doesn’t produce much baithaj and we had to cancel our annual harvests for Aji and Santa Cruz.

This month also starts off the “months of abundance” when all food producing plants start to bear fruit. Community

Gardeners reap the benefits of their labors as they harvest fresh produce from their many gardens located throughout our community. Commercial Growers toil endlessly to grow and harvest their cash crops as the end of the growing season slowly approaches.

Our Hekiu O’otham also observed and noted the Summer Solstice. It’s a time when our thash (sun) takes a four day rest in the north before making its slow trek back south. O’otham farmers watch the slow trek southward and take note of when it’s too late to plant additional crops for the season. O’otham learned through trial and error that if certain crops are planted too late, an early frost in autumn can wipe out entire labor investments, and often results in a shortage of food for the winter months.

A sure sign of summer’s arrival is when the kok’thpol (cicadas) emerge and start their singing, reminding us that another year has begun. Since time immemorial we have been connected to the annual cycle of life and commemorate the traditions established by our Hekiu O’otham. We encourage you to get out and observe your natural environment including the movements of our thash.

Word Match

Oithag Chichkpanthakud

ban wiyosha



gavnol



gi:k



hichkakud



hukshanakud



us’kuanakud



Family raises money for special trip



Photo Courtesy of the Thompson Family

Randi Renee Antone (wheelchair) is supported by her family at the Cancer Awareness Day Fun Run/Walk May 31. The family wore orange Leukemia awareness shirts with "Team Randi Renee" emblazoned in the center of a turtle design.

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

"She's been battling Leukemia since she was 7," her mother told me.

Judi Thompson sat in the shade of a backyard tree wearing a bright orange, purple and turquoise Team Randi Renee shirt telling me about her daughter Randi Renee Antone, probably the strongest 13-year-old in the Gila River Indian Community.

"She's already relapsed once and we just found out like a week ago that she's relapsed again. But this time...they say that the chances of her getting through, even to remission, is really low; it's like less than 20 percent."

Thompson and Emmanuel Randy Antone, Renee's father, are parents cast adrift in a violent sea of emotion and the waves are crashing around them. They've weathered many storms like this

before and, like always, they're not alone.

"I'm very lucky to have my family," said Thompson. Her family is huge, and extremely supportive. "I have my aunts and uncles and cousins that live right here in Sacaton. I have a lot of other family out in Tucson. We all pull together when things get tough like this and they've always supported me, as [has] the Community."

In the front yard, dozens of family members and friends bustled around cooking up eggs, sausage, bacon and chechemath (tortillas). The Community support for this family is astounding. Scores of Community members and local employees swarmed the driveway buying breakfast here in support of the family, often donating two, three or four times what they're asking for a simple bacon 'n' eggs burrito.

Thompson was astonished:

Strength and Love" lining a large turtle's shell. The family wore it at the Cancer Awareness Day walk in District 5 a few weeks ago as well. Renee's Auntie Elmay designed the shirt with longevity and resilience in mind.

"The life of a turtle is long," she said, "that's why we chose the turtle on there." Orange is the color of Leukemia awareness and support.

Later that day, I met the rest of Renee's family in the living room.

"Family is everything," said her Auntie Gale. "We've always been a close-knit family...and now that we're seniors and retirees, our children are taking over and doing what we did...It's really rewarding for us because it just brings everybody together, it just brings love together - faith, hope, everything it says on the shirt."

The family stays strong through prayer, their Christian

faith, O'otham traditions, sharing their feelings and healing sessions where they transfer their energy to Renee.

"It feels good to us," said Thompson. "[And] she enjoys it when our family gets together, you know; we have fun and we pray together - a lot of prayer, that's really strong in our family."

This family has always been tight. Many members have had many varieties of cancer but it only made their bonds stronger. As a result, a lot of the family members belong to the Gila River Cancer Support Group, which meets once a month and as needed.

"We do sharing and, you know, a lot of times there are tears but...it's therapy for us within our family...There was a point when she first was diagnosed where I couldn't even speak," said Thompson.

Renee has almost no blood flow in her hips so it hurts a lot to walk but through the pain there have been shining moments of happiness like earlier this month when she hopped in her wheelchair to join her family in the Cancer Awareness Walk and at her surprise 13th birthday party last December, when she was able to get up and dance with her father.

During a recent visit to the hospital, Renee and her family discovered the Leukemia has spread throughout most of her body.

"It's tough," said Thompson, not holding back her tears. "The toughest part is trying to help her understand that she's going to be leaving us soon...She's thirteen but she's still confused."

Thompson said Renee is handling it "as best as she can" but "now...I tell people that if you want to come and visit, you have to keep your spirits up. I don't want people coming around and crying and being sad."

"We decided - and she had a part in the decision too - that she would just come home and spend her last days at home because she's been in the hospital a lot, a whole lot, and she's fought long and hard," said Thompson.

Renee will enter hospice care soon.

However, her doctors recommended that if they wanted to take her on a special trip, it should be within a couple of weeks, so that's what they're going to do.

The family has set up a series of fundraisers to help raise money to take her on a trip this weekend to San Diego.

"Right now as we're coming down to the end and we can't do anything, that's why we want to give her that quality of life to be the best that we can give her," said her Auntie Gale.

"She and I talked about some things she might want to do and she said that she wanted to...the San Diego Zoo," Thompson said. That's what the food sale fundraiser was for. On a flier, the family also informs people that they can make donations at any Chase Bank if they provide the name Randi Renee Antone and the donation number 3046227616.

Renee loves animals. Everyone in her family knows it and those in the living room jump to tell me about it. She doesn't even like to see animals harmed in movies, says her brother.

"She has that way with the animals," said Thompson. "She likes monkeys...and monkey stuff but dogs are her best friend... Even at the hospital she had a lot of pet therapy [with] the dogs."

Thanks to the strength of her family, the fundraiser and the Community support, Renee is sure to have a great time with her loved ones at the San Diego Zoo.



Playing = learning!

Resource: Active Play! Fun Physical Activities For Young Children

Contact BabySmarts Home Visiting Coaches
Catherine Thomas (520)562-3321
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Laura Kesse (520)562-3321
Ext. 7991
Heidi Bruder
Teen Parent Case Manager (520)562-3287



Physical activity is important for children to develop their physical well-being, but did you know that being physically active teaches your child so much more! As children get moving and playing they are developing essential movement skills. They are practicing running, jumping, throwing, kicking, twisting, and turning. Each of these skills are the foundation to future physical activity! When children are physically active they begin to learn about how they feel about themselves and others. Physical play will help them decide if they enjoy being physically active, which will help determine if they will be physically active on their own in the future. Through physical play, children begin to learn how to get along with others by learning to share and take

turns. Being physically active also helps prepare kids for academic and social success in school. By playing games they are learning to follow instructions and simple rules of the games. Whether they are making up the games with their siblings or following rules of a structured game, they are learning foundational skills that will prepare them for academic success. When children engage in physical play they are learning names of their body parts and how their bodies move. They also can be learning about objects, colors, and shapes. Recognizing and naming these items will become essential skills necessary for academic success.

Author,
Heidi Bruder
Teen Parent Case Manager

Water Targets is an outdoor game perfect for a hot summer day!

Goal: To develop coordination, counting concepts, color identification, and eye-hand coordination. **Age:** 2 years old +

Equipment: 2 or 3 big plastic bowls or pots. Several small balls, empty water bottles with the caps on, or small toys that float. **WATER!!!**

Instructions: Place large bowls or pots outside and fill them halfway with water. Ask your child to throw the balls in the water targets. Count how many balls she can land inside each bowl and be sure to cheer her on at every attempt, even when she misses. As she gets better at this activity, increase the challenge by having her stand farther away from the bowls. To increase learning opportunities have your child identify the colors of the balls and toys being tossed. As her coordination gets better, her splash will get bigger! **CAUTION!!** Never leave your child alone around water!

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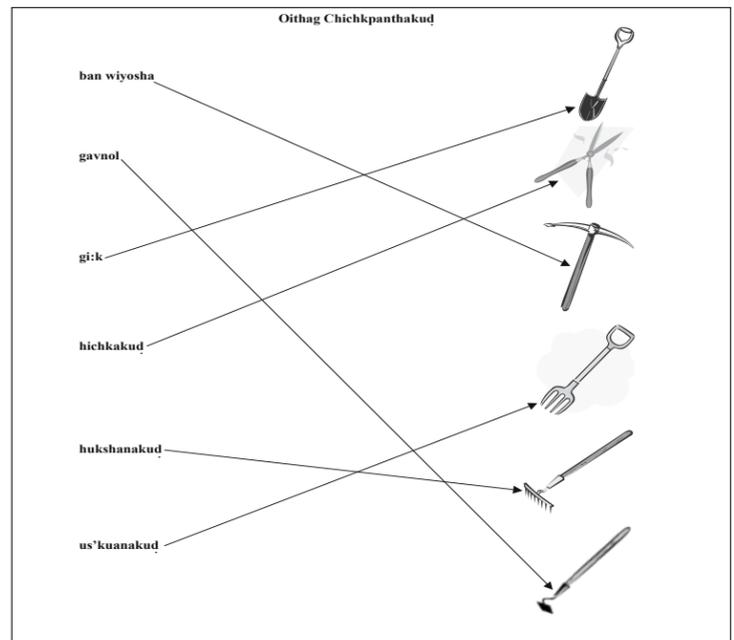


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Basketball, A Way to Share a Prevention Message

Submitted by
Gila River Health Care
 BHS-Prevention Program

The Gila River Prevention Coalition provided an opportunity to bring the youth and community together on June 5, 2014, through a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at D4 Ball Park. The coalition planned, coordinated and collaborated with other community departments, volunteers, youth, and other service providers to create the basketball tournament for the youth. The general mission of the Gila River Prevention Coalition

is to improve the health, safety, and well-being of all the Gila River Indian Community through community collaborations to reduce substance abuse and suicide among the youth and adults, by increasing an awareness and education of making healthy life choices and utilizing community resources.

The basketball tournament was attended by children on all ages, families and local service



Photo Courtesy of the Prevention Program providers. A guest presenter shared his story and his prevention message to the youth about substance use. He was supportive to the youth and people in attendance and gave an outstanding message of empowerment. The teams were also recognized for the outstanding basketball skills with medals and t-shirts. The youth and community interacted with the tournament, booths and other activities.

The Gila River Prevention Coalition was established in 2006 and continues to thrive and adapt to the needs of the community. The coalition meets monthly to develop networking groups and plan ways to empower the youth and the community. The next meetings are scheduled for June 27, 2014 and July 25, 2014 in Sacaton, AZ at the Dialysis Center. For any further information about the Gila River Prevention Coalition and/or GRHC Prevention Program, please contact Brianna Withrow at 520-562-3321 x7157.

Summer Ideal Time To Prepare for Kindergarten Success

Submitted by
First Things First

For young kids entering kindergarten, summer is the ideal time to instill the skills that will make the transition to school smoother.

Kindergarten has changed a lot since most of us started school. Today's 5-year-olds are expected to arrive with basic academic and social skills so they are prepared on day one to start learning to read, write and do basic math.

First Things First has a list of simple things parents and caregivers can do this summer to help kindergarteners prepare for their big day. Some tips include:

- Read to your child at least 30 minutes per day.
- Talk to your child; make up stories or songs.
- Play games about colors, numbers and shapes of objects. Point out letters and repeat them.
- Encourage your child to draw on plain paper with crayons.
- Make sure that all immunizations are current and have your child visit the dentist.
- Start talking to your child about the change that is coming when they start school. Be positive.
- Talk with your child and set an example of sharing and putting

things back where they belong.

- Talk with your child about a typical school day. The more your child knows, the less anxiety he is likely to experience.

- Do a test-run of the new routine, including laying out clothes the night before, waking up with enough time to get ready and eating breakfast.

- Give your child a family picture for their pocket or backpack; reassure them about what time you will be back to pick them up.

- Most importantly, celebrate and enjoy this milestone with your child!

Additional tips can be found at azftf.gov in the Parent Section under Early Education.

Even if you don't have kindergarteners this year, it's never too early to start helping kids prepare. Children who have positive early childhood experiences tend to score higher on school readiness assessments and are more likely to do well in school and graduate.

By turning everyday moments into learning moments, we can send our children to school with the skills – and the love of learning – that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond!

Rabbit Teaches Head Start Students About Using Their Brains



Photo Courtesy of the Prevention Program

Submitted by
Brianna C. Withrow
 Gila River Prevention Program

The Gila River Prevention Coalition presented a prevention puppet show for D6/D7 GRIC Head Start students, staff, and families on May 22, 2014. The coalition presented an interactive puppet show about make healthy

choices. The purpose of the puppet show was to show the younger generation an example of how to make healthy choices and to use their "brain" to get out of potentially dangerous situations.

The Head Start children are young and the puppet show was an age appropriate strategy to provide a general prevention message. They may be young, but they grow fast. The students were given prevention bags which contained information about "Say No to Drugs" coloring books and informational brochures for the parents. Our young generations need us to teach them positive choices, support them and most of all to love them.

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What's New at GRICUA:

New Office Construction Update:

The construction of our new office building is right on schedule. The footings and floor as been poured, conduit and indoor plumbing installed, and now the walls are going up. The new

office building will be the 1st building within the Community that will be "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED) certified under the United States Green Building Council's Version 3 standards. The projected completion date is January 2015.



Featured Employee:

Chris Miller

Christopher Miller is the current GIS Analyst at GRICUA. Originally from the town of Mansfield, Ohio he moved to Phoenix when he was young and is basically an Arizona native. He attended all levels of school in Phoenix then went on to continue his education in Eugene at the University of Oregon. After two years of clouds and rain it was time for him to come back to the desert where he completed his Bachelor's degrees at Arizona State University in Geography with a concentration in GIS and Economics. Upon completion he was hired as an intern through ASU contracting his GIS services out to GRICUA, while enrolling in ASU's GIS Master's program. In the fall of 2013, Chris completed his Masters' degree and in December started as a full time employee at GRICUA. In his free time he enjoys being a sports fanatic, traveling, wine tasting, food tours, movies, working out and appreciating all the little things that life has to offer.



Sacaton Peak Project

On May 5th, GRICUA kicked off the Sacaton Peak overhead power line reconstruction project. The new line will replace the original power line that was built in the late 1930s. This project is a joint effort between GRICUA & GRTI that will provide improved electric service reliability to telecommunications tenants and will also carry GRTI fiber optic service to the site. A helicopter is being used to lift workers and material to work sites. This reduces the environmental impact on the mountain terrain and allows for the work to be complete in the 6 week project time frame. The 1st phase of the project is expected to be complete June 13th. The 2nd phase of the project will include work at the actual communications site on the mountain top.

Monsoon Safety Tips

Disaster Supply Kits

The Monsoon season officially starts on June 15th. Every family should prepare a family disaster supply kit in the event of severe weather conditions. The disaster supply kits should contain essential items such as food, water, and sturdy clothing, to sustain a family for up to three days since electric power, gas and water services may be interrupted.

- Three gallons of water in clean, closed containers for each person and pet.
- First Aid Kit.
- A stock of food that requires no cooking or refrigeration.
- Portable and working battery-operated radio, flashlights, and extra batteries.
- Necessary medications.
- Back-up power source for life support or other medical equipment that requires electricity to function.

Flash Flood Safety

- If you live in a flood prone area have an evacuation plan.
- Store materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber for protection from floodwaters and to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
- Store materials above flood levels.
- Secure wanted objects to prevent them from floating away.
- Do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain.
- Avoid low-water crossings.
- Driving too fast through standing water can cause a car to hydroplane. The best defense is to slow down or pull well off the road (with lights off) for a few minutes to wait out heavy rains.

Community Artists needed

GRICUA is looking to purchase Community Art to be displayed in our new office building. We'd like to thank all the Community Artists that came to our art forum in May. We will be hosting another art forum in June. If interested please send your name, address, phone number, District # and type of artwork to Landrea Larney at llarney@gricua.net or call 520-796-0600. Please visit our website www.gricua.net for more information.

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2014

GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.

- July 8
- August 7
- September 8
- October 9
- November 6
- December 8

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GRICUA's Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

Public Notice

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
SARALEE CHRISTY RODRIGUEZ
Plaintiff/Petitioner,
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ANGEL FULWILDER,
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TO: Angel Fulwilder
Post Office Box 11017
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CASE Number: CV -2014-0068
CIVIL SUMMONS
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 regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:

Sacaton Community Court
721 West Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520)562-9860

DATE: Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM

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. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

Public Notice

Name of Person: Leroy Rodney Fulwilder, Jr.
Type of Hearing: Paternity & Child Support
Case Numbers: CF-13-0243/CFCS-13-0079
Court Date: July 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
Courtroom #4, 2nd Floor*
Location: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court
Address: 10,005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

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Proposed Legislation: Waste Management Ordinance

The Gila River Indian Community Council is considering a revision to Title 18, Environment. A copy of the proposed Waste Management Ordinance in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. The ordinance will be considered at the June 24, 2014 Legislative Standing Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. Community members may comment on the proposed revised ordinance by contacting their Council member(s) and/or Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, the Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may also be sent to: GRIC Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

TITLE 18
ENVIRONMENT
CHAPTER 2. WASTE MANAGEMENT

ARTICLE I. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

18.201. Authority.

A. The Community has inherent sovereignty to exercise civil authority and jurisdiction over the conduct of Community members and all other persons on all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Community as necessary to maintain the environment, natural resources, public health, safety, welfare, political integrity and economic security of the Community.

B. The authority to manage and regulate the storage, collection, transportation, handling, treatment and disposal of solid and hazardous waste in the Community inherently lies within the retained sovereign power of the Community.

C. The Community enacts this chapter under its inherent civil legislative, adjudicative and regulatory authority pursuant to the express delegation of authority by Congress under the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. §§ 461 et seq.), which provided the Community authority to organize, adopt the Constitution and Bylaws of

NOTICE OF PHASE 3 CONSENT MEETING FOR ALLOTTEES REGARDING THE EL PASO NATURAL GAS/KINDER MORGAN RIGHT OF WAY

Over the course of the next couple of months, the Gila River Indian Community's Negotiation Team will continue to hold Phased consent meetings with allottees regarding the amount of compensation that El Paso Natural Gas Company / Kinder Morgan ("El Paso") has agreed to pay allottees and the Community for a new twenty (20) year term right of way ("Right of Way"). On June 28, 2014 the Negotiation Team will hold its second consent meeting with allottees that own land interest(s) in Phase 3 of the Right of Way area. This meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2014, at the District Five Service Center in Casa Blanca, Arizona.

The Negotiation Team intends to schedule a consent meeting with Phase 4 allottees to occur in August 2014 and a meeting with Phase 5 allottees in August or September 2014. A general map showing the location of Phases 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the El Paso Right of Way area is included on page 2 of this flyer.

For each Phased consent meeting, the Negotiation Team will send a letter to each allottee in that particular Phase of the Right of Way area informing them of the date, time, and place

of their Phased consent meeting. Some allottees may have land interest(s) in different Phases of the Right of Way and may be invited to attend more than one consent meeting regarding the El Paso Right of Way. Notice of the Phase 3 consent meeting on June 28, 2014 has been sent to those allottees with land interest in that Phase of the Right of Way area. A similar letter for Phases 4 and 5 will be sent out approximately three to four weeks in advance of those meetings.

Because meeting space is limited, we ask that only those allottees that have received a notice letter of the Phase 3 consent meeting attend the June 28, 2014 meeting. If you are an allottee with land ownership interest(s) in Phases 4 and 5 of the El Paso right of way area, we will soon send to you a notice of your individual Phased consent meeting as mentioned above.

Representatives from the Negotiation Team, El Paso, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Pima Agency will be in attendance at the June 28th meeting and any remaining consent meetings to present the El Paso compensation information and answer allottee questions.

Blackwater Community School Openings

Blackwater Community School has the following openings for the 2014/2015 School Year
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a member of another federally recognized Indian Tribe, all non-Indians, and any other person as defined under this chapter; and

2. all places and lands located anywhere within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, including all trust and non-trust lands, and notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, fee, allotment, right-of-way, lease, or real property interest of any kind held by any person as defined under this chapter.

B. Any person who is anywhere within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, whether on trust or non-trust lands, must comply with, and is subject to this chapter; any guidance documents issued hereunder; all Community laws; and all orders of the Department and the Community Court. All such persons shall be deemed to have consented to the civil jurisdiction of the Community Court, and shall be subject to civil prosecution, penalties, damages, or any other civil remedies imposed or awarded by the Community Court for any violations of this chapter.

18.203. Findings.

The Community Council hereby finds as follows:

A. The increasing volume and variety of solid waste being generated on or brought to the Reservation, and the often-inadequate and environmentally unsound existing methods of managing such waste, could lead to conditions that threaten the environment as well as the public health, safety and welfare of Community members and residents of the Community by contributing to land, air and water pollution, to the production of flies, rodents and litter, to the waste of dwindling natural resources, and to the general deterioration of the Community environment.

A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's office.



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MONSOON AWARENESS SAFETY TIPS:

Monsoon History: Every year, the Gila River Indian Community is subject to a variety of severe weather threats in association with the annual Monsoon Season. The period from June 15th through September 30th has been declared the Monsoon Season based on climatology. During this period humidity across the state increases dramatically and leads to an onset of thunderstorm activity across the Community. OEM has addressed a few varieties of severe weather topics to highlight significant weather hazards and safety precautions to take when severe weather strikes.

Heat Safety:

- Prolonged heat stresses the body.
- Stay inside in a cool ventilated place whenever possible.
- Restrict outdoor activities to early morning or evening.
- If you must be outside, wear loose-fitting, light clothing.
- Drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks.
- Frequently check on the young, elderly, and those with health conditions.

Power and Communications Outages Safety:

- Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by trees or debris, and could be live. **DO NOT TOUCH.**
- Use cell phone, cordless phones do not work without electricity.
- During a thunderstorm, turn off the AC unit. Power surges from lightning can overload units.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed – food will stay fresh up to 8 hours.

Downburst and Thunderstorm Winds:

- Thunderstorms can produce strong gusty winds
- In some cases, winds may cause property damage
- Wind speeds may exceed 100mph
- Concentrated strong downdraft, inducing outward burst at damaging winds at the surface
- Occurs when most or all of the rain evaporates from the downdraft

Flash Flood Safety:

- Most flash flood deaths occur in vehicles.
- Moving water 2-3 feet deep will carry away most vehicles.
- Keep children away from creeks and washes when heavy rain is in the area
- Be especially careful at night when water depth and road conditions are harder to see.
- If driving, and blocked by water over a roadway, wait for the water to subside or find an alternate route to your destination. Do not drive into the water.

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