Tribal leaders attend “Update From Capitol Hill” with McCain and Flake; McCain is pushing for H.R. 1410 hearing

By Joshua Jovanelly
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Sen. John McCain said he is pushing for a Senate committee hearing on H.R. 1410, the Keep the Promise Act, which would prevent the Tohono O’odham Nation from opening its proposed casino near Glendale.

McCain spoke to reporters after a luncheon event hosted by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel in which McCain and fellow Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake gave an “Update From Capitol Hill.”

The bill, which passed the House of Representatives last year, is awaited by a hearing in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs before any further action can be taken. McCain sits on the committee, which is chaired by Sen. John Tester (Montana – D).

McCain said he’s requested a hearing and spoke about the divisiveness of the Tohono O’odham Nation’s casino plan.

“We have asked for a hearing in the committee, but some of the people that are against the casino — such as the government of Glendale, the mayor is against it, and some of the city council are for it — it helps if we’re dealing with a united front on the Senate side,” McCain said. “But we will continue to press for a hearing and see what we can do.”

About 600 people, including business and political leaders, attended the April 25 event. The Gila River Indian Community was a title sponsor of the luncheon.

At the center table, Sen. Mc- Cain sat next to Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Councilman Dale Enos (D3), where they shared conversations during the meal. Council members Devin Redbird (D7) and Carol Schurz (D2) also attended.

In a written statement, Men- doza shared his enthusiasm for the constructivesthe discussions he had with the senators.

“I was honored to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week with Sen. McCain and Sen. Flake, both of whom have witnessed the Community’s ongoing dedication to add to the general economic, cultural and social well-being of the Phoenix metro area,” Mendoza said.

“Our conversation made clear to me the shared objective of both senators of making the Phoenix metro area the best place to raise a family, an objective that I share on behalf of the Community.”

The Keep the Promise Act would cap the number of Phoe- nix metro area casinos at its current number until the gam- ing compacts are renegotiated in 2027, a promise GRIC con- tends was implicitly stated in the voter-approved Proposition 202. The Tohono O’odham Nation wants to build a casino on unincor- porated city land it purchased near Glendale. Glendale’s city council has been officially op- posed to the casino until March when the council voted 4-3 to enter formal negotiations with the Tohono O’odham Nation.

“The Keep the Promise Act would cap the number of Recon- tions to the casino until March when the council voted 4-3 to enter formal negotiations with the Tohono O’odham Nation. “Indeed, that is why I also conveyed the Community’s commitment, along with other leaders of Arizona tribes, to work together to ensure enact- ment of H.R. 1410, legislation that would guarantee to the resi- dents of the state that all of the Arizona tribes who benefit from the gaming compacts with Ariz- ona keep the promises that they made to gain passage of Propo- sition 202 in 2002,” Mendoza said.

“On behalf of the Commu- nity, I am grateful for the sup- port of both senators on this and other Community issues.”

GRIC departments share Earth Day in Sacaton

By Mikhail Sundust
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On a perfectly sunny spring day in Sacaton, under the lush green trees of Ira Hayes Memorial Park, Gila River Community members couldn’t have asked for better conditions to celebrate Earth Day.

Ira Hayes Park buzzed with ac- tivity. Over 200 Community mem- bers departed from the park April 22 to pick up a free shirt and a free lunch. More than a dozen informational booths dotted the park lawn with presenters from the Department of Environment- al Quality, District 3 Recre- ation, Cultural Resources Manage- ment Program, Hubeagam Heritage Center, River Authority and more.

The Arizona Game and Fish booth was a main attraction. Mike Demlong with the Wildlife Educa- tion Department brought several wild animals including a red-tailed hawk, a raven, a Gila monster and two small desert tortoises.

“All of the animals I have here today, there’s something wrong with them and they can’t be released back into the wild for one or another,” said Demlong, as a couple of children played with the baby desert tortoise in the park grass. The animals he featured came from the Adobe Mountain Wild- life Center. “We call them animal ambassadors because for a lot of people it’s the first time they’ve seen a red-tailed hawk or a raven up close.”

Even Gov. Gregory Men- doza stopped by to observe the crea- tures.

“We appreciate being invited,” Demlong said. “Some of the mon- ey from the casino gaming goes to wildlife conservation so in an indi- rect way, we get money from the casino to help us do this so it’s nice to pay it back.”

Another popular booth was the one for the volunteer community group Vebsig Jeved. The group is known mostly for the cleanup work they do, picking up garbage and beautifying the Community.

The two groups members work- ing the booth at Earth Day were Alyssa Dixon and Annie Grater. Miss Gila River 1st Attendant. They said “Vebsig Jeved” means bal- anced land or even land. “We’re try- ing to even it out. Like, take out the trash. You know, trash gets built up so we’re trying to take that out and just clean [it] up and make it better again,” said Dixon.

The group is also balancing another project, a co-op garden. Dixon said their primary focus for now is “just trying to get the community garden in District 5 going.”

Althea Walker, Caution Coyote, Will Antone and Chris Long pose at the Gila River Earth Day event at Ira Hayes park, April 22. 

Community members at Ira Hayes Park enjoyed music, give- aways and craft projects. Some peo- ple cooked hotdogs in solar ovens and DIY helped guests make bird- feeders out of used plastic bottles. They also raffled off potted plants such as flowers and cacti.

This year, April 22 marked the 44th anniversary of Earth Day, which began in 1970 when Wiscon-
stay in, stay cool, this summer!

Summer is around the corner and everybody wants to stay cool. All we want to do is stay in and watch movies, maybe do a little online gaming, or even a little online shopping.

GRTI Customer Survey

GRTI is partnering with Qualia, a marketing research group, to gain a better understanding of our customers needs now and in the future.

You may hear from us by phone, email or see us in the community conducting surveys and interviews to help enhance our services for you. Please take the time to participate in our short surveys and interviews as it will benefit you and GRTI. Your feedback is very important!

As a thank you we will be giving away Google Chrome books to 5 randomly selected participants and one lucky participant will have the opportunity to win an iPad!
Congratulations

Respectfully submitted by her mom, Terri M. Lewis-Enos and her sons, Enrique Holquin and her mom, Terri M. Lewis-Enos. Please join me in congratulating my daughter, Maureen D. Jones-Lugo, on an awesome accomplishment!! She graduated on April 24, 2014 from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice! She also accomplished receiving her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Brookline College prior to this. She put her mind to it, got down to it and did it with hard work and dedication!! I am SO proud of my daughter! God truly does answer prayers. Respectfully submitted by her mom, Terri M. Lewis-Enos and her sons, Enrique Holquin and Vincent Jones.

Late police captain receives headstone donation

Alfred Lomaquahu was a decorated police officer and a well-respected, active member of his community. Captain Lomaquahu passed away on July 23 of last year and was laid to rest in Blackwater. At the April 16 Council meeting last month, family members of the late Alfred Lomaquahu introduced themselves to the Council members and thanked them for the recent donation of a long-awaited headstone to grace the late Lomaquahu’s gravestone.

In a letter supplementing their appearance at Council, the family wrote: “We would like to express our [gratitude] and prayers for your generous contributions from the Gila River Indian Community throughout the loss of Alfred...We appreciate your thoughtfulness in allowing us to complete [the] final closure of his resting place as his headstone is set down and blessed...Sincerely, Diana Lomaquahu, Carol French and family.”

We want to give a sincere thank you to Gila River Sand and Gravel for their generous add-on donation to our swine CDE project for FFA 2014-2015 school year. Without your generous donation, we would not have been able to continue our CDE projects. We are very thankful to Gila River Sand & Gravel and to all the board members.

Sincerely,
Yasmine and Charisma Quiroz, District 1

PHYLIS C. (LEWIS) OSIFE
APRIL 22, 1950 – OCTOBER 22, 2013
NOT quite a year has passed since you’ve been gone but remembering you on your birthday. You are forever loved and will be eternally missed. Love you lots!

Letter to Editor

My name is Shane Lindstrom and I have worked for the GRIC’s Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project since 1994. I am currently looking for anyone who would like to carpool from Tucson to Sacaton. I work the standard schedule of Monday-Friday from 8-5. There is a carpool parking lot at Cortaro and E-10 next to the McDonald’s where we could meet. Anyone who is interested, please call me at 520-562-6748.

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The family presented a short biography of Captain Lomaquahu’s life to the Community Council.

Alfred Lomaquahu was born in 1943 in Hopi land. He began his career as a police officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Flagstaff in 1975. He quickly worked his way up through the ranks to sergeant and lieutenant. In 1982, Lomaquahu was promoted to captain and was transferred to the BIA Pima Agency in Gila River, where he served for four years. He retired from the force while serving on the Havasupai Reservation in 1988.

“Alfred was not only a dedicated police officer, he was also involved in the community,” Doreen Atkinson told the Council. “Alfred was known as ‘Captain Loma.’ While working for the Gila River Indian Community, the elderly had a lot of respect for him.”

A family bio for Alfred says he worked for the Coolidge school district for 17 years after leaving the police force. It continues, “After retiring in 2010, he did volunteer work for Blackwater Community School and helped out with his granddaughters’ Girl Scout activities by building and pulling their floats in parades and assisting in their fundraising.”

“Alfred Loma has served the Indian community with integrity, strength and honor,” said Atkinson. “There are no words to express his influence in the lives he touched. He is greatly missed by his family.”

The new headstone was laid at Alfred’s gravesite the morning of April 19 and his widow, Diane Lomaquahu, was presented with an American flag in his honor.
2014 PER CAPITA SCHEDULE*

APPLICATION & PAYMENT

- The application is a one-time-only application; apply only once for continuous pay-out.
- These deadlines are also applicable to all updates to the Per Capita Office records and to the Enrollment Office updates affecting per capita, such as an address change.

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Minors Turning 18 Soon

- A minor can apply at 17 years of age, if the minor will be 18 years of age by the next Payment Date.
- A minor or an applicant must meet the Application Deadline of the associated quarterly payment.
- A valid picture ID from the GRIC, a State, or U.S. military or a passport is required when applying.

WAIVER & REVOCATION

- If you need to waive (stop) per capita payments or revoke-a-waiver (restart) per capita payments, submit a letter to the Per Capita Office by the deadline dates below (see green columns).
- The waivers and revocations will become effective with the respective payment dates shown.
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Early disbursement requests from minor trust funds are allowable if:
1) the expense is necessary and related to the minor’s health, education or welfare, and
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See Minor Trust brochure for details or call Providence at (800) 350-0208.

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MINOR TRUST PROVIDENCE VISITS

Visits are courtesy steps taken to assist parents and guardians of minor trust account holders in an area of need.

Upcoming Providence First Trust visits are listed below:

- Friday, June 27th and Monday, June 30th, 14, 9 am – 5 pm
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Gila River Indian News

The Ramos Boxing Gym is a small, family-owned boxing school tucked in a little, nondescript storage garage on the south side of Casa Grande. There is no name above the front entrance and when I walk in, a one-two combination of sweat and polyester hits me square in the nose. “That’s the smell of a boxing gym, you know,” said Jesus Ramos with a laugh. He’s the gym’s owner and head coach.

It’s not flashy, but the Ramos brothers have built a reputation school here on Jimmie Kerr Boulevard. And, despite whatever preconceived notions one might hold of a boxing gym, it’s a friendly place to be. The gym is often packed full of people of all age groups. Walking past the punching bag area and around the boxing ring, which alone fills half the room, Jesus leads me out the back loading bay door. Nearly everyone pass smiles and waves hello before returning to their workout. Outside, a big guy lifts weights and a group of kids jump rope and practice box jumps. Jesus leads me to another, even smaller storage unit, where, he says, the kids have their own space to work out. Three punching bags and two speed bags line the wall. We sit here for a while as Jesus tells me about his gym. Jesus invited me to the gym because he’s trying to recruit more young people and he has a special offer for Gila River youth: “We want to bring three kids for four months and maybe that’s going to open [the door] for more if they want to come.”

The deal is for kids ages 8-15 (but a little older is okay). Typically, gym fees are $65 per month so Jesus is asking for serious inquiries only. No prior boxing experience is necessary but his only two requirements are transportation and dedication. If someone wants to take him up on his offer but can’t or won’t make it to the gym regularly, he’d prefer to give the free pass to someone else.

The gym follows a weekly schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays they do mitt work; Tuesdays and Thursdays are for sparring. Friday is cross fit workouts and weight lifting. Additionally, they try to make it to amateur boxing tournaments once a month. The most a participant attended was a boxing tournament in Tucson the weekend of Saturday, April 26. If you meet the requirements and are interested, give Jesus a call at 520-423-7621 for more information.

Jesus and his brothers built this gym with little to no help over nearly a decade. Everything you see there was paid for out of their pockets or from donations. Jesus is the leader but two of his brothers, Jose and Efrain, coach too.

Jesus, 37, started boxing in his teens. “I had like 26 fights [in the amateurs],” he told me. He took a few years hiatus and started up again in his late 20s but discovered it was harder to get back into than he’d expected.

“When we were training, the little ones came, our little brothers,” he said. “They wanted to train. So… I told my older brother, ‘You know what, we’re too old for this… Why don’t we train them!’ And that’s how it all started.” He’s been coaching for about eight years now.

“We started training at the garage at my house in Arizona City,” he said, but now he lives in Casa Grande. The gym has been at this location, the storage place, for almost a year but already Jesus is looking to move it again because his school is growing so rapidly.

“Right now we’re trying to get a bigger place at the Outlets,” he said, referring to the old Tanger Outlet Mall along the I-10 at Jimmie Kerr. It has more space but he’s still hoping to negotiate the monthly rental price down.

Jesus was born in Mexico and moved to Pennsylvania when he was 10 years old. “That’s where [my brother] Abel was born,” he said.

At 23, Abel is the star of the Ramos family boxing gym. He turned pro in 2010 and has a no-loss record. An extra-large promotional poster of Abel under stadium lights looms over the Ramos gym.

Abel’s next major fight is May 10 in Los Angeles. His opponent is Oscar Andrade, who is 8-0 with 4 KOs. Abel is 9-0 with 5 KOs and one draw. Being a boxing coach is not Jesus’s full time job (“Once Abel makes money, maybe,” he half jokes); he actually works at the post office. But as his gym grows, he’s looking to grow up a new generation of central Arizona fighters. He’s got about 10 little ones training at the Ramos Boxing Gym, including his own children. While we talk, his sons dance around a punching bag, throwing little, powerful jabs and hooks.

Jesus is hoping that before long he can add some young O’otham scrappers into the mix.

Abel Ramos delivers a rib-crushing blow to his brother Jesus in a practice session at the Ramos family boxing gym in Casa Grande.

By By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

For the third year running, Gila River Indian Health Care has received a $50,000 grant from Susan G. Komen Central and Northern Arizona that will cover the full cost of breast cancer screenings for its patients.

The mammograms are free of charge to patients of any Native American tribe, not just Community members. The screenings typically target women 40 and older, but special circumstances — such as a family history of breast cancer — can make them necessary earlier in life.

The grant is a huge boost for patients who are uninsured or underinsured. The money is used to cover the initial mammogram, which can cost in the $200 range, transportation to the facility and follow-up screenings if necessary.

“It’s extremely important,” said Rachel E. Enos, who has received a $50,000 grant from Susan G. Komen Central and Northern Arizona.

The screenings are available about four times per month at a mobile medical unit that alternates between Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital and Komatke Health Center. This month, the unit will be at Hu Hu Kam on May 15 and 29 and at Komatke May 16. To inquire about screenings, call Enos at 520-550-6280.

Rachel E. Enos proudly holds a certificate for GRHC’s grant from Susan G. Komen CAN AZ, which covers breast cancer screenings.

Health Care receives another $50k Komen grant, will cover cost of mammograms

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Casa Grande boxing gym has special offer for Gila River youth

May 2, 2014

women understand the risks, the self-awareness message.” It helps inform around the Community that encourages “a breast cancer prevention program.” It helps women understand the risks, the importance of getting screened once a year after the age of 40 and how to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Enos’s passion for her work comes from personal experience. She lost her aunt to breast cancer earlier in life.

“It’s something that really touches me because it’s just one person who I don’t want someone else to go through,” Enos said. “So it explains the drive, it explains why I work so hard to get all the educational information that’s needed out there.”

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Enos, from the Goodyear Village in District 4, helps distribute information around the Community that encourages “a breast cancer prevention program.” It helps women understand the risks.
First Things First: Protecting young teeth increases school attendance later on

Submitted By First Things First
Gila River Regional Partnership Council

Did you know that dental problems are among the leading causes of school absenteeism, and that decay can start in the tiny teeth of babies and toddlers? The Arizona Department of Health Services estimates that 30% of Arizona’s 2- to 4-year-olds have untreated tooth decay and more than half of 3-year-olds have never seen a dentist. If not addressed, this decay can lead to failure to thrive, speech delays and trouble concentrating in school. The American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors National Children’s Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. First Things First is doing its part by helping children access preventive oral health care and building awareness among parents of the importance of taking care of young teeth. In fiscal year 2013, 57,813 oral health screenings were completed on kids 5 and younger statewide to detect dental problems and, 35,599 fluoride varnishes were applied to protect young children’s teeth against dental decay.

As their child’s first teachers, parents and other caregivers can take a few simple steps to keep young teeth healthy and prevent future problems:

- For babies, the Arizona Department of Health Services’ Office of Oral Health recommends:
  - Avoid passing germs by not sharing spoons or licking pacifiers.
  - Keep the bottle out of the crib.
  - Serve juice in a cup, not a bottle.
  - Clean baby’s mouth with a soft cloth or infant toothbrush.
  - And, take your baby to the dentist by his or her first birthday.

- For children 1 and older, the following recommendations are added:
  - Limit sweets, snack foods and sweet drinks.
  - Brush your child’s teeth with a soft toothbrush twice a day.
  - Look at your child’s teeth and gums at least once a month. Healthy teeth should be all one color.
  - Make sure your child drinks from a cup and focus on water with fluoride, milk, or small amounts of 100% fruit juice.
  - And, give your child healthy meals and snacks.

By following these steps, we can send our kids to school with healthy teeth and gums, prevent future absences, and promote their success in kindergarten and beyond!

Outstanding students honored at Governor’s Scholar Award dinner

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

As another school year winds down, 30 of Gila River’s finest students came together to be recognized for their yearlong success at the Governor’s Scholar Award dinner on April 24 in the Komatke Ballroom at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort.

Gov. Gregory Mendoza (center) smiles along with the recipients of the Governor’s Scholar award after the banquet dinner held at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort.

The students, ranging from fourth grade to college, were awarded, with three nominations in each grade level. Parents, teachers, principals and other supporters, all dressed in formal attire, cheered on trios of students as they went up to the stage to accept their awards. Third place received the tributes of Governor’s Scholars.

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Wednesday, April 16, 2014

ACTION SHEET
Community Council: PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9792

CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council was held Wednesday April 16, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:07 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Reverend Aaron Johns

ROLL CALL
Sign-In Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Gregory Mendoza
Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Executive Officers Present:
D1-Cynthia Antone, Arroz Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Dale G. Enos; D4-Moore-McCune, Jennifer Allison, Norman Wellington; D5-Annette J. Stewart, Janice F. Stewart; Robert Stone, Franklin Pilar, Sr.

COUNCILMAN NORMAN REDBIRD Council Members Absent:
D4-Barney Enos, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Shannon Redbird and Christopher Lomahquahu
2. ZUZETTE KIST INTRODUCED MS. SHANNON REDBIRD AND MR. CHRISTOPHER LOMAHQUAHU. MS. REDBIRD AND MR. LOMAHQUAHU PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR BACKGROUND AND GRATITUDE FOR THEIR POSITIONS.

3. Thank you of the Alfred Lomahquahu Sr. Headstone HEADSTONE OF MR. LOMAHQUAHU AND INVITING COUNCIL, THANKING THEM FOR THE DONATED COUNCIL FUND TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN THE PEPE POSH CEMETERY FOR THE BANNER HILLS RESERVATION.

4. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying The Construction Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Mending The Sacred Hoop, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Deborah Griffin, Kenneth Manuel and Jason Robinson

5. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Boxing And Mixed Martial Arts Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Rodney Tuttle

6. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community In The National Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year 2014 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) For The Community’s Annual Dues (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Gailyn Ethelbah

7. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

8. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Boxing And Mixed Martial Arts Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Gailyn Ethelbah

9. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Mending The Sacred Hoop, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2014 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Lt. Governor Shannon Redbird

10. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Competitive Grant Application To The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fire Prevention and Safety Grant
Presenters: Nada Celaya and Kasa Corcoran

11. A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Chief Knapp

12. A Resolution Designating And Approving The Assignment Of 18.82 Acres, More Or Less, Of Reservation Land Within District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Community As Seeded In Drawing No. 30712-0097-01 In Order To Operate And Maintain The Pee Posh Cemetery For The Purpose Of Interring The Bodies Or Remains Of Eligible Community Members (NRSC forwards to the Council with recommendation for approval; CRSC concurs)
Presenters: Sasha Pachito

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Motion made and second to approve the appointment of Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Mr. Christopher Lomahquahu to both positions for 30 days
Presenters: Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Mr. Christopher Lomahquahu

ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors Appointment (1)
Presenters: Community Council

2. Proposed GRIC Organization Realignment (G&MSC forwards to Council for discussion and possible work session date)
Presenters: Tina Notah-Enas

APPROVED
DENISPIED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. Gila River Broadcasting Business Plan and Budget (G&MSC forwards to Council with the additional information on Verizon monies to be used; EDSC concurs)
Presenters: Derek E. White and John Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE NEW BUSINESS
1. District 1 Motion Sheet For Housing Advisory Committee (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)
Presenters: Lori Francisco

MOTION MADE AND SECOND CHERRYL COPPEL DOUBLE APPROVED
2. Advertisement of Appointed Positions: Community Council Secretary and Community Treasurer (G&MSC forwards to Council with the changes to advertisement for day both positions)
Presenters: Gailyn Ethelbah

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE BOTH POSITIONS FOR 30 DAYS
3. 19th Annual Mid-Year Tribal Enrollment Conference (LSC forwards to Council under New Business)
Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE 19TH ANNUAL MID-YEAR TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CONFERENCE, MAY 6-7, 2014 IN LAS VEGAS [Addendum to Agenda]
4. GRTI Request for FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force Nominations
Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE COUNCILMAN NORMAN WELLINGTON, AS THE PRIMARY AND BELINDA NELSON, AS THE ALTERNATE
5. Native American Gaming Association Tradeshow & Convention
Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE 2014 NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION TRADESHOW & CONVENTION

MINUTES
ANNOUNCEMENTS
GRATITUDE WAS EXPRESSED TO GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE DISTRICT 7 FIVE TRIBES EVENT
DISTRICT 4 APOLOGIES EXPRESSED TO DISTRICT 7 OF NON-ATTENDANCE AT THE FIVE TRIBES EVENT
JACK LEADERSHIP MEETING WITH SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL - THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014, 11:30AM, SALT RIVER FIELDS
EASTER WISHES EXTENDED TO ALL
HR 1410 TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014, 8:00AM AT THE SUPERSTITION WILD HORSE PASS, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO BE SERVED
GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING BLESSING & GROUND BREAKING - THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014, 5:00PM
WALK FOR JESUS – FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014, 4:00-6:00 BEGINNING AT THE DISTRICT 5 MARKET, SING SONGS TO FINISH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES HOSTING A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT 7:00; HELD AT THE VAHKI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
200 FREEDAY REFUND LETTERS DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY; NO SUBMITTEL RECEIVED AT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY’S OFFICE
CONCERNS OF COUNCIL IT ISSUES
ADJOURMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:38pm

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
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PROPOSED LEGISLATION: EDUCATION CODE

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Notice of phased consent meetings for allottees regarding The El Paso Natural Gas /Kinder Morgan Right of Way

Over the course of the next four months, the Gila River Indian Community’s Negotiation Team will hold a series of Phased consent meetings with allottees regarding the amount of compensation that El Paso Natural Gas Company I 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 May 10, 2014 the Negotiation Team will hold its first consent meeting with allottees that own land interest(s) in Phase 1 and 2 of the Right of Way area. This meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at the District Five Service Center in Casa Blanca.

The Negotiation Team intends to schedule a consent meeting with Phase 3 allottees to occur on June 28, 2014, at a location to be determined. Thereafter, the Negotiation Team intends to schedule a meeting for Phase 4 allottees on August 2, 2014, at a location to be determined. A meeting with Phase 5 allottees will be scheduled to occur after the Phase 4 meeting at a date and location to be determined by the Negotiation Team. 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 1 and 2 consent meeting on May 10, 2014 has already been sent to those allottees with land interest in those Phases of the Right of Way area. A similar letter for Phases 3, 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 1 and 2 consent meeting attend the May 10, 2014 meeting. If you are an allottee with land ownership interest(s) in other Phases 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 of each of the five (5) Phased consent meetings to present the El Paso compensation information and answer allottee questions.

MOTHER’S DAY BUFFET AT RAWHIDE STEAKHOUSE

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014
10:00AM - 5:00PM

This Mother’s Day show Mom you care by taking her to a delectable buffet at Rawhide’s Steakhouse. Chef Jonathan Scott, will be preparing a delicious assortment of items for you and your family to enjoy. Buffet items include fresh salads, omelet bar, pastries, prime rib, roasted turkey and more.

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- Always store pesticides away from children’s reach, in a locked cabinet or garden shed. Childproof safety latches also may be installed on cabinets and can be purchased at local hardware stores and other retail outlets.
- Never transfer pesticides to other containers that children may associate with food or drink.
- Never place rodent or insect baits where small children can get to them.
- Teach children that “pesticides are poisons” - something they should not touch.
- Alert others to the potential hazard of pesticides, especially care givers and grandparents.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, try to determine what the person was exposed to and what part of the body was affected before you take action, since taking the right action is as important as taking immediate action. If the person is unconscious having trouble breathing, or having convulsions, give needed first aid immediately, then call 911. If the person does not have these symptoms, contact your local Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222. Have the product container with you when you call for assistance - remember to act fast!

For more information regarding pesticides, please contact the: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Pesticide Control Office (520) 562-2234 | Email: GRIC.Pesticide.Office@gric.nsn.us