Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell visits Gila Crossing Community School

Her visit was a part of the Obama administration’s Native Youth Listening Tour, which is part of the Generation Indigenous initiative announced last December during the White House Tribal Nations Conference. The initiative, according to a White House press release is “focused on improving the lives of Native youth by removing the barriers between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed.”

Jewell’s tour of tribal communities in the Valley had two stops. First she visited the Salt River Pi- ma-Maricopa Indian Community to assess their education needs.

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AmeriCorps Grant Funds Veterans Serving Veterans Program

There is a new program in the Community whose sole purpose is to serve Community veterans. Veterans Serving Veterans is a program funded by a three-year AmeriCorps Grant and run out of the Employment & Training Department, who received the grant in October 2014 on behalf of the Community.

In 2013, E&T received an AmeriCorps planning grant that allowed the department to research the needs of veterans and their families in the Community. The findings from that research led to the new grant to fund Veterans Serving Veterans.

VSV currently has 10 AmeriCorps members, which are considered full-time volunteers. They receive a modest bi-weekly stipend and an education award at the end of their service year. Each member must commit to a full year of service in the program.

The AmeriCorps members are serving in the following areas of the Community: American Legion Post 51, Ira Hayes Post 84, the District 5 Service Center, the District 7 Service Center and the Department of Environmental Quality.

All volunteers but one are Community members and approximately half are veterans. The VSV Program is not an extension of the Posts, but is unique and separate.

Miss Gila River Lucia Antone Says Farewell

The title of Miss Gila River is a tradition that runs deep in the history of the Gila River Indian Community. Lucia Antone is the current reigning Miss Gila River, but as March approaches, so does the reign of her family. Lucia is preparing to leave the crown behind for another young woman to represent the Community.

Lucia Antone is from District 3, and apart from her time in a couple of boarding schools she has lived in Sacaton East Housing her whole life. She has five siblings and nearly a dozen nieces and nephews. Her father is Troy Antone, Sr., a welder, and her mother is Cynthia Satala, who works for GRIC Elderly Services. Lucia is the first in her family to graduate high school. Now she attends Central Arizona College.

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Respecting People & Culture

Rheumatology Clinic

ATTENTION!

CHANGES TO GRHC RHEUMATOLOGY CLINIC

The GRHC Rheumatology Clinic schedule and location will change. Beginning March 2, 2015 the following changes will occur:

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Changes:
New days: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (8am-5pm)
New location: Primary Care Department (formerly located in the Women’s Clinic)
For more information, call the HHKMH - Primary Care Department, at (520) 562-3321.

Komatke Health Center Changes:
New day: Thursday (8am-4pm)
For more information, call the Komatke Primary Care Department Appointment Desk, at (520) 550-6060.

Diabetes Counseling and Support Program

Diabetes Counseling and Support Program (DCSP) District Service Center Schedule

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For more information contact Diabetes Counseling and Support Program, at: (520) 562-7940 ext. 7301.

Holiday Clinic Closure

Hu Hu Kum Memorial Hospital, Komatke Health Center and Ak-Chin Clinic Will be CLOSED in observance of the Good Friday Holiday - April 3, 2015

Vista Ké - Residential Care Program

What is the Vista Ké residential care program?
It is part of a collaborative initiative between Gila River Health Care’s (GRHC) Behavioral Health Services (BHS), the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Housing Authority and District #6. The purpose of the program is to provide comprehensive services for Community members with a valid mental health diagnosis. The Vista Ké (home with a view of the Estrellas/Komatke) residence is located in District #6, and will function as an extension of the Residential Treatment Center (RTC) and outpatient services at Shegoi. There will be 24-hour supervision of the residents and structured free time with outings and exercise opportunities.

Vista Ké operations and management?
● Residential care services for up to four adults in a clinically structured setting. A property managed and operated by GRHC Behavioral Health Services.

What is the Resident Criteria?
● GRIC members with no current criminal charges, outstanding order of protection, no recent suicide attempts, no physically aggressive behavior and no drug use in the prior six months.
● Valid mental health diagnosis or no psychiatric hospitalization within the past six months.

Who are the Vista Ké staff?
● GRHC clinically trained staff will work with individuals who have mental health challenges.
● Staff members will work on a rotating basis, 24 hours a day - 7 days per week.

What is the objective of the Vista Ké Residential Care Program?
● To assist residents with gaining life skills needed to lead healthy, productive lives while promoting an alcohol and drug free lifestyle.

For more information contact:
Mr. Shannon Sims, Vista Ké Housing Manager
ssims@grhc.org (520) 550-0015

Gila River Indian Community Crisis Line
1-800-259-3449

GRHC.ORG

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Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-3321
(602) 528-1240

Komatke Health Center
17487 S. Health Care Dr.
Laveen, Arizona 85339
(520) 550-6000

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In loving remembrance of Elaine Louise Vavages, this had to be the hardest decision of my entire life, unable to attend the farewell of my aunt Elaine. I would like to thank every individual and organization who offered their time and support, who helped with monetary expenses including every aspect of the arrangements, food offering, digging of the grave as well as the emotional support given in this time of grief. Also I want to express my deepest appreciation to my friends, relatives and everyone who came and gave their last respects. You all know me and you all know who you are. I will always remember Elaine when I listen to a song by Anita Baker, Aretha Franklin or Toni Braxton. I will always remember the good times growing up and will always cherish our long talks on the phone. I want to dedicate “One Sweet Day” by Mariah Carey and Boys II Men. “And to all my people, listen to this song and you will know how I feel!” God bless you all as I ask Edie and Dar about everyone so you are definitely not forgotten. So from the bottom of my heart, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Much love,

“Chuge”

Gordon Dwayne Vavages

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Tax Scams Targeting GRIC Members
Criminals Impersonating IRS make aggressive and threatening phone calls

Sacaton, AZ—Among the variety of tax scams prevalent during tax season, threatening phone calls by individuals impersonating the IRS is among the most prevalent. A report to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), since October 2013, victims have collectively paid $14 million through unsolicited calls from individuals claiming to be IRS officials.

Do not engage the callers or provide financial information to the callers. For tax questions call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. If you’ve been targeted or a victim of a tax phone scam, report the incident to the TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484 or www.tigta.gov or go to FTC.gov and use their “FTC Complaint Assistant.”

For additional questions or to request an interview, please contact Roberto A. Jackson at (520) 562-9719 or Roberto.Jackson@gric.nsn.us.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Amy Davila article of the Feb. 6, 2015 GRIN we incorrectly listed Davila as a graduate of Arizona State University. She attended and graduated from Northern Arizona University. We regret the error.

The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9719 or email grin@gric.nsn.us.
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Tribal E-Commerce Conference

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law hosted the Inaugural Tribal Government E-Commerce Conference at the Wild Horse Pass Casino and Hotel Feb. 12-13.

The event brought together academic, business and legal professionals from Indian Country knowledgeable in the field of e-commerce, also known as online businesses.

Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone welcomed the guests and District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone gave the opening blessing.

As tribal businesses grow and expand beyond the reservation, many Native business owners find themselves in new territories, on the frontier of the internet marketplace.

Legal observers see this as an opportunity for Native tribes and small business owners to take their business to the next level.

“The opportunities the Internet provides to tribes, especially those located on reservations far from the large populations centers are just beginning to be fully understood,” said ASU College of Law Dean, Douglas Sylvester. Bradley G. Beldsoe Downes, a Managing Partner for Beldsoe Downes P.C., a Phoenix-based law firm, presented a general outline to establishing businesses online.

Downes talked about the need to be aware of regulatory policies that govern businesses.

He emphasized that businesses should draft a “terms of use” clause that defines what customers need to be aware of when purchasing goods and services.

According to Downes, the best way to conduct good e-commerce is to identify who your stakeholders are, who is going to buy your product, where business transactions will occur and how it is going to happen.

George Rivera from the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe of Northern New Mexico, and current President and Chairman of the Board for Pojoaque Tribal Gaming and Businesses, shared his perspective on e-commerce.

Rivera admits he is not an expert on e-commerce, but said, “E-commerce is so important at Northern New Mexico, and the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe of...”

Downes P.C. is a Phoenix-based law firm serving clients throughout the United States and internationally.

Douglas Sylvester, ASU Dean of the College of Law, speaks at a conference on tribal business and e-commerce.

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Submitted By Documentation Department of Environmental Quality

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The Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services Prevention Program will host the 2nd Annual Survivors of Suicide Conference on Feb. 28.

If you have lost a loved one to suicide, you are not alone. In Arizona, close to 1,100 individuals die by suicide each year, leaving behind thousands of friends and family members, who we call Survivors of Suicide.

Many people in today’s society are uncomfortable talking about death, and this discomfort is magnified when the death is a suicide. This leads survivors to have little support from friends or the community.

After a suicide, survivors need support and acceptance. The loss of a loved one to suicide can be one of life’s most traumatic events, causing intense feelings, such as shock, anger, depression, confusion, embarrassment, rejection, shame and guilt. The healing process is painful and survivors need to feel hope.

For more information and to register for the conference, visit communityhub.azdeq.gov/survivors.

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Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.
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February 20, 2015

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Gila River Royalty Committee | missgilariver@gric.nsn.us
For more information contact (520) 562-9848
Miss Gila River Farewell

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Miss Antone’s reign was her passion for upholding one’s culture. “You want to always look up to who’s wearing the crown,” she said. “And I tell them, ‘Learn your traditions. Learn where you come from.’”

Antone is learning the O’otham language and participates in traditional dancing with the Gila River Basket Dancers. She also loves performing the Bird Dance, a Pee-Posh tradition.

Antone said being Miss Gila River “has been an unforgettable experience,” and encourages others to run. She said to be Miss Gila River, you have to learn your culture and be confident, but also have a support system to lean on.

She said, in her opinion, the purpose of Antone’s platform as Miss Gila River was by her side every step of the way when they sense danger is near, or when accidentally encountered. One of the most dangerous are ba:ban (coyotes) due to their high mobility and sharp claws and fangs.

Not too long ago some Otham men accidentally encountered a ba:ban ha ki (den of coyotes) while chopping and collecting firewood. As the Otham began to chop down the kwi (mesquite trees) the sound of axe hitting tree alerted the male ba:ban to see what the noise was about. As the Otham were busy with their tasks the all-male pack of ba:ban surrounded the Otham and began to move in. The Otham were only armed with their axes and the fear of snarling ba:ban stood between them and their pick-up truck. The Otham threw cut branches at the pack of ba:ban while yelling at them and opening a lane of escape to their vehicle. Once safely inside the vehicle the Otham left the area without some of their firewood.

Ba:ban are very special to Otham and must never be harmed in any manner, they are a representative of the Ba:ban Clan. The three Otham woodcutters were members of the Coyote Clan, and could not harm the pack of ba:ban, their clan brothers.

A ba:ban will normally make single dens, and in some areas of small dens can be located close together as one family-unit and can be comprised of pups, young and unmatched males and females.

When we spot the baby animals in the wild, it’s best that we leave them alone. They might look cute and cuddly, but we must always remember that they are wild animals. Just like us Otham, parents will always protect their children and this is true for wild animals as well.

This month’s word match will focus on wild animals that are occasionally observed within our community. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.
Sheri Klug Boonstra, director of Arizona State University’s Mars Education Program, presented on the Red Planet at February’s Family Meeting at Sacaton Elementary School Feb. 12.

Families and faculty learned about the planet and the various research projects that NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has been conducting over the years. They also learned about the Mars Education program at ASU, which has partnered with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Mars Exploration Education and Public Engagement Program for over twenty years.

Through lecture and a slide-show presentation, Boonstra showed families the trials and errors of some of the Mars Exploration Rover Missions that scientists and engineers have been working on to get a deeper understanding of Mars. Even though Mars’s thin atmosphere of carbon dioxide cannot support life, scientists are still curious to learn the past, present and future state of the planet. “We are using robots as an advancement to learn as much as we can about the planet before we send people,” said Boonstra.

Every 26 months, NASA works quickly to observe Mars at close range while the Earth’s orbit around the Sun brings it closest to Mars. It gets close enough to Earth that scientists can observe the planet or send a rover robot with cameras.

Boonstra, a self-proclaimed “Martian,” confirmed to some curious students that there are no Martians, buildings or flying vehicles occupying the planet. But there are findings that are significant to the mission. She says that twin rover vehicles Opportunity and Spirit have discovered clay minerals that indicate a wet environment existed in the planet’s early history. The newest rover on the planet is the rover Curiosity, which will study whether or not life existed on Mars in the past and if it can sustain life now.

Through her various work with scientists and engineers, she stressed in her lecture the importance of Native Americans preserving culture and tradition and their place in the science world. She believes that the perspectives of Native Americans can help scientists and engineers better understand the earth and the environment because of the connection they share with the land. She said, “Native Americans have a very special gift in the way they interpret things. The ideas and teachings are so much deeper when it comes to treasuring the land. That thoughtfulness and understanding isn’t found today.”

Boonstra has a Bachelor’s of Science and Master’s Degree in Earth Science Education. She is currently working with Arizona State University as director of the Mars Program within the Mars Space Flight Facility, School of Earth and Space Exploration. Boonstra has worked with NASA for almost seventeen years and currently serves on the Advisory Council for Space Center Houston – the visiting center for NASA’s Johnson Space Center and serves as the formal lead for the Mars Public Engagement Team at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, CA.

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Sacaton Elementary Family Night on Mars

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Sheri Boonstra, the director of the Mars Education Program at Arizona State University shows images of Mars to parents and students at Sacaton Elementary School’s Family Night Feb. 12.

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Friday & Saturday

April 10, 2015 April 11, 2015

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(83rd Avenue, South of Baseline)

General information please call District 7 Recreation at (520) 430-4780.
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February 20, 2015

AmeriCorps grant funds GRIC’s Veterans Serving Veterans program

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Chesley Miles from D3, a retired Navy veteran talked about the chance to help other service men and women out.

“What sparked my interest, was that I was already active in the Ira H. Hayes Post 84 here in Sacaton and thought that I could help them out and help AmeriCorps out at their service sites,” he said.

He talked about his involvement saying, “I have been helping family members of veterans, trying to get headstones done for the people and trying to get the word out about the program.”

On one of the participating members of the group, Michaela Ortiz comes from a military family. She is not a veteran, but when she heard about the program, she said it as an opportunity to give back.

“A large percentage of Native families have somebody or know somebody in the military, so I wanted to be involved,” she said. “We at AmeriCorps are collecting data that we can be able to take to Tribal Council at the end of the grant to show there is a need for veterans services in the Community.”

Last year, through a partnership with Gila River Health Care, E&T hosted a monthly veterans breakfast to meet with veterans and learn how the AmeriCorps grant could help them.

During the planning grant period, E&T found the following issues for veterans’ services in Gila River:

1. A lack of awareness in the Community regarding veterans’ needs
2. No reliable statistics on the number of veterans in the Community
3. A lack of services in the Community
4. A lack of veterans’ awareness on how to access State/Federal benefits and services.

Over the next three years the Veterans Serving Veterans program will address the issues found in the assessment.

“We will be creating a Native Veterans Program unlike any other in the country,” said Leonard Bruce, the AmeriCorps coordinator at E&T. “We are here to get things done and this is just the beginning.”

While the new AmeriCorps VSV program may not be able to meet every need in the first year, they want to serve and honor Gila River veterans the best they can.

VSV will focus on the following projects:

- Presentations to the Community to develop an awareness of veterans’ needs, the development of a recognition program for fallen veterans, a ceremony that honors our living veterans and their families.
- A system that will capture accurate numbers for veterans in the Community, the identification of the individual district needs of veterans, guiding veterans through the process of accessing services through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and documenting veterans experiences.

One of the first projects the group has taken on, is counting the number of deceased veterans that are buried at cemeteries within the Community.

“The listing of deceased veterans that we had wasn’t updated. It was two or three years old, so we are updating it,” said Douguan Juan, a VSV volunteer.

VSV is also starting on documenting all living veterans in Gila River. Juan said, “We are contacting the veterans that are still here. As Ortiz mentioned, we would like to setup a department of Veterans affairs for the tribe.”

A system should be in place so that we can help them, so they don’t have to go outside the reservation to look for help,” said Ortiz.

“We want them to know that we are available for them. If we don’t have the answer, we can get the answer,” said Juan.

For more information on how to get in touch with your District Veteran AmeriCorps Member, contact Leonard Bruce at 520-562-3388 or e-mail leonard.brace@gric.nsn.us.

Volunteers with the Veterans Serving Veterans program pose in front of a veteran’s house in District 5 that they cleaned up for a service project Jan. 23.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

PUBLIC NOTICE - Civil Summons

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

MICHELLE LYONS,
Plaintiff/Petitioner,
vs.
NIANA JOHNSON,
Defendant/Respondent.

TO: Niana Johnson
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

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You shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015
TIME: 10:00 AM

TO: Niana Johnson
Defendant/Respondent.

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.

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1. Be a GRIC Member.
2. Must be in high school, age 16-17 at the time of the tour.
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