152nd Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration
By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

This year marks 152 years since the signing of the 1863 Five Tribes Treaty of Peace. Peace talks between five tribal chiefs from the Pee Posh, Akimel O’odham, Hualapai, Yuma and Chemehuevi tribes, along with American military personnel took place between April 7-11, 1863 at Fort Yuma, California.

The five tribes of the Arizona area, then known as the “Territory of New Mexico,” agreed to the treaty, which brought harmony between the Arizona tribes and the formation of a militia which aided in self-protection as well as the protection of Arizona settlers against non-allied tribes.

The historical event is still recognized today. Gila River’s Maricopa Village hosted the annual Five Tribes Peace Treaty Celebration April 10-11 at the District 7 Park.

“It’s important for us to remember this history...and let our children know what happened,” said D7 elder Joey Brackey as he recited the history of the treaty to the audience. “If we don’t know what happened in the past, we won’t know what to expect in the future.”

At the event, the Pee Posh Veterans Association fired a three-volley salute to honor fallen warriors of the Five Tribes and the day’s celebration. PPVA also took the time to recognize their own for their services and honorable memberships by presenting a plaque to Korean War veterans Irving Jenkins, USMC, and Reuben Jenkins, US Army Airborne. Reuben Jenkins thanked the PPVA and the Community for allowing him to serve.

The treaty of peace proves effective today as guests from visiting tribes joined locals for two days of festivities that included a 5K run, parade, tradition baseball tournaments, little league baseball tournament, other sports competitions and a show by Tohono O’odham comedian Theresa Choy-gulha.

Groups such as Native Vote and the Gila River Fire Department set up booths to engage Community members. GRFD was raising awareness about water safety.

In the evening, the annual bird dance competitions took place in the D7 gymnasium. Dancers and singers from visiting tribes competed in age categories. Musical entertainment was also provided by waila band “Two Rivers.”

Above: A bugler plays taps in honor of fallen warriors. Below: Young dancers show off their traditional Bird Dancing knowledge and skills.

Gila River Officially Launches LPTV Station
By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Broadcasting Corporation officially announced the launch of its Low-Power TV station April 6.

“I’m really excited for our community,” said Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. board member John Lewis at the grand opening ceremony. “This is new for our community. This is new in Indian Country.”

The GRBC station is reportedly the first LPTV station that is wholly owned and operated by a federally recognized tribe in the United States.

“I’m very proud that the Community’s in the position that...it can do these kind of things,” Lewis said. “I think it speaks to our past leadership.”

Former GRTI board members and employees who were instrumental in the development of GRTI attended the ceremony, including Malcolm Eschel, a former GRTI Chairman, and Gordon Santos Sr., a former GRTI board member, each of whom shared their perspective on the growth of the company that has made over the past two and a half decades.

Gila River is not the first tribal reservation to get into the broadcast industry. Several dozen tribes, such as the Tohono O’odham Nation and the Navajo Nation, have radio stations, and the Cherokee tribe owns a television station that is broadcast online at osiyo.tv.

But according to Loris Taylor, President and CEO of Native Public Media, “GRBC is the first...
Broadcasting/Digital Media Internship
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Gila River Broadcasting Corporation (“GRBC”) is a developing subsidiary of Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (“GRTI”). GRTI is an entity of the Gila River Indian Community in operation for twenty-six (26) years.

GRBC is excited to announce that we are seeking a self-motivated, detail-oriented and reliable intern that is eager to learn the ins and outs of the digital media world. This position uses an array of multi-media tools and platforms, creates and produces high quality multi-media assets that can be distributed throughout a variety of digital outlets.

Requirements:
• Must be a GRIC tribal member or other Native American preference
• Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
• Must get approval from counselor/advisor
• Available for 12-20 hours per week
• Please provide links to demo reels to be considered.

For a detailed job description please contact GRBC:
info@grbc.tv | Phone: 520-796-8848 | www.grbc.tv

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 ATTENTION ALL

COMMUNITY ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

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Gila River Indian Community
is creating a public bus system for the Community.

We are looking for creative ideas from the community for a name, design and a logo that will be used on our NEW fleet and related media.

TO GET STARTED, PLEASE REQUEST A DESIGN TEMPLATE FROM:
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email: Sasha.Pachito@gric.nsn.us
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Local artist are invited to submit artwork for display in the new Viola L. Johnson Administration Building.

Theme: The late Viola L. Johnson - Honoring the Person, her Vision, and Leadership.

Artists are encouraged to contact:
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CORRECTIONS
In “Easter Bunny” in the April 2, 2015 GRIN, Sheila Rhodes is listed as an Elderly Liaison. She is the Secretary of the D3 Elderly Committee.

Applications available at District Service Centers or online at:
www.cplc.org

Deadline to apply: April 17th

Interviews will be held:
- April 27th (D1)
- April 29th (D5)
- May 1st (D7)

For more information contact Lloyd Honyumptewa
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Spirit Lake Woman Tells Her Story of Domestic Violence

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Domestic violence and sexual abuse are serious offenses that often go unreported in cities and communities across the United States. In tribal communities like the Gila River Indian Community, domestic violence becomes an unhealthy way of life for some women.

On April 6, the Crime Victims Services hosted a presentation by Robin Poor Bear of the Spirit Lake Tribe of North Dakota. About 6,677 individuals are enrolled in the tribe, which consists of lakes and rolling grassy hills.

In the main hall of the District 3 service center, Poor Bear shared her story of survival and success as she talked about the struggles of growing up in her tribal community.

Her past is dotted with decisions that came as a result of her mistreatment, resorting to drugs and alcohol as a solution to her problems. It’s a scene that plays out all too often, she says, because relatives feared he would go to jail, plus he was elderly.” In her experiences, family members of her foster parents made excuses about a male caretaker’s actions and sometimes shunned her into silence.

As a child, she was repeatedly taken away by Child Protective Services because her home was a drug house. Poor Bear met with a student advisor at the University of Fargo in North Dakota to see if she could talk about the son (her foster father), but she couldn’t talk about the grandpa, because relatives feared he would go to jail, plus he was elderly.”

As a result of the repeated events, Poor Bear was diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder, which has left her with numerous behavioral issues. The unfortunate reality for domestic violence victims is that crimes aren’t always reported because of the family’s fear of a relative going to jail.

In her experiences, family members of her foster parents made excuses about a male caretaker’s actions and sometimes shunned her into silence. Poor Bear showed a documentary made for the Public Broadcasting Service series Frontline, about her story called “Kind Hearted Woman,” which is an English translation of her Dakota name. Throughout the documentary, viewers are shown parts of her life as she looks for a way out of her situation on the reservation.

In the documentary she knows leaving the reservation to get away from the drugs and alcohol will take her away from the problems that draw her into the cycle of self-destruction. Poor Bear meets with a student advisor at the University of Fargo in North Dakota to see what her options are to getting a degree.

Her mission is to go from one tribal community to another to bring awareness to all forms of domestic violence. Her goal is to obtain a degree in social work with an emphasis in psychology, which she can use to help her people back home.

After a brief showing of the documentary, Poor Bear continued talking about her life today and what she has been able to do about it. She said, “The more I talk about it the easier it gets,” referring to her recovery from living a turbulent life.

“I tell people, ‘You are not alone.’ You have resources here and that is a sign there is hope out there,” she said, referring to the Community’s level of available services like the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Robin Poor Bear speaking at the District 3 Service Center. Poor Bear shared her story of dealing with domestic violence to raise awareness and encourage others to speak up about their experiences.
**Public Transportation Proposition**

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Brown explained that they are still in the early phases of implementing COMPSTAT and are continually refining the database, which was introduced to GRPD in August of last year.

Recently, the GRPD has been conducting meetings at different locations in the Community to show tribal members and other GRIC organizations the inner workings of COMPSTAT and other police work.

There are four main objectives of COMPSTAT, says Brown: timely and accurate intelligence, rapid deployment of resources, effective tactics and relentless follow-up.

Information is gathered from minor to severe offenses and is entered into a database that records what and where crimes occurred.

Brown said, “We break [it] down into two categories, part one crimes and part two crimes. Part one is our more violent crimes.” Other crimes like moving violations and drunk and disorderly conduct are some of the offenses under part two crimes.

Crime stats are first broken down by month, week and day, then compared to the same time frame from previous years to reveal a pattern.

“If we are in the blue, that means our numbers are down and if we are in the red, it means numbers are high,” said Brown.

For example, comparing the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015, incidents of disorderly conduct, drug use, and trespassing have gone down 58 percent, 31 percent and 25 percent respectively.

However, police calls for rape, aggravated assault and theft have increased by factors of 67, 56 and 17 percent.

To separate information geographically, the PD categorizes the Community into two zones, North and South. Each zone has a commander or lieutenant that regularly enters data provided by their officers.

In March, GRPD held a meeting at the District 4 Service Center, where Community members could observe how COMPSTAT meetings are run.

The information is shared with the Citizens Advisory Board and representatives from each district to discuss police activities.

Brown said GRPD would like to continue building relationships with the Community, because it “helps bring justification to showing that people can do something about crime in their neighborhood.”

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**GRPD Creates Database on Crime in the Community**

By Christopher Lomahquahu

In the advent of the information age, many police organizations may wonder how they can use data to support their mission to serve and stay informed on trends in their community. For the Gila River Police Department, COMPSTAT is the next step in tracking crime.

COMPSTAT is an information management system that helps identify trends and patterns in criminal activity. This helps the GRPD improve police work and move resources where they are most needed, said Officer Caroline Brown.

In the early 1990s, New York City was undergoing a revamp of its police force and developed a way to track and share data with the city’s stakeholders. The NYPD came up with the name based on the combination of computers and statistics to create a database.

Today, police organizations across the country, including the Los Angeles Police Department and the Mesa Police Department, use their own form of COMPSTAT to document crimes.

The GRIC transit is ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant with trained bus drivers to accommodate passengers with special needs. Designated stops are also subject to change due to popular demands in certain locations.

Pachito says the bus is identical to Coolidge’s “Cotton Express.” The bus holds a capacity of 26 passengers or 20 if a wheelchair-bound passenger is on board.

The GRIC transit is a fixed-route system that will help drivers and passengers with physical limitations. Designated stops are also allowed.

Two buses will operate within the two areas Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Bus stops will soon be posted in designated spots near the most visited locations such as the hospitals, Governance Center, district centers, and Boys and Girls Clubs.

The buses are also expected to make “deviated fixed routes” which will detour off route to accommodate passengers with physical limitations.

District 4 and 7 Circular Route

The bus will serve the three districts for the first two years until the transit system is expected to make “deviated routes” which will detour off route to accommodate passengers with physical limitations. Designated stops are also subject to change due to popular demands in certain locations.

Today, police organizations across the country, including the Los Angeles Police Department and the Mesa Police Department, use their own form of COMPSTAT to document crimes.

With exhaust and environmental issues being a concern, Pachito said the buses are not heavy-equipped and will have the same environmental impact as a school bus.

Pachito also stressed that the bus transit will not “replace school bus services or medical transportation” and residents riding the Valley Metro in Districts 6 and 7 will still have to pay the fare when riding the city’s transportation.

GRICDOT hopes to have a website operating with bus schedules and routes for riders to view. In May, a test run will be performed with the buses and drivers to make sure the routes are accurate before the launch in June.

As for the name and look of the transit, Pachito is still accepting Community input for the design, name and logo of the bus until April 30.

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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.

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**Location Circulator**

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The name for this month refers to the blossoming of the mesquite trees, which will soon produce violog (mesquite bean pods) in a few months. With the recent rainfall it’s evident that the desert-plants have responded to the extra moisture and are in bloom, or will soon be blooming. It’s obvious that the citrus groves are in bloom as the fragrant scent of orange blossoms and other citrus trees fills our valley. Other desert plants begin to enter bloom stage including Kiih So-ched-aq (Foothills Palo Verde) and Kokomadk (Blue Palo Verde). Their abundant yellow blossoms are hard to miss.

One category of plants easily overlooked are the hii-hab ma’ha-hai chu vu’voi-thag, “cactus-like plants, plants with spines.” In the Akimel O’otham plant classification system hii-hab ma’ha-hai chu vu’voi-thag have their own unique category, which includes all cacti and spine-bearing desert plants. Our hii-hab ma’ha-hai chu vu’voi-thag, which grow in the nearby mountains and foothills. Another easily recognizable cactus is I’ibai (prickly-pear cactus), which will bloom later on in the summer. One cactus that may be hard to find is Ban Buul-thag, “Coyote’s Paw” (Fishhook Cactus) since they rarely grow over six inches and can be hidden between rocks on the nearby foothills. Our most important gift is the Haashah (Saguaro Cactus), which will bloom near the end of next month.

This month’s word-match will focus on hii-hab ma’ha-hai chu vu’voi-thag hiosig. We encourage you to learn these O’otham words and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to get out and take a look at a few cacti when in bloom.

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melok
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School Creates Garden and Composting Project

Submitted By Althea Walker
Department of Environmental Quality

The GRIC Department of Environmental Quality would like to acknowledge the gardening and composting efforts of the Gila Crossing Community School Vechij O’odham E’es.

DEQ is working to increase composting in the Community, as composting is an important waste reduction strategy that individual Community residents can implement with little effort. Composting is beneficial as it uses less landfill space, feeds our plants and crops, requires less chemicals and fuel, and overall saves individuals and the Community money. Over the last two years, DEQ has collaborated with Vechij O’odham E’es, who has provided guidance and support to DEQ’s own garden and composting efforts by providing seeds, plants, and ideas.

The Vechij O’odham E’es garden is plentiful with veggies like cabbage and lettuce, which the school cafeteria uses, as well as a few other plants growing in the garden. Because there is always something growing in the garden, and to share from what is reaped from the garden, the gardeners are eager to share seeds and plants of all kinds with the Community. Every year in May, the program shares food from their garden at the 4th Grade Traditional Food Banquet, to which the entire Community is invited.

Not only is there a large garden, but a greenhouse is also used in the gardening efforts. The greenhouse incorporates aquaponics, which is a system of aquaculture in which the waste produced by farmed fish or other aquatic animals supply nutrients for plants grown hydroponically, which in turn purify the water.

After mastering the gardening system, Vechij O’odham E’es decided to incorporate composting to provide much needed nutrients to the plants. Six to eight five-gallon buckets a day fill up their very large, self-constructed, compost bin approximately 10 times a year. The compost is collected from the cafeteria, and includes food from each school meal. With this much composting, the entire school must be on board, and they are. The students as well as the staff participate. Now that the students and staff have learned more about composting, the program coordinators would like to see composting implemented in the homes of the students and staff.

Vechij O’odham E’es is a great program that shows our students the importance of food production and health. The students are learning about environmental responsibility, self-confidence, communication, and the skills of observation. DEQ would like to thank Vechij O’odham E’es for their environmental stewardship.

For more information, please contact Althea Walker, Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist at (520)562-2234 or althea.walker@gric.nsn.us.
Students in grades K-5 were in for a treat when FoodPlay Productions brought their live theatre show to GRIC community schools March 23 – 25. Children from Gila Crossing and Blackwater Community Day Schools as well as St. Peter Indian Mission School had fun learning about healthy eating and living an active lifestyle through Food Play Production’s interactive theatre show.

The upbeat performers juggled and performed magic tricks to inspire children to take an interest in their health. The theatre group taught children to make wise food choices by reading nutrition fact labels and staying away from sugary foods and drinks that do not contain nutritional value. Through dance and music, the group had children moving and singing all the while teaching students different ways to stay physically active on a daily basis.

The nutrition program also does school follow-ups with surveys and educational based material for teachers, students and parents to practice all year round. Pamela Elofson, a second grade teacher from Gila Crossing Community School, said, “All my second grade students loved it. We were doing the hand movements and singing the songs all day long. The information it shares is priceless. Nutrition and physical activity is essential in helping our students grow and learn.”

FoodPlay Productions is an award winning nutrition media company created and sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The performing arts company tours the nation educating schools on healthy active lifestyles. The nutrition production was brought to the Community by the Gila River Health Care Life Center through the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.
**Community Events**

**Saturday, April 18**
Sexual Assault Awareness Month Gathering
District 2 Multipurpose Building
7:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Our Lady of Victory Sacaton Flats Bingo & Food Sale**
District 2 Event Center
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Sunday, April 19**
**Monday, April 20**
**Tuesday, April 21**
She & Me – Girl Scouts Event
District 5 Service Center
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**O’otham Song Series**
District 4 Service Center
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 22**
Matter of Balance Class
District 1 Multipurpose Building
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Earth Day Celebration by DEQ
Sacaton, Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Thursday, April 23**
2nd Annual Little League Baseball Spring Classic
District 4 Ball Fields
April 23 – 25 for youth ages 9 – 12
Youth Council Outreach
Old Council Chambers
10:00 am
Matter of Balance Class
District 7 Service Center
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Friday, April 24**
2015 Sac City Jam
Sacaton Wellness Center and Boys & Girls Club
April 24 – 25 for school-age youth
Call 520-562-6172 for more info.

**New LPTV Station**
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“This is an opportunity for us to tell our story,” said GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. His vision for the future of GRBC includes local programming for elders, language learning shows and children’s programs — all produced by and featuring Community members. The LPTV station covers the whole reservation with three broadcasting points strategically positioned throughout the Community and each with a different call sign. KGRF broadcasts on channel 19 out of Maricopa Village.

**Saturday, April 25**
District 4 Family Hiking Trip
Call 520-418-3661 for more information.

**District 1 Spring Swap Meet**
Multi-purpose Building
7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Call 520-418-3661 for more information.

2015 Sac City Jam
Sacaton Wellness Center and Boys & Girls Club
April 24 – 25 for high school-age youth
Call 520-562-6172 for more info.

2nd Annual Little League Baseball Spring Classic
District 4 Ball Fields
April 23 – 25 for youth ages 9 – 12

**Sunday, April 26**
**Monday, April 27**
**Tuesday, April 28**
She & Me – Girl Scouts Event
District 5 Service Center
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
O’otham Song Series
District 4 Service Center
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 29**
Matter of Balance Class
District 1 Multipurpose Building
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
10th Annual Caregiver and Grandparent-Raising-Grandchildren Conference
Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino
7:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Thursday, April 30**
Matter of Balance Class
District 7 Service Center
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

2nd Annual Little League Baseball Spring Classic
District 4 Ball Fields
April 23 – 25 for youth ages 9 – 12

**GRHC Day of Hope**
Sheraton Wild Horse Pass

The broadcast currently consists of a mixture of videos from past Gila River events, some public service announcements, live Community Council meetings and content from a production company called First Nations Experience, or FNX, a product of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians in California.

“It’s very interesting and very high quality content that [they produce],” said John Lewis, but GRIC is hopeful that before long there will be equally interesting and well-crafted content produced in Gila River.
Integrated Pest Management System (IPMS)

Submitted By Althea Walker
Department of Environmental Quality

IPM focuses on the fundamental reasons why a pest is a problem in the first place. IPM reduces risk, is cost effective, and pesticides are used only when necessary. Pesticides kill pests, but do not necessarily prevent them. IPM is not a single pest control method but rather a series of pest management evaluations, decisions and controls.

An IPM plan consists of techniques to:
- Avoid attracting pests
- Keep pests out of your home
- Remove pests using the safest most effective methods

Do you really need to use a pesticide? Like humans, pests require three critical elements to survive: food, water, and shelter. Before using pesticides, try these simple steps to control or kill pests:

**STARVE THEM OUT**

Pests will eat just about anything, but they might leave you alone if they don’t have easy access to food.
- Seal up boxes and bags of food. Store open food in plastic bags or use containers
- Clean up spills and leftover crumbs; don’t forget behind the stove and under toasters.
- Keep a tight lid on trash and empty it often.
- Place trash cans far away from a back door entrance.

**DRY THEM OUT**

Although roaches can live up to one month without food, without water roaches can die in a week’s time.
- Always drain dish water from a sink and repair leaking/dripping fixtures.
- Empty excess water in flower pots and plant stands. A drop of water can be all a roach needs to feel satisfied.

**KEEP THEM OUT**

By keeping ants, roaches and rodents out of your home, you can prevent them from ever becoming a problem.
- Seal cracks and openings along baseboards, behind sinks, and around pipes and windows.
- Repair holes in door and window screens to prevent insects and other pests from entering a home.
- Clean up clutter, including stacks of newspapers, paper bags, and cardboard boxes.

Remember, a vacuum is your best friend for physically removing insect pests. Look for one with a HEPA filter if possible.

For additional information regarding proper pesticide usage or choosing a pest control company, please contact:

Department of Environmental Quality, Pesticide Control Office at 520-562-2234

Submitted By Althea Walker
Department of Environmental Quality

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One simple call to 811 gets underground utility-owned lines marked for FREE.

Whether you’re a homeowner or professional excavator, every digging job requires a call — even small projects — so be sure to:

- Call 811 at least two days before starting any digging project
- Wait for the site to be marked
- Respect the marks
- Dig with care

Not calling can be life threatening and costly. You can harm yourself or others, disrupt natural gas service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially be responsible for injuries, repair costs, and criminal penalties.

Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere. If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, call 911 and Southwest Gas at 1-877-860-6020 immediately, whether you’re our customer or not.

For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call 1-877-860-6020.
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**PROBATE CODE**

The Legislative Standing Committee will be considering a revision to the Probate Code at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., located in Conference Room B of the Community Council Secretary’s Office. A copy of the proposed revised ordinance in its entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary’s Office.

The current Probate Code was last amended in 1985 and currently conflicts with federal law. The Draft Probate Code will provide a statutory means for adjudicating probate estates within the Community. The Draft Probate Code also provides the Community Court jurisdiction to probate real and personal property that is not considered federal court property.

If you are interested in providing comments to the revisions of the Probate Code, please attend the Legislative Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., or you may contact your Council representative and/or the Legislative Standing Committee chairperson at (520) 562-9760. For more information contact the Office of General Counsel at (520) 562-9760.

Page 1 Sample of the Probate Code

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10.101. Scope and Purpose; Legislative Intent.

A. Legislative Intent. The Gila River Indian Community (“Community”) enacts this title 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 Gila River Indian Community Constitution and By-Laws of the Gila River Indian Community (1962) and other regulations governing conduct within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation, 25 U.S.C. § 476. The Community enacts this title pursuant to Article X, Section (a)(13) of the Community Constitution, as the Community’s authority to administer all Community property. Further, under Article X, Section (b)(5) of the Community Constitution, the Community administers the use and disposition of the properties of members, trustee or such use and disposition affects the welfare of the Community at large.

B. The Community Council enacts this title to provide a statutory means for probating estates in the Community Court. Pursuant to the inherent powers of the Community to exercise civil authority over the probate of applicable trust property and non-trust property within the exterior boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation, the Community Council enacts this title to authorize and direct the Community Court to hear and determine probate proceedings to simplify the probate process, as well as, encourage tribal members to plan for the transfer of their property upon their deaths.

C. The Community Council finds that the probate of Community member’s applicable trust property and non-trust property, to include non-Community members whose property, has a direct effect on the health and welfare of the Community and its members. The Community enacts this title to regulate certain activities within the Gila River Indian Reservation in accordance with Montana v. United States, 150 U.S. 544 (1911).

10.102. Evidence of Death or Status.

In addition to the Gila River Indian Community Rules of Evidence, the following rules determine to a relationship of death apply:

A. A certified copy of a death certificate is required to probate the decedent’s estate.

B. An individual is presumed to be dead whose death is not established under the preceding paragraph who is absent for a continuous period of not less than six years, during which, he has not been in contact with those who knew him.

10.103. Definitions.

A. In this title, the following words and terms shall have the meaning given herein:

Gila River Health Care
Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic
(Clinic)

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Monthly Elderly Concerns Meeting
Dr. Time Presentation:
How We Protect Your Medical Information
May 13, 2015 ~ 9:30 am ~ District #5
Presenter: Bill Conati, Director
GRHC - Information Technology Department

Mary Nahrgang, RN
Mary Nahrgang, Registered Nurse, has served the Community since September 1998 and will be leaving Gila River Health Care on April 30, 2015. Mary is a dedicated, hardworking nurse and she says she will dearly miss the women of the Community and the GRHC Staff. On behalf of GRHC, thanks for the years of dedication Mary.

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Ak-Chin Clinic

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