Sacaton Bridge Rebuilt and Reopened

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) is pleased to announce the completion of the Sacaton Bridge project. The new bridge, which has been under construction since 2016, has significantly improved safety and accessibility for commuters and pedestrians.

The old bridge, built in 1964, was in need of replacement. GRIC DOT, the Community’s transportation department, determined that the existing bridge was no longer safe and equitable to accommodate the needs of the growing community. With a commitment to modernizing the infrastructure to support the GRIC community, GRIC DOT, with the help of contractors, worked diligently to complete the project.

The new bridge features a pedestrian walkway, making it safer for commutes and travel. According to Steven Johnson, a Senior Civil Engineer at GRIC DOT, the project aimed to make the bridge a lot safer according to federal standards.

Construction of the bridge was made possible through a combination of federal grants awarded from the Federal Highway Administration. Over $2.2 million from the federal Tribal Bridge Replacement Program was allocated to complete the bridge within six months. GRIC DOT set a goal to cut the ribbon on the new bridge, which opened April 16.

The pace of construction was quick according to project coordinators, who accommodated the high flow of traffic that travels over the bridge. GRIC DOT set a goal to complete the bridge within six months. Construction of the bridge was made possible through a combination of two grants awarded from the Federal Highway Administration.

In December, Honeywell Inc. donated $10,000 and a set of new robots to the Sacaton Middle School’s robotics program. The donation was part of the company’s commitment to support education and workforce development in the community.

Honeywell manager John Hertz points to the tail of a Boeing 737 at the San Tan Testing Facility. Hertz visited Sacaton Elementary School April 16 to interest young students in careers in engineering.

Crime Victim Services Raises Awareness about Sex Crimes in Indian Country

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Victims of sexual assault may feel powerless and voiceless, but one tribal department is giving them an opportunity to speak up. Crime Victim Services held a Sexual Assault Gathering on April 18 at the District 2 Hashain Hashem Community Center to raise awareness about one of Indian Country’s most underreported crimes.

One of the overarching questions about sexual assault that departments like CVS are trying to address is, “What can we do to help victims report crimes and how can the Community as a whole speak out against it?” Events like this are part of the initiative to end crimes that threaten the safety of Community members.

Various speakers from law enforcement, the Community’s judicial system and tribal leadership spoke about the need for education about sex crimes. Gila River Police Officer Manuel Dauntes has experience working on domestic violence and sexual assault cases in the Community.

“The Community cannot do it alone,” Dauntes said. “We need everyone to be involved.”

In her previous position as a District 4 Coordinator, Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone saw firsthand the impacts of sexual violence on Community members.

“None of us think that what we’re seeing will happen to us, but we know that it can happen to anyone,” Antone said.

She encouraged attendees to attend the gathering to learn about the resources available and how to support victims.

The Strategic Highway Research Program 2 grant gave $500,000 for the Community’s implementation of the ABCST and an additional $2.2 million from the federal Tribal Bridge Replacement Program. No other tribe in the U.S. has built a bridge using the ABCST standard, making this a unique opportunity for the Community to work with the federal government on road improvement projects.

During the gathering, the community was invited to speak up and voice their concerns. The Community is working on a solution to end sexual violence in Indian Country.

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

In December, Honeywell Inc. donated $10,000 and a set of new robots to the Sacaton Middle School’s robotics program. Since then, Honeywell engineers have volunteered at the school, assisting staff and students to build and construct the robots.

Last week, John Hertz, manager of the Honeywell San Tan Aerospace Testing Facility, visited Sacaton Elementary School’s monthly family meeting on April 16. Hertz gave an open invitation for families to tour the 165-acre facility and gave the audience a brief understanding of what they do at the San Tan facility.

The Honeywell San Tan Aerospace Test Facility, tucked on the north side of the San Tan Mountains on the Gila River Indian Reservation, was opened in 1961 and specializes in creating and testing aerospace products. Honeywell’s Aerospace Division, the largest manufacturer of aircraft engines and avionics, is headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz.

Hertz has been with the San Tan Testing Facility for over 33 years as a manager and mechanic specialist. He has also been on the Aviation Advisory Council.

The Community stands behind them. There are support systems that can help them.”

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INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON SUSTAINABLE WATER PRACTICES

Keynote Speakers

Harry Walters
Navajo historian, archaeologist, and founder of the Navajo Community College Historical Museum

John Echohawk
A Native American attorney and founder of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

Ofelia Zepeda
Renowned Native American poet and linguist (Tohono Oodham)

David DeJong (Not pictured)
A Historian of the Pima Culture and author of Forced to Abandon our Fields: The 1914 Clay Southworth Gila River Pima Interviews

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Blackwater Book Project
Contributed by Holly Hartman
Unite for Literacy

Children in the Blackwater community are enjoying a special opportunity to learn O’otham vocabulary by listening to the voices of local elders. Randall Stone, Gwen Paul and Tillie Pratt have volunteered as translators and narrators of books that are being created for a preschool class at Blackwater Community School.

At a family literacy event Stone stated, “It’s our responsibility as elders to be sure that our children are taught the customs and language of our people, so we can keep their ways alive. Just as my grandfather taught me, it’s my time to share the teachings that preserve our way of life.”

The native speakers are translating and narrating 25 books each year. Stone has also authored some of the books, including the titles Gila River is Our Home and Farmer’s Tools.

For Mr. Stone, it is one man’s way to honor his elders while connecting the past and future.

Randall Stone. Photo courtesy of Unite for Literacy.

BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
2015-2016 School Openings

Teachers – Preschool thru Grade 5
Requires Valid AZ Teacher Certification and Early Childhood Education Endorsement for Preschool thru Grade 2 – Salary $34,446 - $46,164

Teacher Assistant/Paraprofessionals
Requires Associate’s Degree and ability to pass an AZ Dept. of Education-approved para-para assessment - $10.27 to $11.31/hr.

Substitute Teachers
Requires AZ State Substitute Teacher Cert. - $125 per day

Parent Educator
Provides personal visits with primary care providers of children to 5 years of age regarding child development or parenting. Position requires Associate’s Degree, valid driver license and clean driving record – $10.27 to $11.31/hr.

Blackwater services over 400 students pre-school to grade 5 on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Coolidge, AZ. Excellent benefits package includes:

• Pick-up a Kindergarten Enrollment Packet
• Receive a Kindergarten Classroom Curriculum
• Meet the Kindergarten Classroom Teachers
• Observe our Kindergarten Classroom Night Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

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2015 Council of Elders Regular Meeting Schedule
Council of Elders: Friday (s) 10:00am
Location: O’Ogam Hii Hi C’
May
1  Council of Elders
10  Mothers Day
12  Council of Elders
23  Council of Elders
25  Memorial Day
June
12  Council of Elders
21  Father’s Day
26  Council of Elders
July
4  Independence Day
10  Council of Elders
24  Council of Elders
August
14  Council of Elders
15  Council of Elders
September
7  Labor Day
11  Council of Elders
19  American Indian Day
25  Council of Elders
October
7  Council of Elders
23  Council of Elders
November
11  Veterans Day
13  Council of Elders
20  Council of Elders
26  Thanksgiving Day
December
10  Water Settlement Day
11  Council of Elders
18  Council of Elders
25  Christmas Day

Priest and people are invited to pray for the welfare of the American Indian.

SACATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITES COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR 4TH QUARTER CURRICULUM NIGHT THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015 FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Please observe our kindergarten classrooms.

Meet the kindergarten teachers.

Receive a kindergarten readiness kit.

Pick-up a kindergarten enrollment packet.

Kindergarten, here I come! Sacaton Elementary School District invites community members to attend our 4th Quarter Curriculum Night Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

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Casa Blanca Community School
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Bapchule, AZ 85121
Mailing Address: PO Box 10940, Bapchule, AZ 85121

Elementary Teachers (Kindergarten, First and Third)

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Sacaton, AZ — The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs today on a vote, passed S.152, the Keep The Promise Act of 2015, which would prevent Arizona’s Indian tribes from opening casinos on land newly put into trust until after the expiration of the state’s voter-approved gaming compacts in 2027. The Act, which will keep the promise agreed to in 2002 by tribes and the state of Arizona voters, will prevent the opening of the Tohono O’odham Nation’s Glendale casino, currently under construction in the middle of a neighborhood near homes, schools and houses of worship.

The bill, sponsored by U.S. Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake and supported by more than 40 Arizona Congressional delegation, next moves to a floor vote in the U.S. Senate, likely to be scheduled in the near future. In late March 2015, similar legislation sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks was passed by the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee. Both S.152 and H.R. 3088 also need to be voted on by the full U.S. House and Senate.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis hailed today’s vote by the committee. “Members of the United States Senate sent a strong message of support for not allowing one tribe to break the promise,” said Roe Lewis. “This bill is about accepting the promise of balanced tribal gaming agreed to by all Arizona tribes and the state’s voters,” said Gov. Lewis. “Today’s vote in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs created additional momentum for the Keep The Promise Act as it moves toward a final passage by Congress.”

“The Gila River Indian Community appreciates the leadership shown on this issue by Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Representatives Trent Franks, Paul Gosar, Ann Kirkpatrick and others. We look forward to the next steps of the legislative process.”

Salt River-Maricopa Indian Community President Delbert Ray, Sr. also released a statement on the bill’s committee passage.

“The Salt River Community applauds the leadership of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake in passing S.152, the Keep The Promise Act of 2015,” said President Ray. “Enactment of this bill will reaffirm the gaming policy approved by Arizona voters in 2002, that there will be no additional casinos in the Phoenix metropolitan area. We commend the bi-partisan leadership of the Arizona Congressional delegation in working towards swift passage of the Act.”

“The Community stands united with the Governor of Arizona, the Attorney General, many city leaders in the Phoenix area, and tribal leaders throughout the state, in confirming that voters never intended to have “casino reservations” created by a tribe in the middle of a city, more than 100 miles away from its reservation,” said Ray.

“Additionally, this legislation is consistent with the state’s position that principles of fraud and misrepresentation nullify any contention that the Tohono O’odham Nation may create casino reservation in the middle of Glendale, at a site across the street from a public high school.”

Without passage of the Keep The Promise Act, the Tohono O’odham Nation potentially could open not only one casino, but three more casinos on county islands around Maricopa County. Such openings could pave the way to the Arizona Legislature allowing off-reservation casinos, causing an explosion of tribal and non-tribal gaming statewide.

**A’AGA**

**Something to be told**

By Billy Allen

May – the original name was Kai Cucklig Mashath – the seeds inside the saguaro are turning black. So, now’s not a good time to plan on savoring saguaro fruit. But our desert can still give us a taste of our heritage.

When the bright scarlet berries are visibly plump, it is time to pick. I’m remembering the spring of 1976. I worked in Sacaton, lived in Tempe. One day while driving back home by the East Valley Parkway I saw a car parked to the side. When I walked over, and a lady dressed in the “old style” – monjel (scarf), ipud (dress), with a long sleeve kamis (shirt), sturdy su:sk (shoes) and holding an old lard pail—glanced towards me. I spotted her daughters and realized they were picking kwavul. The young lady shook my hand and invited me to come over later to her daughters and realized they were picking kwavul. The young lady shook my hand and invited me to come over later. She would tell us the names of the plants in O’otham and Cain and Jeff Flake and Representatives Trent Franks, Paul Gosar, Ann Kirkpatrick and others. We look forward to the next steps of the legislative process.”

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**GRIC Family Raising Awareness about “Cri Du Chat” Syndrome**

By Christopher Lomahquahu

Gila River Indian News

The Martinez family is a family like any other. They have three daughters and three sons. The youngest is Nisto, a 10-year-old girl, and is in the 4th grade at Tohatchi Elementary School in Eloy, where the Martinez family lives. His father Demitrus, mother Amy. The Tohono O’odham Nation, and mother Michelle, a Gila River Indian Community member, are happy to see him grow up and attend school.

Nisto was diagnosed with Cri Du Chat at birth and since then his family has taken it upon themselves to make sure he lives a normal life.

Michelle said, “We took care of him like our older children. There wasn’t much of a change in how he was raised,” despite living with the syndrome.

Cri Du Chat (“cat’s cry,” also known as 5p- Syndrome) is a rare genetic syndrome that affects one portion of the fifth chromosome. The problem is caused by the loss of a portion of the fifth chromosome during the early stages of development. It affects the body by delaying the development of muscles, restricting the person’s mobility and requiring them to use a wheel chair. It is characterized by a high-pitched, cat-like cry in children.

The family said, to their knowledge, Nisto is the only member from the Community and TON with the syndrome. They said at first it was difficult to accommodate his needs. As he grew older, they learned to better take care of him.

Michelle said, “We feel we were lucky, because he doesn’t have severe disabilities.”

Both parents said, “Nisto is like any other kid.” At his school, there is an exceptional level of support staff and services that help Nisto in his education. Michelle said he is doing well in school and has reached the educational standards set for someone with his disability.

The family hopes to continue raising awareness about Cri Du Chat. Every year in May, Michelle’s co-workers at GRIC’s Crime Victim Services collect mismatched socks in the “Stirpy Socks” campaign. The stripped socks represent a pair of chromosomes, one being shorter than the other to represent the deletion of the fifth chromosome.

This year, the Martinez family hopes to travel to the 2015 5p- Syndrome Awareness Week in Phoenix, Ariz., in July to learn more about what they can do to give their son a better quality of life and to raise awareness about the syndrome.

There, families with a member with the syndrome come together to share stories and listen to medical experts and caregivers talk about how they are addressing Cri Du Chat.

Michelle and Demitrus would like to get support to attend this year’s event from the Community, because the more they learn about their son’s syndrome, the more they can give him a greater chance at a successful life.

Michelle said, “We hope that the Community can be able to hear about Cri Du Chat, so that they can provide services that can help someone like Nisto.”
Community Events

Saturday, May 2
Legends Basketball Tourney
Sacaton, Wellness Center
7:00 pm

Saturday, May 9
The Unfinished Mul-Chu-Tha Footrace
District 2 Service Center
5:00 am

Sunday, May 10
Shen & Me – Girl Scouts Event
District 5 Service Center
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 13
Matter of Balance Class
District 1 Multipurpose Building
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 14
Matter of Balance Class
District 7 Service Center
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Friday, May 15
2015 Legends Men’s Basketball Tourney
Sacaton Wellness Center
Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2
For men ages 35+

Saturday, May 16
Gila River Fitness Fest
District 5 Service Center
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 2
Swap Meet In The Park
Ira Hayes Memorial Park
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, May 3
She & Me – Girl Scouts Event
District 5 Service Center
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Monday, May 4
Kids in Safety Seats (KISS)
District 3 Elderly Complex/Public Health Nursing Office
2:00 pm

Tuesday, May 5
Matter of Balance Class
District 1 Multipurpose Building
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, May 6
Matter of Balance Class
District 7 Service Center
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Friday, May 8
Car Wash – Ira Hayes High School Senior Trip Fund Raiser
Ira Hayes Memorial Park
7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Gila Crossing Community School 4th Grade Banquet
GCCS Gymnasium
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Page 1 Sample of the Probate Code

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10.101. Scope and Purpose; Legislative Intent.

The Legislative Intent of the Gila River Indian Community (“Community”) enacted 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. § 460 et seq., which provided the Community authority to make and enact such laws and ordinances to provide for the internal organization, conduct, and administration of the Gila River Indian Community and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community (1960) and most ordinances 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 IV, Section 1(A) of the Community Constitution, as the Community has the authority to administer all Community property. Further, under Article IV, Section 1(A), the Community, through the Community Council, may seek the Community’s approval for property of members, whether residential or non-residential, and decision affects the welfare of the Community at large.

The Community Council enacts this title to provide a statutory means for probate issues 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 has the authority to regulate and administer the Community’s legal and administrative procedures to simplify the probate process, as well as encourage tribal members to plan for the transfer of their property upon their deaths.

The Community Council finds that the works of Community members’ applicable trust property and non-trust property, to include non-Community members where appropriate, has a direct effect on the health and welfare of the Community. The Community Council seeks to regulate probates within the Gila River Indian Reservation in accordance with Montana v. United States, 450 U.S. 552 (1981).

10.102. Evidence of Death or Status.

In addition to the Gila River Indian Community Rules of Evidence, the following rules relating to a determination of death or status 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 three years, during which he has not been in contact with those who know him.

10.103. Definitions.

In this title, the following words and terms shall have the meaning given here:

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2015 - Council Elections

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

District 1 Candidates

Arzie Hogg
Joyce McAfee

District 4 Candidates

Sharon Lewis
Marlene Norris
Nada Celaya

District 5 Candidates

Gwendolyn Thomas
Franklin Pablo, Sr.
Duane Johns
Ronald Lewis
Vernon Sunna, Sr.

District 6 Candidates

Anthony “Chris” Villareal, Sr.
Joanne Miles-Long
Danelle Spring
Lisa D. Shelde

Polling sites open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

District #1 Polling Site: Elder Center, 1060 W. Blackwater School Road, Blackwater
District #4 Polling Site: Service Center, 1510 W. Santan Road, Santan
District #5 Polling Site: Veteran’s Building, 3500 W. Casa Blanca Road, Casa Blanca
District #6 Polling Site: Learning Center, 5230 W. St. Johns Road, Komatke

District Judge’s will be at your District service Center for absentee Voting, May 4th, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

District #1: Valerie Williams, (520) 709-4537
District #4: Sharon Miguel, (520) 418-2142
District #5: Gaynell Lopez, (520) 709-9835
District #6: Lorina Allison, (480) 532-7646
District #5: Gaynell Lopez, (520) 562-9735
GRIC Celebrates Earth Day

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Every year, the earth is honored with festivities educating the public on ways to keep the planet green and evolving.

The Department of Environmental Quality hosted an Earth Day celebration at Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park on April 22.

Kids from Gila River schools got to learn about different ways they can take part in making a green Community.

This year was even bigger than last year. Several of the programs within DEQ and outside the Community brought out their information booths, showcasing some of the latest in Earth Day trends.

Schools such as Gila Crossing Community School and Ira Hayes High School brought out sample plants of kale and beans from their school gardens.

They also displayed literature and images of some of the work they perform in the garden such as composting and recycling.

A representative from the Sonora Audubon Society brought out their birds, snakes and tortoises to show attendees.

All of the animals like the Gila monster, red tail hawk and desert tortoise had their names displayed in O’otham.

DEQ staff gave presentations on using greener cleaners to reduce the amount of toxins released in the environment.

A demonstration of a solar oven showed how foods can be cooked by the power of the sun. In the oven a fresh batch of cookies was slowly baking.

There was even a chance for kids to use their creativity and make hats out of recycled paper.

University of Arizona’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences was also on site teaching children about plants, water quality and integrated pest management.

A group of educators had children test various liquids to determine which ones were acidic.

The event also hosted its annual fashion show in which models showed off their recycled outfit creations.

DEQ, the Gila River Health Clinic, GRIC Department of Transportation, GRIC Utility Authority and the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort also had booths on display showing people ways to go green and reduce energy.

Mr. Ted Huerta and the Roadrunners, a student band from Casa Blanca Community School, provided musical entertainment.

Gila River Earth Day was made possible through the sponsorship of GRICUA and Gila River Telecommunications.

Casa Blanca School Career Day

By Annie Gutierrez
Gila River Indian News

Casa Blanca Community School Career Day April 24 practice wearing bulky firefighter gear.

Above: Children wearing recycled paper hats. Below: Gila Crossing Community School agriculture teacher demonstrates the plants his students are growing.

Casa Blanca Community School is helping students visualize a future. The elementary school hosted their 4th annual Career Day April 24.

Presenters from various departments and professions gave second to fourth grade students a small glimpse of their career fields to get young children to think about what they want to be when they get older.

Participants included Gila River Police K9 Unit, Gila River Fire Department, Gila River Dental, Intel Inc., and GRIC Utility Authority. The GRIN also participated. Engineers, authors, a U.S. Army recruiter and a representative from Humana Insurance presented as well. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with presenters.

“It is always wonderful to see that so many are willing to open their schedules, their minds, and their hearts to share the best parts of their jobs with our wonderful students. Saying thank you for what the presenters accomplish never seems adequate,” said organizer Nancy Rollins.

Rollins, who teaches special and gifted class at the school, said seeing the children excited about their future is a goal that has been met since starting the event. Before Career Day was established, she said she asked her students what they wanted to do when they grow up and only one child out of 25 answered. “After our first Career Day, all of the sudden kids wanted to be firemen, wanted to be pilots, wanted to be doctors and that was a huge thrill,” said Rollins.

“These children, especially with the educational support of the tribe, have the whole world in their hands and their dreams should be endless.”
**Community Council Action Sheets**

**Wednesday April 1, 2015**

**ACTION SHEET**

**Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Coun-

**cil held Wednesday April 1, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona** was called to order by presiding Chairman LT. Governor Monica L. Antone at 9:11am

**INVOCATION**

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Naseweyut

**ROLL CALL**

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

**Executive Officers Present:**

LT. Governor Monica Antone
Executive Officers Absent:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Council Members Present:
D1- Joey Whitman, Anzie Hogg; D2- Caro-
lyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Angela
Allison; Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr.; Janice
F. Stewart (9:16am); Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-
Anthony Villareal, Sr.; Albert Pablo, Sandra Naseweyut;
D7- Devin Redbird (9:15am)
Council Members Absent:
D4-Vacant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**PRESENT DAILY INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)**

1. Akimal O'tlumee/Pee-Posh Youth Council 15th Annual
Gila River Close Up Event
Presenter: Michael Preston
MR. MICHEL KNIGHT INTRODUCED THE CLOSE
UP PROGRAM. EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS INTRO-
DUCE THEMSELVES. GOVERNOR PABLO AND LT.
GOVERNOR COOPER PRODUCED A BRIEF OVERVIEW
OF THE EXERCISES OF THE PROGRAMS. LT. GOVER-
NOR ANTONE AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PRO-
VIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.


Presenters: Gila River Royalty Committee, 2015 Royalty
Court
MISS GILA RIVER SIENNA WHITTINGTON PRODUCED A
BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND
PLATFORM. MISS GLIAY-ENNE JACKSON PRODUCED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER
BACKGROUND. JR. MISS GILA RIVER CHARIS-
MA QUROZ PRODUCED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER
BACKGROUND AND PLATFORM. LT. GOVERNOR
ANTONE AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEM-
BERS PROVIDED WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND
ENCOURAGEMENT (15 minute reception in the lobby to follow)

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTOINE CALLED FOR A
15 MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENE AT
10:58AM]

**REPORTS**

Presenter: Leslie Rychel
REPORT HEARD

* 2. Ira H. Hayes High School SY 2014-2015 Qtr. 1 Report
Presenter: Craig Camoulo
REPORT HEARD


Presenter: Christa Caamano
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7. Blackwater Community School SY 2013-2014 Carry-over Funds

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma
REPORT HEARD


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9. Police Department 2014 Overview

Presenter: Kathleen Kirkham, Chief

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Office Of The Prosecutor – Fiscal Year 2015 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Rebecca Plevel
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11. Crisis Response Team Status Report

Presenters: Greg Mitchem, Leann Wander
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. Citizens Advisory Board FY2014 3rd Quarter Report

Presenters: LECAB
REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 1 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC motioned to forward to the Community Council)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And AKV, Inc For Fiscal Year 2015 (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving Of The Gila River Indian Community And State Of Arizona Gaming Compact Amendments, Appendices And Agreements (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah
APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Memorandum of Agreement Between The Gila A River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And The Casa Grande Union High School District To Identify And Define The Roles And Responsibilities Of Each Party Relating To The Disbursement Of Federal Funds Under The Johnson-O’Malley Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela
APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Staffing For A Adequate Fire And Emergency Response (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of support and approval)

Presenter: Chief Thomas Knapp
MOTION MADE, SECOND TO DEFECTED TO TABLE AND HAVE CHIEF KNAAPP COME TO THE DISTRICT TO EXPLAIN

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 2047 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez
APPROVED

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 348 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 451 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 451 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

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APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 1245 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

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APPROVED

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APPROVED

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APPROVED

16. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease on Allotment 316 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

17. A Resolution Approving Closure Plan For San Tan Indus-
trial Park (EDC motions to forward to Community Council; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: John Roberts, Esther Manuel
APPROVED

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTOINE CALLED FOR A
90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECON-
VENED AT 1:33PM]

**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY MANAGER’S MEMORANDUM REQUEST AND PUT IT BACK ON THE AGENDA AND IT BE ITEM #3 UNDER NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCES UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Update On Gaming Compact/Off-Reservation Gaming Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: Scott Bostrom, Eric Dahlstrom

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Employee Benefits Team - Recent Activity (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council and to direct the Law Office to collapse the functions of EBT Committee into the HSSC policies within 30 days; H&SSC concurs to follow)

Presenter: Kathleen Kirkham, Chief

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Presenters: Linus Everling, Robert Yoder

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA L. ANTOINE CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENCED AT 4:30PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVAL THAT WILL AMEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE POLICY AND PROCEDURE (GR-22-12) IN ORDER TO COLLAPSE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST (EBT INTO THE DESIGNATED AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HEALTH AND SUSTAINING COMMITTEE (H&SC)); FURTHERMORE THE EBT IS TRANSFERRED TO THE H&SC AND APPROVED BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, THAT THE EBT POLICIES BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE TRANSFER OF EBT AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE H&SC AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CHANGES THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY

[ADJOURNMENT]

3. Declaration Treasurer Mentee Vacancies (3)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE 3 VACANCIES AND WILL BE ADVERTISED AND APPOINTED ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT ORDNANCE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADO IN BEFORE THE

APPOINTMENTS, THE VERBAL RESIGNATION OF GARY WILLS FROM THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY [Addendum to Agenda]

1. Verbal Resignation of Mr. Gary Williams from the Wild Horse Development Authority

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT GARY WILLIAM'S VERBAL RESIGNATION FROM THE WILD HORSE PASS

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

5-4. Gila River Gaming Commission Appointments (2)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONVENE THE TWO CANDIDATES WANDA J. MANUEL AND GARY WILLIAMS

MOTION MADE, AND SECOND TO CERTIFY WANDA J. MANUEL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY GARY WILLIAMS

NEW BUSINESS

1. District Seven – Appointment Of Jana Sunn To The Planning & Zoning Commission (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of appointment)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

2. Certification of Qualifications of the 2015 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards to Community Council with no recommendation under New Business)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Council Secretary White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR DISTRICT 1 - ARIZ HOOGI AND JOYCE MCAFEE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR DISTRICT 4 TO CERTIFY MARLENE NORRIS, SHARON LEWIS, AND NADA Celaya

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR DISTRICT 5 TO CERTIFY DUAJNE JOHNES, RONALD LEWIS, SR., VERNON SUNNIA, SR., FRANKLIN PABLO, SR. AND GWENDOLYN L. THOMAS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR DISTRICT 6 TO CERTIFY ANTHONY C. VILLAREAL, SR., LISA D. SHELIKE, DANIELLE SPRING AND JOANNE MILES-LOH

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

3. Community Managers Memorandum Request (GMSC motioned to forward the letter request to Community Council)

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND DATES [FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING] WILL BE APRIL 21, 22, AND POSSIBLY THE 23

4. Citizens-Advisory Board Articles of Organization (LSC forwards Community Council with recommendation for approval under New Business)

Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez

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MINUTES

1. November 19, 2014 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 2. December 2, 2014 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 3. December 3, 2014 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

4. December 5, 2014 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE MEETING APRIL 2, 2015, 9AM

> SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2015, 9AM AT BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

> COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN WILLIAMS AND COUNCIL-WOMAN ANGELIA ALLISON ON TRAVEL

> SPECIAL HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2, 2015, 1PM

> MEETING WITH SENATOR DON YOUNG, APRIL 2, 2015 AT SALT RIVER

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:30PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
Announcements & Notices

Gila River Indian Community
Utility Authority

What's new at GRICUA?

GRICUA Buries Time Capsule
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Motion MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE NOMINATION OF MR. BRIAN DAVIS, SR.
4. Mismatches – Tax Payer Identification Number/Security Number/Names/Addresses (GRICUA motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval of option #2) Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike Jacobs
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She is a dedicated, hardworking doctor and has contributed her time and expertise to improve patient care for over 17 years. GRHC wishes Dr. Song-Nichols all the best in her endeavors.
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MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25, 2015

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