27th Annual Gila River Youth Conference
Held at Ak-Chin Ultra-Star Center

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

It was another good year for the 27th Annual Gila River Youth Conference hosted by the Akimel O’otham/Pee Posh Youth Council on July 17 to 18.

Adding to the diverse line up of activities, this year’s conference was held at the Ak-Chin UltraStar Multi-tainment Center.

Youth Council President Alex Pablo greeted the youth, “I want you guys to have fun, but I encourage you all to learn from the workshops today,” said Pablo.

He emphasized that it takes a lot to help organize the conference, but that it is worth while because it will benefits the Community.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis spoke in front of the audience of 365 participants.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaking at the 27th Annual Gila River Youth Conference.

Back to School Backpack Giveaway

By Christopher Lomahquahu
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It was Christmas in July for many students as the new school year is around the corner.

The Gila River Tribal Education Department and the non-profit organization American Federation for Children teamed up to hand out backpacks to students at the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton and Komatke on July 25.

The AFC has a history of partnering with organizations to help bring much needed school supplies to children grades K-12 before starting the school year.

In Saturday’s event a total of 190 backpacks were given to children, which were stuffed with school supplies like pens, notebooks and other assorted items.

Among these much needed supplies the AFC is promoting a scholarship opportunity funded through the Arizona Department of Education Empowerment Scholarship Account program.

A communications associate for AFC, Kim Martinez, says the program is open to children.
The kids are back in school!

Did You Know?

When your child qualifies for the National School Lunch Program you qualify for a monthly telephone service discount of $20.70.

Call (520) 796-3333 to enroll in Enhanced Lifeline.

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Special Mass
Join us for a special one year anniversary mass in memory of former
Gov. Mary V. Thomas
Saturday, August 22 at 11:00 am
at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church
Mass will include a special performance from the St. Anthony’s choir, and other choirs are welcome as well. A potluck style lunch will be offered after the mass, please feel free to bring a dish for all to enjoy. If possible, please bring a dish and for any questions, please call Ms. Edith Pohl (602) 410-3610

Birthday Mass Flaviano!
I would like to wish my son Flaviano Francis Guzman a very Happy 10th Birthday! August 23rd, 2005 you came into my life and brought so many wonderful moments. From singing country songs at age 3, then at age 4-years-old you started dancing the Popkoola, carrying on the Makil dancing tradition. Auntie Brenda was your big supporter! This year you start a new chapter in your life by starting 5th grade. Life has many challenges that we must overcome. With the recent loss of your Godfather Elgin, not being here to help celebrate your birthday with all his candy. Just understand he is up above watching over you. Son, always know I am very proud of you and reach for the stars! You are my blessing and remind me so much of your uncle Possum. We love you Flavi!
Love
Mom, Dad, Grandma Karen and Uncle Mykey

In Loving Memory of Elgin Jackson
Elgin Jackson – 47 years old from Goodyear Village, passed away at his home on July 9th, 2015. Siblings are Lyndell Jackson, Justino Balderama, Edwina Apkaw, and Alynia Macias all from Goodyear Village. Elgin helped raise niece and nephews, Kiko, Daniel, Alexander, Darien and cared for a step-father Kerby Johnson. Elgin is proceeded in death by his mother Linda Jackson.
Elgin was a former employee of the Gila River Casinos in slots, Cage and Vault and Security. He also was very active in his community, serving on District Four Executive, Housing and Election Board Committee. Elgin was a very hard worker that provided for his family to the very end. He loved traveling with his family when his health would allow him, he enjoyed spending time with his friends very much.
The Jackson Family would like to thank those that came to show their support for the family in this difficult time. Also a special thank you to District Four Service Center, Gila River Farms, Delvin Catha, Reverend Irving Terry, Mr. Anthony Thomas, All groups that rendered songs for the wake, Goodyear Presbyterian Church, Verona & Chavela Makil, Jana Quimayessie-Blanket, Kenny Manuel-Interim CEO GRGE, Terrance Evans-former Councilman Dist. 6, Makil Family & Angel Trujillo-Friends Flower Sprays, Suzette Blackbird, and silk flowers, Bernella Lewis-Trifold memory cards & memory video and to Elgin’s niece, Darien, known to Elgin as Hunny or Dubby and godson Flaviano Guzman for their dedication country songs they both sang for their beloved Elgin! To all Elgins relatives that worked and cooked every day... Anyone we forgot to mention thank you and God Bless you all. We will miss Elgin and his laughter forever.

CORRECTIONS
In the July 2 edition, Salt River Article artist, Bobby Wilson was misidentified as a member of the Lakota tribe, he is Dakota. Similarly, artist Striker was identified as a member of the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, he is not. We apologize for the errors in reporting.
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

Community Events

Friday, August 7
Piecing the Desert
Huhugam Heritage Center
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Graffiti in Southern Arizona
Artists: Lokey, Strike One, Dwayne-No Insano, Dremept One, Breeze, Matt, TckNeik

Saturday, August 15
District Four Senior Citizens Bingo
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
District Four Service Center
Food sale and raffle
Men/Women Bikes and 32” flat screen TV
Everyone welcome!
Contact Agatha Apkaw at 520-418-3661 for more information.

Glow in the Dark ZUMBA Party
District Six Kalka Park
8:00 pm
FREE EVENT
Glow recklessness, glow batons, and glow paint provided. Zumba shirts available for the first 150
Gila River enrolled members (sizes are limited). Call 520-550-3805 for more information.

Back to School Bash
Kid-friendly event. Enjoy snacks, waterslides, raffles, and music! Also, backpack giveaway! Backpack sign up begins on July 27, 2015
First come first served! Gila River Indian Enrolled Members only Call 520-550-3805 for more information.

Come Grow with F.A.C.E.
(Family and Children Education)
Now Enrolling for 2015-2016 School Year!
F.A.C.E. is a free family literacy program for all tribal-ly enrolled members.
Home based: Prenatal – 3yrs old
Center Based: 4yrs old (Preschool) to 3rd Grade
Participation Requirements:
• Be an enrolled Tribal Member
• Have a child, prenatal through 3rd Grade
• Need GED, need HS Diploma, is a non-traditional college student
• Attend orientation and Family Circle Nights
• Take Pre and Post test for Adult Education classes
Required Attendance Hours:
• 3.5 hours of Early Childhood, four times a week
• 2.5 hours of Adult Education, four times a week
• 1.0 hours of PACT, four times a week
To apply please provide the following:
• Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
• Birth Certificate
• Current Immunization Record

Classes Start August 24, 2015
Gila Crossing Community School
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Laveen, AZ 85339
Phone: (520) 550-4834 ext. 232
www.gccseagles.org
cause imminent and irreparable environmental harm,” according to accentral.com and the Arizona Republic.

The litigation will move forward. Meanwhile, ADOT has been cleared to proceed with its work while the lawsuit is pending. ADOT hopes to begin construction in May of 2016.

A statement released June 30, the Community’s lawsuit claims federal and state agencies violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Department of Transportation Act by failing to consider the environmental harm it would inflict on members and residents and “on historical and cultural resources.”

It also adds that the chosen route trespasses over Community land, “specifically three wells held in trust for the benefit of the Community by the United States,” said Governor Stephen Lewis in the press release.

The Community’s lawsuit comes after the FHWA approved ADOT to begin construction on the 8-lane-22 mile long freeway earlier this year. The proposed freeway will travel east-west along Pecos Road and curve north between 55th and 63rd Avenues connecting to Interstate 10 at 59th Avenue.

According to the FHWA’s Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section Evaluation, the freeway project has remained un altered since it was introduced by the Maricopa Association of Governments’ proposed 223-mile Regional Freeway and Highway System in the 1980’s and was approved by Maricopa County voters in 2002. The South Mountain Freeway expansion project underwent many evaluations of alternative routes before selecting the proposed sight. The freeway is predicted to reduce future traffic congestion on Interstate 10 completing the loop 202 highway infrastructure.

Although ADOT studied the 1.9 billion dollar project thorough the FHWA’s Section 1 FEIS & Section Evaluation, the Community and its members may be again trespassing.

“As an indigenous person, protecting sacred sites is number one,” said Andrew Pedro, 21, District 3 resident and member of Akelom O’otham Youth Collective (AOYC). “People argue that Moa da Dog’ (Gruesy Mountain) in O’otham, but formally known as South Mountain “is not on reservation land but is this is all O’otham territory”... the economic impact and the importance to them [ADOT and FHWA].”

For us it’s a sacred place,” Pedro added. “As an indigenous person, protecting these ADOT and highway officials,” said Pedro. Through oral history passed on to him by his grandmother, Pedro learned much about the cultural side of the mountain. He said, “What O’otham hold sacred is the ‘Man in the Maze.’

That’s Se-eh-ah, our creator’s ki (home).”

In the book Pima Indian Legends by Anna Moore Shaw, Moahkan Do’ag (South Mountain) was the home of the creator in the Man in the Maze legend. It depicts how the mountain was used as a labyrinth for se-eh-ah to escape from enemies.

“With the cultural fact was acknowledged in the lawsuit. Gov. Lewis said in the press release, “South Mountain, or Moahkan Do’ag, is one of the Community’s most important and sacred natural resources. It is a prominent part of the Community’s oral traditions and ceremonial activities, all of which are tied to the natural environment.”

With the legal action by GRIC, Community members and the AYOCS are remaining optimistic about the lawsuit. Pedro believes with the Community openly having a stance on the freeway, more Community members will get involved to protect the sacred land. “It’s a good challenge for them [ADOT and FHWA]. If it wins—that’s great. If worst comes to worst and they start building, that builds a greater power for people to actively resist this project. We are still not going to let it be built.”

They are the best resource to advocate for their child’s funding, they know what they need to get a quality education,” said Martinez on the options parents should have when choosing a school. She says it breaks the cycle of parents without options, who are forced to send their child to school that isn’t a good fit for them.

Also, the program helps pay for education for children with special needs that are offered outside of a traditional public school. In looking at the families that made it out to the backpack give away Martinez said, “It’s so rewarding that the kids will be getting a backpack and the work that goes into is worth it.”

Arizona Department of Education will start accepting new applications on January 1, 2016. For more information call (480) 246-9745.
Gov. Lewis Testifies Before U.S. House of Representatives

Addressed Challenges to Deploying Broadband on Tribal Lands

PRESS RELEASE

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis made history for the Community and all of Indian Country by being the first elected tribal leader to testify before the House Sub-Committee on Technology and Telecommunications. He testified (July 22) before the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee regarding the issues that the Community and other tribal nations face establishing broadband access in rural communities.

New Tribal Education Director: Isaac Salcido

By Ashley Pasqual

The Gila River Indian Community welcomes the new Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido. Salcido is a valley Native who was also raised in Parker, Arizona on the Colorado River Indian Tribes reservation.

His educational background consists of a degree from Ottawa University in psychology and a master’s degree in administration and supervision from Arizona State University.

Salcido brings experience working in Native communities in early education and head start.

Salcido is part of developing the Gila River Indian Chromium Development Authority’s education, administration and supervision branch and is the head of the Tribal Education Department.

In his recent employment he was assistant principal for three different districts within the Carver School District in Maryvale.

One of his goals is to prepare students for advancement into junior high and high school as well as seeking a college education.

“We have to create opportunities for the Community’s students to move onto the next level of education when preparing them for junior high or high school,” said Salcido.

Salcido says parental involvement is critical to a child’s success in school.

Other issues that need to be addressed are truancy, which he says goes hand in hand with parental involvement.

Salcido is ready for the challenges ahead. “It’s a lot different from before for kids going to school, with common core, it’s more rigorous,” said Salcido.

In addition to what he has accomplished by students already, he would like to congratulate the recent college graduates, which he believes will help the Community prosper in the long run.

New Huhugam Heritage Center Director: Shirley Jackson

By Ashley Pasqual

Shirley Jackson is a long-time member of the Huhugam Heritage Center and was appointed acting director at the museum to attract community members.

Jackson started off as a secretary at Culver’s Monarch Museum.

In 2001, she graduated with a Bachelors degree in History from ASU and became the Assistant Curator at the Heritage Center within the same year.

Jackson has worked as the Senior Curator in 2004 and was made Acting Director in 2012. She was also an Archivist throughout the years of working at the Heritage Center.

Today, Jackson’s job, as the New Director, is overall management of the Heritage Center functions in providing exhibits, educational classes, and taking care of the federal and tribal collections.

They share the collections of ancient O’otham pottery, artifacts and historical documents and photographs through cultural events.

The focus in the first ten years was to care for the archeological collections and the Huhugam Heritage Center is shifting towards events and exhibits to get more people to, as Jackson says, “claim ownership of the Heritage Center because it belongs to the community.”

Art is now the new focus and theme for the museum to attract community members.

“It’s their heritage and they need to be come more aware of it,” Jackson said.

Sacaton School District New Superintendent Dr. Douglas Price

By Sacaton School District

Dr. Douglas E. Price became the next Superintendent of the Sacaton Elementary School District on July 1, 2015 following the retirement of long-time school chief Dr. James E. Christensen.

Dr. Price left the Tanque Verde Unified School District (TVUSD) in Tucson where he had been Superintendent since 2009 after leading TVUSD to being an “A” district over the course of the past five years - one of the few school districts in Arizona to have earned the state’s highest academic letter grade rating.

In learning he would lead the Sacaton School District, Dr. Price said, “At the heart of any great school district are committed teachers and staff who have a passion for their students and their well-being. Meaningful education comes with a foundation of healthy relationships. When students know that their teachers truly love and care about them, the students will most often return the favor with their love, support and their best academic efforts.”

Price states that standardized testing is important, but ultimately believes that student success is more than just a test score; it is about educating the whole child. Dr. Price is a firm believer that relationships and cultural relevance greatly contribute to students’ overall success.

Prior to heading the Tanque Verde District, Dr. Price served two years as the Statewide Director of Title I School & LEA Improvement at the Arizona Department of Education. Before this, the Price was the Superintendent of Schools in Colorado and for the Wickenburg Unified School District in Arizona. He also served as an associate principal in high schools in Green River and Worland, Wyoming after having been an English and journalism teacher at a high school and junior high in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and at a high school in Cody, Wyoming.

His formal education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism and Physical Education, a Master of Education in Educational Administration, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership - all from the University of Wyoming.

Dr. Price is married to wife Suzanne who is an elementary school teacher in Mesa. He has three grown children and is happy to be back home in the Southeast Valley where he has a home in Gilbert.
He said, “It’s good that we have a packed house here today, but there are other youths that couldn’t be here, so let’s support each other, leading a positive environment.”

Gov. Lewis said youth should prepare for some of the Community’s management and leadership positions by getting an education.

“We need our youth to be educated and to be healthy, but most importantly we need to keep that connection with our culture,” said Lewis.

Guest speaker and member of the Muskogee Creek and Choctaw Nation Steve Martin talked about the power to change negative behaviors and outcomes in Indian communities.

Martin is a Program Director of the Native American Student Affairs at the University of Arizona. He encouraged the youth to express their cultural heritage and not to be afraid on sharing it with others.

In support of the conference theme of empowerment, he said, “Find something to make you happy and get up whenever you have been knocked down…be resilient.”

He advised the young audience to “Know your story, you have the power to change.”

“It’s good to know that this conference was put together by young people that is impressive, that shows empowerment,” said Martin.

The conference is mixture of workshops covering a variety of topics based on money management, health and fitness and self-esteem building.

In addition, several Community departments and programs provided informational booths in the main lobby of the UltraStar center, including representatives from each of the state’s three major universities.

A number of interactive presentations formatted towards hands-on involvement drew the attention of the youth.

Agnes Atakai and Justin Hongeva from the American Indians Into Medicine program at the U of A College of Medicine explored the human anatomy and how diseases like cancer develop from prolonged use of cigarettes.

The AIM program encourages young individuals to start thinking about careers in the medical field so that later on they may come back and serve their tribal community.

Another topic, “Like a Boss,” centered on money and business management, immersing the youths through a half hour session of operating a fictional farming business.

August Pablo, a facilitator and council representative from District 2, said, “It’s a stepping stone for me, because this year I’m facilitating some of the workshops…I think we are doing a good job, because it’s a different location from the previous years, so it takes a lot to organize the conference.”

Alexis Flores from District 7 and Miss Indian at Cesar Chavez High School is new to the youth conference experience and is among many of the facilitators helping out.

“It feels really empowering to be here and I am encouraging other kids to come and join… I actually got some of my friends and family members to come too,” said Flores.

The important message Gov. Lewis left for the youth is that they must have strength in themselves, their Community and who they are as an individual.

2015 Youth Poster Contest DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2015
Submission Instructions:
- Poster size must be submitted on 8 ½” x 11” white paper.
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- Submission topic should relate to the Environment and if possible to the conference theme “Remembering Out Resilience”.
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- Final award decisions will be made by the conference team. Winner notifications will be made by phone and/or mail.
- Prizes will be awarded to each group winner.
- Mail or delivery entries to: Owens Valley Indian Water Commission 46 Tuolumne Lane Bishop, CA 93514

Something to be told

By Billy Allen

The O’tham phrase for the month of August is Shopel Esahig Masad (short planting month). Our ancestors took advantage of rain in the eastern mountains to plant food crops such as tepary (bavi, pronounced buff), lima beans, and 60-day corn. “Monsoon” planting enabled the plants to ripen before the next round of rain. Our ancestors were always working. A lot has changed; few of us raise our own food or livestock.

Growing up in Vah Ki, I remember that many old GRICsters maintained small herds of cattle or horses. These old timers remembered the Great Depression of their youth when life was hard across America. During this time, most Native people were okay because much of their food—plant or animal—was homegrown. Many Natives felt the 4-leggeds were their bank, easy to track and locate for selling or trading. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, this way of life waswaning. GRICsters felt education was one of the keys to a brighter future and knew school would begin right after Labor Day; school clothes and luggage had to be purchased. When Shopel Esahig Masad rolled around, everyone’s small herds became smaller and life became busier for my father, a state livestock inspector.

My father would be informed when and where to be and sometimes hauled livestock to the sales barn, where the livestock would be auctioned. We kids loved to tag along because we knew we’d get treats-soda pop and chips! I heard a lot of O’otham on those trips. Old timers began their day early, very early, so staid kek (before the morning stands up/pre-dawn) was a popular term to begin working. Wait for the sun to rise would be hard on man and animal, especially during Shopel Esahig Masad. A vakial (cowboy) always had his tools in order. First would be his pistol (saddle)–if he was Tovoho O’otham, 1/c! He made sure his vnutam (hat) would stay on, either with a tight fit or tying it on and his i’ispul (spurs) also had to be secure. He had to make sure his pahil (bridle) wasn’t getting worn out and liable to be broken, for this is how the horses and his soiga (pet) or kayvus (horse). If his soiga was a kalian (stallion) it would have a four-gek kuva (strong neck). If it was a ropah (rope), it had feet of clove and knots. If an old timer ran his hahai (cattle) free range, away from his lanche (ranch), his vakial (cowboys) would go out the day before and rope the cattle and tie the hahai (cows) to a knot (mesquite) stump. Later, my father would drive in and load up. It sometimes the fight was out of the animal, making it easier to load, but not always. A toale (bull) never lost his will to fight and loading him was a hard struggle! A profane mix of Spanish (Jakam) and English (Milagros) would echo in our young naxik (ears). George Webb describes a horse-round-up near Santa Cruz in his book, A Pima Remembers. They had to kam (horses) out of the desert. Da’m juk (new) was noon when the sun was on top; it usually meant taking a break and resuming work later. Ee’ juk was late afternoon or when (sun) it begins its downward journey. It’s still hot, but it would cool down quickly. Hudunk was evening or the sun is down. A vakial made sure his tired soiga was in the ko:li or corral.

Many of the O’otham words you may have recognized as being Spanish in origin. All humans borrow words, styles, foods from other cultures. When Pa’i Kino brought horses and cattle to this region, some of his first cowboys were Spaniards. O’otham took the Spanish word, but gave it an O’otham accent. With the introduction of livestock a new aspect was added to our herding. Our elders took time to recognize which new elements would aid us in living better and help us towards a brighter future.

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Generation Indigenous Initiative at First Ever Tribal Youth White House Gathering

By Christopher Lomahquahu

Before a crowd of over 800 Native youth, the First Lady of the United States (FLOTUS) Michelle Obama marked the inaugural White House Tribal Youth Gathering at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington D.C. July 9.

“Gen-I is about all of you in various ways by getting an education,” said the first lady.

According to the first lady, “The youth gathering builds on the President’s launch of Generation Indigenous (Gen-I), an initiative to help improve the lives of Native youth and cultivate the next generation of Native leaders.”

The high profile event coincided with the annual United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference, held this year in the nation’s capital. It was the largest conference in the organization’s history, with over 1,800 attendees.

Four lucky Gila River youths attended the White House gathering among them were Anissa Garcia, Quiroz, Ashley Thompson and Brittany Cooper, Taiyne Juan, Augustus Pablo, Alex Pablo, Charisma Quiroz, Ashley Thompson and Brittany Cooper.
American Legion Post Updates

The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 was established in 1972 after receiving its charter from the American Legion. Like all American Legions, it operates under by-laws, policies and procedures. The Post currently has 75 members who have served in various capacities in the branches of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. The conflicts served in range from the Korean War to Operation Enduring Freedom with a majority of members being Vietnam veterans. The activities of Post 84 include providing a means for local veterans to receive benefits they have earned for time in service, providing support for families of departed veterans, and rendering burial assistance at veterans cemeteries. The American Legion also encourages involvement in youth programs. Members of Post 84 will be participating in a youth mentorship program of Central Arizona. Future projects include instructing Gila River Police Department Cadets and Explorers in basic military marching movements.

Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post #51

Veteran Affairs Post #51 continues to be a vital link in the Community as a resource for Veterans and families of Veterans. We encourage any and all who have served to take advantage of veterans benefits for serving our country. As the relationship between Gila River veterans and the VA evolves, Post #51 will continue to assist the VA in meeting its critical mission in providing services to our warriors. National Security

To those who have sworn with their lives to protect America against enemies near and far, national security is a deeply held value. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 exposed this nation’s vulnerabilities and magnified the importance of this value - not only for military veterans, but for all Americans. America needs to live up to this challenge. The mission of Post #51 is to help make things happen for Gila River veterans by providing leadership, communication, and advocacy.

Featured Veteran: Irving Johns

Irving Johns, District 5, is a Gila River Indian Community member who served our country for four years in the United States Navy in a variety of different roles. Irving served as a gunner’s mate, fighter plane pilot, and with submarine and ship maintenance. Irving was stationed for two years on the USS Midway for sea duty time, during which he was anchored off the coast of the Philippines, Japan, the Midway Islands, and Hawaii during his tour. Irving came home to the United States and worked as a hay baler, a diamond cutter, and served our community for nearly twenty years as a District 5 Coordinator. Irving proudly continued his service in the community for over thirty years coaching little league baseball, softball, and baseball. We are grateful for his service to both our country and our community. Thank you for your service Irving!
CHOOSE THE RIGHT INSECT REPELLENT

With tick and mosquito season upon us, it is common for many of us to reach for a skin-applied insect repellent. Skin-applied insect repellents have been proven to be effective, but selecting the right one is important. Beginning early next year, you may notice that product labeling on some skin-applied insect repellents contain a new graphic.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is allowing companies to apply for permission to include a new repellency awareness graphic on product labels of skin-applied insect repellents. This graphic is intended to help consumers easily identify the repellency time for mosquitoes and ticks. Use of the graphic by manufacturers is voluntary. The EPA reviews products submitted by manufacturers that apply to use the graphic to ensure that their scientific data meet current testing protocols and standard evaluation practices. The labeling of a skin-applied insect repellent that does not contain the graphic may not allow for easily identifying the insect repelled by the product and the amount of time the product will repel insects.

Due to their public health importance, ticks and mosquitoes are the only two pest groups featured in the new graphic.

When out at night or in areas where ticks and mosquitoes are an issue, protect yourself!

For additional information regarding proper pesticide usage, please contact:
Department of Environmental Quality, Pesticide Control Office
Phone: (520) 562-2324
Email: PNEI_PesticideOffice@ADOT.gov
Web: www.azgfd.gov

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You are Ready.
Join Your District’s Women's Wellness Camp Now.

By FitnessFest Staff

We all need a little help from our friends, don’t we? Losing excess weight, controlling our diabetes and other health issues, watching what we eat, exercising regularly, reducing stress—those are all part of the whole picture when we want to change our lifestyle. Over 90% of people need accountability and help when it comes to making lifestyle changes. Join certified holistic nutritionist and personal trainer Stephanie Kreun for a one-day camp full of health and wellness coaching (see flyer for dates for all seven districts), plus follow-up groups and information about continuing your journey with Native trainers and instructors.

During your camp, you will learn how to create balanced meals and snacks (that you and your family will love!), learn and practice effective workouts, manage health goals, talk about portions, goals, obstacles and much more. The camps are all funded by the Gila River Indian Community Tobacco Tax Grant, so they are absolutely FREE for you! And as if losing weight and feeling better wasn’t incentive enough, each woman receives a personal health journal, portion plate, set of weights, back pack, fruit-infused water bottle, and headband!

Some of the women who discovered Gila River Women’s Wellness Camps last year saw unbelievable improvements. One participant’s doctor said a few weeks after the camp, “I don’t know what you are doing, but keep doing it!” Another participant shared: “I’m so glad that I attended the Women’s Wellness Camp. I didn’t think I would get anything out of it, but I did know that I was tired of my knees and back hurting all the time. I’ve gained a lot of weight throughout the years and wasn’t sure how to eat what we eat that’s really hard to change, but even making the smallest changes help change. Thank you to all the people who made this camp possible. I hope that each District can continue having classes like these.”

Now here is YOUR chance for change. Join us. Call 480-461-3888 or visit www.FitnessFest.org/GRIC for details and to register. You can attend which-ever District camp is most convenient for you.

Shoni Schimmel Lights Up Salt River Arena

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Shoni Schimmel lit up Salt River Arena on July 14 as her team took on the defending WNBA champions Phoenix Mercury. Her fans were ecstatic to see the second year, two-time all-star take to the court contributing a slew of three pointers and scoring drives to the basket.

Mercury fans and Dream fans alike roared when she would score a bucket coming off a hard charge to the other end of the court.

In her signature playing style, she posted up against defenders twice her size to rally her team within four points as the clock ran down. The game was close at half time, but the Mercury were unable to make a break on a couple of fouls and scoring drives that led to their 80-71 victory over the Dream.

Shoni was all smiles as she came out after the game to do a brief Q&A session with her fans. One of the fans asked how it has being a Native American in the league and how it affects her playing style.

Schimmel said it was an honor to represent her people and that it doesn’t take away from who she is as a Native individual. There is no question Schimmel has had a huge impact on the American community. “If I can make it, then any one of you can make it, don’t ever settle for something less,” she told the audience.

It makes her work harder to see other young athletes make the strides she has taken to get this far, but emphasized going to school as a major accomplishment. Attending college presented its share of challenges, she said, when it came to finding her education.

“My parents couldn’t pay for my tuition, so I had to get good grades and work hard while going to school on a basketball scholarship,” she said.

Now in her second year in the WNBA, she is committed as ever to talk with fans in the Native basketball scene about education.

Shoni and her sister Jude, who recently released her book, “Dream big. Work hard and never settle for something less,” balance their time throughout the season and in the off season visiting different Native functions, inspiring young basketball players.

Schimmel left the crowd with this message: that success means making some sacrifices, but that it is all worth it, because if she can do it, then so can others.

WIA Summer Internship Program Banquet

By Ashley Pasqual
Gila River Indian News

The atmosphere was welcoming at the Luau hosted by the Employment & Training Department. Walking into Sacaton Head Start’s auditorium you were handed a lei and directed towards tables decorated with hibiscus flowers and tikis.

July 31 marked the end of this year’s WIA Summer Youth Program. To celebrate, the Employment & Training Department held a WIA Summer Youth Awards Banquet on Friday, July 24 for those who completed the program.

Employment & Training partnered with over 40 work sites, and an estimated 110 youth participated this year. Some students joined programs like the Gila River Police Cadets, the Film 101 class, and others worked with the Gila River Boys and Girls Clubs and as aides with District Recreation.

WIA Coordinator, Elisia Manuel provided the welcome address and presented the awards along with Youth WIA Coordinator DeAnna Ringlero, Counselor Intern Maria Varelas, and Summer Youth Counselor Kayla Miguel.

Youth participants were given certificates of completion and received Arizona Diamondbacks back to school backpacks donated by Gila River Casinos. Supervisors and staff were also recognized for their cooperation with the program.

Employment & Training awarded the Gila River Police Department as the summer program’s Outstanding Employer.

Sgt. Joaquin Manuel, Officer Ester Pooallow, and Officer James Milano humbly accepted the award and gave remarks on this year’s Cadet Program and the participants.

“I come each year and think ‘I’m going to teach the kids and they end up teaching me. I just want to thank them,” Officer Pooallow said.

Officer Milano thanked the Community and said, “We couldn’t do this without the tribal Council and WIA’s help. It’s a good partnership and every year I learn at least...something new.”

Lt. Monica Antonee also shared her appreciation and applauded those in the program.

“We honor you today for your hard work and making the effort for the summer WIA program. Make the best and always plan for your future,” she said.

A slideshow of photos was displayed, cour tesy of the Native Indian Camp staff, and presentations were given by the Cadet Program, the Ceramics Program, and the Art/ Drawing Program and the Ceramics Program had its own works of art displayed for sale and as the delicious luau feast was served, the Film 101/Editor Box Program.

“Some of them got kind skeptical and a little nervous but once they got into it there’s no stopping them which I am very proud of,” said Sarah Lucas, supervisor of the Art/Drawing Program.

Students from the Art/Drawing Program and the Ceramics Program had their own works of art displayed for sale and as the delicious luau feast was served, the Film 101/Editor Box Program prepared their movie, The Missing IL, which the crew got a kick out of.

[Editor’s note: The Outstanding Summer Youth Worker was presented to Ashley Pasqual from District 3, who worked with the Gila River Indian News for the summer.]
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Notice of Unclaimed Property

Ordinance GR 10-09 requires the Finance Department to publish official notice in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the official website for the Gila River Indian Community before disposing of unclaimed money, payroll checks, refunds of employee benefits, or other checks. Therefore, we are requesting Community Public Affairs Office (CPAO) to publish the following message in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the Gila River Indian Community’s official website for a period of not exceeding thirty days from the date of publication. Please call us at 562-9643 if you have any questions.

The following list contains the names of individuals and other parties with outstanding checks recorded as of September 30, 2014. In accordance with Escheat Ordinance GR 10-09, the Community will publish a biannual schedule or as deemed necessary by the Community Treasurer, the Escheat Public Notice. Public notice of unclaimed checks will be published in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and on the Community’s official website. In order to claim the check, the owner must claim it in person within 30 days of publication or posting. In addition, to make claims, the person must provide the department, program, or entity with positive identification, including photo identification showing the person claiming the check is the last known owner. If the check is unclaimed for 60 days after publication, it shall be escheated and title thereof shall vest in the Community, or as applicable, the Federal, State, or other agency that provided the funding. If you are the recipient of unclaimed property, please contact Verlene Antone of the Finance Department at 562-9643 for further instructions.

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Piestewa Games Results: Track Team Brings Home Gold, Baseball Teams Win Big

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Lori Piestewa National Native American Games is a family event and fun for all ages. This year, a number of teams from the Gila River Indian Community participated in the Little League baseball, softball, and track & field. The track team Native Acceleration brought home more than 100 medals, with nearly 40 members of its team participating in events such as the 100-meter dash, the 300-meter run, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, and many other dashes and runs. Team members from under 8 to over 40-years-old won a total of 68 gold, 37 silver, and 13 bronze medals. Meanwhile on the baseball diamond, Gila River teams Outkast and Bears placed second and third respectively in the Little League Baseball tournament. Stampede, the team that took first place, was made up of children from Gila River and the Tohono O’odham Nation.

A contingent of GRIC members also participated in the co-ed softball and volleyball competitions. The team Rez Guys represented Gila River in men’s softball and Sassy & Classy represented GRIC in women’s softball.

Congratulations to all who had fun in the Piestewa Games and we hope to see you again next year.

Boys on Native Acceleration close in on the finish line of the 200 meter race.
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ELISE A. MOLINA and ELISE ELIDIA MOLINA that you are natural mother of MARCELLE ADelia MOLINA and LUCIANA ANALICIA MOLINA who was born on May 31, 2003 in Casa Grande, Arizona, County of Pinal, and LUCIANA ANALICIA MOLINA who was born on October 10, 2006 in Casa Grande, Arizona, County of Pinal. You are HEREBY NOTIFIED, that

1. A Petition for termination of Parental Rights of MARCELLE ADelia MOLINA and LUCIANA ANALICIA MOLINA has been filed with the Children’s Court of the Gila River Indian Community. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter under the Gila River Indian Community Children’s Code.

2. YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear for an Answer/Response Hearing and answer or appear as an interested party to the Petition before the Gila River Indian Community Children’s Court. If you fail to appear the court may issue a default judgment against you. This matter has been scheduled at the place, date, and time set forth below:

   SACATON, ARIZONA 85147
   721 West Seed Farm Road
   Date: August 27, 2015 Time: 9:00 A.M.
   Your failure to appear in court may result in a default judgment against you. You are required to serve the Petitioners in this matter, through undersigned counsel, or within thirty (30) days of the completion of service of the Notice. Tamera C. Brinker
   The Brinker Law Firm, PLC
   24 East Baseline Road, Bldg. B
   Tempe, Arizona 85283
   (480) 838-0000
   (C) You must proceed to judgment in any initiated maternity action.
   (D) You may seek to obtain custody of the children.
   (E) You must begin to provide financial support for the children.

3. If you wish to contest paternity of the children described, and/or if you wish to contest the proposed termination petition, your obligations are as follows:
   (a) Appear at the scheduled Answer/Response Hearing set for August 27, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Sacaton Children’s Court.
   (b) You may initiate a custody action and are required to serve the Petitioners in this matter.

4. You may wish to consult with an attorney to assist you in contesting the termination proceedings, filing a paternity action or determining what cause of action you wish to take in response to this Notice. If you would like legal counsel you may contact the Defense Services Office at (520) 862-5700.

DATED THIS 28th day of July, 2015.

The Brinker Law Firm, PLC
Tamera C. Brinker
Attorney for Prospective Adoptive Parents

Gila River Indian Community

Gila River Health Care
Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic

Call: (520) 371-6153

Program Cell: 520-371-6153

AUGUST 2015

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3 (D) SACATON (SAN TAB) SERVICES CENTER 0-8:00
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SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!

FORMAL WRITTEN REPRISAND

As a result of an external investigation by an outside law firm of allegations contained in a Code of Conduct complaint filed against former Governor Gregory Mendoza, and following a Special Meeting on June 1, 2015, the Community Council has found that while in office Mr. Mendoza violated the Code of Conduct in connection with his arrest by the Scottsdale Police Department on December 20, 2014 for driving under the influence of alcohol. At the time of the arrest, Mr. Mendoza was driving a Community vehicle for unauthorized and unofficial purposes. Mr. Mendoza’s conduct violated the Code of Conduct, Section 1.400(3), which prohibits officials from using Community property “other than as authorized and approved for official purposes and activities.” In addition, at the Special Meeting, the Council was advised that there were sufficient facts to find that Mr. Mendoza engaged in an act of “malice toward” as defined by Code of Conduct, Section 1.200(B), and that on May 13, 2015, Mr. Mendoza plead guilty in the Scottsdale City Court to one count of driving under the influence.

Although he received a copy of the Code of Conduct complaint and was offered the opportunity to respond to the findings of the Special Investigation, Mr. Mendoza declined to be a part of the investigation that resulted in these findings and failed to appear at the Special Meeting.

Section 1.502(A) of the Code of Conduct provides for various disciplinary sanctions for violations of the Code of Conduct.

Mr. Mendoza is hereby publicly reprimanded for his conduct in violation of the Gila River Indian Community Code of Conduct.

Section 1.502(9) of the Code of Conduct provides:

Uncharacterized Penalty

Uncharacterized Penalty shall mean any property of the Community or any other public property of any kind other than as authorized and approved for official purposes and activities. Such persons shall properly protect and conserve all such property, equipment and supplies that are so designated, assigned or issued to them.

Section 1.502(10) of the Code of Conduct provides:

Cloward Standards of Conduct

Cloward Standards of Conduct shall mean the standards of Article 3, § 2 of the Constitution as set forth in GRIC Code Section 1.200, A. and 1.200.C. Conclusions of cloward standards under GRIC Code Section 1.200.B. will be determined by the Community Council and may not be overturned under this Code of Conduct. The Community Council retains the power to modify any matter or remove proceedings outside of the Code of Conduct at any time

2015 Mosquito Fogging Schedule for the Gila River Indian Community

June 2015 through the end of October 2015, Environmental Health Service will be fogging in all seven districts to help control mosquitoes. The fogging will greatly reduce nuisance floodwater, mosquito biting and will decrease the chances of contracting mosquito transmitted diseases like West Nile Virus. The fogging operation is one part of an integrated mosquito control effort that includes larvaciding, the introduction of mosquito-larva-consuming fish into identified permanent bodies of water, and the education of the community regarding the use of personal insect repellent and the elimination of standing water outside of homes and businesses.

Fogging dates and district are subject to change based on weekly mosquito trapping and monsoon rains. Fogging in the districts will be conducted during the evening hours between 5:00PM and 10:00PM on the following dates:

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For more information, please call (520) 862-9300.
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Safe Native American Passengers (SNAP)

SNAP is a Child Passenger Safety course for Native American communities. Come learn more about how to keep your kids safe in cars at our SNAP Training!

HOW DO I BENEFIT FROM SNAP?
• SNAP provides preparatory training for those who are considering taking the certification course through the Safe Kids Certification Program.
• Serves as an introductory course for child passenger safety.
• Provides a basic overview of the proper use and installation of child restraints while addressing several issues that are unique to Native American Communities.

SNAP DOES NOT...
• Provide CPS technician certification
• Allow participants to serve as a technical expert - i.e., inspect seats
• Prepare one to teach SNAP or Certified Passenger Seat Training

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
9:30 am to 12:00 Noon - Morning Session
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Afternoon Session
Tribal Health Department-Located in the same building as GRHC Transportation in District 3, Sacaton, Arizona - Conference Room A
Wednesday, August 12, 2014
9:30 am to 12:00 Noon - Morning Session
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Afternoon Session
Komatke Dialysis Center Conference Room - District 6 Gila Crossing

For more information and to register please contact: Injury Prevention Program at (520) 550-8000

Are You A Parent or A Grandparent?
The Life Center Parenting Program is for parents and grandparents that want to keep their children healthy! Participants will learn how to plan healthy meals on a budget, choose healthier foods, build their child’s self-esteem, and encourage physical activity.

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Life Center
Mondays at Noon starting August 10th
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm starting August 11th
Wednesdays at 2:00 pm starting August 12th

Komatke Health Center Life Center
Thursdays at Noon starting August 13th
Transportation Available

For more information and to sign up, call Natayln at the Life Center at:
(520) 562-7940

Teen & Young Adult Workshop “Who We Are”
Akomel O’odham and Pee Posh teachings and how we live our best today promoting health and sobriety. Bringing awareness of underage drinking, substance abuse, and suicide prevention within the Community.

Friday, August 7, 2015
District 7 Service Center
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Thursday, September 10, 2015
District 2 Multi Purpose Building
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

For more information contact
Behavioral Health Services Prevention at:
(520) 562-3321 Ext: 7031 - (520) 562-3321 Ext: 7157
BSHprevention@GRHC.ORG

ABCS Are For Everyone

1C less than 7%
2 Blood Pressure Range: 140/80
3 Cholesterol: less than 200
S No Smoking

“Self-care behaviors” are behaviors that WE choose within our daily lives. These self-care behaviors help us manage our ABCS to stay healthy.
The self-care behavior of the month is: No Smoking

Try these tips for not smoking:
• Deep breaths - practice mindful breathing
• Drink plenty of water
• Do something else - take a walk, brush your teeth, or chew gum
• Delay smoking - talk with family or friends or have a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables

Please talk to your GRHC provider about your ABCS.

Elders Meeting
Gila River Indian Community Elders Meeting
September 9, 2015 - 9 a.m.
District 1 Service Center
Topic: GRHC Improvements and Construction Projects

Flu Vaccinations
Even healthy kids of any age can get seriously sick from the flu, and they can spread it to family, friends and others. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year.

Get your kids vaccinated - call their doctor, nurse or clinic.

For more information contact:
Marcy Hamblin, Infection Prevention Specialist
(520) 562-3321 Ext: 1556
www.flu.gov

GRHC.ORG
Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital
483 W. Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-3321 (602) 528-1240

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

Ak-Chin Clinic
48203 W. Farwell Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85239
(520) 568-3881

Gila River Indian Community
Crisis Line
1-800-259-3449
Monsoon Season brings Dust Storms that can sustain wind speeds of between 30 and 40 mph or wind gusts of between 40 and 58 mph. Winds this strong can make driving difficult...especially for high profile vehicles. In addition...strong winds over desert areas could result in briefly lowered visibilities to well under a mile at times.

**If you encounter a dust storm,**

1. Immediately check traffic around your vehicle (front, back and to the side) and begin slowing down.
2. Look for a safe place to pull completely off the paved area of the roadway.
3. Pull off the roadway, do it as soon as possible, do not wait until visibility is poor.
4. Do not stop in a travel lane or in the emergency lane.

**When you are safely off the road follow these safety rules.**

1. Turn off all vehicle lights, including your emergency flashers.
2. Put your car in park, set your emergency brake and take your foot off the brake pedal. To make sure the brake lights are off.
3. Stay in the vehicle with your seatbelts buckled and wait for the storm to pass.
4. If you cannot pull off the road, continue at a slower speed, turn your lights on and use the center line to guide you.

**If you are outside:**

- Seek shelter immediately (if possible).
- Cover your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If you cannot find shelter stay low and cover up.

Be ready for a sudden drop in visibility. Dust storms are unexpected and unpredictable. Avoid driving into or through a dust storm.

The Risk is real. Be prepared.