GRIC Celebrates 150th Anniversary of O’otham/Pee-Posh Mustering In

The Gila River Indian Community celebrated the 150th Annual Mustering In Day celebration on Sept. 26 in District 7. Many came out to celebrate the historic event from Sept. 2, 1865 when Akimel O’otham and Pee-Posh warriors volunteered to form part of Arizona’s first Army National Guard.

Wayne Nelson Jr. of District 7, who helped coordinate the event, welcomed event goers and encouraged people to remember the Community’s history of military service. He hopes younger Community members will continue the Community’s tradition of selfless service.

“We have a lot of positive things that are going on here in this district, which includes the Mustering In Day celebration,” Nelson said.

It was an exciting ride this year for the Gila Crossing Community School girls’ volleyball team as they bumped, set and spiked their way to a perfect season in the Superstition Athletics South Division League.

The Lady Eagles’ undefeated record was on the line on Sept. 23 in a championship game against Red Rock Elementary.

The gym was packed with parents and classmates cheering on both teams at the afternoon match-up.

The Lady Eagles, led by coaches Mystique Harris and Pa- mela Lucero, took a commanding lead in the first of two sets, but a Red Rock come back nearly evened the score, putting Eagles fans on edge. They breathed a little easier after the first set ended 25-21 in favor of the Eagles.

A brief intermission the teams took to the court to resume play, and the crowd brought the gym to a roar.

The Lady Eagles shut the door in the second set, racking up a string of points on a couple of good serves and battles to extend their lead to more than ten points.

Despite a good drive for the Red Rock team, and some pow- erful serves across the net, the second set ended with the Eagles flying high with a 25-14 victory.

With the championship secured, the Eagles celebrated, cheering and embracing each other.

“It’s good to see our girls preserve their undefeated record and get the championship. I’m very proud of them,” said Harris.

She said the Lady Eagles have put a lot into preparing for this season.

“You can see the improvements in the way they played this season and it paid off for the girls this year.”

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Ashley Pasqual
Gila River Indian News

District 1 hosted the Uh-kuh Kehk Recognition Day at the Uh-Kuh Kehk Ballpark on Saturday, Sept. 19. The fun, family day featured many events, such as a mud volleyball tournament, a baseball and softball tournament, and water slides and jumping castles for children.

The main event, however, was a exhibition boxing tournament between the Gila River Indian Community’s Post 51 Boxing Club from District 1 and Taz Boxing Club from Eloy. Post 51 Boxing Club has team members from ages 7 and up and is led by head coach Vern- non Antone and assistant Jerrell Williams. The team participates in a number of family events in the Community and practices in different boxing gyms.

The Taz Boxing club is led by head coach Ronnie Rodriguez, who has been training Taz for 15 years. The co-ed teams went head-to-head in seven matches and three rounds. As they fought, a large crowd of supporters from both sides cheered for their favorite fighters.

“IT takes a lot of courage and a lot of training [and] athletic en- durance,” Governor Lewis. “It really takes a lot of inner courage to step into that ring. We’re going to see that in play tonight.”

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GRIC Youth Boxing Exhibition

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with the Post 51 Boxing Club.

Ashley Pasqual/GRIN

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The Pee-Posh Veterans Association led the parade to start the day. This year’s parade grand marshal was Arnie Bread Sr., a Pee-Posh veteran. Bread talked about his military service as a drafted into the U.S. Army, where he trained as a combat engineer. He spent some time in Germany until finishing his service in 1971.

His brother Ernie Bread was deployed to Vietnam as an infan- tryman in 1969. Ernie said while deployed, “I spent a lot of time in the ‘boonies’ in the jungle, but I was glad when my time was over and I got to come back home.”

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Veterans thank Community members for their support at the Mustering In Day Celebration.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Suicide Awareness

Connecting to Help, Connecting to Hope—Building a Suicide-Safe Community

Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services (BHS) continuously offers training and parent/family education opportunities and other activities for the community.

Gila River Health Care strives to:
• Raise awareness that suicide is preventable,
• Promote and improve education about suicide,
• Spread information about suicide awareness, and
• Decrease stigmatization regarding suicide.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Applied Suicide Intervention Skill Training (ASIST) focuses on suicide first-aid intervention. The training helps to identify people with thoughts of suicide, engage in an intervention, and connect them to resources. The length of this training is two days. The next training is:
• October 25-26, 2015 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Viole L. Johnson Building, Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

Mental Health First Aid Training is for adults who want to learn how to assist another adult who may be in the early stages of developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The length of the training is eight hours. The following training dates are scheduled:
• Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the District 6 Dialysis Center near Komatke Health Center
• Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the District 3 Dialysis Center near Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

Safe TALK Training is a half-day training that will help others identify people who have thoughts of suicide. Learn how to apply the TALK steps (TELL, ASK, LISTEN, and KEEPSAFE) to connect a person with thoughts of suicide to a suicide first-aid intervention caregiver.

Parenting Skills Education for parents and/or guardians. Parenting Skills Education is taught with Active Parenting curriculum to increase knowledge of practical parenting skills for children ages 5-10.

Community involvement with Gila River Prevention Coalition. The coalition meets to learn how to support youth and families, to reduce substance use, to practice suicide prevention, and to identify appropriate resources.

For additional information contact:
Bianna Withrow
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 7157
bwithrow@grhc.org

If you are in crisis or need help with someone you know, please call:
Gila River Crisis Line 24 hours/7 days 1-800-259-3448

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24 hours/7 days 1-800-273-8255

National Teen Lifeline 24 hours/7 days 1-800-248-8383

ICD-10 is Underway at GRHC

What is ICD-10?
It is the new International Classification of Diseases diagnosis coding. It is mandated by Medicare and Medicaid. It affects how healthcare providers must document and code a patient’s electronic health record.

How Will This Affect My Patient Care?
You may experience longer than expected wait times while providers become familiar with the new documentation requirements and diagnosis codes.

We respectfully request your patience and understanding while Gila River Health Care implements new ICD-10 practices on October 1, 2015. We will make every effort to make this time period as brief as possible. We are talking weeks, not months. Thanks again for your understanding.

Should you have questions, please contact the Cultural Customer Service Department at (520) 528-1453 or visit GRHC.ORG/ICD-10.

FLU Tips
UNITE TO FIGHT THE FLU
GET YOUR SHOT - PREVENT THE FLU

Habits for Good Health

The following steps may help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses:
• Avoid close contact with those who are sick,
• Stay home when you are sick,
• Cover your mouth and nose,
• Wash your hands frequently with soap, and
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

What are the emergency warning signs of flu sickness?

In children:
• Fast breathing or trouble breathing,
• Bluish skin color,
• Not drinking enough fluids,
• Not waking up or not interacting,
• Being so ill that the child does not want to be held,
• Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worst cough,
• Fever with a rash.

Get medical help right away for any infant who has any of these signs:
• Unable to eat,
• Trouble breathing,
• No tears when crying, and
• Significantly fewer wet diapers than normal.

In adults:
• Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath,
• Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen,
• Sudden dizziness,
• Confusion,
• Severe or persistent vomiting, and
• Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough.

For more information contact:
Marcy Hamblin
Infection Prevention
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 1556

November Closures

GRHC will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in observance of Veteran’s Day and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 20, 27, and 28, 2015 at both HHKMH and KHC in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Flu Clinics

Flu Clinics will be held at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Campus main lobby. Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
Robin Henry PNP
Community Outreach Mobile Unit
(520) 610-2379

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

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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 Dr.
Laveen, Arizona 85339
(520) 550-6000

Ak-Chin Clinic
49203 W. Farrell Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85239
(520) 568-3881
Letters & Opinions

Vacancy Announcement: Blackwater Community School

2015-2016 Teacher Opening – First Grade

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

- Professional development offered on-site;
- Teacher mentor program; State 301 money available in addition to base rate yearly;
- District-provided employee health, dental, life, and vision insurance; Arizona State Retirement benefits, Sick leave and personal days;
- Requires Valid AZ Teacher Certification;
- AZ Fingerprint Clearance Card Ability to successfully complete a Not’l Criminal Background Check;
- Salary $34,446 - $46,164

For more information and How to apply:


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Work by Community artist Wayne Narcia

God Has Been Faithful!

Casa Blanca Community School

October Events

1 – Student Health Screenings
2 – 21st C. Ends
3 – P/T Conferences 3:30-6:00pm
4 – Parent-School Conferences
5 – ESS/Literacy Night
6 – PAC Mtg 4pm
7 – PD – ELA Phase 2: Words—The Building Blocks of Communication
8 – Faculty Mtg
9 – Teacher Assemblies
10 – P/T Conferences 1p-4p
11 – FACULTY MTG
12 – PD RenLearning
13 – PAC Mtg 4pm
14 – P/T Conferences 3:30-6:00pm
15 – GAME TRUCK
16 – Red Ribbon Week
17 – 21st C. Begins
18 – Fall Festival

Vacancy Announcement: Casa Blanca Community School

(2) K-3 Teacher Math Interventionist

Contact Wendall Joe, Human Resource Coordinator, at 480-403-8359 Ext: 2351 for additional information or question regarding a position. You can also email questions to wjoe@cbc-schools.com.

Casa Blanca Community School

3455 W. Casa Blanca Rd
Bapchule, AZ 85121

CORRECTIONS

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**COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF**

**NEW DATE!**

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**Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People**

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Gila River Indian Community

The Aug. 5 Gold King Mine Blowout near Silverton, Colo., north of the Navajo Nation, raised concerns of fresh water contamination. However, a technical assessment of the event sent from a groundwater consultant and hydrology specialist to the Gila River Indian Community Council has revealed that the largest effects of the accident will be localized and the Community will not see major or catastrophic damage to its water supply. However, the Community will continue to monitor sources of water, e.g., Central Arizona Project water, to ensure that no harmful effects to Community water occur by virtue of the Gold King Mine Blowout.

At the Aug. 10 Government & Management Standing Committee Meeting Councilman Robert Stone (District 4) asked about the Gold King Mine incident and its potential for harming the Community. The specialist compiled and analyzed the publicly available information about this disaster and provided his technical analysis in a report.

Background

The report reads: "According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), contractors to the EPA broke through materials blocking the entrance to the Gold King Mine above Silverton, CO on the morning of August 5, 2015 and released a sudden rush of water and associated chemicals that ran down the adjacent Cement Creek. They quickly built several detention and treatment ponds, but not before approximately 3 million gallons of stagnant mine water were added to the flow of Cement Creek. The mine discharge, now treated to remove metals, continues at 500-600 gallons per minute (gpm)."

"The relevance of this event to the Community is that Cement Creek is a tributary of the Animas River, which is a tributary of the San Juan River, which is a tributary of the Colorado River at Lake Powell. Thus, the contaminants in the blowout have a pathway to the Community.

"The television news and internet coverage of the progress of the blowout through towns in Colorado (Silverton and Durango) has been spectacular as the Animas River was painted a bright yellow-orange by the blowout. After a week or so, the flows of Cement Creek and Animas Rivers largely washed the bright yellow-orange colors away."

"To their credit, EPA took responsibility for the blowout. Contractors to the EPA took numerous water samples at many locations and many times starting late in the day of and continuing for a few days following the blowout and had them analyzed for 24 metals and occasionally for pH, total dissolved solids, total suspended solids, alkalinity and hardness. Two of the EPA-reported samples appear to be the most representative of the Gold King Mine Blowout of August 5, 2015 (called here the GKMB) . . . . Iron, manganese, and aluminum make up a majority of the GKMB and they are largely present as solid particles. [Likely,] the yellow-orange color of the blowout is mostly very fine mineral particles: clays and accessory metals used for painting and automotive industry.

"The hydrologist found the blowout to be "analogous to pouring 3 million gallons of paint into a stream that then flowed into a river. Indeed the composition of ordinary paint in the Community in terms of potential harm, [the consultant] downgraded EPA’s wafer sampling data, organized it according to the locations and movement of the blowout, and interpreted the nature of the contaminants in the blowout. [He] also interpreted the behavior of the blowout as it progressed downstream so as to begin to understand the potential fate of the contaminants”.

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Gentle, High Quality Dental Care…
Catering to the Gila River Community!
District 1 Councilman Joey Whitman announced the first match-up of the night: Armando Lucio from Taz Boxing Club in the red corner and Anderson Pino from Post 51 in the blue corner.

Lt. Governor Antone appreciated the motivation of both boxing clubs and how they strengthen themselves with the sport.

“Let’s give them that applause for their boxing team [and] working for the youth,” she said. “I really commend that … it’s all about building their spirits and building their character and making them become strong.”

The high point of the night was the competition between Cecilia Guzman (Post 51) and Morgan Lucio (Taz). Both are 8-years-old and showed that it’s not the size of the girl in the fight, but the size of the fight in the girl.

If you would like more information on the Post 51 Boxing Club or are interested in joining, call Vernon Antone at 602-541-8864.
COPS’ CORNER

Working Together to End Domestic Violence

It’s 11:30 at night. You’re getting ready for bed. You turn the TV off, walk to the bedroom, and lay down for the night. A few moments later, you hear sirens in the distance. As the sounds get louder, you see police cars driving down the road. One, two, three cars go by. Their red and blue lights flash and light up your dark room. You wonder where they are going. You hope everybody is OK. The sirens fade away, and you fall asleep.

The scary truth is there was a chance the police were driving to a call for help involving domestic violence. When many people think of domestic violence, they think of a woman beat up by a man. They might have a friend or family member who was assaulted or arrested during a domestic violence related crime. What many people don’t understand is domestic violence is much more than a fight between a man and woman or a trip to jail for the night.

Domestic violence isn’t just a fight between lovers. There is a repeating cycle. Actions a man or woman makes can either lead to an outburst or hear a calm down. Where you are in the cycle changes what the person may think of the situation.

The people involved could be parents, siblings, other relatives, or even friends. They could be fathers and mothers or partners and their children. The violent action could be as dangerous as one person physically treating another. In the cycle, there is a phase where the violent person becomes calm. The person might be kind, caring, and apologetic after the violence ends. The person might promise the violent action will never happen again.

In 2015, there were 58 cases of domestic violence reported to the Gila River Police Department involving 143 victims, 20 children, and 7 fathers. These cases included 30 assaults, 24 batteries, 3 incidents of criminal sexual misconduct, 2 incidents of false imprisonment, and 1 incident of interference with a protected person.

The cycle of domestic violence is much more than a fight between two people. The cycle is like the weather. As the temperature begins to cool, the person might promise the violent action will never happen again. This is like the setting sun at the end of the day. The heat goes away and it’s comfortable outside until the cycle begins again.

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The success or failure of domestic violence awareness and prevention programs can be measured by the number of calls to the police for help involving domestic violence.

The Gila River Police Department wants those who feel they are exposed to any violent situation, including domestic violence, to know they aren’t alone and we are here to help. Your police officers are trained to help Community members who need to get out of bad situations. There are people in the Community who work directly with Tribal Social Services to protect victims of domestic violence and their families from dangerous situations. There are places we can help you reach where you will feel safe.

A program called “On Eagles Wings” can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 855-203-3849. This program can assist you by helping in a time of crisis, preparing for court, asking for restraining orders, and finding more assistance for victims.

If you think you might be a victim of domestic violence, or feel someone is in a situation and can’t get out, call for help. Together we can help you find the right service for help.

Gila River Prosecutors Office
Gila River Police Department
Gila River Tribal Courts
Tribal Social Services
Gila River Probation
District 6 Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
Awareness fair - 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
Walk - 7:30a.m.
Awareness fair - 4:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

We invite you to attend the Gila River Domestic Violence Awareness Fair. Get information about DV awareness and prevention. Free admission and open to the public, including teens!

Sponsored by:
- Gila River Police Department
- Gila River Prosecutors Office
- Gila River Tribal Courts
- Tribal Social Services
- Crime Victims Services
- Domestic Violence Shelter

District 4 Community Member Grave Site Vandalized, GRPD Investigating

Christopher Lomaquahu
Gila River Indian News

Losing a loved one is not always easy and requires time to heal. It has been almost two years since District 4 Community member Guadalupe Henry Gonzalez passed away on Dec. 18, 2013. On two occasions in the past two months, the grave site of Gonzalez at Snaketown cemetery in District 4 was disturbed. Once on Aug. 23 and again on Sept. 20.

A cross that was knocked down and broken leaving the family upset and shocked at the damage.

Other objects that were destroyed were religious figurines that lay scattered and dirt that was disturbed from around the grave.

Gonzalez’s wife Raneisha Coleman describes the damage as disturbing because of the nature of the incident.

The family decided to reach out to the Gila River Police Department for their assistance in identifying the responsible individuals.

Gonzalez’s in-law Arcelia Carrillo said, “We are thankful for the assistance the police department has shown, being able to meet with us to bring it to their attention.”

The family is hopeful Community members will step forward and contact GRPD to help resolve the issue. Coleman said the incidents have caused pain and suffering to her family. “Those are things that we as a family take out there, my little kids gather these things up to take to his grave,” she said.

Coleman said, “To [have] that it’s horrible, especially for my kids to see [this].”

Though taken back by the recent events, they are determined that the people responsible will be caught.

Nearby residents encouraged to report any suspicious activity to the Gila River Police Department.

GRPD has documented the two reported incidents regarding the Gonzales grave site.

The police department is continuing to look into both incidents and has added more checks of the area not only from patrol officers, but from the Ranger division as well.

Due to the area being very isolated, any activity could be misidentified as suspicious activity, so it is recommended to report only when something has happened.

“The more people know about what is happening, the more possible someone can come forward to report anything [they] see,” Coleman said.

If any individuals have tips or information, please contact the Silent Witness line at (520) 562-9734 or contact the GRPD directly at (520) 562-4511.
By Tribal Social Services staff

On Friday, Sept. 25, the Gila River Indian Community Residential Programs for Youth celebrated the one-year anniversary of being in its new facility. A majority of the RPY staff were in attendance, as well as the residents of RPY and Tribal Social Services leadership. The celebration was marked by words shared by RPY Administrator Kimberly Herman and Tribal Social Services Director Deannah Newsho-Gishew. Acting Division Manager Manuel Johnson also addressed the attendees.

In addition, some of the residents took turns reading comments staff wrote about their feelings of working at RPY as well as comments the children feel about why they like RPY.

Herman stated, “It is hard to believe that exactly one year ago today, we celebrated our grand opening of RPY.” For Herman and the RPY staff, the day the new RPY program facility opened was a blessing and an important step toward bringing children back to the Community.

“A lot has been accomplished within a year; we have changed so much and worked hard as a team to make things better!”

“I like to think of all of us as a big family, one that helps each other through good times and bad, through challenges and triumphs and that sticks together.”

“I am so proud of all of us and know that RPY will continue to do the very best we can for every day for the children of this Community.

“I am happy we are celebrating this amazing milestone today and know RPY will continue to strive towards great things in the future.”

A'AGA

Something to be told

By Billy Allen

For a hot Labor Day weekend here in central Arizona, going out for a long run might not be on many peoples’ minds, but up on Hopi it’s prime time for an annual race honoring former two-time Olympic Louis Tewanima, who represented the U.S. at the 1908 Olympics, and in 1912 placed second in the 10,000 meter (six mile) run. Tewanima (1879-1969) was also a teammate of Jim Thorpe. Since 1974, the Hopi Athletic Association has sponsored the Louis Tewanima cross country races.

Running at Second Mesa, where its cooler makes sense, so our community was represented up there. Aside from running, we share much with the Hopi. Linguists theorize we share a common language origin. Uto-Aztecan consists of some 30 related Native American languages descended from a common parent language linguists now call Proto-Uto-Aztecan. We don’t understand each other, but make the same sounds and some Hopi words are quite similar: wiki is a shelter or place of escape, and Ventsisima is the Hopi term for Montezuma.

Hopi groups or clans traveled throughout the Southwest, leaving footprints and other marks at various locations. Petroglyphs and petroglyphs in different locales could be attributed to them. One migration had two clans moving to Gila Bend. “Footprints” left of their residency include a ball court and race track. Other marks at Gila Bend include an image of a ceremonial leader with his right hand raised much like one at Orabi. Petroglyphs also show the Handsplashed Flute Player, carrying a sack of seeds of plants and flowers on his back. From Gila Bend they moved to a place they called Mud House, possibly the Casa Grande Ruins. We share maze symbols such as the one on a wall at the CG Ruins, and one carved on rocks up on their reservation. This image is found on rocks from Canada to South America. A snake clan image is also present at Gila Bend and at Ventana Cave on the Tohono O’odham reservation. Key crops for both cultures were corn, beans and squash. A big difference was we had the Akimel; the Hopi had no river. They depended on springs and the rain. Their farms were far from the mesa top villages, so they had to run to the farm. To supplement the diet, rabbit hunting was part of both cultures. Before guns and rifles, a boomerang like stick was used. Running and throwing the stick at rabbits was how the hunt was done. George Webb called it a shaa-tha.

When the Spanish arrived and introduced Catholicism, O’otham, Hopi, and New Mexico pueblo brethren manifested their frustration with a revolt. After the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, fear of Spanish retaliation led some Pueblo tribes to seek safety with the Hopi, even though Hopi had destroyed a church and killed two priests at Orabi. Runners provided communication between the Hopi and their New Mexican cousins. Van Moer or Luis Oacipagagua led O’odham in a short-lived revolt in 1751 at San Xavier. In the early 1800’s when the Papago wanted to move away from their brethren along the Colorado River they came up the Akimel. Sharing was a strong trait.

Running is still celebrated with the Hopi: “Google” Hopi and running. Down here, we have a core of dedicated runners who would welcome more participants. I asked Steve Nasawyiewa, who was a top runner at CGUHS, to comment about the running himdag of both tribes. He said, “What mattered to me was how hard I worked to be in those races and the results. I didn’t go into races thinking I’m part Pima, part Hopi, I went into them thinking what I have to do to win. I ran because I wanted to represent myself, my family…and the Gila River Indian Community.” Let’s make running a strong trait again.

Two internet sites accessed for information to support this article were www.uta-aztec.com/lausit/ and www.tevanimafootrace.org/about.html. Printed materials used included Edward Spicer’s Cycles of Conquest, Frank Waters Book of the Hopi, and Thomas Mailis and Dan Evehema’s Hotevilla, Hopi Shrine of the Covenant.
Halloween Havoc to Provide Racing Thrills and Spectacular Chills

Tickets Now on Sale for Inaugural Family Friendly Event

Press Release

Chandler, AZ, September 28, 2015 - Thrill seekers can look forward to a night of exhilarating fun and excitement in an environment overflowing with a wide variety of family-friendly activities. Presented by Co-ca-Cola and your Arizona Ford Dealers, Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park will host its inaugural Halloween Havoc on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Festival goers are encouraged to come decked-out in costume to be greeted by their favorite super heroes and team mascots upon entrance into this one-of-a-kind extravaganza. Over 200 show cars will be displayed and handing out candy as part of the event’s trunk-or-treat. A pumpkin patch and kids’ zone, sponsored by SugarRush Arizona, will feature games and activities, pumpkin decorating and prizes. A costume parade and contest will give participants of all ages a chance to win exciting prizes, including a limited edition Coca-Cola branded beach cruiser, as well as VIP experiences.

Fair food fanatics will love the selection of food and beer vendors, whose offerings will include delectable fall favorites, like chili, caramel apples and fresh kettle corn. Mind-blowing interactive displays and activities will be on site, including Local Motors’ Rally Fighters, and Verado® Drift Trikes, which adventure addicts can opt to take for a wild spin. Adults and kids alike will covet a nail-biting monster truck ride courtesy of American Thunder Motorsports. Celebrity autograph sessions and photo opportunities sponsored by Southwest Selfies will allow festival goers to capture and share their night’s fun-filled experiences with friends and family through social media.

The event’s main attraction will take place on the venue’s world famous drag strip, where spectacular racing thrills will be sure to wow the crowd. Spectators don’t have to be racing fans to get caught up in the exhilarating excitement of racing ET Bracket Cars and Junior Dragsters, as well as a Top Dragster/Top Sportsman shootout. A highlight of the night will be the racing Nostalgia Nitro Funny Cars and Western Fuel Altereds, topping speeds of over 250 mph, invigorating, white-knuckle racing Jet Dragsters, and fan favorites Jet Tank ‘The Secret Weapon’ and ‘Mater’ will amplify the excitement. And if that’s not enough, a spine-tingling motorcycle stunt show and spectacular fireworks display will round out the night’s entertainment.

Thrill seekers 18 years and older can enter, upon admission to the event, for a chance to win an adrenaline-charged ride in a two-seat dragster or a hair-raising VIP starting line experience. Gates open at 4:30pm with fireworks at 10:30pm, closing out the night’s festivities. Adult admission is $22 and children under 12 are free. To purchase tickets or for more information visit RaceWildHorse.com or call 520-796-5601.

Casa Blanca and Sacaton Convenience Stores To Get Fresh New Look

New fuel brands for Casa Blanca and Sacaton convenience stores and fuel stations coming soon

Press Release

Gila River Indian Community- The long term brand-migration agreement with Shell Oil Company for the Casa Blanca location will have better freeway recognition, resulting in increased sales. Pump prices at Casa Blanca will remain steady or decline slightly and will offer the Safeway grocery store loyalty program. The Fry’s grocery store loyalty fuel discount pricing program at Sacaton will be discontinued in favor of lower pump prices.

The rebranding at both locations is expected begin this October and be completed November 2015. A short interruption, during non-peak hours, will be required to implement new point-of-sale hardware and data systems. Images below reflect artist renderings of what the re-branded stations may look like.
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Applications for assistance may be made IN PERSON at 403 SEED FARM ROAD Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00

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Online: sazlegalaid.org
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If address is not up-to-date?
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Other options?
- Change your payment method ASAP to direct deposit, check in mail, or check pickup.
- Contact us!

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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY APPOINTMENT APPOINTMENT APPOINTMENT APPOINTMENT APPOINTMENT TUESDAY

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

Call to verify location 520-317-0122

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2015
**Exclusive to GRIC**
*1 pm to 3 pm*

Special Public

3 pm to 8 pm

Food & Beverage - Hospitality Job Fair

Vee Quiva Casino Event Center

15091 S. Komatke Lane Laveen, AZ 85339

- Bartenders & bar-backs
- Beverage servers
- Chefs and cooks of all abilities
- Restaurant servers for fine & casual dining
- Cashiers / hosts/hostess
- Stewards, and more...
- Training provided

Hiring Preference is given to qualified members of the Gila River Indian Community. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native American candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U. S. Code, Sections 472 and 473). We are also committed to achieving full equal opportunity without discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, national origin, politics, marital status, physical disability, age or sexual orientation. INDIVIDUALS WITH FELONY CONVICTIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. This includes registered sex offenders, shoplifting and theft convictions (within the past 5 years). This will result in your application for licensing being denied by the GILA RIVER GAMING COMMISSION.

You must be at least 18 years of age for culinary positions and 19 to serve alcohol.

Bring current resume and photo ID. Hiring managers will conduct onsite interviews.

San Carlos Apache Tribe Presents:

#11 Trailer Roping

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 49TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL RODEO

November 7th, 2015 | Enter @ 8:30 a.m. | Rodeo @ 10:00 a.m.
San Carlos Apache Gold Events Center | San Carlos, Arizona

- #11 Trailer Roping (Capped at 6+)
- Pick 1 brown 915/8-Man-Eater Up To 6 Timers
- 5 Seat Progressive After 1
- [Top 3 Goes Back To Short Go]
- Payout in Average Pacing a Points Will Be Awarded at 1st-16th Place For Prizes
- [3rd Hi Point Winner-Buckle] [4th Hi Point Winner-Saddle Blanket] [5th Be Average-Buckles]
- Everyone invited Come Up & Hope. "Rain, Snow or Shine We'll Hope"

For More Info Contact Rodeo Chairman Valerie Key @(520) 280-5479 or Rodeo Secretary Penny Me кто @(520) 619-9792

Native American Fathers

For More Conference Information Contact NAFA (480)333-9007 | conference@aznafa.org

NATIVE AMERICAN SISTERS

12th Annual National “Fatherhood Is Leadership” Conference

November 4—6, 2015

Hosted by Native American Fatherhood & Families Association, this 3-day conference is an educational platform for participants to discuss challenges and advancements relating to fatherhood. The conference features workshops lead by experts, empowering keynote presentations, peer network opportunities and fatherhood resources.

Tracks:
- Fatherhood
- Health & Human Services
- Criminal Justice
- Education

Who Should Attend:
- Parents
- Families
- Social Service
- Counselors
- Service Providers
- Members of Law Enforcement
- Courts & Probation
- Leaders of Tribal Agencies
- Education

Conference Registration:
- Early Registrations 11/30—Deadline before September 30, 2015
- General Registrations 12/1—Beginning October 1, 2015
- Certified NAFA Facilitator Discounts: $10 off registration fee

Conference Host Hotel:
- Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel & Convention Center
- 200 North Centennial Way, Mesa, Arizona 85201
- Phone: (480)333-9007
- WebSite: https://resweb.passkey.com/NAFA2015
- Rates: $130.00. When making reservations, please mention "NAFA2015" to receive conference rate. This room rate will be available until October 14, 2015

www.NativeAmericanFathers.org
SCOTTSDALE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF PREMEDITATED MURDER OF TRIBAL POLICE OFFICER

Sept. 18, PHOENIX – Earlier this week, Elijah Loren Arthur, Sr., 34, of Scottsdale, Ariz., was found guilty by a federal jury of first-degree murder and using a firearm in a crime of violence resulting in death. The evidence at trial showed that on May 24, 2014, Arthur used an AR-15 to shoot and kill Salt River Police Officer Jair Cabrera. Arthur, previously pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 6, 2015.

A conviction for first degree murder carries a mandatory penalty of life imprisonment, and a conviction for using a firearm in a crime of violence resulting in death carries a mandatory penalty of life imprisonment for the life of the person convicted.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department.

HOPI-TEWA WOMEN’S COALITION RECEIVES OVER $300,000 IN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

As reported in Navajo Times: "On Sept. 18, PHOENIX – Today, U.S. Attorney John S. Leonardo announced that $312,608 in grant funds have been awarded to the Hopi-Tewa Women’s Coalition to End Abuse to increase awareness of domestic violence, enhance the response to violence against Indian women, and develop and promote policies and best practices among the tribes. The grant funds were awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women (”OVW”), which is a grant program of the Department of Justice (”DOJ”)."

"This Justice Department grant will fund critical programs to enhance the safety and economic security of the victims of domestic violence in Northern Arizona, which includes the Hopi Reservation and the Gila River Indian Reservation, and I encourage all agencies to be proactive and apply for future grant funds from the Office on Violence Against Women (”OVW”),” said U.S. Attorney Leonardo.

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Information on OVW and its programs can be found at: http://www.justice.gov/ovw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

October 2, 2015

Press Releases from the U.S. Dept. of Justice

PRESIDENT OBAMA NOMINATES JOHN T. BARKER TO BE APPOINTED AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE

WASHINGTON – President Obama today nominated John T. Barker to be appointed as Associate Judge for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court. Barker is a member of the Tohono O’odham Nation and was formerly a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Board of Directors. If confirmed, Mr. Barker will bring over 20 years of legal experience to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Gila River Indian Community, the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Tohono O’odham Nation with preference given to enrolled members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, 4. Having never been convicted of a felony in any jurisdic- tion, and having not been convicted of a misdemeanor within the five (5) years of the date of the judicial application filed with the SRPMIC Council. A tribal member shall be convic- tion of the type of behavior described in Chapters 6 and 10 and 16-231 through 16-236 of Chapter 16 (Dealing with DWI and Reckless Driving) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, whether committed on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community or in any other jurisdiction; 5. Being of good moral character. In deter- mining character, the SRPMIC Council shall consider, among other things, the laws, customs and traditions of the SRPMIC; Important Notes

Prior to hire as an employee, you will be subject to random and alcohol testing. Will be required to pass a pre-employment background/finger- print check. Employees are subject to random and alcohol testing. "SRPMIC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer" Preference will be given to a qualified Com- munity Member, then a quali- fied Native American and then other qualified candidate.

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Deadline: $76,319 to $106,576/year

Sleep Study

Researchers at ASU are looking for volunteers for a 14-week sleep study looking at the possible effects of sleeping 1-hour less in bed or following a fixed bedtime and wake time.

Participants will need to be 60 to 80 years of age and must not have sleep apnea, insomnia, or other sleep disorders.

During the study, participants will:
- Sleep in their own beds.
- Be asked to fill out questionnaires and have physical exams, including blood draws on several occasions.
- Receive compensation for completing the study.

Want to participate or learn more? Please contact: The Sleep Lab
Email: SleepStudy@asu.edu Phone: (602) 496-0822

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CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, September 16, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:05am.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Carol Schurz

ROLL CALL
Sign-In Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Executive Officers Present:
Sign-In Sheet Circulated

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)
1. Charles M. “Monty” Roessel, Director of The Bureau of Indian Education
Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Aaron Allery
2. Curry Law Office FY 2015 Annual Report (Executive Session)
Presenters: Dale Gutenson, Tom Bechtel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES
13. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community
Proposed Federal Legislation, As Part Of The Settlement Of
Rights-of-Way, Easements And Boundary Clarification Act,
Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United
States Of America To Resolve And Settle The Community's
Trust Accounting And Trust Mismanagement Claims Against The United States (NRSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; GMSC motioned to concur with NRSC)
Presenters: Linus Everling, Don Pongrace, Jason Hauer
APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR SUSAN DIXSON’S FAMILY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS
> MR. LED AVERY FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY, SEPTEM-
BER 18, 2015 & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
> PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR SUSAN DIXSON’S FAMILY
> PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR JONATHAN H  YMER'S FAMILY
> INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING FRI-
DAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015, 9:00 A.M. AT VEE QUIVA
> TRIBES MEETING, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015,
9:00 A.M. AT TALKING STICKS
> COUNCILMAN ROBERT STONE ON TRAVEL SEPTEMBER
22 – 25, 2015

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:34AM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meetings

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54th Annual Miss Indian Arizona Pageant

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Chandler Center for the Arts
250 North Arizona Ave.
Chandler, Arizona 85225

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Pageant begins at 6:30 p.m.
All tickets are general seating

Tickets Prices:
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Sienna Whittington
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Gila River Indian Community