Red Ribbon Week Concludes with Walk
Program pushes for drug and alcohol prevention with students

Mikhail Sundust

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis led the Red Ribbon Walk at Sacaton Elementary and Middle Schools Oct. 30. The walk is a part of Red Ribbon Week, which encourages youth to pursue a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.

Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Ashley Pasqual

Jocelyn “Bunny” Co’Nei’Sen’Ney, 10, is from Sacaton and has spent her summer pursuing her dream to qualify for the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

Jocelyn has made her way to Las Vegas for the INFR Nov. 3-7. It will be her second time in the INFR.

Jocelyn has participated in rodeos and has thrived in the sport since she was 6 years old.

“Shes just a natural. That’s what a lot of people say when they see her,” her grandmother, Gina Enos, said.

Coming from a family with little rodeo history, Jocelyn took it upon herself, with the help of her grandmother, to learn to rodeo and compete.

“A friend of mine just gave us some saddles and she didn’t even know whether it was a good saddle or not,” said Jocelyn’s grandmother.

Jocelyn learned her skills from the Queen Creek Junior Rodeo Association and the Arizona Junior Rodeo Association, which she joined in October 2012, and she represents the Gila River Indian Community at various rodeo associations in Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico.

“Once you start something you finish it,” said Enos.

She competes in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, ribbon roping, team roping, step-down roping, and breakaway roping and has won several buckles and other prizes in each category.

“People were encouraging her to go for the INFR,” said Gina.

Many from the southwest go through the Southwest Indian Rodeo Association (SWIRA) or the Navajo Nation Rodeo Association (NNRA) to qualify for the INFR.

Contestants compete for points at the Regional & Tour rodeos for a shot at the title of becoming a World Championship every year in Las Vegas.

The INFR has been around since 1976. Contestants from 75 tribes compete in the 8 major events for over $1,000,000 in combined prize money.

The INFR is divided into 11 Regions in the United States and Canada with members ranging from 8 to 80 years of age.

In the SWIRA Finals, Jocelyn placed third in the first round of Jr. Barrel Racing with a time of 18.198 and 8 pts. In the second round she earned a time of 18.009 resulting in 10 pts and gained 9 more points to finish in second place.

“Jocelyn loves competition. As a young competitor, Jocelyn experienced defeats as well,” said Enos. “Just as other competitors, she has lost rodeo winnings by thousands of a second.”

With her power barrel horse, Vanna Cakes, Jocelyn has competed for five years and still continues to work hard to this day.

Jocelyn has made her way to the top in Indian rodeo and is in Las Vegas for the INFR Nov. 3-7. The Gila River Indian Community, relatives and friends wish good luck to Jocelyn.
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Thank You Letter

To the Gila River Indian Community

On behalf of the Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year program, I would like to thank the players of the Gila River Indian Community for authorizing our group to test drive five vehicles in our off-road category on Desert View Road on the morning of October 17, 2015:

• Community members of District Four
• Land Use Planning and Zoning Department
• Office of the Community Manager
• Community Public Affairs Office
• Natural Resources Standing Committee
• Gila River Police Department

A special thanks to Paul Shorthair of the Land Use Planning and Department for his assistance in helping make sure all applicable permits were obtained. The Gila River Police Department was notified, the test drives were completed properly, and the road was kept in its original state.

The purpose of our program is to determine which vehicles best meet the needs of buyers with active lifestyles. As such, it is very important to include a component of driving on unimproved roads. The Gila River Indian Community’s generous cooperation in giving access to Desert View Road enabled us to complete an essential component of our evaluation process.

Sincerely,
Nina Russo
Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year Program Co-Founder

Casa Blanca
Community School November Events
4-PM-Immedia
2nd – 4th Graders @ 12:30pm – 3:30pm
11-HOLIDAY
13-PM – Immedia
FAC – PK-12:30pm – 3:30pm
17-Board of Trustees Mtg @ 6pm
18-Student Assemblies
PD RenLearning
19-PAC Meeting @ 4pm
Academic Night
20-Student Progress Reports
23-Turkey Trot 4pm – 6pm
(21st Century Event)
25-Thanksgiving Community Luncheon,
Faculty Mtg
26-HOLIDAY
27-HOLIDAY
30-Dibels Testing

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Brainard “Nod” Johns
02/11/1960 – 09/30/2015

We, the family of “Nod”, who was our brother & uncle, would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the following entities and people for the thoughtful-ness, love, and support that you have shown us during our time of bereavement. We are bless-ed to have friends like you and we are thankful for all that you have done.

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Sacaton Water Planning Meeting

"We are at the beginning of the process now that we have a Community Council approved plan. [We are] taking it out to the people to receive feedback," said Gov. Lewis. The Water Plan will help the Community accomplish goals: increasing farming and to recreate the Gila River through the flow of water in an affordable way.

Furthermore, the plan addresses the costs for developments of infrastructure like the Rain-Macondro Irrigation Project, Gila River Irrigation and Drainage District, and long-term Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation costs.

"In moving forward there is a fine line between losing our connections to the past and our traditions, and keeping [them] alive as we move towards the future in addressing the reality of water management and our agricultural heritage," said Lewis. The rising costs of Central Arizona Project water prompted the Community to develop options to get the most return for its rights to the 311,800 acre-feet of CAP water per year the tribe is entitled to.

Although CAP water is considered the Community’s most reliable source of water, its costs have steadily risen every year since 2012 from $49 per acre-foot to a projected $100 per acre-foot by 2020. The costs are related to upgrades made by the Navajo Generating Station to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new rules to limit emissions. For those unfamiliar with the NGS plant, it is one of the largest coal-fired plants in the U.S. It is built out. It is about getting water out to farmers in an affordable way.

The Water Plan goals include options for establishing water credits that take advantage of unused CAP water. To market the use of long-term water credits from unused CAP water, the Community established Gila River Water Storage, LLC in partnership with Salt River Project. The Community’s partnership with SRP will help market, sell or exchange water credits to third party buyers.

Rod Lewis, who is assisting with the water plan and with the recent MAR 5 recharge project, said, [We] need to take advantage of the water we are not using by monetizing it’s use. The plan involves establishing a Permanent Water Fund to support the Water Plan’s ongoing efforts. The dollars deposited into the Permanent Water Fund will be provided through a couple of the Community’s water resources.

These funds will come from the Arizona State Treasurer funds from the Community’s water leases and OM&R monies managed by the Department of the Interior’s Office of Special Trustees. When the Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act was enacted in 2004, a $53 million dollar OM&R fund was established to cover the delivery costs of water to Gila River.

When the Community withdraws the OM&R funds, it will be brought out of trust and become the responsibility of the tribe to effectively manage the funds. The goal is to preserve the Community’s initiative to revitalize farming while keeping water costs down. Gov. Lewis said, “We are looking at ways of fostering the next generation of Community members that will be part of operating our water infrastructure, including opportunities for future farmers.”

In paying for the infrastructure, Rod said, “The water plan will benefit the systems that are being built out. It is about getting water out to farmers in a reliable way.

The next water plan meeting will be held on Nov. 7 at the District 6 Komatche Boys & Girls Club at 1:00 pm.

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**Community Events**

**Saturday, November 7**
- Gila River Youth Council Presents: Keep Calm and Make Bank
- District 5 Service Center 10:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.
- Workshop Presented by: Native Nations Financial Foundation
- Limited to 30 youth participants (15-21)
- Reserve your spot by calling (520)-562-1866 or email YouthCouncil@grc.nsn.us
- Lunch provided

**Monday, November 16**
- District 4 Seniors – Lottery drawing for tickets to the ASU vs. Arizona Football game on November 21
- Deadline to sign up for drawing is November 16. District 4 seniors (55+) only. Contact D4 Service Center for more info: 520-418-3661.

**Saturday, November 21**
- Run Against Diabetes Salt River High School Event begins at 7:00a.m., 5K at 8:30a.m.
- Free event, but registration required.
- Contact the Gila River Wellness Center (520-562-2025) or visit mygilariver.com

**Social Pow Wow in honor of Kemert “Flex” Bread District 7 Multi-Purpose Building 2:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
- Host drum: Maswacade Potluck style, contact Kris Horseshoe Bread for volunteer information 602-376-8394

**Saturday, November 28**
- Waila Festival 2015 at Rawhide Western Town 11:00a.m. – 11:00p.m.
- Free Admission, $5 parking fee
- www.wailafestival.org

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**Gila River Indian News November 6, 2015**
The District 2 Multipurpose Building in Hashan Kehk was recognized for excellence in construction among Government/Public Buildings.

Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

The D2 Service Center and multipurpose building recently won an award in the 2015 Engineering News Record Southwest Best Project Competition, which is open to all construction projects in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. The Hashan Kehk Multipurpose Building won in the Government/Public Buildings category. The unique building was designed by Orcutt Winslow Architects and built by Arviso Okland Construction last year. It features a beautiful desert palette of brown and cactus green to complement the saguaros that give Hashan Kehk its name.

The Sacaton Road Bridge also won an award in the competition; it took the merit award in the Highways/Bridges category. The Sacaton Bridge was designed by AZTEC Engineering and completed by FNF Construction, Inc.

The list of all winners can be seen at southwest.construction.com/opinions/blogs
From Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and Lieutenant Governor Monica L. Antone

The Gila River Indian Community humbly acknowledges, on this special day of observance, all the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans Day is among the most hallowed occasions for our Community and will always have a special place in our hearts for generations to come.

The O’otham and Pee Posh veterans are connected through their exhibit of bravery and valor. Their names will always be linked with sacrifice and selfless service in the name of freedom and liberty. From Mustering In of the First National Guard 150 years ago, to current conflicts around the world, Gila River Indian Community service men and women have earned their place among the most courageous and fearless warriors of the United States of America. Many served not knowing when, or whether, they would return. To those that gave their lives, we owe them our many thanks of gratitude. To those that continue to serve, we express hope that all will be well in their lives.

To the families of veterans, we salute you as well! Your sacrifices and devotion enhance the wealth of heroism of the veteran in your family.

Let us honor all veterans and continue to support their rights and assist them with the help they need and the services they’ve earned.

Happy Veterans Day!

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Gila River Indian Community Mourns the Loss of Deputy Chief David Martin of the Gila River Fire Department

SACATON, AZ – It is with great sadness today that the Gila River Indian Community announces the passing of Deputy Fire Chief David Martin of the Gila River Fire Department (GRFD). Both Governor Lewis and Lieutenant Governor Antone along with Community Council express their condolences to the family and friends of Deputy Chief Martin, as well as to his fellow firefighters.

“We are shocked and saddened to learn about the passing of Deputy Chief Martin,” said Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen R. Lewis. “Deputy Chief Martin’s dedication to our Community’s fire service is evident in his years of dedicated service to GRIC.”

As an original member of the full time paid Gila River Fire Department, Martin has provided 21 years of services to the Community. GRFD Chief Knapp states, “Since he initiated his service with the Gila River Indian Community, Deputy Chief Dave Martin has been a consistent advocate of initiatives to help our Community’s firefighters better protect and serve.”

Deputy Chief Martin spent most of his career carrying out the mission and vision of the Community through his open-minded approach to planning. Chief Knapp added, “Dave and his team have a shared vision for the Community that goes well beyond public safety. Dave has made substantial contributions to the department that surpasses the time served.”

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Martin’s friends, family and co-workers. His service and sacrifice to the Community will never be forgotten and he will be greatly missed.
**Crime Victim Services hosts Domestic Violence Awareness Fair**

Above: Community members visit the booths at one of the Domestic Violence Awareness Fairs in District 1 at the Multipurpose Building. The event was hosted by Crime Victim Services Program on Oct. 24. Below: A custom sign in support of the Awareness Fairs in District 1 at the Multipurpose Building. The event was hosted by Crime Victim Services Program on Oct. 24. Below: A custom sign in support of the Awareness Fairs in District 1 at the Multipurpose Building. The event was hosted by Crime Victim Services Program on Oct. 24.

**Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News**

Across the country, one in three women and one in four men are assaulted in domestic violence cases according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The GRIC Crime Victim Services Program hosted a Domestic Violence Awareness Fair at the District 1 Blackwater Multipurpose building on Oct. 24.

The purpose of the awareness fair is to inform Community members about the dangers associated with domestic violence and to provide an opportunity for survivors of domestic violence to tell their story.

Tribal Social Services Director Deannah Newood-Gishey said, “It’s about breaking the cycle of violence in the home.”

Violence in the home has a tendency to become a normal part of life for families, which concerns the Community’s social services programs like TSS and CVS.

“There are many other forms of abuse that transcend the physical boundaries of a relationship,” said Gishey.

Those forms of abuse consist of intimidation, humiliation and jealousy that can be just as harmful as physical abuse.

She wants victims to know that it is okay to talk about domestic violence and not to be restrained by the negative stigma associated with abuse.

“We want to engage with the community, [we] want to have services brought to your home or to the districts,” said Gishey.

Domestic violence survivor Debbie Garcia of District 4 said, “I want [you] to know that there’s a lot of stages [that] domestic violence victims go through.”

Garcia since leaving her abusive relationship remembers being isolated from friends kept from her family and blamed for reasons that lead to frequent beatings.

“You can make the decision to not go through the situation again. There are resources and trained professionals [here] in the Community that can help you,” said Garcia.

She echoed the importance of standing against domestic violence and to not be ashamed of it, because it will protect the victim and children that are involved.

Program Coordinator for Crime Victims Services Robin Begay said, “A majority of the victims that we serve are victims of domestic violence. It is a problem that affects our elders, sisters, moms and other family members.”

Begay said change is possible through bringing hope to the victim and for the children.

“For family members who know someone who is going to through a violent situation it can be hard to standby and watch what they are going through,” said Begay, but in a crisis people can step in to help the victim seek help.


“We are all put on this earth to help each other,” she said. “My prayers are with you as survivors and for those currently experiencing domestic violence to stand strong.”

**Arizona Facts of Life Program recognizes first student in D5**

**James Mills, center, was presented with a tool belt and several tools as part of the FACTS Educational Training Program in District 5.**

**Mary Kyles**

Chief Administrative Officer

Arizona Facts of Life

Arizona Facts of Life operates FACTS Educational Training Program at the District 5 Service Center where life skills, GED Prep and Introduction to the Construction Industry is taught.

While the life skills and GED prep courses have been offered in the district for the past three years, the construction program was new this year.

The session started on Aug. 17, and on Friday, Oct. 16 a special ceremony was held for the presentation of the first student, James Mills, earning his tool belt and initial working tools.

The presentation was honored to have District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone, District 5 Council Representative Frank Pablo, the instructors Christopher Gray, Renee Samter, Rodney Yolanda Robinson, Program Coordinator Mary Kyles and the recipient, James Mills. Any additional information about the program, please contact: Mary Kyles at mkyles@azfactsoflife.org

**By Billy Allen**

November 11 – Veterans Day. One hundred and sixty-nine years ago – on Nov. 11, 1846 – our community saw the arrival of the American military when the “Army of the West” commanded by Col.  (and later on Brigadier General)  stepped Watts Kearny camped or bivouacked in the heart of Akimel O’otham and Pipash lands.

Presidential campaign speeches of 1844 focused on gaining control of western territories so that the USA could stretch “from sea to shining sea.” When James K. Polk won the election, he attempted to “adjust a permanent boundary between Mexico and the United States,” but the Mexican government refused. When Congress declared war on Mexico on May 13, 1846, Kearny’s mission was to raise a volunteer force and take control of New Mexico and California.

On June 27, 1846, 1,600 volunteers marched out of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas heading west. Within two months, Kearny had taken possession of New Mexico. As the “Army of the West” moved down the Rio Grande, they intercepted Kit Carson. Kit Carson told Brigadier General Kearny California was under United States control, Kearny then ordered Kit Carson to begin service for the “Army of the West.” Kearny’s other officers had never traveled along the Akimel to California. Kearny reduced his force to 100 but kept two wheeled canons. (He sent the rest of his force back to Santa Fe for a month later; Captain Philip St. George Cooke would lead a battalion of Mormons to blaze a wagon trail to California following a more southern route.)

Brigadier General Kearney met with Otho (Pee Posh) along the way; Mangas Coloradas, a member of the Mimbreno band of the Apache, near the headwaters of the Akimel and another band of Apaches where the San Pedro joins the Akimel. On November 9, 1846, the “Army of the West” emerged from the mountains and onto a wide plain, east of Florence. They describe a site as having twelve poles placed in a circle 20 feet wide with one pole in the middle. Continuing their march down river, Kearny’s force camped about a mile and a half west of present-daySacat.

Within hours, our people brought food and supplies to trade with the Americans. Men from Kearny’s army visited the Casa Grande Ruins. A Pipash guide took Lieutenant Emory and Captain Johnston to another large ruin on the north bank of the Akimel. Meanwhile, the army marched downstream to camp near a village which historian Robert A. Hackenberg writes might have been Old Mount Top Village. It was a farming village roughly two miles east of the Yahki mound or ruin, next to Rattlesnake Hill. He adds, “This little hill is known to the Indians as Rattlesnake Home, because of the small cave in its banks was the legendary abode of a monstrous rattle-snake and her numerous young.” Their reports did not list Casa Blanca as a village.

This military expedition wasn’t the first to come to our community. But it would strike a familiar chord with us, for our community has always had a healthy respect for the military. This respect may have come from learning about the sacrifices of warriors who are long gone and continue today. The aim has been consistent through all time: protect our land.

Sources for this article were Peoples of the Middle Gila by John P. Wilson, History of Arizona, Vol. 3, by Edward H. Peplow, Jr. and O’otham Place Names by Harry J. Winters, Jr.
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Gila Crossing Students graduate from G.R.E.A.T. program

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Nearly 159 students at Gila Crossing Community School learned about gang resistance and community involvement through the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

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One hundred forty-seven students from Gila Crossing Community School graduated from the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program last month.

Officer Clifton Smith has been the School Resource Officer for GCCS for three years.

He said, “A lot of the program has to do with teaching the students skill sets and how to deal with anger management, bullying, communication with others, resolving problems,” and other soft skills.

G.R.E.A.T. is a national and international program that began in Phoenix, Ariz. in 1991.

“It’s something new for us,” he said. “It’s as fun as it is educational. The kids just enjoy interacting with police officers.”

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What did they come up with?

“We had a lot of holes from ground squirrels and little rodents making holes all over campus,” said Smith, “so the kids came up with the idea...to fill those holes back up so that nobody trips and twists an ankle and stuff like that.”

Another project was a poster campaign against bullying, a big issue in schools today, even in the lower grades.

“They decided they wanted to make posters and stick them up, just letting the other students know, ‘We’re not going to tolerate bullying... We’re not going to allow it to happen to ourselves or anyone else that goes to school here.’”

Halloween events scare up fun in Gila River for families and youth

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

On a dark and overcast evening, a chainsaw screeched through the air as the wet weather broke just enough for a frightful affair. This wasn’t a scene out of a horror movie, it was the Trail of Doom 5k run and 2-mile walk on Oct 29 at the District 3 Wellness Center in Sacaton.

In the parking lot Community members were entertained by music and games to get the blood pumping before the running and walking events kicked off.

Many of the walkers joined in the Halloween spirit wearing a variety of costumes from Star Wars characters to a zombie straight from an episode of The Walking Dead.

The fun fair was in full force as the Wellness Center transformed into a haunted house where inside masked ghouls and axe-wielding maniacs put a scream on the evening.

The scariest station of all was a GRPD Halloween Carnival. The annual GRPD Halloween Carnival, held on Halloween this year, brings together Community members, GRIC Public Safety, and other Community departments for family fun, food and trick-or-treating. The scarcest station of all was a GRPD trailer that taught guests 21 and older about the dangers of drinking and driving.

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GRIC SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Completed Application
- Typed 200 Word Essay
- CIB
- Acceptance Letter
- Program of Study
- Class Schedule
- Student Aid Report
- High School or GED Diploma
- Official transcripts from previously attended schools even if they were not funded by the GRIC Scholarship Program

Because the deadline is on Sunday, November 15, 2015, Student Services will be open Monday November 16, 2015 from 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. to accept hand delivered applications only.

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:

November 15, 2015

All mailed applications need to be post marked by November 15, 2015.

NCAI Boosts Youth Participation

American Indian youth are getting a close look at tribal government by participating in this year’s National Congress of American Indian’s Annual Convention & Marketplace.

The NCAI Annual Convention in San Diego, Calif. brought together American Indian youth from across the country on Oct. 18-23.

Tyler Owens a Community member of District 5 is a NCAI Youth Programs Assistant. She gave an overview on the youth track of NCAI covering tribal policy and leadership topics.

Owens said there is a lot going on with the Native youth. “I provide a young person’s perspective on the work that our organization does and makes sure that it will reach youth in a way they are receptive to.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis is impressed by NCAI’s commitment to the youth. “It shows that the youth track of NCAI has really become an essential part of the convention,” said Lewis.

Representation from the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council had an opportunity to take part in the NCAI experience.

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L-R: Amber Pablo, Brittany Cooper, Ivan Castillo and Enrique Holguin from the Gila River Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council attend the National Congress of American Indian Marketplace and Convention Oct. 18-23.

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“If you come an essential part of the convention meetings. They are starting a campaign that honors people that do good things in their community,” she said.

Brittany Cooper from District 4 said, “Being here and experiencing these great things inspired me to start a campaign that honors people that do good things in their community.”

One of the other highlights of this year was the appointment of two youths, Cassandra Church of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in Michigan and Teresa Baldwin of the Inupiat tribe, onto the National Indian Child Welfare Association. Both will serve on the board for three years as an advocate for youth.

Paulette Jordan, a current member of the Idaho House of Representatives, was a guest speaker at NCAI.

Jordan, 34, is an enrolled member of the Coeur d’Alene tribe, and emphasized the importance of investing in Native youth. “It would require engaging the youth by revitalizing the language, culture and traditions through immersion, but also including them on the issues that are most pertinent to them,” said Jordan.

This past year, NCAI initiated some important campaigns like Native Vote, Native in the Bank, Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) and First Kids First.

Each initiative is meant to educate the youth about managing finances, increasing Native voter participation and generating opportunities that positively impact youth.

Gov. Lewis said it is important for the youth to learn [these] skills at this stage of their lives. “The best way to learn is here at NCAI.”

Red Ribbon

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With gourd accompaniment before the walk and during the circle dance.
The Employment & Training Department has enjoyed decades of success finding job placements for participants year after year. Hundreds have passed through its doors and walked out with life-changing internships and careers.

This year marked the 23rd annual E&T Career Fair, held on Oct. 30 at the E&T building's lawn. Over forty employers hosted booths advertising employment opportunities, and several offered on-the-spot hiring. Career Fair visitors also received a free lunch provided by the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino and Spectra.

"We have some great opportunities out here for Community members," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who added that he is proud of Gila River because of the training and job opportunities that it provides to its members. "Our community is doing some great things," he said, "and it’s all because of those of you who are getting your education, getting trained in jobs, [and want] to contribute back to our community."

Likewise, Lt. Gov. Monica Antoine outlined the mission of E&T, which is to support job growth. "We're here to build each other up," she said, and likened the hard work GRIC employees do today to the industriousness of the O’otham and Pee Posh ancestors. "We didn’t have careers," she said, rather, they worked hard every day as a way of life.

Training Specialist Zephryn Conte directed a "Dress for Career Success" fashion show, which featured GRIC employees and E&T participants in a variety of professional attire, from ladies’ suit pants to men’s dress suits.

"We’re told not to judge a book by its cover," she said, "but sometimes the cover is what makes us want to pick up the book in the first place." First impressions can change everything, she said, and maintaining a professional appearance will set you apart in the workplace.

E&T offers a number of job training programs, like the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program and Work Experience (WEX). Several past and present members gave their testimonies as to the success of the programs.

Geneva Johns of District 3 joined WIA in 2013. She said, "It does take a lot of time and dedication to be in the WIA program, but in the end it does pay off."

After receiving training, she was placed in a temporary position with the Elderly Services program, which gave her valuable work experience for her current position at the Department of Community Housing, where she has been working for a full year.

"Before I came to the WIA program, I was, like a lot of people on the reservation, "she said, "struggling, living day to day with the hardships of reservation life. … I’ve been four years sober now and I’m very proud of that."

She said because of "the WIA program [and] the mentorship that I received, I am here today. Thank you."
The Gila River Indian Community played a major role in Super Bowl XLIX earlier this year, from partnering with the Super Bowl Host Committee for events to hosting the Championship team New England Patriots.

The Community even had its own television commercial around the time of the Super Bowl, produced by Owens Harkey Advertising.

The Community’s television spot earned a national Telly Award, which Owens Harkey presented to the Community at the October 21 Council meeting.

The Telly Awards is the premier national, annual award that honors the finest and best of film and video productions.

Owens Harkey said they wanted the TV spot to “embody the authenticity of the Gila River Indian Community, as well as proudly announce the partnership between the Community and the Super Bowl Host Committee.”

The commercial can be easily viewed on the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee YouTube channel.

From Left: Matt Moore, Lt. Gov. Monica L. Antone and Scott Harkey during the presentation of the national Telly Award.

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Two Graduate from Western International University

Robert and Jacob have been my motivators for success and have always pushed me to do my best. They have always been my biggest supporters. They always encouraged me to stay in school and keep my grades up. "They would take my class or study for a test, her mother said. My husband Frank Portz, 42, comes from a family that values higher education and her parents encouraged her to continue her education from the time she was a young lady. "My mother Georgi- na Robinson was the first in her family to obtain a higher education from Arizona State University in English Literature," said Portz in an email. Georgi- na also earned a Master's Degree from University of Phoenix and worked at the Phoenix Indian High School as a teacher elsewhere for many years. Her father, Robert Portz, meanwhile, was unable to further his education due to disabilities when he was young. "We both were always active in [my] education," Portz said.

The two had reversed roles compared to traditional gender roles in her house, but that only made Portz look up to her parents even more. "The limitations that were set in their paths never seemed to keep either of them back," she said. They always found a way to succeed. "There was many times when I wanted to quit and remove myself from the [WIU] program because it wasn't easy," said Portz, but the memory of her parents' resilience motivated her.

Portz is now the third person in her family to earn a degree, after her mother and her brother Jacob, but she won't be the last. All three of her children are currently pursuing de- grees at various colleges in Phoenix.

Portz also received a lot of family support. "My mom was very supportive of my mom- ing a hard worker and very knowledgeable in her career," she said.

She was also able to get a head start on her de- grees after joining her! Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice at Everest College and was able to get a head start on her degree at the Gila River Probation Department. "The program was only about 18 months in length, was a great way to study, and was able to get a lot of valuable information from my co-workers [because we were] doing jobs that I was going to school for," says Portz.

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Busy work schedules and late nights studying couldn't stop these two. Estella Portz and Kris- tina Reyes both recently graduated from Western International University while working full-time and caring for their fam- ilies.

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**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

**ACTION SHEET**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council was held Wednesday October 21, 2015, in the Community Council Chambers in Sacaton, Arizona. This meeting was called to order by president Chairman Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:14 am.

**INVOCATION**

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

**ROLL CALL**

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present: Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Executive Officers Absent: 
Government Officials Present: General Counsel
Council Members Present:

1. Joey Whitman
2. Carol Schurz
3. Carolyn Williams
4. Janice F. Stewart
5. Robert Stone
6. Anthony Villareal, Sr.
7. Rodney Jackson
8. Christopher Mendoza
9. Brian Davis, Sr.
10. Angelia D. Hopp
11. Nada Celaya
12. Jennifer Allison
13. Angela Alston
14. Ginger Fligger
15. Tiffany Horne
16. Myron Schurz
17. Roberto Jackson
18. Matt Moore
19. Ondrea Barber
20. Arzie Hogg
21. Mandy Celaya
22. Tiffany Horne

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

APPROVED AS AMENDED

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)**

1. Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District General Manager Jack Corraodoff

Presenter: Rodney Jackson

COUNCILMAN RODNEY JACKSON PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME INTO THE VISIT AS THOSE INVOLVED IN MANAGING THE GRID (LT. GOVERNOR JACQUELYN MCCONNELL, CONDOFFOFF PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND TO ALL VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE EXPRESSED WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL.

2. First Things First Presentation To Committee & Community Council Eddie Basha Award

Presenters: Melissa Madrid, Cathy Brown

**TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3. Motion To Award For The GRIC Super Bowl Television Spot

Presenter: Roberto Jackson, Matt Moore

**APPROVED**

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Formation Of A Gila River Farms Task Review And Prioritize The Gila River Farms’ Capital Needs (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

**APPROVED**

5. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The Tribe Of Gila River Community And The Gila River Indian Community To Open A Deposit Account To Pay For Services Regarding The Gila River Farms Capital Needs (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Office Of General Counsel

**APPROVED**

6. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (CRSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

**APPROVED**

7. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The Tribe Of Gila River Community And The Gila River Indian Community To Open A Deposit Account To Pay For Services Regarding Commercial Prepaid Cards To Be Used For Quarterly Per Capita Distributions (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Office Of General Counsel

**APPROVED**

8. A Resolution Amending The Gila River Indian Community’s Proposal To Compact Certain San Carlos Economic Development And Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638, As Amended) (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

**APPROVED**

9. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving An Agreement Between The Tribe Of Gila River Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal 2016 (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Sharon Harvier-Lewis

**APPROVED**

10. A Resolution Authorizing The Formation Of A Gila River Farms Task Review And Prioritize The Gila River Farms’ Capital Needs (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

**APPROVED**

11. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The Tribe Of Gila River Community And The Gila River Indian Community To Open A Deposit Account To Pay For Services Regarding The Gila River Farms Capital Needs (GMSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

**APPROVED**

12. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The Tribe Of Gila River Community And The Gila River Indian Community To Open A Deposit Account To Pay For Services

**APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Letter to Arizona Attorney General Commission: Re: Florence Copper Project (NRSC forwards to Council for recommendation for approval, pending Litigation Team approval; CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Tina Fitzpatrick

**MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE**

**APPROVE**

2. An Ordinance Authorizing And Approving Amendments To The Gila River Indian Community Title 22 Gaming Ordinance GR 12-09 (LSC forwards to Community Council for recommendation for approval with requested changes)

Presenters: Serena Jacob, Courtney Mohay

APPROVED

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE BREAK: THE MEETING WAS RECONVANGED AT 11:18 A.M.]
Joseph Webb, right, and Eric Jauregui, left, trade blows at Cage Rage on the River X in Parker, Ariz. on Oct. 17.

**Mikhail Sundust**
Gila River Indian News

Joseph Webb Jr., 18, of Komatke Village, is a proven competitor. In his debut match, Webb went toe-to-toe with 30-year-old fighter Eric Jauregui of Blythe, Calif.

According to his coach Darren Garcia Funiestas, “Joseph showed that he has tremendous heart and skill…knocking [his opponent] down three times in the first round.”

The fight, which was a debut MMA cage match for both contenders, was held at Cage Rage on the River X in Parker, Ariz. on Oct. 17.

Unfortunately, Webb fell to Jauregui in the third round, but his coach said he showed everyone “he is a force to be reckoned with” and gained favor from the fans, promoters, boxing commission and fellow fighters.

Webb has experience fighting in two North American Grappling Association tournaments in the past year, in which he took home a silver medal and a bronze.

Funiestas runs a fighting team called Komatke Warlords MMA, which was founded by the late Delvin Soke, and still meets at the Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch. The team consists of 20 students ages 10 and up.

“Our program’s focus is on providing health and wellbeing to the local community through a holistic approach to the discipline of martial arts,” he wrote in an email. “This program helps our youth to gain confidence, self-respect to pursue and conquer every obstacle in life.”

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**Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority**

**UTILITY MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM 2015**

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for Community Members to enter our Utility Management Training Program. Upon successful completion of the training program you will have the skill sets for filling management positions within GRICUA, including that of the General Manager. While the program does not guarantee a position within GRICUA, it will provide skills necessary to fill several management-level positions within the organization as well as in the Community.

Training will take place within and outside of GRICUA. You will learn about the tasks and responsibilities of the people and departments who provide electric service to the Community.

**OPPORTUNITY:**
- Trainees will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday.
- Vacation, sick leave, medical and retirement plan options.
- Salary range DOE.
- Travel is required.
- Applicants must complete the 3-5 year Utility Management Training Program.
- Applicants must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, Accounting, Finance or Business or a related degree.
- Applicants will be required to pass a background check and drug screening before employment.
- Deadline for filing applications is December 30, 2015 at 12:00 pm.
- Application must be received by noon on December 30, 2015. Faxed and emailed applications will NOT be accepted.

**REQUIREMENTS:**
- Must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
- Must complete the 3-5 year Utility Management Training Program.
- Must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, Accounting, Finance or Business or a related degree.
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**Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere, even in areas that don’t use natural gas, like all-electric or propane neighborhoods. So it’s important that EVERYONE knows how to recognize and respond to a natural gas leak, wherever they are.**

**A leak may be present if you:**

**SMELL:** An odor similar to rotten eggs, even if it’s faint or momentary.

**HEAR:** A hissing or roaring coming from the ground or above-ground piping.

**SEE:** Dirt or water blowing into the air, unexplained dead or dying grass or vegetation, or standing water continuously bubbling.

**If you suspect a leak:**
- Leave the area immediately.
- From a safe place, call 911 and Southwest Gas at 1-877-860-6020, day or night, whether you’re a customer or not.
- A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible.
- Don’t smoke or use matches or lighters.
- Don’t turn on or off electrical switches, thermostats, or appliance controls; or do anything that could cause a spark.
- Don’t start or stop an engine, or use automated doors.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call 1-877-860-6020.
Respecting People & Culture

Fall Job Festival
Friday, November 20, 2015
3 pm - 6 pm
(2 pm for early sign-in)
GRHC Viola L. Johnson Administration Building
What to Bring: Tribal ID • Resume • High School Diploma or GED Degree or Certifications
• In order to qualify for an onsite interview and contingent job offer, you must apply online prior to November 13, 2015.
• Employment offers will be contingent upon successful background check and pre-employment drug and alcohol screening.
• Review positions and apply online: GRHC.ORG/Careers
Learn about the career opportunities offered by many GRHC departments. Experience GRIC music, arts/crafts and traditional demonstrations. And, don’t miss out on door prizes!
For more information, call the GRHC Human Resources Dept. at: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1342
(602) 528-1200 Ext. 1342

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Loss Workshop
The workshop will focus on hope, healing, and helping those who have been touched by suicide.
Monday, November 9th, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Viola L. Johnson Administration Building
Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital
Sacaton, AZ
Participants must be at least 16 years of age to attend. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. (Due to the sensitivity of the SOS Workshop, children should not attend)
Pre-registration is required and walk-ins may attend, if space is available. There is no fee to attend this workshop.
For more information please contact: Sandra McNally at: (480)784-1514 Ext. 1219 or GRHC BHS Prevention Program at: (520)562-3321 Ext. 7157
Participant fees are sponsored by Gila River Health Care.

Gila River Prevention Coalition
The Coalition meets regularly and hosts community and school events to bring awareness about issues of underage drinking, substance use, METH and suicide to the community.
November 20, 2015
Sacaton Dialysis Center
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Contact the GRHC Behavioral Health Services, Prevention Program at: 520.562.3321 or email bhsprevention@grhc.org.

2015 November Closures
VETERAN’S DAY
Wednesday, November 11, 2015
(HHKMH, KHC & Ak-Chin Clinic)
THANKSGIVING
HKKMH
Thursday/November 26, 2015
Friday/November 27, 2015
Saturday/November 28, 2015
Re-opens Monday, November 30, 2015
KHC & Ak-Chin Clinic
Thursday/November 26, 2015
Friday/November 27, 2015
Re-opens Monday, November 30, 2015

Call (520) 562-3321 or go to GRHC.ORG/NovemberClosures for information on specific department closure dates.

Patients 65 and older residing in D4, please contact PHN office at: (520)-418-2845
Flu vaccines can also be given during PHN home visits.
For more information contact,
Kelci Wallace, PHN Program Coordinator at: (480) 721-5318

Public Health Nursing
District Flu Clinics

District 1 Service Center
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 14th & 28th
November 4th & 18th
December 15th & 29th

District 2 Public Health Nursing Office
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 7th & 21st
November 10th & 20th
December 3rd & 17th

District 3 Elderly Complex on Azule Street
9:00am to 12:00 Noon
October 9th & 30th
November 6th & 19th
December 4th & 18th

District 1 Service Center
9:00am to 11:00am
October 14th
November 18th
December 16th

District 2 Service Center
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 7th & 21st
November 10th & 20th
December 3rd & 20th

District 3 Elderly Complex on Azule Street
9:00am to 12:00 Noon
October 9th & 19th
November 6th & 20th
December 4th & 18th

District 4 Public Health Nursing Office
12:30pm to 4:30pm
October 15th, 20th, 22nd & 27th
November 3rd, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th
December 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th

District 5 Service Center
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 14th & 22nd
November 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th & 20th
December 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd & 30th

District 5 Elder Center
10:00am to 1:00pm
October 14th

District 6 Service Center
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 14th & 21st
November 4th & 18th
December 9th & 16th

District 7 Service Center
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 14th & 21st
November 4th & 18th
December 9th & 16th

Ak Chin Service Center
1:00pm to 4:00pm
October 13th & 27th
November 10th & 24th
December 15th

Ak Chin PHN Office
9:00am to 11:00am
December 1st
November 11, 2015

Thank you for your service.

Honoring all who served.