Gila River royalty hosts farewell banquet

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Miss Gila River and Junior Miss Gila River and their attendants gave thanks to the Community during a farewell banquet at the District 2 Hashan Kehk Multi-purpose building on Feb. 13.

Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington said it was an honor to represent the Community. “I was able to put a face to the name and be an ambassador for my Community.”

Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz gave a big thanks to her supporters for encouraging her to run for the title of Jr. Miss.

“I can’t thank everyone enough for the opportunity, it was something that a lot of people had told me to do and I just went for it,” said Quiroz.

Each member of the GRIC royalty encouraged the next generation of girls to run for and Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River titles because it is a chance to get to know the Community more and to serve as representatives of the people and culture.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, “These young ladies that you see here are good examples of what our Community is all about. To lead the next generation of contestants as examples is an accomplishment.”

He spoke highly of the contestants that will be bidding for the 2016 title of Miss/Jr. Miss Gila River.

“It is within this same spirit that we have bright young ladies that will carry the titles of Junior and Miss Gila River forward,” said Lewis.

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Procession and blessing honors Chief Antonio Azule

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On the day when the United States of America honored U.S. presidents past and present, the Gila River Indian Community took the time to recognize one of their own leaders from the past.

A procession and blessing held in Sacaton, District 3, paid respects to the late Chief Antonio Azule on Feb. 15.

The procession started at Azule’s old homesite and ended at his resting place in Sacaton.

Traditional male runners started the procession followed by dancers, singers, horse riders, the American Legion Post 51, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Council representatives.

Chief Azule fought for the O’otham and Pee Posh in battle and also in Washington D.C., in establishing GRIC’s water rights.

Traditional basket dancers honor the late Chief Antonio Azule on Feb. 15 in Sacaton.
THE WOMEN'S AKIMEL O'DDHAM THOKA CHICHVITHAM AND COMMUNITY MEMBER WAYLON PAHONA NAMED GRAND MARSHALS FOR THE 2016 MUL-CHU-THA PARADE

The Grand Marshals selections for the parade exemplify and reflect the parade’s theme: “Celebrating Culture through Health and Wellness”

The Mul-Chu-Tha Parade organizers are elated to announce the selection of the Women’s Akimel O’odham Thoka Chichvitham and Waylon Pahona Jr., a Community member and creator of the Healthy Active Natives (HANS) in the official Grand Marshals of the 2016 Mul-Chu-Tha Parade scheduled for Sat., Mar. 12, 2016.

The Akimel O’odham Thoka Chichvitham, in existence since 2002, exemplifies the true cultural characteristics that are core to the game of Thoka. Players learn the game from their elders and women who are very familiar with how the game should be played. Thoka is more than a game; it teaches traditional elements, learning of songs, and the importance of mastering the skills of Thoka. Each player holds their moseqite Thoka stick proudly as this is a tool that requires skill and a game that demands great stamina.

The game of Thoka, a traditional O’odham game played by females, and believed to have been played since the beginning of time. History indicates the game was played in a desert setting as women were out gathering food and waiting for the men to return from hunting. It is a woman’s game that includes specific rituals and protocols related to the play of the game, and includes songs related specifically to the game of Thoka. It is a physical game, and endurance is an important quality of the players.

As they play the game, young women gain self-esteem and build upon their self-confidence as O’odham women.

Waylon Pahona Jr. is Maricopa Pre-Finals Hopi & Tewa Roni District 7. He spent more than ten years within the Gila River Indian Community employed by WIA (Workforce Investment Act), as a Youth Coordinator for five years, and five years with Gila River Health Care as a Land Staff Trainer.

Waylon is well known for transforming his life and being the founder/creator of Healthy Active Natives (HANS). The HANS social networking group on Facebook currently has over 60,000 HANS members nationally and internationally. Waylon’s vision has motivated and inspired many people across the nation to join the HANS movement. When Creating Healthy Active Native’s in 2012, Waylon’s vision was for HANS to be a space where Natives of all fitness levels are welcome and receive positive reinforcement to pick each other up when it seems impossible to make positive changes.

Who has the Best Frybread at Mul-Chu-Tha?

The annual Mul-Chu-Tha Frybread Contest is here once again! Contestants from near and far will gather to see who will come out on top as the best frybread maker.

The competition, which has been a part of the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo for over 30 years, is a time to celebrate “popovers,” which is a staple food that originated about 140 years ago among Native people. Frybread can be found at most Native gatherings from powwows. To tribal fairs and is served in a variety of ways.

Participants in the frybread contest are judged upon several factors, which include texture, color, thickness, and most importantly, taste! Last year, 19-year-old Alyson Shirley became the youngest contestant to ever win the competition. Later in the year Alyson went on to become crowned the 2015-2016 Miss Navajo Nation, highlighting her frybread cooking skills once more as part of the required criteria to participate in the pageant.

This year will bring out the top contenders to see who has what it takes to be named the best. Come out to this years contest and witness the putting, flipping, and flipping and maybe even sample a bite or two.

The contest, open to Native American women (with tribal ID) will be held Fri. Mar. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Culture Circle venue. No entry fee is required.

“May the best Frybread win!”

For event locations and times please visit: www.mul-chu-tha.com

Mul-Chu-Tha events list:

February, 25-27, 2016
• Tee-Ball Tournament

March 3, 2016
• Elder Clair Volleyball

March 5, 2016
• Little League
• Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

March 4, 2016
• Jr. Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant

March 5, 2016
• Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant
• Half Marathon Footrace & Walk

March 10-13, 2016
• Co-ed Power Volleyball
• Women’s All Indian Basketball Tournament
• Men’s All Indian Basketball Tournament

March 10, 2016
• All Indian Master’s Rodeo

March 11, 2016
• All Indian Jr. Rodeo
• Community Day
• Carnival Rides (free from 5-7 p.m.)
• Horseshoe Tournament
• Frybread and Wood Chopping Contest
• Bull Bash

March 12-13, 2016
• 54th Annual Parade
• Carnival Rides
• All Indian Rodeo
• Wild Horse Race
• Chicken Scratch Battle of the Bands
• Pow Wow
• Thoka Tournament (Sunday only)
• Car Show
• Cultural events
• Gospel Jam
• Bird Dance Contest
• Aerosol Art Exhibition
HUD awards GRIC over $7.6 million in housing block grant

Thomas R. Throsell
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community received over $7.6 million in an Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on Feb. 16. The block grants are given out every year to qualified tribes or their housing organizations to cover economical housing goals. According to a HUD news release, over $660 million was distributed among 567 Native American tribes in 35 states. In Arizona alone, HUD gave out a total of $132,251,957 split among 19 Native communities, with the last’s share going to the Navajo Nation, who received over $86 million. The purpose of the IHBG is to help low-income families living in Native communities, support housing management services, and aid in figuring out low-cost housing issues.

Julian Castro, HUD Secretary, said of the grants, “Every family, every community in America, deserves the chance to flourish. Tribes use this funding to build new homes, or to solve their most pressing housing issues. Our partnerships with tribal communities and leaders are critical today to help ensure better housing, neighborhoods and economic opportunities for tomorrow.” The news release said that funding for all tribes was calculated based on an algorithm that took specific tribe’s local needs and housing units into consideration.

Arizona Tribes Who Received IHBG Funds

1. Ak-Chin Indian Community - $401,695
2. Cocopah Indian Tribe - $871,628
3. CRIT - $2,158,395
4. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation - $102,723
5. Gila River Indian Community - $7,677,694
6. Havasupai Indian Tribe - $321,235
7. Hopi Tribe - $6,170,719
8. Huulapai Indian Tribe - $1,647,446
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Victor Antone received 38.49 percent of the Feb. 9 vote.

Grant membership increases by 300 according to latest count

FY 2017 Proposed Budget increases funding for Tribal communities

Multiple programs included in the proposed budget are making an impact to improve the quality of life for the tribal community. These programs include:

• $2 million to pilot Domestic Violence Treatment Program.
• $12.3 million for Social Services to improve the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.
• $2 million to support intervention of behavioral health with primary care.

The increase in funding is an effort by the Obama Administration to fully meet the tribal needs of the United States, which is tied up with the success of our tribal communities.

The official membership of the Community was gathered by the Enrollment Office located in the Governance Center in Sacaton.

President Obama's budget request for Indian Affairs embodies his belief that a federal budget that addresses trust and treaty responsibilities with comprehensive, coordinated federal resources is the key to improving the well-being of the Native American people, which is in support of the Bureau's multi-year program to transform the IHS.

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The proposed budget would increase funding for Indian Affairs, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education, to $2.9 billion, an overall increase of $37.6 million from last year's budget.

Additionally, the budget proposal requests $6.6 billion for the Indian Health Service, a $402 million increase from last year's budget.

The increase in funds is in an effort by the Obama Administration to fully meet the U.S. responsibilities to the federally recognized tribes. Part of that endeavor is to foster tribal self-determination and governance by generating opportunities for Native youth, supporting Native families and communities, tribal nation-building, preparing tribal communities for climate change, and resolving tribal water rights claims.

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• Improve opportunities and outcomes in the classroom;
• Expand multi-generational programs to advance early childhood development;
Gila River sports leagues growing in popularity

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For many of us, when the clock strikes 5 p.m. and co-workers begin to silently slip out of the office, the thought of home, a soft couch, and a warm meal is the happy culmination of a hard-worked day. But for hundreds of GRIC men, women, and children, the end of the workday is just the beginning of a Winter League basketball game or chair volleyball match.

And while the Winter League recently wrapped up their season on Feb. 8, the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Department, which organizes the seasonal league, is already busy preparing for Mul-Chu-Tha and the upcoming Summer League.

Kelly Whitman, Recreation Sports Coordinator, said that both Winter and Summer leagues have doubled in size over the past three years, and she believes that the number of participants will continue to grow in the future.

"I think this year, it is going to be a lot more, considering we aren’t [going to limit team numbers], we are going to allow as many teams as possible that want to play," said Whitman.

The Winter League is made up of about 300 people, said Whitman. It consists of elder’s chair volleyball and basketball. Basketball is split up into five different categories; 5 to 8-year-olds, 9 to 12-year-olds, 13 to 14-year-olds, adult co-ed, and departmental where anyone who is employed by GRIC can participate.

Of all the groups though, the youth categories have the most participants and evening games become local sports spectacles as community members drop by to watch the entertaining matches.

"The kids are here everyday practicing," said Whitman. During the evenings [the Wellness Center] is filled. "On Saturdays, it is standing room only, just with people coming to watch, people will call here asking if there are any games. They call, they text, Facebook me and ask what the schedule is with the kids."

With Winter League over, and when the many tournaments of Mul-Chu-Tha name their champions, the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Department continues full-steam-ahead into the Sac City Jam, a high school basketball tournament and then into the Summer League, which begins in May.

The Summer League consists of all things baseball, from t-ball to little league, and softball. And just as the Winter League’s popularity has risen, so has the Summer League’s number of participants, with hundreds of athletes from the Community and surrounding areas coming to play ball.

“It’s been a huge success, especially our little league teams,” said Whitman. “There are teams coming out from every district, and we have surrounding communities that also play…we have [Tohono O’odham] teams, we have teams from Ak-Chin, and Salt River.” We also have teams from Casa Grande and a couple from Guadalupe, she added.

And while the popularity of the leagues is positive, the large number of participants has created another issue.

Because of the large number of players, especially on the little-league teams, which can have up to 20 participants, the coaches can become overwhelmed, said Whitman, with many coaches volunteering their free time after a long day at work.

While coaching a team can be challenging said Whitman, “I really commend the coaches and parents for taking the time to do that.”

If you are interested in joining one of the leagues, contact Kelly Whitman at the Tribal Recreation and Wellness Department at kelly.whitman@gric.nsn.us or by calling 520-562-2025.

Tribal Recreation Sports Leagues Results: Elder Chair Volleyball: Champions - Jujudum (D5) 2nd - Mustangs (D5) 3rd - Rebels (D4) Departmental Basketball: Champions – Wellness Center 2nd – Bucks 3rd – Gila River Health Care Youth Basketball (5-8): Champions – Gila River 2nd – Lil Braves 3rd – Ll Chumaths (D3) Youth Basketball (9-12): Champions – Snaketown (D4) 2nd – Gila River (D3) 3rd – Bears (D4) Youth Basketball (13-14): Champions – Snaketown (D4) 2nd – Gila River 3rd – Bears (D4)

SOUTHWEST GAS

Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere. So it’s important to know how to recognize and respond to a natural gas leak...no matter where you 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 sound coming from the ground, above-ground piping, or gas appliance.

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:

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- 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.
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- Don’t start or stop an engine, or use automated doors.

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Pony Express invites GRIC to 2016 Cowboy Days and O’odham Tash

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The 2016 Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O’odham Tash Pony Express stopped by GRIC on the morning of Feb. 5, inviting the Community to the event’s festivities.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, along with 2015 Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington and Jr. Miss Gila River Charisma Quiroz, were present to hand off the Community’s mail to the group of riders, with Casa Grande city councilman Dick Powell formally accepting the letters.

The Pony Express riders traveled for two days, Feb. 4 and 5, meeting with local leaders from the communities of Maricopa, Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Florence.

“We reach out to all of the surrounding communities inviting all the dignitaries to the [rodeo events],” said Deb Eve, Chairman of the Pony Express group. “We like to get the kids involved by [collecting their] letters and we put these letters in the mail bag, and it goes through the whole ride with us and in the end all these letters will go back to the Casa Grande post office.”

The annual invitation by the Pony Express group has become a custom over the years and was started more than 25 years ago by former Gilbert Post Office worker Charlotte McGrew.

The customary occasion acts as a promotional event for local communities to join the annual Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O’odham Tash, which was held this year from Feb. 12-21.

Festivities included the Cowboy Classic Golf tournament, a carnival, softball tournament, toka tournament, parade and more. The main rodeo events were held from Feb. 14-15 at the Ed Hooper Memorial Arena located at 2525 N. Pinal Ave. in Casa Grande, AZ. The rodeo and fair featured members of many local Native communities including GRIC, the Tohono O’odham Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and more.

“We would like to thank [GRIC] for all of their continued support throughout all of the years,” said Eve. “Allowing us to come up...and be a part of [the] community, and we appreciate the hospitality [shown] every year.”

On the morning of Feb. 3, 45 students from St. Peter Indian Mission School performed the traditional Coyote Dance in front of the GRIC Council at the Governance Center as part of the Annual National Catholic Schools week, held from Jan. 31- Feb. 6.

According to Sister Pam, St. Peter Mission School’s junior high school teacher, the reason for the students dancing and singing at the Governance Center was to honor Catholic education and show gratitude to the Community for their support of the school.

“It’s a time to celebrate Catholic education, to give thanks to our parents, …to give thanks to the students, and on [Feb. 3], to give thanks to the Community,” she said.

It is “because of the [tribe] that we can provide for the kids, their culture class, music, art, [and] P.E.,” Pam said. “We went there to give our gratitude and thanks for all the support that [GRIC] gives to the school,” she added.

The students, made up of the boys and girls of the school’s seventh and eighth grade classes, including students from student council, practiced the Coyote Dance under the direction of Corinna Harrison, Albert Cruz, and Bryson Hall.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, above, poses with students from St. Peter Indian Mission School who performed at the Feb. 3 Community Council meeting in recognition of Catholic Schools week and the continued support from the Community. Right, students sing and greet Community Council members.

St. Peter Indian Mission School students offer song and dances at Council Meeting
February 19, 2016

CULTURE & HISTORY

Speaking in terms of one and many in O'otham

Just about every language spoken around the world has a way to express the difference between one and many (singular vs. plural). In English this is done simply by placing an "s" type sound at the end of the word you are referring to. For example in English we say "cat" when specifically talking about one animal but "cats" when talking about more than one. Our Akimel O’otham ḥeok also expresses the difference between one and many, but utilizes an entirely different way of transforming the word than what we see in English. Rather than changing the end of the word by adding a specific ending (like in English), in O’otham ḥeok we change the very beginning of the word by doubling or partially doubling the first portion. An example is the word ḥoks, which when said only refers to one dog. To say the plural form when you want to talk about a lot of dogs you would have to double the first part of the word, making ḥogoks. If you wanted to be more specific you can always add in a number or a descriptive word to specify if the number of dogs you are referring to like ḥasp gogoks (five dogs) or muj gogoks (many dogs).

This is a general description of how to make words plural in O’otham ḥeok but like in every language there are exceptions to this rule. For example, when you use the word ban (coyote), when you want to talk about many coyotes you have to drag out the duplicated vowel and say bu:ban. Maybe this is because ban wanted to make himself special in some way but there are a group of special words where the duplicated portion is dragged out a little. Other examples include chukud/chukkad (Great Horned Owl), mad/ma:mad (child) and nov/nov/ (hand). Another exception can be seen in the word kasó (Kit Fox). To talk about many Kit Foxes you don’t double the word to say *kasóo, instead you say kakso by doubling the word then shortening it by getting rid of the inside vowel. Another example like this is the word kosoñ (packrat) that becomes kokswen when talking about many. Lastly, there are some words that don’t have a separate plural form at all, the word that we say in O’otham ḥeok refers to both the singular and plural forms. Examples of these include chu:chul (chicken/chickens), tho:thoñ (ant/ants), ho’okimal (butterflies), muñ (pinto beans) and shu:thag (water). These words never change and as you hear them you can note that some of them are already doubled. This little lesson is just to give you a small sample of how intricate and wonderfully complex our language is and it is something our community should continue and cherish. On the 21st day of this month the world will celebrate International Mother Language Day. This day was inaugurated on May 16, 2007 when the United Nations General Assembly created a resolution calling upon Member States “To promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by Peoples of the world.” The languages of our Community, both Akimel O’otham and Pipiapah, are a vital part of our Community’s identity and cultural patrimony that identify us as a unique people living in this world. As with everything, we encourage you to ask your elders or speakers in your family and village as there may be slight differences due to the dialects in our Community and we encourage you to continue learning and continue speaking our languages with one other.

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Auppa Hiosig Mashath Match the O’otham single and plural terms with their pictures!
Crime Victims Services Event Sheds Light on Teen Dating Violence

Bobbi Lynn Sudberry engages youth during the Teen Dating Violence presentation at District 5 on Feb. 2. Sudberry is the president of Kaity’s Way, a non-profit organization.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

When you know someone is in danger and is being abused, it can be challenging and angering to see them go through such a harrowing experience.

Unfortunately this is the kind of plot that unfolds in the lives of teenagers who become the victims of dating violence.

The Crime Victims Services (CVS) program hosted a Teen Dating Violence presentation at the District 5 Multipurpose Building on Feb. 2.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, a member of Arizona Governor Doug Ducey’s Commission on Violence Against Women, said the partnership between the state and community is about working together to address violence on all levels.

“We need to do outreach on teen violence dating,” said Antone. “We should be more engaged to share, we cant forget about teen violence.”

The event raises awareness about the dangers associated with dating and what to look for to determine if the relationship is abusive.

Most importantly the event promotes the message about standing up and saying no to an abuser.

Bobbi Lynn Sudberry of Tucson, is a parent and knows what it is like to see a loved one go through such a harrowing situation with a tragic ending.

In 2008, their 17-year old daughter Kaitlyn Sudberry was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend in a murder-suicide after she broke-up with him.

In response to Kaitlyn’s death, Bobbi and her husband were successful in helping pass Kaity’s Law or SB1088, which defines domestic violence as not just cohabitating couples, but includes relationships where two individuals are dating. The two also co-founded Kaity’s Way, a non-profit (c)(3) organization that was named after their daughter to provide education and awareness about teen dating violence.

For now the important part is to educate teens about the cycle of violence that can occur while dating.

CVS Coordinator Robin Begay said it is important to speak up about something that is going on in a relationship regardless if it is a male or female, the victim can do something to stop the abuse from escalating further.

What bystanders can do is help the victim according to Begay and Sudberry, because they also have a right to report any violent or intimidating behavior to the proper authorities.

Like Sudberry, no one should have to go through and watch the events unfold that result in the bodily harm or the loss of a loved one.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone has been working to address violence against women.

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Audience members listen to speakers at the teen dating violence presentation.

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Coyotes donate to Gila Crossing STEM and Robotics program

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community received a boost in education funds courtesy of the Arizona Coyotes.

The Arizona Coyotes donated $5,000 to GRIC during the first period intermission in a game against the Calgary Flames at Gila River Arena in Glendale, Ariz. on Feb. 12.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and representatives from Gila Crossing Community School and Education Standing Committee were present to receive the generous donation from the Arizona Coyotes that will fund the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program at the school.

In a pre-broadcast airing on Fox Sports Arizona, Gov. Lewis along with sportscaster Todd Walsh did an overview of the Arizona Coyotes donation to the GCCS.

Included in the evening ceremonies, before the dropping of the puck the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 presented the colors as the National Anthem was played.

“We are really raising youth leaders and we are looking at ways that we can really elevate them through education,” said Gov. Lewis. “The funding will provide opportunities for the students to work year round in creating their own robotic models and participate in local and state STEM competitions.”

He thanked the Arizona Coyotes President Anthony LeBlanc for presenting the check and said, “The partnership between the Arizona Coyotes, Gila River Casinos and the Gila River Indian Community has a long and rich history that began in 2006.”

The evening wasn’t just about the donation of funding for the STEM program, but was an added bonus for some of the GCCS students, because they will be the direct beneficiaries of the donation.

“We plan to get five more robotic kits to add to the three that we already have. We would like to go and compete at RoboWave in Albuquerque,” said Karen McQueen, GCCS STEM and Robotics instructor. The 24 students, who are in GCCS’s gifted and talented program, meet regularly on Friday evenings and sometimes Sunday.

“As we go along it will be a great experience for the students, because they will be able to put their robotic skills to the test in Albuquerque,” said McQueen.

Among the donations recipient’s was McQueen, Education Standing Committee Chairman/Council Representative Arzie Hogg, ESC Vice Chairman Joey Whitman, Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido, GCCS School Board President Jason Jones, GCCS Principal Jeremy Copenhaver, Superintendent Sh’ree Jude and STEM instructor Karen McQueen.

The Gila Crossing Community School logo flashed on the scoreboard during the game.

Gila Crossing Community School STEM students watch the game and check presentation.

Elders Appreciation Day

Light Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Best 50’s Dressed Prize
Chair Volleyball: HHG Staff vs Elders Games | Contest

Doo Wop, Soul & Rock n Roll

Friday, February 26, 2016
9am - 2pm
What’s New at Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority?

2016 GRICUA Calendars

GRICUA’s 2016 calendar features photos of original works of art created by GRICUA Community Artists. GRICUA would like to thank Holly Metz and the Hohokam Heritage Center for taking the photographs. Limited quantities are left so stop by GRICUA today to pick up a copy.

Featured Employee

Esther Torres

My name is Esther Torres. I am a Staff Accountant here at GRICUA. I have been with GRICUA for almost 6 months and enjoy working for GRICUA and the Community. Some of my job duties include processing accounts receivables (GRIC-Uiks) bills and being the benefits administrator for GRICUA’s employees. I live in Maricopa with my husband, Cecil, and our youngest daughter, Adriana. We also have three other children, Joe, Clay and Cecil Jr. and three grandchildren. In my leisure time I love to read books. My dream vacation is to watch my three grandchildren. In my leisure time I love to read books. My dream vacation is to watch my three grandchildren. In my leisure time I love to read books.

Temporary Hire

Trevor Thompson

We are pleased to introduce Trevor Thompson as our Utility Warehouse/Meter Shop Helper.

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- Have been a GRICUA customer for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
- Must be a residential customer.
- Customer’s account must be at a zero balance to enrol.
- Enrollment of the program will be cancelled for non-payment.
- Participation – Participation in the program is optional.

Congratulations to Belinda Nelson and Mical Barnette

GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricua@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

GRICUA’s Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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GRICUA Board Vice-Chairwoman Belinda Nelson (District Four) and GRICUA Board Member Mical Barnette (District Four) have successfully completed the Certified Cooperative Director Program offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The knowledge that Ms. Nelson and Mr. Bennett have obtained through NRECA’s education and training courses will continue to benefit GRICUA in the years ahead.

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2016

GRICUA will be at the Pinal Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.

- March 7
- April 7
- May 5
- June 9
- July 7
- August 4
- September 8
- October 6
- November 7
- December 8

CALL BEFORE YOU DO

GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Streak. Please call 1-800-792-5368 to request an underground utility locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

2016 “Our Kids” Calendar

Curated and created by Belinda Nelson and Mical Barnette, GRICUA Board Vice-Chairwoman and Board Member, respectively.

The important message for people to know is that dogs can make a world of difference in coping with loss, grief and depression.

Unfortunately in December 2015, a passing car struck Alice and she had to be put down.

Before Alice’s passing they got a Maltese named Mariah to join their little family to keep Alice motivated in her old age and was able to keep her occupied during the day. When Alice had her accident just days before Christmas, it was a hard situation, but with the support of her family and friends they were able to bring some cheer into their lives.

When they took Alice to the Animal Control shelter in District 5, she said the staff members Adrienne Clendinen and Hector Rodriguez were compassionate about the situation and that she owes a lot of gratitude for their care of Alice.

“We believe God sent us Alice to be part of our family. We feel so blessed we had the chance to be part of her life,” said Hold- er.

“Alice, trusted pet and companion, uplifts GRIC couple

Christopher Lomahquahu

Gila River Indian News

For many Community members who own a dog, there is a closeness that is similar to having another member of the family.

Seven years ago, Arlene Holder, of District 4, and her husband Calvin Holder received a dog they named Alice.

For the Holders, Alice was unique because she wasn’t the kind of breed you would normally see.

In fact Alice is a Shiba Inu, which is native to Japan and has been highly regarded as a dependable breed of canine that was used for hunting and with their herds.

My dream vacation is to watch my three grandchildren. In my leisure time I love to read books.

After the passing of her father, Maria, to join their little family to keep Alice motivated in her old age and was able to keep her occupied during the day. When Alice had her accident just days before Christmas, it was a hard situation, but with the support of her family and friends they were able to bring some cheer into their lives.

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Alice, a Shiba Inu, was a dependable pet and watch dog.

Photo courtesy of Arlene Holder

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Zumba: Have fun, get fit

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Zumba is the most fun you can have working out at the gym, hands down—now hands up, now hands down, and repeat.

Frances James has been touring the Gila River Indian Community for the past year, motivating her fellow Community members and leading them, step-by-step, to their fitness goals.

“When I started in District 2... a lot of people didn’t know what Zumba was,” she said. Now, Zumba is one of the most popular exercise classes on the reservation.

Zumba is an aerobic exercise program that feels more like an organized dance party than a workout class. It features fast-paced interval workouts set to the rhythm of Latin American-based beats.

“We do a lot of dance routines like merengue, raggaeton, cumbia, and belly dance,” said James, who travels from district to district to keep every week leading youth, elders, men and women alike in Zumba.

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Last Friday, on Feb. 12, James and her Zumba family celebrated her one-year anniversary of teaching Zumba in Gila River with a two-hour “Zumbathon.”

James is one of several Zumba instructors in the Community. Tyler Riggs leads Zumba classes in District 5.

“It’s not just your typical step workout; it’s fun,” Riggs said. “You get to move around more, there’s more music varieties out there so you can change it up when you want to.”

It’s fun, but it’s no walk in the park. Participants can burn anywhere from 500 to 1,000 calories in a one-hour session.

Danielle Moffet, a regular at the D5 classes, has been doing Zumba in GRIC for three years.

“In the beginning I could not get it going,” she said. “It was hard.”

Moffet lost 70 pounds in the past five years and attributes much of that to her Zumba workout routine. “And I like the hours, I can come straight here after work.”

For more information on upcoming Zumba classes near you, call your local service center or search the upcoming event flyers on mygilariver.com.
ACTION SHEET
Community Council; PO Box 2138, Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729.

CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday February 3, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04 AM.

INVIATION
Provided by Sister Martha

ROLL CALL
Sign-in circulated. Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Chris Labana, Council Members Present: D1- Joey Whitman, Azzie Hogg, D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Martin Dixon, Rob- ert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:06), Albert Pablo (9:06), Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird (10:31).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit 5 minutes per presenter)
1. St. Peter’s Mission School Traditional Dance Presenter: Sister Martha & Students
SISTER MARTHA EXPLAINED THE CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY AND THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TODAY TO DEVOTE AND THANK THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL. STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MRS. ALAYSHA COLT PROVIDED A THANK YOU MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL. THE SIXTH GRADE INDIAN Missions STUDENTS PRESENTED A BLESSING AND A TRADITIONAL DANCE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERN- OR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE.
2. Teach For America Native Alliance Initiative Presented: Marissa Yazzie
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MRS. MARISAA YAZZIE INTRODUCED MS. DANIELLE ALLEN, BOARDING SCHOOL ADVISOR; MS. ALLEN PROVIDING A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONTE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME [ADDED SUBMISSION];

NEW BUSINESS
8. St. Peter Indian Mission School Written Plan for 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with additional information with recommendation for approval)
Presentation: Sister Martha
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

REPORTS
Presenter: Shawna Shultz
REPORT HEARD
2. Kent Area Drainage Master Study Introduction & Update 
Presenter: Seaver Fields
REPORT HEARD
[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECON- VENED AT 11:49 A.M.]
3. Presentation on Reclaimed Water and Depart- ment of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Monitoring of Reclaimed Water Systems 
Presenter: Glenn Stark, Onedra Barber
REPORT HEARD
[CHAIRMAN STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 2-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECON-
VENED AT 2:42 P.M.]
Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela
REPORT HEARD
5. 2015-2016 Audit Scores For Community Schools 
Presenters: Isaic Salcido, Marissa Yazzie
REPORT HEARD
MOTION MADE AND SECOND to enter Executive Session
6. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. CEO Report (Executive Session) 
Presenter: Joseph A. Magliardit
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Joseph A. Magliardit, Board of Directors, Janice Porzio
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
8. Gila River Gaming Commission General Report To Community Council For December 2015 (Execu- tive Session)
Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
9. 2016-2017 Annual Report For GRIC Departments (G&MCS motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presentation: Justine Ashihi-Subia
APPROVED
*3. Sacramento River School Written Plan SY2015- 2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with rec- ommendation for approval with additional information)
Presenter: Glen Stark
APPROVED
*4. Skyline Gila River District 5 Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with rec- ommendation for approval with additional information)
Presenter: Jane Johnson
APPROVED
11. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Reservation As Of December 31, 2015 (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information)
Presenter: Jane Johnson
APPROVED

ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Bureau Of Indian Education-Sovereignty In Educa- tion (G&MCS motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Isaac Salcido
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
2. FY2015 Annual Reports For GRIC Departments (G&MCS motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for a Special Council meeting to be held on February 25th & 26th, 2016) 
Presenter: Pamela Thompson
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH, 2016
NEW BUSINESS
1. Casa Blanca Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with corrections and additional information) 
Presenter: Jawdah
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
2. Sacaton Elementary School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with additional information) 
Presenter: Leslie Rychek
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
3. Sacaton Middle School Written Plan SY2015- 2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with rec- ommendation for approval with additional informa- tion)
Presenter: Justine Ashihi-Subia
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
4. Blackwater Community School Written Plan SY 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval with corrections and additional information)
Presenter: Jagdish Sharma
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
5. Native Language Certification Policy (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Anthony Gray
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
6. St. Peter Indian Mission School Written Plan for 2015-2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with additional information with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Sister Martha
ITEM MOVED TO BEGINNING OF AGENDA
9. 2016 Native American Child and Family Conference January 21-21, 2016 (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation to open up to Council Members and At Large Members to attend)
Presenters: Education Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AT LARGE MEMBERS TO ATTEND AND TO BE EXPENSED THRU DUES & DELEGATIONS
9. 2016 Native American Child and Family Conference Motion Sheet For The Housing Advisory Committee (G&MCS motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval to appoint Mr. Wayne Nelson Jr. to the Housing Advisory Committee)
Presenter: Laurie Thomas
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
MR. WAYNE NELSON JR.
11. Interest In Tribal Access Program (G&MCS motions to forward to Community Council for discussion and recommendation that Governor Lewis complete the letter as required to the Department of Justice; LSC concurs)

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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G. Subject to other express limitations for the acts of their children. To the detriment of children, the rights of their children, their parents or guardians are protected. All parties shall be treated fairly and uniformly when they appear before the Children's Court for the protection of children.

M. Matters adjudicated before the Children's Court shall be conducted in accordance with the Tribal Civil Rights Act, 25 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., (Public Law 89-282, Stat. 77), to ensure that the rights of children, their parents and guardians are protected. All parties shall be treated fairly and uniformly when they appear before the Children's Court for the protection of children.

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10. Permanent Water Fund (Executive Session) (GM&MSC motions to forward to Community Council)

• ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

N. County Water Service Providers

President: Councilman Burton

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016 AT 1:00 P.M.

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Important Patient Information
Zika Virus

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Zika is a Flavivirus carried by mosquitos.

• Zika is a Flavivirus carried by mosquitos, that began in Uganda in 1947, Brazil in 2015, and the first case in Texas (sexually transmitted) confirmed by CDC 2/2016.

• Which Mosquitoes Carry Zika:
  - Ae. Aegypti

This virus is closely related to viruses like:
- Dengue
- Yellow fever
- West Nile
- St. Louis encephalitis
- Japanese encephalitis

Important Patient Information
See your Doctor if you develop a fever with any of these following symptoms:
Symptoms appear in 3-12 days (60-80% have no symptoms)

Prevention:
Transmitted directly thru mosquito bites, blood transfusion, sex with an infected person, and infected mother to unborn child. Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime.
• No vaccine or specific treatment
• Stay in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
• If you have a baby or child:
  - Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age
  - Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face
• Supportive care
- Treatment with aspirin and NSAIDs (such as Motrin) discouraged

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Daytime is most dangerous
Mosquitoes that spread chikungunya, dengue, and Zika are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.
Use insect repellent
It works!
Look for the following active ingredients:
• DEET • PICARIDIN • IR3535 • OIL of LEMON EUCALYPTUS (Para-menthane-diol)

Use insect repellent
They can also bite at night.

Wear protective clothes
Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and use insect repellent. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.

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GRHC Primary Care and Pediatrics Departments are anticipating a busy summer this year due to the clinic construction and implementation of a new electronic medical record system.
Do not wait until summer to get your school physicals.
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Komatke Health Center
17487 S. Health Care Dr.
Laveen, Arizona 85339
(520) 550-6000

Ak-Chin Clinic
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Maricopa, Arizona 85239
(520) 568-3881

Gila River Health Care
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JOB FESTIVAL
Save the Date!
Friday, April 1, 2016
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Gila River Health Care
Viola L. Johnson Administration Building
534 West Gu U Ki Street - Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(Located south/behind of the Dialysis East facility)
All are encouraged to apply online prior to 3/31 to receive onsite interviews. View positions and apply online at: GRHC.ORG/Careers
For more information, Contact
Human Resources at:
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 1342 / (602) 528-1200 Ext. 1342

GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE
Gila River Health Care is requesting statements of qualifications for the position of Planning Manager for the South East Ambulatory Care Center (SEACC). Parties experienced in preparation, development and opening of ambulatory care facilities are encouraged to apply.
For more information and how to apply online, please follow link: grhc.org/seacc-rfq/

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Zika is a Flavivirus carried by mosquitoes.

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54th Annual

MUL-CHU-THA
Fair & Rodeo

“Celebrating Our Culture through Health & Wellness”

Carnival Rides - Food - Cultural Events - Entertainment - Arts & Crafts

Thursday, March 10, 2016
• All Indian Master’s Rodeo

Friday, March 11, 2016
• Community Day (GRK enrolled members)
• All Indian Junior Rodeo
• Bull Bash

Saturday & Sunday
March 12-13, 2016

54th Annual Parade • All Indian Rodeo
Chicken Scratch Battle of the Bands • Car Show
Pow Wow • Entertainment • Thoka Tournament
Gospel Jam • Cultural Circle • And more...

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Sports events running
March 10-13, 2016
• Co-ed Power Volleyball Tournament
• All Indian Men’s Basketball Tournament
• All Indian Women’s Basketball Tournament

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