Three GRIC teams hoop it up in NABI tourney

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

One hundred-twelve Native American basketball teams went head-to-head for the annual Native American Basketball Invitational held at five different gymnasiums in the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community from June 26 to July 2.

The championship games were held at Talking Stick Resort Arena in Phoenix on July 2.

Three Gila River teams entered the tournament for a run at the championship, the boys Gila River Warriors and Gila River teams and the girls Beeliners team.

The Gila River Indian Community and the Ak-Chin Indian Community, along with other entities sponsored the tournament.

GRIC hosted several games at the District 5 Multipurpose Building.

At the Maricopa High School gymnasium, the Gila River team beat the Treaty 3 Talons team from Ontario, Canada, 54-30. After the game, Gila River Coach Rudy Flores said he was proud of his team’s performance.

He said preparations for this year’s NABI tournament started later than usual due to a revamped roster, but with a couple of returning players, things seemed to fit together.

The girls’ Beeliners coach Ronald Paul said his team put in countless hours of practice preparing for this year’s NABI tournament.

In their second game of the tournament, the Beeliners put on a good show charging to a victory over Pretty Tough, from Navajo country, 32-27.

After their victory Paul said, “[We] continue to practice with them…sometimes it’s difficult because they have other things to do at home.”

He said when it comes to practice time it can get a little disorganized thanks to Three Precious Miracles, which held a back-to-school drive on July 6.

The drive was for children in need of school supplies. But it wasn’t just backpacks and school supplies, the drive included a pair of new shoes, and a small haircut raffle for 20 kids, which was provided by donors.

Parents and guardians signed up their children for this event, while volunteers assisted the children in choosing backpacks and shoes.

Three Precious Miracles is a non-profit organization that strives to provide Native youth in need with supplies for home and school. The organization also helps foster parents by giving them care packages with items such as baby formula, diapers, clothes and hygiene products for children arriving to a new home.

Elisia Manuel, who founded the organization, is a foster mother and a full-time adoptive mother of six children.

Manuel started the organization in her home less than two years ago with a determination to help children and new foster parents in need. With help from her family, friends, volunteers and generous donors, the growing organization now has a new office in Sacaton.

Manuel and volunteers shared stories of how parents and grandparents struggle to give children things they need and how Three Precious Miracles helps in those situations.

Trish Pancott-Brewer, a committed volunteer for TPM, said,
Gila River Indian Community

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Wings of America running camp held in Sacaton

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Wings of America – an organization of high-level, Native American runners – holds running camps for students in Native communities in the Southwest, and recently hosted a two-day running camp at Sacaton Middle School from July 7-8.

This year as part of the Health & Wellness Initiative, GRIC was able to bring the WOA Youth Running and Fitness Camp to Community youth. Each summer the Health & Wellness Initiative funds youth to participate in camps such as Suns Basketball and Indian Youth of America of Camps.

This summer GRIC provided three additional camps to choose from which included Running Camp, ASU Softball, and ASU Baseball Camps. Ages for these camps ranged from 5-17 years old and were open to GRIC enrolled youth. In addition to this, the Community will be hosting a Family Foam Fest 5k run and 2-mile walk at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park on July 23.

Based out of Santa Fe, NM, WOA provides opportunities for cross-country runners to compete in premiere level events across the country.

WOA is not limited to Native high school runners, it provides specialized running camps to various tribal communities to teach kids important running exercises.

“We make it clear to the kids that the foundation of the camp is on running and that it is a part of almost every sport,” said Dustin Martin, WOA Program Director.

The camp also had a cultural aspect, which emphasized the important role running played in indigenous communities. It is a message of empowerment saidMartin, who is a member of the Navajo Nation, because running is a form of identity for Natives.

In the past, running served a more practical purpose: to tend to the fields, run to shrines, send messages from one place to another and in other ways that are not widely understood by non-Natives.

You can’t make a blanket statement about Native Americans. Although, there is one thing that can be said… runners are revered in every tribe’s history for the last 500 or more years,” said Martin.

While the camp does focus on running, the message is clear. It is about appreciating and respecting the human body for what it is capable of doing.

Before the start of each camp Martin and his team lead the kids through a warm-up walk or run before heading inside the gymnasium to hydrate and move onto the next physical activity.

Throughout the day the kids went through different stages of exercises that focused on building endurance and stamina.

Martin said running is a way to stay in touch with one’s culture and that he advocates for the younger generation of Natives to do something that is tied to their culture while being physically active.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Young runners sprint down the Sacaton Middle School field during a morning drill on July 8.
Fish Out of Water

On Native Ground Youth

directed to a temporary entrance, just east of the main front entrance. Con-

struction is expected to last about a year. Visitors and
can expect to see a new entrance spot drop off zone and expand-
ed and remodel the patient lobby and Primary Care Department by the summer of 2017.

Gila River Health Care

says the work being done is
designed in an effort to improve pa-
tient privacy, accessibility, security, and conve-
nience.

Walk-in patients are
asked to check in at the temporary registration desk on the back wall, to the left, after passing through the new temporary entrance.

Patients with appoint-
ments are asked to check in as they usually do, at the regular patient registration
desk located in the Main Lobby. It is still in opera-
tion to receive only those patients with appointments.

Patients visiting the pharmacy do not need to check in at either registra-
tion desk, but may proceed directly to the pharmacy.

For more information,
visit www.grh.org or call
(520) 562-3321 ext. 1424.

Ashley Pasqual

The Friars from Saint John the Baptist in District 6 are ordained by bishop

Ashley Pasqual

Gila River Indian News

A crowd gathered at St. Francis of Assisi Mission in Ak-Chin to attend the Rite of Ordination for the Fran-
ciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit, who were in the final
phase of becoming priests of the Diocese of Phoenix.

On July 3, the seven friars, who live in the Saint John the Baptist Mis-
sion in District 6, dressed in clerical clothing followed Catholic dignitaries down the aisle to be ordained.

The ceremony and District 6
Diocese of Phoenix.

Aquinas, Father Peter Ter-
as well as Father Ignatius. They each candidate, as well as those who ex-
perienced it explained that Many people experienced the same vision and realiz-
ing how similar it was, they considered it a prophetic vision.

The friars said it was the fire of the Holy Spirit and God had called them to the Saint John the Baptist Mission to fan the spiritual fire.

Lunch was held at the Recreation Center Gymna-
sium in Ak-Chin where the new Catholic priests got to celebrate with family and friends. District 6 residents, James Sundust, Elaine Shell and Mike Sheilds presented a painting during the meal that represented the vision on which many of the newly ordained
ded priests had based their holy journey.

The families of the friars and members of other Catho-
lic parishes were invited to support and be a part of this passage of priesthood with them. Not only was the St. Francis of Assisi Mission and the Ak-Chin commu-
nity present, but members of Saint John the Baptist Mis-
sion, St. Anthony Church Mission, St. Peter Indian Mission, St. Ann’s, and the Kateri Circle of Phoenix at-
tended as well.

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By GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

The Huhukam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton is getting a facelift. The hospital is un-
dergoing a number of ex-
panions and expansion efforts, most notably at its front entrance and Primary Care Department.

Patients are being
Two boys prepare for the upcoming school year with new backpacks thanks to Three Precious Miracles.

“One little girl came in and she didn’t even have shoes... it makes us happy to know that we could help them.”

Parents also say this organization has made a positive impact on the community. Janel Lewis, said, “I did need help a little bit because of my niece. I take care of her. So I struggle from time-to-time, but this helps a lot, it does a lot for us.”

Manuel hopes to schedule more giveaways in the near future to help more families in need. She also welcomes Community members’ support by donating any extra items like school supplies, clothes, toys, and household items to their office next to the Sacaton Post Office.

For more information contact the TPM office at (520) 562-1078 or visit www.threepreciousmiracles.com.

Two boys prepare for the upcoming school year with new backpacks thanks to Three Precious Miracles.

The back-to-school giveaway provided shoes, backpacks, and school supplies to Community children.

Applications for assistance may be made IN PERSON at 403 SEED FARM ROAD Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00

By Phone: 520-562-3369 Online: sazlegalaid.org

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A charge of $18 covers mailing costs for a 12-month period. Checks should be made out to Gila River Indian Community. Cash and card accepted. Payments accepted at the Governance Center Cashier’s Office.

E-mail application to grin@gric.nsn.us or mail to P.O. Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147

Questions? Call (520) 562-9715
Native American Basketball Invitation from page 1

A player finishes with a left-handed lay-up at the NABI tournament.

The No-trippers, an assortment of Paiute tribes from Nevada, captured the girls gold division championship and in the silver division, Northern Thunder from the Navajo Nation came away with the title.

All of the GRIC teams played well and will be back next year to compete. In the meantime, the teams will compete in local tournaments.

For more information on the NABI tournament and other NABI projects, log on to www.nabifoundation.org or email info@nabifoundation.org.

Tribal Social Services
Back 2 School Supply Drive
Benefiting the kids of TSS this school year!

Suggested donations:
Backpacks (Girls and Boys)
Paper: Blank, wide rule, college rule
No2 Pencils
Pens (black, blue, red)
Glue (Stick & Liquid)
Rulers
Markers (non-toxic)
Color pencils
Crayons
Spiral notebook paper/Composition Books
3 Prong Folders
Erasers
Highlighters

Special items:
Travel size Tissues
Chapstick
Highlighters

Drop off locations:
TSS 531 W B Street
CVS 48 E. Plma St
Between
Mon – Fri
8am – 5pm
Contact TSS for any questions 520-562-3396

LIHEAP Summer Assistance Program
- Summer Intake will begin JULY 1, 2016

Priority List

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LIHEAP offers summer funding paid directly to your utility company.

LIHEAP Crisis Assistance Program
Energy Crisis Assistance is designed to provide financial assistance to households with a disconnection, shut off, or other verifiable documentation of energy crisis.

YOU MAY APPLY AT YOUR DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER.

Any question please call your District Service Center

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The District Service Center staff is responsible for the protection of your personal records and bound by confidentiality; we are here to serve you.
Questions in Akimel O’otham

In all the languages worldwide questions are used multiple times daily to ask about different information about a person, the weather and the list goes on.

Take the time to count the amount of questions that we each ask or answer on any given day. Our Hekiu O’otham also developed questions that today’s Akimel O’otham still use to communicate and inquire about certain information which is used to calculate a response or take action. If we put ourselves in each little example we will see that O’otham history repeats itself.

Here are a few questions normally asked throughout each day: When arriving at someone’s home we always knocked on the door and asked Nap ‘i tha!?! “Are you home???” Questions are also used as greetings. When we first encounter someone we haven’t seen for a while we ask Sha:pai chaig? “How are you??”, as we shake their hand or give them a hug. Another more recent question is Shap kaij? “What do you say?”

One question parents always asked their children as they exited the doorway as they left the house was Ba:p tho hi?: “Where are you going??” If it was anywhere near a relative or the store, we would always be asked to take a note to an aunt or an uncle, or to purchase additional items at the store. Many times have I walked to the store to buy notebook paper for homework and ended up carrying multiple shopping bags of groceries home. Many times we retrieved a borrowed item from relatives and neighbors such as a wheelbarrow or stepladder. We would ask our relatives Napth ha’as hekaj itha? “Are you doing using this?”

On cold rainy days we would not be allowed to go outside lest we catch a cold or some other weather related ailment. As usual, being young boisterous kids we always managed to break something such as a piece of chinaware, or home fixture. Upon hearing the breakage mom would always come into the room with that irate Mom look on her face with hands on hips and ask us Tho:th ap ju:?!?

Questions in Akimel O’otham – Match the question with its picture!

Newly-Established Elder Parking at HHKMH

With the closure of the front entrance at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, 10 newly-established parking spaces are available for the elders and are located outside of the Dental Department at HHKMH.

For more assistance or information about elder parking, contact the CCSD at (520) 562-3321 ext. 1424.

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus infection is an illness transmitted to humans primarily by mosquitoes. Flooded areas, particularly in warm climates, provide ideal conditions for mosquitoes to breed in stagnant water. Bites from infected mosquitoes may result in illnesses which range from mild flu-like conditions (West Nile fever) to severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases requiring hospitalization (West Nile encephalitis or meningitis).

For more information, contact Marcy Hamblin
Infection Prevention Specialist
(520) 562-3321 ext. 1556

Arizona Monsoon Safety Tips

Typically the Arizona Monsoon Season is June 15th through September 30th of each year. A period of extreme heat is typically ongoing at its onset which, in the coming days or weeks, is followed by an influx of moisture leading to daily rounds of thunderstorms. The heat is deadly in its own right, causing dozens of deaths in Arizona each year. In addition, thunderstorms present an array of hazards which often strike suddenly and with violent force.

If you are outdoors or driving, always be aware of the following:
- When thunder roars, go indoors.
- Seek shelter immediately during a monsoon storm.
- Stay inside for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last roar of thunder to be sure the storm has passed.

For more Monsoon Safety Tips, go to GRHC.ORG/monsoon

GRCUA: http://oms.gricua.net/oms_map_gricua_public.php
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UPCOMING GRHC EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars for
Day of Hope for Professionals - September 10, 2016
Drug Take Back Day - August 1, 2016
2016 Summer Family Health Event - July 12, 19, 21

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The Gila River Indian Community received praise from a non-profit organization that helps firefighters train to work under demanding conditions as they fight against wildfires.

Fighting wildfires is no small task and requires highly trained fire crews to employ skillful tactics to preserve life, property and to prevent forests from being reduced to heaps of ash.

The Arizona Wildfire & Incident Management AcademyExecutive Director Tony Sciacca, who oversees the training center located in Prescott, Ariz., went before tribal council to personally thank the Community for their grant funding on July 6.

The academy was started 2002 after the Rodeo-Chediski fire, which devastated 468,638 acres of land in East-central Arizona. The fire was the biggest in Arizona’s history, and gave local wild land fire agencies invaluable experience.

When the Rodeo-Chediski fire blazed its path across large tracts of land and homes, many of the responding agencies experienced difficulty fighting the inferno that became a logistical nightmare moving personnel and equipment from various fire agencies. The academy wants to make sure firefighters are trained in the latest tactics before getting deployed to the next big blaze. The academy focuses on incident management, because the life of their crew members may depend on it and to reduce the chance of injury or death.

The Community-sourced grant helps fund scholarships that allow wild land firefighters to apply and get accepted to attend the academy, which is beneficial to small rural fire agencies that may not be able to pay for personnel training.

Sciacca said the Community is partially responsible for training over 3,000 firefighters, and has allowed them to accept students from across the Arizona and neighboring states. In appreciation for the Community’s contributions, Sciacca presented council with a plaque and keepsakes that are handed to academy graduates.
Produce on Wheels - Borderlands Food Bank - distributes produce

Gila River Indian News

For $10 attendees will receive several types of produce from squash, potatoes, greens and peppers.

Attendees choose from a wide variety of produce from Produce on Wheels.

Brittany Burnette
Gila River Indian News

is distributing produce on July 23, at Herbalicious, located at 423 N. Florence Street in Casa Grande from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

First time attendees must register to receive a Card; sign up is available at any location. Visitors then can choose from a list of variety of fruits and vegetables. It is recommended that visitors bring a cart or strong family members to help, as the produce can get very heavy. This program is an excellent resource not only for those who contribute and need plenty of healthy food, but it also helps the Food Bank give more to people in need.

Produce On Wheels is part of the Borderlands Food Bank, distributes 60 pounds of produce for a contribution of $10 per person on Friday or Saturday mornings (depending on the season, date and time may differ) in various locations from Metro Phoenix and Northem areas to the Metro Tucson and Southern areas.

The organization’s mission statement seeks to “improve the quality of life for the people of Santa Cruz County, the State of Arizona, and other cities around the Nation as well as our sister city Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and its surrounding municipalities through food distribution.”

There are also two other locations within Chandler, a 30-minute drive from the Community. One on August 6, at the Chandler Gilbert Family YMCA at 1655 W. Frye Road, and another on August 20, at the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley (Compadre Branch) at 300 E. Chandler Boulevard. For more information, scheduled dates and locations for distributions, visit the Produce on Wheels With Out Waste Facebook page, or www.borderlandsfoodbank.org.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

Empowering Community Members

You are invited to join the volunteer list

Water Weeding
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Gila River Indian Community

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To submit your vote, email Greg McDowell at Gregory.McDowell@gric.nsn.us or mail your vote to GRIC DOT at PO Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147. You may also call to place your vote at Gila River Public Transit Dispatch at 520-562-6020. All votes must be in by July 15, 2016. Thank you for participation.

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**GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**
Haskell Osife-Antone member recalls time on USS Phelps in WWII

Submitted by AmeriCorp
Gila River Indian Community

George Pettit is a Cherokee native born May 30, 1925 in Bunch, Oklahoma. His parents were Pearl and John S. Pettit. He has two siblings; one a half-brother and one full brother named John Lee Edwards. Before he enlisted, he started working at eleven years old cutting lumber for fence posts and railroad ties. He also did a lot of fishing in his spare time. Pettit said that, “life was hard”, growing up in Oklahoma.

Around the time he turned eighteen years old, he and many residents in his area heard the war was starting over the radio. He then made the decision to serve in World War II. Pettit was the smallest in his family compared to all his husky relatives who teased him about his decision. His life in the United States Navy began on August 24, 1943. He left to San Diego, California where he trained for six days at boot camp. For six days he traveled from Oklahoma to San Diego, California by bus to boot camp. For six days he traveled from Oklahoma to California where he trained for 7 weeks. He would also spend money back home to his mom. George says that, “life was hard”, growing up in Oklahoma.

After boot camp, he heard the war was easier. He enjoyed his time in the Navy. After boot camp, he earned nine days leave. He traveled for three days to Oklahoma. Spent three days at home; then, he traveled three days back to California. After returning to San Diego, he left for Hawaii where he would then catch his ship.

Pettit was put on the USS Phelps – a Porter class Destroyer on May 39th 1944. The USS Phelps sailed for Kwajalein where it joined Task Force 52 for the assault on Saipan, Tinian and Guam. They continued on for Eniwetok [Atoll]. Along the way, the USS Phelps was wiping out enemy gun emplacements. Pettit remembers spending twenty-one days outside the island of Saipan. He recalls seeing other ships get hit from Japanese war planes and spending the majority of the time chasing the Japanese around the island.

He said that at one point he witnessed a cruiser being hit by Japanese war planes. He said he was sitting in the back of the ship when he heard a plane approaching. There was a plane flying low to the water so the radar couldn’t detect it. He witnessed the war plane torpedo a cruiser killing 400 sailors. After all that, he said the plane began to fly toward the other ships, but they saw the tracers from the other ships shoot down the plane. During their engagement with the island, the USS Phelps was attacked with two direct hits from accurate fire from an enemy shore battery. Sixteen men were injured. After they received damage, they returned to Hawaii to repair the ship. Pettit received his discharge on January 15, 1947. He served on the USS Phelps, the USS Doran, and the USS War Hawk. He left with ribbons and medals including: Asiatic Pacific ribbon/medal with three stars, American area, World War II Victory medal, and the Philippine liberation medal/ribbon with one star. He was twenty-three years old when he returned home to Oklahoma. He married Lorraine, his first wife and had his oldest daughter with her. Pettit is still an active member of the American Legion Haskell Osife – American Legion Post #51 in Blackwater, Arizona.
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • July 5, 2016

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 July 5, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Presenters:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt Governor Monica Antonie (9:30)
Council Members Present:
D1- Joey Whitman, Archie Hogg (9:53); D2-Carol Schurz;
D3- Carolyn Williams (9:59); Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison (9:00), Christopher Mendoza, Barney Enos, Jr. (9:08);
D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Martin Dixon, Robert Stone (9:11),
D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.,
Charles Goddote, Sandra Naseyeyewa (9:59); D7- Devin Redbird (10:45)
Council Members Absent:
D4- Nada Celaya

APPROVED OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Introduction of Mr. Gregory Powell, Regional Supervisory Appraiser Office of Special Trustee, Office of Appraisal Services

Presenters: Cecelia Martinez-Baker, BIA Superintendent

MS. CECELIA MARTINEZ-BAKER IntroDUCED MR. GREGORY POWELL. MR. POWELL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND POSITION WITHIN VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. Request For Council Presentation- Arizona Wildfire

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED MR. TONY SCIACCA. MR. SCIACCA PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE ARIZONA WILDFIRE ACADEMY WHICH IS LOCATED IN PRESCOTT, ARIZONA. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

3. Introduction of Jennifer Hinton, Student Services Coordinator

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MS. JENNIFER HINTON. MS. HINTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND HER POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS

REPORTS

1. Establishment Of Veterans Affairs Office

Presenters: Stephen R. Lewis, Governor, Pamela Thompson

REPORT HEARD

2. Sacaton Area Drainage Master Study Introduction and Update

Presenter: Seaver Fields

REPORT HEARD

3. Casa Blanca Area Drainage Master Study Introduction and Update

Presenter: Seaver Fields

REPORT HEARD

4. Four Rivers Indian Legal Aid Services Semi-Annual Status Report for October 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

Presenter: Fred Pinsky

REPORT HEARD


Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

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Presenters: GRTC Board of Directors, Bruce Holdridge

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9. GRWS LLC Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Jason Haueter

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENCED AT 2:12 PM AND REMAINED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

10. Gila River Gaming Enterprise Inc, Report For May 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Joseph Magliarditi, Janice Ponziani, GRGE Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION


Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #11

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENCED AT 4:21 PM.

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Lease Agreement For CAP Water Between City of Chandler and The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Jason Haueter

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving the Reclaimed Water Exchange Agreement Between The City of Chandler and The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2015 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Hardee Consulting (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval With Added Information)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #2 To The October 1, 2015 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting, Inc. (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval With Added Information)

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Capital Projects Budget For The Gila River Telecommunications Inc., For The Period October 1, 2016 Through September 30, 2017 (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution Of Mosies From The Gila River Indian Community Water Settlement Fund For The Operations Of The Gila River Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2016 (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 37 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2016 Through 2020 (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval With Added Material)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 1 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2016 (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval With Added Material)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Health Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Interior, Bureau Of Indian Affairs, FY 2017 BIA Indian Highway Safety Program Child Passenger Safety Seat Program (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval)

Presenters: Christina Floyd

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. A Resolution Approving The Withdraw Of The Gila River Indian Community Water OM&R Trust Fund From Trust Status And Approval Of Tribal Management Plan For The Community To Manage The Funds (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Recommendation Of Approval)

Presenters: Connie-Blackwater Hogg, Deanna Enos

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors Declaration Of Vacancies (2)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN VACANCIES FOR 60-DAYS, FOLLOWING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

2. Gila River Sand & Gravel FY-15 Financial Audit Report (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Michael Monago, Bob Gazis, Henry & Horne

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

3. Community Housing Project Fund (G&MSC Motioned To Forward To Community Council For Discussion)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND FOR TREATISER KELLER TO MOVE FORWARD

4. Update on TAP and Request for Direction (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval of option B)

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Presenters: Brian Romer, Chief Kathleen Elliott
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. - Request for Washington D.C. Council
Representation (EDSC forwards to Council agreeing with GRIT's request to have Charles Goldtooth accompany GRIT)
Presenters: GRIT Board of Directors, Bruce Holdbridge

MOTION MADE AND SECONDS TO APPROVE AND FOR COUNCILMAN CHARLES GOLDTOOTH TO ATTEND [ADDITION TO AGENDA] MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Gila River Health Care Board of Directors
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CANCEL

What’s New at GRICUA?

GRICUA’s Meter Replacement Project

On August 28th, GRICUA will start a project to upgrade all electric meters. The upgrade will provide state-of-the-art data communications including features that will allow customers access to their billing information and power usage history on-line, as well as pre-payment capabilities. Your power will be shut off at the electric service panel for just a few minutes while the technician safely removes the old meter and installs the new meter. If you're not at home, the technician will leave notice that your meter has been changed. Deployment will be arranged by District. GRICUA will provide notification of the deployment schedule to its customers.

Emmanuel Whumper

Hello, my name is Emmanuel Whumper and I am from District 6. I am going to be a senior at ASU this upcoming semester, and I am majoring in Economics and minoring in Business. I graduated from Betty F. Farah High School in Laverne, AZ. My parents are Jeffery Whumper and Rhonda Sandstrom. As for my future goals, I plan to work in the Financial Department of a firm on the reservation after I graduate from Lawrence High School and will be attending Ottawa University in the fall where I will run cross country and track. I love to watch movies, spend time with my family, and being outside as much as possible when the weather is nice. Being an intern at GRICUA has been such a great experience, not only do I get to work but I get to learn a lot as well!

Kaitlin White

My name is Kaitlin White. My mother's name is Kris White. I will be a senior at Lawrence High School, I participate in 3 sports (cross country, basketball and track). I love to draw during my downtime. This is my first job and I’m glad I was chosen at GRICUA because I get to experience more things than others usually do for their first job. I am having a great time working at GRICUA with all these nice people who are helping me with my future goals.

Davide Whumper

My name is Davide Whumper. I'm from Laverne, Arizona and my parents are Jeffery Whumper and Rhonda Sandstrom. I'm in my free time I enjoy playing musical instruments, video games, hiking and running. I have a passion for playing the trumpet and building, especially in robotics. I will be attending ASU in the fall to study mechanical engineering. I want to become an engineer and help solve problems faced within the Community.

Shaye White

My name is Shaye White. My mother's name is Kris White. I'm from Lawrence, Kansas. I recently graduated from Lawrence High School and will be attending Ottawa University in the fall where I will run cross country and track. I love to watch movies, spend time with my family and being outside as much as possible when the weather is nice. Being an intern at GRICUA has been such a great experience, not only do I get to work but I get to learn a lot as well!

GRICUA Summer Interns

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Reminders

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- September 8
- October 6
- November 7
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GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricuacomments@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
- Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as after hours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options, please call during normal business hours.

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55 years old and older?

Welcome New Seniors! Stop by or call Elderly Services Program to explore the various benefits offered which you may qualify for.

**Elderly Liaison Services**

- Application assistance in the areas of financial (excluding personal banking), medical, and public assistance programs.
- Referrals to local agencies for equipment, supplies and other related items.
- Advocate for elders with GRIC departments/programs, Social Security Administration, and AHCCCS/ALTCS to ensure timely process of services and equipment.
- Home visits to elders to assess their needs, provide information and services when appropriate.
- Persons 55 years or older Meet your Liaisons - Office Hours Every Wednesday at your local service center from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

**Districts**

- **District 1**
  - Iris Pablo
  - Iris.Pablo@gric.nsn.us
- **District 2**
  - Ruth Luna
  - Ruth.Luna@gric.nsn.us
- **District 3**
  - Cynthia Yazzie
  - Cynthia.Yazzie@gric.nsn.us
- **District 4**
  - Verna Parker
  - Verna.Parker@gric.nsn.us
- **District 5**
  - Frances James
  - Frances.James@gric.nsn.us
- **District 6**
  - Ruth Luna
  - Ruth.Luna@gric.nsn.us
- **District 7**
  - Merry Kris Kyyitan
  - Merry.Kyyitan@gric.nsn.us

**Elderly Services Program**

P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-5232

**Caregiver Program**

The Caregiver Program offers several types of programs for Caregivers, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Adult Parents caring for adult children due to physical or mental incapability’s. The following programs are available for caregivers:

- Information about available services
- Assistance in accessing available services
- Support Groups
- Caregiver Training
- Incontinent supplies
- Eligibility: Unpaid Caregiver of an older adult, age 55 and older or grandparent/relative who care for children not more than 18 years of age.

For more information contact:
- Mario Torres, Caregiver Coordinator
  - (520) 562-5232
  - Mario.Torres@gric.nsn.us
- Verna Torres, Caregiver Coordinator
  - (520) 562-5232
  - Verna.Torres@gric.nsn.us

**Caregiver Support Group Fall 2016**

- **August 4th**
  - District #6 Service Center
- **August 19th**
  - District #3 Service Center
- **September 2nd**
  - District #5 Service Center
- **September 21st**
  - District #6 Service Center

**Custody Rights for Grandparents raising Grandparents Training**

- August 2016
  - September 8th Tribal Health Dept - Komatke
  - District #3
- September 2016
  - September 9th District #3

**Benefits of Crock Pot Cooking Caregiver/Grandparents Training**

- August 2016
  - September 20th District #3

**Elderly Services Program**

- July 19th Tribal Health Dept - Sacaton
- August 2016
  - Custody Rights for Grandparents raising Grandparents Training August 9th Dist #3
  - Stress Buster Caregiver Training August 16th Dist #1 Service Center
- September 2016
  - Benefits of Crock Pot Cooking Caregiver/Grandparents Training September 21st, Dist #6 Service Center

**Upcoming Elder Meetings**

- **Elderly Concerns**
  - August 26th - O’otham Ha Ki, Sacaton at 9:00am
  - August 12th - O’otham Ha Ki, Sacaton at 9:00am
  - August 26th - O’otham Ha Ki, Sacaton at 9:00am

**Elderly Services Program**

- July 22nd - O’otham Ha Ki, Sacaton at 9:00am
As summer approaches and we all take advantage of the warm weather with our children, there are a few important things to remember when protecting our families in and around pools, canals, rivers and/or lakes.

Drowning is the leading cause of injury death for children age 1 to 4.
Swimming pools pose the greatest risk for submersion injury for toddlers and preschoolers.
As drowning happens quickly and quietly, adults watching kids in or near water should avoid any distracting activities, such as reading books, talking, texting, visiting social media sites on their phone, and using alcohol or drugs.

DROWNING IS SILENT

DROWNING PREVENTION TIPS

• Learn CPR
• Keep toddlers within arm’s reach when they are in water
• Make sure your children wear a Coast Guard-approved life vest
• Watch your kids the entire time they are in the water

For additional information contact
Department of Community Housing Drug Elimination Crime Prevention & Safety Program
(520) 562-3904