Veteran groups honor Iwo Jima Anniversary

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

On the evening before the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary Parade and Ceremony, the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 hosted a dinner for its guests and honored visitors.

Marcella Gonzales delivered a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem while Post 84 posted the colors.

Commander Urban Giff emceed the event and opened saying, “The heritage we enjoy from Ira Hayes has [resulted] in quite a few Pimas and Maricopas...joining the military because of that example.” He said that with the permission of his family, Post 84 bears his name and carries on “the good example that he has set...for future generations.”

Out-of-state visiting tribes included the Payapup Tribe of Washington, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi from Michigan, the Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe from Kansas.

“The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation wanted to present this to the Ira Hayes [Post],” said We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 member Chuck Jacobson. “This is a real buffalo head from our herd.”

The crowd gasped in wonder as members of Post 410 unveiled the large head of a 3-year-old bull. Commander Giff said it was a great honor to receive such a gift, and he and the other members of the Ira Hayes Post were deeply thankful.

“We’re a plains tribe and this is where we get most of our meat,” said former We-Ta-Se Post Commander Jim Potts. The tribe has almost 450 head of bison in its herd, he said, and the We-Ta-Se Post uses bison meat today to supple-

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Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The crowd stands in silent anticipation as two Top Fuel dragsters approach the starting line at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park on a cloudless warm February day. Time slows down as the drivers, eyes only visible through narrow slits in their racing helmets, stare intently at the stand of red, yellow and green lights. The yellow light flips to green, and in an instant the roar of the super charged fuel-injected nitromethane-burning engines spring the 7,000 horsepower machines to life, rocketing the 25-foot-long dragsters to speeds over 335 mph, blasting the stunned crowd with a shockwave of sound.

This scene was repeated time and time again from Feb. 26-28 at the 32nd Annual National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Carquest Auto Parts Nationals, the second of 24 racing events that make up the NHRA Mello Yellow Drag Racing Series.

Thousands of race fans, eager to witness the spectacle of the fastest land vehicles on earth, flocked to the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park from all corners of the United States.

And while many fans had to make the long drive or flight from outside the Los Angeles area, those who made the trip were not disappointed.

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Honeywell installs benches at Sacaton Middle School

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GRPD promotes Start By Believing campaign
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**JOB FESTIVAL**

Friday, April 1, 2016
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

All are encouraged to apply online prior to 3/31 to receive onsite interviews. Review positions and apply online at: GRHC.ORG/Careers

**What to Bring:**
- Tribal ID • Resume
- High School Diploma or GED Degree or Certifications

Gila River Health Care
Viola L. Johnson Administration Building
534 West Gu U Ki Street - Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(Located south/behind the Dialysis East facility)

For more information, contact Human Resources at:
(520) 562-3321 Ext. 1342
(602) 528-1200 Ext. 1342

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**SCHOOL AND SPORTS PHYSICALS**

The Primary Care and Pediatrics Departments located at the HHKMH Campus anticipate a busy summer.

Here are two items you should know:

1. School/Sports Physicals - CALL TO SCHEDULE NOW!: We encourage you to schedule with your provider at any of our campuses. For a limited time in April, we will also offer clinics at HHKMH (only) on Saturdays.

2. Introducing New Electronic Health Records System-wide: your provider team across all of our locations/facilities (HHKMH, KHC, Ak-Chin Clinic & BHS) is dedicated to keeping your health records safe and accurate, we ask that patients work with us as we learn this new process.

GRHC is working for you!

In an effort to positively enhance your experience at the Gila River Health Care, we continue to make improvements by:

- Expanding and remodeling Primary Care and Pediatric Departments areas at HHKMH.
- Introducing new software at all facilities that will help your provider team to keep your electronic health records safe and accurate.

To schedule an appointment, call:
(602) 528-1200 Ext.1495

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**PURCHASED REFERRED CARE**

The Gila River Health Care (GRHC), Purchased Referred Care Department, formerly Managed Care, provides assistance to patients who are referred outside the GRHC system for medical services.

The New Purchased Referred Care Department covers outside medical care that is not currently provided by Indian Health Services, or a tribal facility such as GRHC. The new Purchased Referred Care Department is responsible for the following:

- Scheduling approved referrals to outside providers.
- Pay for care when no other pay or source is available.
- Pay co-pays, co-insurance and/or deductible.

Those eligible for Purchased Referred Care include:

- Members of a federally recognized tribe residing within the Gila River Indian or Ak-Chin Indian Communities.
- Those who live within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area, and are from one of the two tribes covered by the Purchased Referred Care Department (Gila River Indian Community and Ak-Chin Indian Community).

To learn more about the new Purchased Referred Care Department, contact:
Lisa Sainz,
Purchased Referred Care Manager
(520) 562-7997 or (602) 528-5000

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**MARCH CLOSURE**

GRHC will be closed on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday.

For more information on holiday closures, please visit: grhc.org/holidayclosures

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**DENTAL**

**OUTCOME:**

Patient visits for our Mobile Dental Units (MDU) have more than doubled since last year.

FY15 Q2-Jan patient visits on Mobile Dental Unit = 545
FY15 Q2-Jan patient visits on Mobile Dental Unit = 1194

**VALUE TO PATIENT:**

Children receiving care on the Mobile Dental Unit miss the least amount of school to maintain optimum oral health.

**COMMUNITY:**

All are encouraged to apply online prior to 3/31 to receive onsite interviews.

[Visit GRHC.ORG/Careers for more information]

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Marcy Hamblin,
Infection Prevention Specialist
(520) 662-3321 Ext.1556

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**Important Patient Information**

Zika is a Flavivirus carried by mosquitoes.

- **Symptoms:**
  - Fever, rash, muscle pain, joint pain, and headaches
- **Transmission:**
  - Transmitted directly thru mosquito bites, blood transfusion, sex with an infected person, and from infected mother to unborn child. Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime.
- **Treatment:**
  - Supportive care
  - Treatment with aspirin and NSAIDs

Daytime is most dangerous. Look for the following active ingredients:
- DEET • PICARIDIN • IR3535

Use insect repellent in extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.

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

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Sacaton Schools host Family Reading Night for students, parents and teachers

Christopher Lomaquahu
Gila River Indian News
Sacaton Schools developed its most recent family night around the joy of reading. Students, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, and their families gathered at Sacaton Elementary School for Family Reading Night on Feb. 25. They interacted with teachers from each grade, selected reading materials and participated in reading activities.

“The idea is to help parents understand the importance of reading by engaging in fun reading activities,” said Director of Community Relations for Sacaton Elementary School John Timmons.

The students took home books from the event so they can read at home with their parents. Another important part of the reading curriculum is learning the O’otham language at an early age.

Teachers from the Cultural Language program talked with the parents about learning O’otham through reading games.

Cultural language teacher for BES, Janelle Blaine said that the students are taught about how to form a complete sentence in O’otham and gradually they move on to more diverse vocabulary.

Sacaton Middle School Cultural language teacher Marcella Hall said, “It is a working project; we are always building on what we are teaching to the children. Everything that we do in classroom is always evolving.”

Blaine said they also plant traditional vegetables that can be harvested at the end of the growing seasons.

Dinner was served at the beginning of the meeting and Gila River Broadcasting Corp. was on hand to provide information to students and parents about the Gila River Indian Community’s low-power television station.

From the family of Barrington “Barry” José
We, the family of Barrington “Barry” José, would greatly appreciate any information leading up to his death, which took place at his residence in Hashan-Kel, District 2, sometime between 7 p.m., Jan. 5 and 3 p.m., Jan. 6.

Any little information will surely help so please don’t hesitate to call Jeff Faulkner anonymously at (602) 550-2342, Burlington José at (602) 931-1847, or Thomas “Clement” José at (520)705-2829. The José family is very thankful for your cooperation.

Thank you and God Bless.

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MARCH 2016

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Students selected their own reading materials from book displays at Family Reading Night.
Community Science Fair Winners, Story on page 8

First Place
Elisa Colt
Iwalani Stone
Sydel Rya Preston
Arifa Dolding
Marilyn Percy
Jutin Lopez
Susan Brown-Hudak
Aram Coleman
Nicholas Juan

For more information on these events and opportunities, visit www.mygriliver.com

Teen & Adult Power Kickboxing
Mondays and Wednesdays
8-9 p.m.
District Service Center
Open to Community members only.
Dk Recreation: 506-3805

Declaration of Candidacy for Community Council
From Feb. 29 – March 7
For Districts 2-7
Tribal Elections Office:
506-522-9735

Eldercy Meetings
Wednesday, March 9
9 a.m.
District Service Center

Mul-Chu-Tha Family PackRafting:
Drawing: Wednesday, March 9
Entry Deadline: March 8, 1pm
Utility bill and Tribal ID required.
Visit the District 3 Service Center
Info: 506-522-2700

Kidnarch Thursday, March 17
1:30 – 4:00 pm
Sacaton Elementary School Library
Fun activities and snacks; development
learning, and vision screening.

March National Nutrition Month Health Fair
Friday, March 18
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ira Hayes Memorial Park
Two-Mile Wellness Walk at 7 a.m.

Enter the Salsa Contest!
Deadline: March 17, 4:30 p.m.
Info: 506-522-9698

Cancer Awareness Day
Saturday, March 19
9 a.m.
Sacaton Boys & Girls Club

Gila River Police Department
Citizen’s Police Academy
April 4 – May 23
Application Deadline: April 1
Academy is a 40-hour program
Includes classroom and “hands-on” instruction.
More info: 506-522-7105

Parent and Caregiver Wellness Conference
Monday, April 4
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino
GRIC Genesis program
506-522-1237

Tribal Elections Voter Registration Closes
Tuesday, April 5

GRIC Community Election Day
Tuesday, May 3

Longest Walk 5 from page 1

danced and drummed in honor of the supporters and walkers,” said Pete Jackson, District 5.
According to Jackson, the tribe donated the Longest Walk 5 House. “To me, that is a powerful statement,” said Jackson.
Jackson assisted Banks and the group and has collaborated with them in the past, particularly in 2011 during the Walk 3, which was a walk to reverse diabetes.

The Longest Walk goes back to 1978. That particular spiritual walk brought attention to an epidemic that would harm Native Americans and their tribes throughout the world.


Norman “Wounded Knee” DeOcampo (Miwok) is accompanying Banks on this walk. DeOcampo participated in every walk since 1978.

Vigil said that they will arrive in Washington D.C. on July 15. They’ve previously held summit in the Capitol and hope, with a strong social media push, to sit down with the nation’s leaders for a meeting.
Ira H. Hayes Post 84 dinner
from page 1

tment meals for the elders in their community. “It was an honor for us to bring this to you, sharing with our broth-
ers and sisters down here,” he said.
Later, 102-year-old World War II veteran Sgt. Sophie Yazzie presented Tony McDaniel with a personal gift, a Pendleton blanket, to thank him for his support of veterans and the work he does to bring vets together. As the Iwo Jima Event Committee Vice-Chairman and Parade Coordinator with the Ira Hayes Post, McDaniel dedi-
cated himself to make the Iwo Jima memorial events happen.
Giff also thanked Mc-
daniel for all his efforts to support veterans. “We ben-
happen.
After dinner, Gov. Ste-

李先生” said.

While reflecting upon the memory of Ira Hayes and O’otham contributions in World War II, Gov. Lewis recalled the memory of his own grandfather’s brother, Richard Lewis. “[Richard] was killed in action, January 12, 1943,” he said. “He was the first Pima killed in the Pacif-
ic theatre. He was awarded a Purple Heart for military merit [and he] was a mem-
нер of the First Marine Divi-
sion.” Gov. Lewis honored his memory the next morn-
ing at the parade and cere-
mmony.
Gov. Lewis closed with an excerpt from a letter that Hayes wrote home during WWII: “He wrote on April, 1943, ‘I’m glad that you sent me the clipping about the memorial service in honor of Richard. It must have been impressive where they said Corporal Rich-

Lt. Gov. Monica An-
tone commented on the track record of O’otham warriors and the deep com-

They fought to protect our homeland, our culture, our customs, our community,” she said.

She described the an-
iversary as a significant annual reminder “of the ef-

The Iwo Hayes Post lat-
er honored Antone specifi-
cally, for her dedication to making veterans’ concerns a priority.

“I was a mem-
ber of the Auxiliary until she came into office,” said Post 84 Auxiliary President Yvonne Davis, “but she’s always with us, no matter what. We’re so proud of her...and she’s done a lot of work [for veterans].”
Later in the evening, the Casa Grande High School Amerind Club per-
formed a dance to honor the veterans and thank them for their service.
Three students from local area high schools won the Post 84 essay contest and read their works aloud, which focused on what it means to have a veteran in their families. The win-
ers were Anesa Barehand, first place; Adrian Thomas, second place; and Ashley Thompson, third place. The Acoma Sky City Dancers and Singers from the Pueblo of Acoma tribe in New Mexico honored the Post with a series of dances and songs, and the Hashan Kehk Oriole Women’s Bas-
ket Dancers closed the din-
ner with a social dance and farewell blessing.

Ira Hayes Post 84 Adjutant Tony McDaniel accepts a Pendleton blanket from 102-year-old veteran Sophie Yazzie.

From left, Adrian Thomas, Anesa Barehand and Ashley Thompson read award-winning essays at the dinner.

Gila River Police Department
Citizen's Police Academy
April 4, 2016 – May 23, 2016

Please join the Gila River Police Department for our upcoming Citizen’s Police Academy starting April 4, 2016. This Academy is a 40-hour program which includes both classroom and “hands-on” instruction presented by members of the Gila River Police Department.

Classes will meet on various days from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm at the Gila River Police Department in Sacaton.

To register, please complete the application and return it to the Gila River Police Department by April 1, 2016.

**Glass size is limited so get your application in early!**

For more information about the Citizen’s Police Academy please contact:

Officer Caroline Brown

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Cheater’s co-workers filled up several rows in Council Chambers as he was presented with the award by Lt. Gov. Monica Antone to much applause.

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DPW utility tech wins Governor’s Employee of the Month for January

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GRIC gets grant from EPA

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Cleaner burning diesel engines could lead to cleaner air in the Gila River Indian Community and improved health for residents and farm workers.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded $389,000 to the Gila River Indian Community’s Department of Environmental Quality to replace four construction vehicles with cleaner burning diesel engines at Gila River Farms as part of the Diesel Emission Reduction Act.

“Replacing older, dirtier diesel equipment with clean diesel backhoes and other construction vehicles protects the health of residents and workers,” said Jared Blumentfeld, the EPA’s Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest.

According to an EPA press release, “This program is part of the West Coast Collaborative, a clean air partnership that leverages public and private funds to reduce emissions from the most polluting diesel sources in impacted communities.”

A supplemental $389,465 in matching funds from Gila River Farms rounds out support for the project.

“Reducing diesel emissions from Gila River Farms operations in Districts 3, 4, and 5 (population estimated at approximately 7,700), will help to protect families, school aged children, the elderly, people with respiratory illnesses (asthma etc.), and the Community at large,” said DEQ Director Ondrea Barber in an email.

The agency is also working with GRIC through its Making a Visible Difference in Communities initiative. GRIC is one of only five communities in the EPA’s Pacific Southwest region that will receive support and technical assistance as part of the MVD initiative over the next two years, said Barber.

The EPA is concerned that “as the Phoenix area continues to expand, the reservation may face increasing pressures on development, housing, and transportation.”

Through the MVD project, the EPA will advance the Community’s environmental protection and sustainability goals for the construction of green buildings, increased renewable energy use, cleaner transportation, and an increased participation in recycling and composting.

Barber said, “DEQ hopes to leverage this support with Community resources and funding from various Federal agencies in order to truly make a difference in our Community.”
James Ohio Pattie told of his travels in his book Personal Narratives, published in 1831. Pattie’s knowledge of geography was lacking—details along with some of the truth—are missing. In the fall of 1826, Pattie tells of trapping on the Gila and renaming the San Pedro River as “Beaver” because it was so productive. They continued down the Gila for 10 days. On the return trip, he wrote of fighting with the Apaches and losing horses. The next year Leg-legged Smith and William Wolfskill led a trapping party down the Gila to just short of where it meets the Salt. Then thirty “Apaches” confronted them and invited them to the village, but the trappers refused. A running battle was fought upstream as the trappers retreated upstream. In early 1827, Miguel Robidoux led a party down the Gila and arrived at a village on the south bank. The natives were friendly; had irrigated fields of wheat, corn and cotton; and most spoke Spanish. They had arrived at the fork of the earth. Three days later they arrive at “the Pappawar village”, one mile upstream on the Salt River. At first, armed painted warriors rushed out. Hostilities are avoided and the trappers are asked to spend the night in the village. Late that night an attack was launched against the trappers. Pattie, Robidoux and one other man escaped. John P. Wilson’s Peoples of the Middle Gila has cleared up some of Pattie’s faulty memories by using other trapper’s recollections. One trapper, George Yount, recounted the “the Papawarawarawar” were Akimel O’otham and Pima. Crossing those headwaters of the Gila from 1824 to 1828, the Spaniards visited in 1825. It would have been located west of “M” mountain where the Gila’s clear water and marshes were more inviting to beaver. I just find it amazing how hard it is to imagine such a vibrant Gila River running by “M” mountain. So much has changed on our ancestral homelands. We are not going anywhere and continue to wait and watch for the next fashion to come down the interstate. I think it is a good time to go and watch a movie.

Blackwater Community School says ‘thank you’ at Council meeting for Christmas gifts

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Students from Blackwater School traveled to the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center, Feb. 17, to thank Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Council for donating funds that helped purchase gifts for all of the school’s 400-plus students last Christmas.

Jagdish Sharma, BWCS Principal, said that the school has an annual tradition of purchasing gifts for students, and it can be a struggle to find enough funds.

“There was just not enough money,” said Sharma. “Christmas gifts and foods were the most expensive. A young girl’s doll cost up to $15, he said.

With not enough funds to provide his students with Christmas gifts, Sharma decided to look for funding elsewhere.

For the first time, Sharma said, he and BWCS’s student council made up of five students, presented their case to the Executive Office and three tribal enterprises: Gila River Sand & Gravel Corporation, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA), and Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (GRTI). The Executive Office and all three tribal enterprises agreed to donate to BWCS, allowing students to receive Christmas gifts, which were later presented by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Because of the generosity of the donations, BWCS was able to save funds for next year’s Christmas gifts.

“We just wanted to say thank you [to the Governor and Council], that because of your donation, we were able to do this,” said Sharma. We would also like to thank GRTI, Sand & Gravel, and the GRICUA, said Sharma. “I want to express on behalf of my [students], our gratitude,” he said.
NHRA Carquest Auto Parts Nationals at WHP Motorsports Park from page 1

Go series lead in first for the NHRA Carquest Auto Parts Nationals at WHP Motorsports Park on Feb. 28.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis greets NHRA fans at the 32nd Annual Carquest Auto Parts Nationals at the Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park on Feb. 28.

With the assistance of Sacaton Middle School Science Teacher, JoEllen Kinnamon, the competition has grown in size and includes a broad range of science projects on display. The grades ranged from Pre-K to eighth grade and involved a diverse group of students from GCS, Casa Blanca Community School, and St. Peter Indian Mission School.

\[ Thomas R. Throssel/GRN\]

Students show off their stuff at science

A science and engineering fair judge goes over a science project with a student from Gila Crossing Community School on Feb. 25.

The concepts and thought process that goes into each of the science projects gets students thinking about what is possible, such as a career in science and engineering.

St. Peter Indian Mission School sixth grader Adrian Muniga said he was excited to share his science project on how temperature affects the length of static electricity charges.

"I was looking at engineering projects and thought it would be pretty cool to do a project on static electricity," he said.

He pointed to his scatter plot chart to explain his hypothesis, which he explained was proven correct because the experiments he conducted at school involving a silk tie, rubber band and balloon helped him achieve the predicted results.

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St. Peter Indian Mission School sixth grader Adrian Muniga displayed his project about the differences between sparkling water and soda.

"It was an idea that I came up with, because I wanted to enter a science project this year on something that interested me." 

St. Peter student Ramon Terry, eighth grade, said his strongest subject in school is science and math. But like most teens he enjoys playing video games.

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The Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade and Ceremony grows larger and grander every year. This year the parade, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 20, included color guards from veterans’ organizations around the country as well as those from neighboring cities and communities. Many of the visitors came from other tribal nations such as the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi from Michigan, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Puyallup Tribe of Washington, and the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 from Kansas, among others.

The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 proudly organizes the event every year to commemorate the raising of the American Flag on Mt. Suribachi during the World War II battle of Iwo Jima. This year was the 71st anniversary of that momentous occasion.

Nearly a dozen WWII veterans attended the event, including several Navajo Code Talkers. Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye was at the parade in addition to Arizona State Senator Carlyle Begay.

After the parade, the event featured a remembrance ceremony to honor those who gave their lives in the line of duty, a blessing by Monsignor Ed Meulemans, and a wreath-laying ceremony for lost veterans, Purple-Heart recipients, POW-MIA soldiers and women in the service.

Photos by Mikhail Sundust
SMS receive benches, picnic tables, mentorship from Honeywell

By Carol Herbst

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SMS robotics STEM students with volunteers and teachers.

Thomas R. Throssell/GRN

From left, Hugh McDowell, Lemonta Bennett, and Cari Pugliese of Honeywell Home Town Solutions installing a new bench.

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Local Coffee shop takes off in Komatke Health Center

Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

When you first walk up to Native Brew it welcomes you like a street corner bodega that’s been transported into a medical clinic.

The coffee shop, nestled into a corner of the lobby of Gila River Health-care’s Komatke Health Center, opened last August and is owned and operated by District 6 Community member Rolinda Perez and her husband Albert.

They sell microwave-able meals, yummy snacks, and fresh fruit, but their specialty is delicious, gourmet coffee. And because of Rolinda’s experience at Starbucks, the quality of the drinks is on par with Seattle’s most famous coffee house.

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“This was her passion,” said Sierra Ward, a Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation representative, when asked about Rolinda’s journey to opening Native Brew.

A lot of people who seek loans from PLFC really want to start a business, said Ward, but few have the commitment to create a fully developed business plan, let alone manage the day-to-day tasks of running a business.

Developing a strong business proposal takes a lot of time and effort.

“During that process I broke down seven times... literally crying,” said Rolinda. Now she can smile about it, but in those moments when she thought she couldn’t do it, her husband Al was always there to pick her up and encourage her.

Rolinda said Pima Leasing doesn’t micro-manage or hold your hand, but they do offer a lot of support through classes, experience-based advice, and step-by-step directions.

“We have to empower, not dictate,” said Ward.

After more than a year of praying, planning and development, Rolinda and Al secured a loan from Pima Leasing.

Experience and passion are key ingredients to success, but more than anything you have to be willing to put in the work, said Rolinda. She says she works more than 40 hours per week and used to do more when they were first starting up.

Ward said Pima Leasing decided to support Rolinda because of her management experience, her sense of hard work and because she has a great support system in her family and faith, which helped her through the rough times.

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Less than a year later, the clinic’s employees and visitors are able to have a hot or cold drink. And because she has a great support system in her family and faith, which helped her through the rough times.

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ACTION SHEET
Community Council, PO Box 2138, Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729
CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona. It was called to order by presiding Chairman Stephen R. Lewis at 9:17 a.m.

INVITATION
Provided by Councilwoman Neda Celaya
ROLL CALL
Sign-In Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Executive Officers Absent: Lt. Governor Monica Antone, Council Members Present: D-1: Joey Wawrzyn, Arzoni Egg: D-2: Carol Schurz; D-3: Carolyn Williams, Raymond Jackson; D-4: Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Angela Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D-5: Brian Davis, Sr., Marin Daxon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr., D-6: Anthony Villanueva, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewlywa; D-7: Nathan (on 2/9)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED
PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)
- 1. Motion For America Native Alliance Initiative
  Presenter: Marissa Yaziede
  MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MS. DIANA ONCO.
  MS. ONCO PROVIDED A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE AMERICA NATIVE ALLIANCE INITIATIVE AND THE SUPPORT THEY PROVIDE TO TEACHERS, VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.
- 2. Thank You for Christmas Gift Donations
  Presenter: Student Council
  MR. SHARMA INTRODUCED THE BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF, PARENTS, AND STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENT. MS. ADRIELLA GAMBLER, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTED A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION. THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO GOVERNOR LEWIS.

REPORTS
- 1. Student Services Department Fall 2015 Semester Report
  Presenter: Jim Lamery
  REPORT HEARD
- 2. FACTS Education Training Program
  Presenter: Yolanda Robinson, Mary Kylies
  REPORT HEARD IN ADDITION TO BASE LINE:
  RATE: $100.00 Max. May qualify for student loan forgiveness
  All positions require an AZ IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card & ability to successfully complete a NCA Criminal Background Check
  Special Education Teacher: Provides educational instruction to children with mental, physical, emotional, or other disabilities who require special education to facilitate the special education process to maximize the growth potential of students with learning needs.
  Requires AZ Teacher Certification with SPED endorsement. Salary DOE.
  3. FVY 1st Quarter Treasurer’s Report (Executive Session)
  Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS
- 1. A Resolution Approving Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement For Lone Butte Development L.L.C. And Assignments Between Lone Butte Development L.L.C. and Lone Butte Development L.L.C. (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
  Presenter: Robert Lewis
  APPROVED
- 2. A Resolution Authorizing the Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The U.S. Department Of Homeland Security To Fund Critically Needed Equipment, Protective Gear, Emergency Vehicles, Training And Other Resources Needed To Protect The Public And Emergency Personnel From Fire And Related Hazards (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
  Presenter: Thomas Knapp
  APPROVED
- 3. A Resolution Approving The Plan Of Operation For The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And Rescinding Resolution GR-88-01 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval of Resolution 2016-02)
  Presenters: Linda Sauer, Rodney Jackson
  APPROVED
- 4. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Darnell White, Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  Presenter: Pamela Pasquali
  APPROVED
- 5. A Resolution Rescinding GR-56-10 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Clarendon Brown, And Approving A Fifty Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Katherina Lewis, Located In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30615-0730 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  Presenter: Duane Johns
  APPROVED

ORDINANCES
- 1. Unfinished Business
  1. Constitutional Amendments (LSC forwards to Community Council to request an amendment to the Constitutional Amendments with a voting date of May 3, 2016 with Council Elections)
  Presenters: Javier Ramos, Michael Carter
  MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ELECTION BOARD SET AN ELECTION ON THE ATTACHED PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
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  2. LSC Scheduled A Tour And Work Session Regarding Constitutional Amendments On Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. At District 6 Community Building, And Forward To Community Council
  Requesting Attendance (item for discussion and action)
  Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
  ITEM DISCUSSED
  [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
  3. Special Election Certification for Chief Judge
  Presenter: Nadine Shane
  MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CHIEF JUDGE
  4. Gila River Health Care Board Appointments (2)
  Presenter: Azize Hogh
  MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY AND APPOINT KATHERINA LEWIS NEW BUSINESS
- 1. Recommendation of Joyce McAllee to Citizens Advisory Board (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for re-appointment of Joyce McAllee)
  Presenter: Carmen Andrade
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  2. NIGA Trade Show March 13-16, 2016 Phoenix, Arizona
  Presenters: Community Council
  MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TRAVEL TO ANY COUNCIL INTERESTED

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- 1. October 7, 2015 (Regular)
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Beware of fraud, phishing and other scams during tax season from page 8

in phishing and malware incidents this tax season. In response, the IRS wants taxpayers to be on guard against fake emails and websites designed to steal your personal information.

Return Preparation Fraud
Taxpayers should also be wary of unscrupulous tax return preparers. While many tax professionals are honest and supply quality service, a few take advantage of victims. Taxpayers should never sign a tax return without understanding what they are signing. 

Phone Scams
The IRS impersonation telephone scam occurs when a victim receives an unsolicited phone call. The caller claims to be an employee of the IRS and tells the victim they owe money that must be paid through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer, said Brunson. Typically, the caller becomes hostile and angry, threatening the victim that if payment is not made they will be arrested, deported, or their driver’s license will be suspended.

Calls like these may be frightening, but the IRS wants you to know they will never call to demand immediate payment, demand payment without opportunity to question or appeal, require a specific payment method, ask for credit or debit card numbers or anything involving your financial information. Most importantly, the IRS will never threaten arrest by local police.

“If you receive something along the lines of a demand for payment and have not had any dealings with the IRS and it’s an unexpected call, you have a tax scam,” said Brunson. Hang up, and if you are still unsure whether it was a scam or not, then call the IRS yourself, he said.

Typically, the way of guarding oneself against these types of tax scams is by reporting the scam to the proper authorities after it occurs and by talking about it with others.

“Let your relatives know that you have got this call and how it occurs, let your neighbors know so they don’t have the same problem,” said Brunson.

Other scams are Offshore Tax Avoidance, Inflated Refund Claims, Fake Charities, Falsely Pudding Tax Refunds, Falsifying Income, Frivolous Tax Arguments. If you think that you have been a victim of a tax scam, contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can also report tax scams to the Federal Trade Commission by visiting www.ftc.gov.

For more information about the different types of tax scams and how to avoid them, visit www.irs.gov/or UAC-Tax-Fraud-Alerts or call 1-800-829-1040.

GRPD promotes Start By Believing campaign
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Gila River Indian News

Start By Believing is a campaign started by the End Violence Against Women International organization to bring awareness to under reported crimes like sexual assault.

The Gila River Police Department is working to make the Community the next location and the first tribal nation to recognize the Start By Believing campaign through a proposed signature of a tribal proclamation in April, which coincides with Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

It is anticipated that support will increase for awareness about sexual assault.

Detective Tyiesha Wood and Officer Ashley Pina have started educating various departments and stakeholders within the Community about the campaign.

Wood said, “People are quick to ridicule the victim and sometimes re-victimize the person.”

Start By Believing focuses on reversing the negative connotations inadorning sexual assault.

More importantly, it is recommended for people to educate themselves about Start By Believing and the kinds of information they provide that may be helpful in the event they are a victim or have someone report a crime to them, especially for those who work in public safety, medical and social service departments. The website www.startbelieving.org contains education materials and videos of case scenarios to understand the scope of the problem, but know how to help raise awareness about sexual assault.

During the month of April GRPD wants to work with the Crime Victim Services because it is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and will have events planned around the subject.

According to Pina, “It’s all about empowering the victim and to encourage them to seek the appropriate treatment if a sexual assault occurs,” she said.

Start By Believing is known globally for advocating for prosecution in sexual assault cases.

One of its goals is to push for better support systems on behalf of victims of sexual assault and to spread the awareness.

The campaign’s outreach includes information on how reports of sexual assault are handled by police investigators, medical staff and family or friends.

“Most people don’t know that sexual assault is a form of domestic violence and victims may not even put the two forms of abuse together,” said Pina.

The message End Violence Against Women International wants people to know is rape victims are not just “crying wolf.” Negative stigmas associated with sexual assault include the misconception that victims responsible for being assaulted and even accused of behavior that leads to assault.

Wood said, “Hopefully with the starting of a campaign in the Community it will set a precedent to change the negative attitudes about it.”

Billboards, posters, pamphlets and a logo are some of the ideas that have been discussed to get the wheels moving around spreading the awareness.

Pina emphasized awareness campaigns as an aid in reporting sexual assault crimes. “The message is to let victims know there is a support system in place, because it needs to be brought to the surface and not be a hush-hush issue.”

She said the more understanding people are of the victims, the more they are willing to report a crime.

Reporting a sexual assault incident doesn’t always start with the police, but more likely a friend or family member.

As Pina stated, the message is to tell someone to prevent the perpetrator from committing more acts against victims.

and subsequently began reporting statistics to the State of Arizona. Recently, the state awarded GFD a “Premier Level” rating for its work in patient care and quality assurance.

Goodyear Fire Chief Paul Luizzi said none of it would have been possible without the grant from Gila River and sent a personal thank you letter to the Community for helping them provide a higher level of service in their community.

Goodyear Fire Department was named a Premier EMS Agency Program (PEAP).

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community continues to use its portion of gam- ing dollars under the tribal-state revenue sharing program to support local government agencies and benefit the general public.

The Goodyear Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services received a GRIC grant in 2014, which it used to purchase a new electronic patient care reporting system that quickly and accurately documents on-call EMT-patient interactions.

The computer program tracks each EMT call in real time, allows EMTs to enter field reports, and sends patient information to doctors before the patient arrives at the hospital. It also works as a quality assurance tool by allowing supervisors to review the data and see where improvements in the department can be made.

The Goodyear Fire Department started working with the system in late 2014
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