GRIC CELEBRATES 54TH ANNUAL MUL-CHU-THA PARADE, FAIR & RODEO

Fair-goers attend the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair on Community Day, Mar. 11. Families enjoyed rides, carnival games, food and other attractions.

New royalty crowned at pageants

GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The annual Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River Pageants are an opportunity for the Gila River Indian Community to celebrate its culture and history with a metaphorical passing of the torch. Every year a new class of young women takes up the mantle of ambassadorship and are given the opportunity to experience the Community in a unique way, while learning about its history, culture, people, government, and intertribal relations.

Meet the new Gila River Indian Community royalty delegation for two hours. Community Day also included special presentations, music and announcements. At the heart of Mul-Chu-Tha is a celebration, and on Mar. 12, that celebration briefly shifted from the fairgrounds to Blue Bird Road in Sacaton for the Mul-Chu-Tha Parade. Over 80 entries wound through the parade route which featured GRIC tribal leadership, song and dance groups, tribal royalty and a host of other entries under the theme: “Celebrating Our Culture Through Health & Wellness.” After the last entry passed the grandstand, the crowds left Blue Bird Road and migrated back to the fairgrounds. The rides spun round and round and the food stands dished out treats for the large crowds that attended on Saturday. The rodeo was in full swing and was one of the bigger attractions at the fair. The Battle of the Bands maintained its strong following as well, and the Social Powwow brought in many guests too. Cultural activities took place all weekend at the Cultural Circle, which included a variety of dancing, singing and various demonstrations.

Saturday peaked when Tejano music sensation AJ Castillo performed to end the night for an enormous crowd on the west side of the fairgrounds.

All the events from Saturday carried over into Sunday with more rodeo events, the conclusion of the Battle of Bands (Gertie & the T.O. Boys won first place in the battle), the thoka tournament, a lowrider car show and a gospel music jam.

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24-acre St. John’s fire nearing full containment

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Fire crews have been hard at work putting out the St. John’s 24-acre fire located in a remote area west of Vatho Road at the bottom of the Gila River in District 6. The fire, which began on Mar. 10 due to human factor, sent fire crews scrambling to the western end of the Gila River Indian Community.

Because of the area’s recent history of large fires, officials were initially concerned that the blaze had the potential to become much larger.

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U.S. Dept. of Labor visits GRIC

NIGA Chairman’s reception at Wild Horse Pass
Recyclable Material Art & Fashion Show

"The Art & Beauty of Recycling"

Earth Day Celebration
Friday, April 22nd, 2016
District Four Community Ball Park
10 am–1 pm

FASHION SHOW BEGINS AT NOON

Show your creative side by designing an outfit or creating a piece of art using ONLY recyclable/reusable materials.

Examples of material you may use:
- Plastic: grocery bags, bottles, bubble wrap, old CD’s
- Aluminum: cans, foil, food containers
- Paper/cardboard: boxes, newspapers, shredded paper, magazines

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Community Applicator Certification Training

This Community Applicator certification training is:
- Only applicable to employees of a Community governmental entity or a GRIC Community member.
- Required unless the GRIC for those applicators that use or supervise the use of general use pesticides and are without other recognized pesticide applicator credentials.
- A great initial training if you are interested in becoming a professional pesticide applicator.

The (2) day certification training is comprised of twelve (12) training modules:

Day 1
- Intro & Post Management
- Pesticide Laws
- Pesticide Formulations
- Hazards & First Aid
- Personal Protective Equipment

Day 2
- Pesticide & the Environment
- Transportation & Storing of Pesticides
- Response to Pesticide Emergencies
- Planning Pesticide Applications
- Professional Conduct

At the successful completion of this course, the attendee will receive their Community Applicator certification card and meet the requirements of the Community’s Pesticide Code for general use pesticide applicators within the Gila River Indian Community.

Registration:
- Each applicant must submit a completed Community Applicator Certification application and attach a photocopy of a GRIC Government Department or Enterprise Employee ID or GRIC tribal member ID. Priority registration will be given to those applicants who must attend to ensure compliance with 05-03-14.

Training Dates:
- May 11 - 12, 2016
- Gila River Health Care
- District Four Dialysis Center East, Sacaton

Deadline for submitting applications to the Pesticide Control Office is:
- May 6, 2016
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GCCS students graduate from D.A.R.E. program

One of the challenges of teaching the classes, said Rodriguez, was gaining the students trust.

"It's all about building relationships and trust, because its one of those things where when I first walked into the classroom, what do you think I got?" said Rodriguez. The students put their hands in the air because that is what they think when they see my uniform, she said. “My thing was that I wanted to tear down that wall and...build something new. I wanted [them] to get to know me as a person and what I stand for. I am here for the Community and to keep you guys safe," Rodriguez said.

The D.A.R.E. program began in the Community last year after GRPD officers became certified.

"It is a lot of work that the officers put in to teach the class," said Sgt. Manuel. "They have gone through training for the D.A.R.E. to get certified, which was 80 hours of really intense work."

This is the third D.A.R.E. graduation within the Community since the program started and the SROs are looking forward to another graduating class at Sacaton Middle School (SMS) in April. The D.A.R.E. co-curriculum program is currently being taught at SMS, Sacaton Elementary School, Blackwater Community School, Casa Blanca Community School, GCCS, Skyline Gila River District 5, and St. Peter Indian Mission School.

For more information about the D.A.R.E. co-curriculum program contact GRPD Sgt. Joaquin Manuel at Joaquin.manuel@gric.nsn.us or call (520) 610-2806.

March 18, 2016

Important Patient Information

VIKUS Virus

- Zika is a Flavivirus carried by mosquitoes, that began in Uganda in 1947, (also in 2013 and the first case in Texas (locally transmitted) confirmed by CDC 2/2016.
- Which Mosquitoes Carry Zika: Aedes aegypti
- This virus is closely related to viruses like Dengue, Yellow fever, West Nile, St. Louis encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis.

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

- Muscle or joint pain
- Headache, especially with pain behind the eyes
- Rash
- Conjunctivitis (red eyes)

Pregnant?

Zika, a mosquito-borne virus, is a major health threat to pregnant women. There is a vaccine to prevent Zika virus infection.

Important Patient Information

ZIKUS Virus

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
- Mary Hamblin
- Infection Prevention Specialist
- (928) 562-3331 Ext.1586

There is a vaccine to prevent Zika virus infection.
SMS wins Superstition Athletic League boys basketball title

From the left, Iver Zavala, Randall Kyttlan, Allen Miguel, JaQuar Alewine, Phillip Johns, head coach D.J. Harris, assistant coach Frank Leon, Jordan Pratt, Trenton Moffett, Weston Pena, Mar-tees June and Jose Rodriguez.

Billye Paulson
Sacaton Middle School

Sacaton Middle School captured the Superstition Athletic League boys basketball championship Mar. 3 with a 60-43 victory over Toltec Middle School. “We worked really hard to get there,” eighth grade Phillip Johns, the team’s leading rebounder, said. “And I did it for my family, especially my sisters who pushed me and my brothers helped me get to the championship.”

The Braves posted a 5-4 record during the regular season, outscoring their opponents on average by 26 points. Two of the losses were due to transportation issues. The other two losses were by a combined seven points. “I could not be more proud of this team coming together at the right time to overcome adversities to end the season as the champions,” head coach D.J. Harris said.

JaQuar Alewine led the team in scoring, averaging 15 points per game. “I was very excited about winning the title because we played our team ball and put forth an excellent effort,” Alewine, a seventh grade said. “All our hard work paid off!”

Johns put his 6-foot-1-inch size to use, averaging 14 rebounds per game. Another key player for the Braves was Martees June, an eighth grade who dished out an average of 8 assists per game.

With the team losing only two eighth graders this season, next year’s team will once again be the one to beat in Superstition Athletic League play.

GRIC Community Events

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

Our Lady of Victory Bingo & Food Sale
Saturday, April 2
District 2 Event Center
Every one welcome.
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Adult Co-Ed Kickball
April 20-30
District 4 Ball Park
For more information contact:
520-418-3661

Coupon Class
March 23-6:30 p.m.
District 3 Service Center
Main Hall

Karate Class
District 7 Community Members
Monday, Weds 6:30 p.m.
D7 Service Center
Contact D7 Recreation:
520-430-4780

153rd Five Tribes Treaty
Saturday, April 9
District 7 Service Center & Park
April 7, Elders Volleyball Tournament
520-430-4780

GRIC Community Council Election Day
Tuesday, May 3

Complimentary guide at www.gric.tv

GRBC TV Guide

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St. John’s Fire

Fire Management Officer Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pima Agency, the St. John’s fire sits inside the old footprint of the 2008 Ethan fire that burned over 6,600 acres from around Phoenix International Raceway down south all the way to District 6. That fire, fueled by salt cedar growth in the riverbed, ended up displacing Community members from the area, he said.

“So, when it was burning again, in salt cedar… we know that the potential is there for it to get big under the right conditions,” he said.

Crews from around the state, including Pima Agency wild land firefighters, San Carlos Agency wild land firefighters, and a Zuni Hotshot crew were part of the 80 individuals that made up the Central Arizona Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team that was initially deployed to contain the fire.

The Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch served as the team’s command post for operations and support over the past week.

On the morning of Mar. 14, officials said that the team was changed to a Type 4 Incident Management Team, containing one fire crew, the Pima Agency wild land firefighters.

“As long as there is no spread outside of the lines,” said Sinclair, “they are mopping it up, they are pushing the heat back more interior until a point in time where we can say it is 100 percent contained where under all the foreseeable conditions… that we are comfortable nothing is going to blow embers outside of the lines.”

On the morning of Mar. 16, Sinclair reported that the St. John’s fire was over 90 percent contained. Additionally, because the Pima Agency crew is currently working on firming up the fire lines, clearing and controlling burns, there will be smoke in the area over the next several days.

The expediency at which operations were set up, allowing fire crews to quickly get on scene is indicative of how well different departments and organizations are able to collaborate within the Community in handling fire emergencies.

The St. John’s fire was collaboratively handled by the Central Arizona Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team with oversight by the Pima Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs in conjunction with the Gila River Fire Department, the Gila River Police Department, Gila River Emergency Medical Services, the Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resources Department, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Natural Resources.

One simple call to 811 gets underground utility-owned lines marked for FREE.

Whether you’re a homeowner or professional excavator, every digging job requires a call — even small projects — so be sure to:

- Call 811 at least two days before starting any digging project
- Wait for the site to be marked
- Respect the marks
- Dig with care

Not calling can be life threatening and costly. You can harm yourself or others, disrupt natural gas service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially be responsible for injuries, repair costs, and criminal penalties.

Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere. If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, call 911 and Southwest Gas at 1-877-860-6020 immediately, whether you’re our customer or not.

For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call 1-877-860-6020.
New Miss Gila River, Jr. Miss and attendants for 2016-17 from Page 1

Miss Gila River pageants were held on Mar. 4-5, respectively. For the first time in years, the pageants were held in the village of Komatke in the Gila Crossing Community School gymnasium.

Both pageants began with a fun opening number featuring all five contestants dancing to “We Will Rock You” by Queen, choreographed by Bianca Hernandez, Casa Grande Union High School’s Miss Amerind First Attendant.

As always, the pageants highlighted contestants’ depth of cultural understanding with a traditional attire segment and a traditional talent portion called the Time Honored Presentation. Each contestant also demonstrated poise under pressure in the impromptu questions. Miss Gila River contestants were given the added challenge of delivering a Contemporary Presentation.

On the first evening of pageant weekend, the Jr. Miss Gila River contestants offered brief introductions in traditional attire. Dosela wore a two-piece muslin dress made by her mother with an aqua piece muslin dress made by her mother with an aqua

Oriana Apkaw is crowned by Sienna Whittington on Mar. 4.

Deirdre Copperfield is crowned by Charisma Quiroz on Mar. 4.

Outgoing Miss Gila River Sienna Whittington takes her farewell walk before crowning her successor.

Artist brings life and color back to Sacaton schools

Russell Blackwater’s murals at Sacaton schools feature traditional pottery and baskets.

Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Blackwater originally painted the school murals in 2001, which were first restored in 2009. The murals feature traditional O’otham pottery and baskets set upon a desert landscape under a blue sky dotted with drifting white clouds.

Now, and for the next several years, Sacaton students will be able to enjoy the reinvigorated bright colors of their school buildings.

Contact Russell Blackwater at rblkwtr@yahoo.com.
Our O’otham ñeo’ok is full of many words that describe actions (verbs) as well as words for people or things that perform those actions (nouns). Often there are relations between words where the word describing an object is built upon another action word. For example, if you want to tell someone in O’otham to turn on the gas stove in your house, you can simply tell them “I na:th heg na:thakuḍ.” The action word in this sentence is na:th and taken by itself simply means to make a fire. The object word, na:thakuḍ, here refers to the stove and when you say it you’ll notice that it is built on the action word na:th. The change from na:th to na:thakuḍ is done through the use of two separate word endings, called suffixes. The first suffix –a makes the word longer by turning na:th into na:thaka and changes the meaning even further to create a word na:thakuḍ that refers now to the instrument or tool that makes fire; in this case the stove. Na:thakuḍ is an interesting word as its meaning has extended over time. When cast iron stoves were first introduced into our community many decades ago they were referred to as na:thakuḍ. Nowadays also as called kuintha. Here again we can see the relationship between the action word kuintha and the tool/instrument used to perform the action kuintha. Other items used to count or measure were introduced to our community such as rulers, measuring tapes, and modern calculators, but nonetheless they are all labeled as kuintha; an instrument used to measure distances and calculate numbers on an infinite scale. Now at the end of the day when we have cooked all the food in the na:thakuḍ and counted or measured items with the kuintha we become tired and go home or lay down on our voikuḍ, or bed. This month’s word match will focus on items that make our everyday lives much easier and can be found in our everyday lives. Some items that we carry with us every day. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.

Sac City Jam brings exciting hoops action to GRIC

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The Sac City Jam basketball tournament is bringing fast-paced action back to the Gila River Indian Community from April 8-9, with games being played at the Gila River Wellness Center and the Boys & Girls Club.

Kelly Whitman, Recreation Sports Coordinator, said that the Sac City Jam is made up of two tournament events, the high school boy’s tournament held at the Boys & Girls Club – Sacaton Branch and the high school girl’s tournament held at the Gila River Wellness Center in Sacaton.

Entry to the tournament is free and the dead-line to officially register for the event is April 1, by 5 p.m. Space is limited to a maximum of 12 boys teams and 8 girls teams.

Additionally, entrants must be 14 to 18 years old and currently attending a high school. A birth certificate and high school I.D. are required documents to enter the tournament.

Community members are encouraged to watch the events but are advised to bring their own chairs, as in-house seating is limited and may fill quickly.

We usually have a packed house for the tournaments, said Whitman. All types of people come out to watch the tournament, from the youth to the elders, everyone comes out.

“It brings out a lot of the community just because our community loves basketball, people will be out there regardless if they are supporting a team or not,” said Whitman.

For more information about the Sac City Jam basketball tournament email Kelly.whitman@gric.nsn.us or call (520) 562-2025.
54TH ANNUAL MUL-CHA!

Photographs by Mikhail Sundust & Christopher Lomahquahu

Gila River Indian News
Cultural Circle

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

In a weekend full of carnival rides, live music, greasy foods, and horse-riders, the cultural circle is surrounded by serenity and is always one of the most popular corners of the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds. It is a space for people to share their culture through traditional songs, dances and other customs and presentations.

One new event to the Mul-Chu-Tha festivities was a 280-mile group run that began in Hopi Land and ended in the Sacaton Fairgrounds cultural circle. The run was created to re-connect the people and the runners to restore common culture and teachings.

The group consisted of Native and non-Native runners from Arizona, New Mexico, California, and Hawaii, but mostly from the O’otham, Hopi and Tewa nations. The long-distance relay was organized by Jivik Siiki, Hashen Kehk, and took the group three days to complete.

“Mulchutha originally means ‘a time of the races,’” said Siiki. “So we’re trying to re-instill that understanding, [and regain] that connection.”

Siiki also said the run was, “a wonderful journey and the people who participated found it hard to leave one another. We did what we set out to do, which was to bring prayers from Hopi to Pima land, to reconnect us and inspire greatness. Thanks to everyone who shared in this epic adventure, who supported us, offered prayers for us to make it safely to Gila River, and who gave us food and water. Thanks to all the Hopi and Tewa, Hawaiian, Yurok, Dine’, Jemez, O’otham, KUYI Hopi Radio and other tribal nations that shared their strength with the runners.”

Rodeo

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The 2016 Mul-Chu-Tha Rodeo was a four-day, riding, roping and wrangling barnburner where dozens of cowboys and cowgirls, ages 5 to 55 and older, saddled up for some dusty days in the Sacaton sun.

Ray Champ, a professional rodeo announcer and member of the Crow tribe of Montana, pumped up the crowd as the emcee of the weekend roundup, which consisted of a Master’s Rodeo, a Junior Rodeo and an All-Indian Rodeo.

The Master’s Rodeo was held on Thursday, Mar. 10, the Junior Rodeo on Friday, Mar. 11, and the All-Indian Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 12-13.

One of the most exciting events of the weekend was the Wild Horse Race, which assigned six teams of three brave cowboys to one wild horse each. All at once the six horses were released and the teams worked to subdue, saddle and ride their horses through a goal line.

In the competitions for buckles and prize money, the riders found tough competition in the team roping, breakaway and barrel racing events. Unfortunately, however, no rider in the All-Indian Rodeo was able to hold onto a bull for a full eight seconds in the bull-riding event.

Results on Page 13.
Secure Your Will with the GRIC Enrollment Department

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Enrollment Department is now offering storage of wills for Community members. If you would like to have your original will stored for safekeeping at no cost, visit the GRIC Enrollment Department.

The new service is a part of the recently revised Probate Code, Title 10 of the Community’s Code of Ordinances, which the Community Council enacted on July 1, 2015.

Section 10.316(A) of the revised Probate Code allows all Community members the option to store their original will under seal with the Enrollment Department. The Enrollment Department does not make or alter original wills, only to re-release the original wills, only to re-seal original wills, only to re-seal.

A very limited number of original wills, only to re-seal original wills, only to re-seal.

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For more information on the storage of wills, contact the Enrollment Department at (520) 562-9790.

Secure Your Will with the GRIC Enrollment Department

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The option of storing your “original will” at the Enrollment Department.

Any Community member having made a “will” may provide the original “will” under seal to the Enrollment Department of the Community.


GRF Code Title 10, Section 10.316 provides:

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The new service is a part of the recently revised Probate Code, Title 10 of the Community’s Code of Ordinances, which the Community Council enacted on July 1, 2015.

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‘GRFD Turbo’ donates to 100 Club following half marathon

Members of the Gila River Indian Fire Department hold their donation check to the 100 Club in the name of fellow first responders and to support their families.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Gila River Indian Community firefighters took on the challenge to donate money to an organization that provides financial support to local first responders.

Four Gila River Fire Department firefighters came together to form the team GRFD Turbo to compete in the 8th Annual Integrated Medical Services Half-Marathon First Responders challenge on Feb. 19.

The 13.1 mile race started at Estrella Mountain Community College and spanned across eight cities throughout the West Valley, including an exchange point at Luke Air Force Base, and then on to the finish line at the Westgate Entertainment District in Glendale.

GRFD Firefighter Gabriel Rubalcaba helped organize the team along with fellow firefighters Kishoh Sanderson, Jamison Ashton and Cheyenne Panco. The team planned to donate to the 100 Club of Arizona about the race encouraging fire and police personnel to participate in support of a charitable cause close to their hearts. The 100 Club of Arizona is a non-profit organization that provides support to public safety professionals and their families following tragic circumstances such as death or injury.

GRFD Turbo competed against 15 other first responder teams from across Arizona for the first place prize of $200, which the team planned to donate to the 100 Club if they won, in addition to the already guaranteed $200 that IMS agreed to donate on behalf of each competing team.

Firefighter Alex Ashon had this to say, “We placed second, losing by a heart-wrenching two seconds to a much younger team of competitors from the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy. It was an amazing and hard-fought race that we were leading until the final 10 feet.”

Although the race did not end the way they planned, GRFD Turbo set an impressive chip time of one hour, thirty-six minutes and twenty-six seconds. In order to fulfill their commitment to donate $200 to the 100 Club of Arizona they reached out to fellow GRFD Firefighter and East Valley Firefighter Charities representative, Jesse Zuniga, to assist them in their donation.

“We made the donation in the name of our fellow responder. This was a good opportunity to support our firefighter family,” said Captain Zuniga.

With everything coming together on Mar. 10, the team visited the 100 Club of Arizona main office in Phoenix to present their $200 check to the Director of Marketing and Events Jennifer Howland, which was broadcast to the social media video sharing application Periscope and posted on the 100 Club of Arizona’s Facebook page.

The team hopes to make the IMS Half-marathon First Responder Challenge an annual tradition and are seeking to enter other races to support their fellow first responders.

Annual Cancer Awareness Day continues to provide Community members with a chance to share experiences

Thomas R. Throswell
Gila River Indian News

The 7th Annual Cancer Awareness Day “HonorTheJourney” will be held on Mar. 19 at the Boys & Girls Club – Sacaton Branch. Registration for the one and three mile Walk/Run will begin at 7 a.m. with the event starting at 7:30 a.m. The main portion of the event will begin at 9 a.m.

According to Devon Pablo, Community Health Education Specialist for the Gila River Indian Health Department, the purpose of the event is to allow Community members to share their experiences dealing with cancer.

“Cancer [has] become such a big issue within the Community [we wanted] to develop an event that raised awareness as well as honored anybody who has been affected by cancer, whether they had cancer and survived it, or whether they are dealing with cancer at the moment,” said Pablo.

For more information about the event or to volunteer, call Victoria Allison at 520-550-6007.
In conjunction with GRIC Community Council Elections

Tuesday
May 3, 2016

Gila River Indian Community will be holding a Special Election to make amendments to the tribal constitution.

This election will ask voters to amend only the following articles:

A) ARTICLE VI-QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS
B) ARTICLE VII-APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS;
C) ARTICLE VIII-TENURE OF OFFICE;
D) ARTICLE IX-VACANCIES;
E) ARTICLE X-ELECTIONS;
F) ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP; SECTION 6 ONLY;
G) ARTICLE XV-POWERS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Other amendments maybe considered at a November 2016 election.

Voting Poll Hours: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Poll locations:

District 1
District 4
District 2
District 6
District 3
District 7
District 5 Veteran’s Memorial Building

Please bring one of these forms of identification when you come to vote:

- Tribal Identification Cards Arizona
- State Identification Card
- State Drivers License

For more information please call:
GRIC Communications & Public Affairs Office at (520) 562-9715
Or email, info@gilariver.org

GRIC SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

U.S. Dept. of Labor reps visit GRIC

Victor Antone, accompanied by family, is sworn in by Judge Jay Pedro on Mar. 2.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Victor Antone was sworn-in as Chief Judge of the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Courts on Mar. 2.

Judge Antone received Bachelor’s Degrees in Philosophy and Political Science from New Mexico State University in 1981 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Northern California in 1986.

While living and earning his education in Sacramento, Antone made frequent trips home to visit family and friends. As a law student in California, Antone worked for the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office. During that time, he said, his aim was always to return to the Community to help and serve its people.

For several years in the early 2000s he worked for the Gila River Indian Community as a Police Ranger, which gave him valuable insight and experience to working for the Community.

After serving as an associate judge for a few years, he served as the GRIC Chief Judge from 2006-2008. He has served as an associate judge for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court for the past seven years.

Antone says, “The court is the last bastion of tribal sovereignty,” and he believes that the “survival of tribal sovereignty will depend on true, open communication between the court, the tribal government and the people.”

Victor Antone, accompanied by family, is sworn in as Chief Judge

Antone was raised primarily by his grandfather, Juan Antone, in the Upper San Tan area in the time of horses, wagons and mud houses. Today he lives in District 4 with his wife Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, two stepdaughters, and five grandchildren. In his downtime, he enjoys spending time with his family. He says, “These grandkids, they make life enjoyable.”

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Victor Antone

With its Employment and Training Department, which utilizes a combination of employment services and resources to funnel job seekers into a variety of workplaces, the Gila River Indian Community is on the forefront of workforce innovations in Indian Country.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor visited the Gila River Indian Community on Mar. 8 to learn about employment issues facing Native American communities in a meeting with tribal leaders, federal contractors and other agencies with American Indian employment programs.

“The Gila River Indian Community is a role model for combining tribal employment rights and job training into one department,” said Theresa Lujan, director of the Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program.

“The mission of [INAERP] is to advance awareness of employment rights for Indian and Native American workers and job seekers on and near their historically underserved communities,” said OFCCP Director Patricia Shiu.

The representatives from the DOL met with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and a number of GRIC departments like the Employment & Training Department, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Americorps, and labor services agencies from other Arizona tribes.

The program is overseen because “it’s like a one-stop-shop for people. They don’t have to go to multiple places to try to find work.” After meeting with tribal leaders and employees, the guests from the DOL enjoyed a brief tour of the reservation and learned a little more about the history and geography of the Community.

“It’s an honor to host the Department of Labor,” said Gov. Lewis. “It’s important to protect the Native American wage-earners and job-seekers... We as tribal leaders do our best to support that among federal departments.”
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 March 2, 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 9:16am.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt Governor Monica Antone
Council Members Present:
D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya; Jenni- fer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Martin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (11:15), Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewewayo
Council Members Absent:
D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED CHIEF JUDGE
Victor Antone, Chief Judge
Presenter: Judge Jay Pedro
JUDGE JAY PEDRO PROVIDED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED CHIEF JUDGE
VICTOR ANTOINE

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)
1. 2016 Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River Welcome Address
Presenter: Reynythe Williams
MS. REYLYNNE WILLIAMS INTRODUCED JR. MISS GILA RIVER CHARISMA QUIROZ AND MISS GILA RIVER SIERRA WHITTINGTON. JR. MISS GILA RIVER AND MISS GILA RIVER PROVIDED THEIR WELCOME ADDRESS AND EXPRESSED BASED ON WORDS OF GRATITUDE.

ACTION SHEET
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
1. 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&M motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval and CRSC concur)

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXECUTE SESSION
6. P3 § 500 Legislation Issue (Executive Session) (G&M motioned to forward to Community Council)
Presenter: Office of General Counsel & P3 ITEC HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
REPORTS
1. GRG¬E FY15 Audited Financial Report
Presenters: John Lewis, Leonid Gold, Adam Cavin
REPORT HEARD

2. Human Resources Monthly Dash Board Report
Presenter: Shanna Schultz
REPORT HEARD

3. GRT-4 Q1 2015 Update
Presenter: Bruce Holdtidge, Peter Quam, GRT Board of Directors
REPORT HEARD

Presenter: Betty Molina
REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR AN 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENCED AT 10:39 A.M.]

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

ORDINANCES
1. 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&M motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval and CRSC concur)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resolution Approving the Amendment to Title 7 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Rebecca Hall, Sunshine Whitehair
APPROVED

2. Resolution Approving the Amendment to Title 12 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Community Council for discussion and recommendation; ESC concurs)

3. A Resolution Approving the Amended Ordinances GR-01-20 and GR-07-10, And Enrolling of Yvonne Marie White Into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

4. A Resolution Approving the Amendment for the Gila River Indian Community Code to Amend Ordinance 14 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

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11. A Resolution Approving the Petition For the Enrollment of Erich Earl Lewis Jr. Into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
REPORT HEARD

12. A Resolution Approving the Petition For the Enrollment of Christopher James Pio Into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
APPROVED

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APPROVED

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APPROVED

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POSSIBLY GOVERNOR: IN ATTENDANCE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNCIL. THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS. PHOENIX DIOCESAN, AND THE ATTENDANCE OF ANY OTHER PARTY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCIRCUM OR NECESSARY. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES AND A FINAL RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL.

MARCH 18, 2016

To make the content readable, I've converted it into a plain text format. Please note that due to the nature of the content, it's not possible to convert it into a table or diagram format. The text contains various sections including: Executive Session, New Business, Public Notice, and Rodeo Results. The Rodeo Results section includes results for Tie Down, Mutton Bustin', Ladies Barrels, Dummy Roping, and Stick Horse Racing, among others.
WHP rolls out the red carpet for NIGA Chairman’s Welcome

The Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino gave guests the Hollywood treatment as they rolled out the red carpet for the National Indian Gaming Association’s (NIGA) Chairman’s Welcome Reception on Mar. 13.

The casino, which hosted the event, was the focal point for over a thousand guests, who dined on delicious hors d’oeuvres, listened to nationally known speakers representing organizations involved in Tribal Gaming, and enjoyed world-class musical entertainment performed by rock band 38 Special.

Representing the Community at the standing-room-only event were Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and several Community Council members.

NIGA, a non-profit organization made up of 184 Indian Nations involved in tribal gaming, supplied several speakers, including NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr., Oneida, and National Congress of American Indians President Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish. The speakers reminisced on how different life was during tribal gaming’s infancy and the positive impacts it has had to Native communities across the United States.

As the evening progressed, former NIGA Chairman Rick Hill, Oneida, took the stage and presented the 2016 Charlie Hill Spirit Award to Rickard Tall Bear Westerman, Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota Oyate of South Dakota, for positively contributing to the Native community.

According to a NIGA news release, Westerman received the award for his work through the Tall Bear Group, a company that provided gaming services and products to clients. More recently, the company was awarded a 20-year Power Purchase agreement of 20 megawatts of solar power. This power project encompassed an area of 250 acres at a cost of $51 million and now provides 250,000 homes with power throughout southern California.

“I wouldn’t be here without Indian Gaming,” said Westerman. “Everything from my education, to my home, my land, my businesses, and who I am, pretty much over the last 20 years, is due to the work of people like Ernie Stevens and Rick Hill,” he said.

The event concluded with guests filing into Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino’s music venue, The Lounge, to watch a performance by 38 Special.

Gila River Gaming Enterprises Board of Directors Vice Chairperson, Lawrence H. Manuel, said of the spectacular evening, “It was a fantastic night…[and] it was a great honor to be the casino chosen for the Chairman’s Reception.”

When you realize that this NIGA event has different tribes from all over the U.S. coming to our area, and the fact that we were chosen to host, it means we are doing something right, he said.
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Thursday April, 7, 2016 - Elders Volleyball Tournament

April 9, 2016 –
**Competition/Tournament:** Skateboard, 5K Run/Walk, Tug-of-War, Bird Dance, Pow Wow, Red Chili, Fry Bread, Tortilla, Horseshoe, Billiards, Domino.

**Entertainment:** Traditional Dance Groups and Live Bands.

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General information please contact, District 7 Recreation:
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