

## Unofficial results from May 3 vote

### Special Election included proposed amendments to GRIC Constitution and Community Council elections for Districts 2 - 7

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Gila River Indian Community voters went to the polls on May 3 to vote for council representatives in Districts 2-7 and to also decide on proposed amendments to the GRIC Constitution.

According to the unofficial results in the 2016 Community Council election, four Council Representatives will maintain

their seats: Carol Schurz in District 2, Carolyn Williams in District 3, Robert Stone in District 5, and Devin Redbird in District 7.

Barney Enos Jr. defeated incumbent Angelia Allison in District 4. Charles Goldtooth, who defeated Danelle Spring, will be representing District 6 once current Council Representative Albert Pablo's term is complete.

Schurz won District 2 with 54 total votes over Alison An-

derson (36 total votes) and Jewel Whitman (17 total votes), with zero votes for write-in candidates.

Carolyn Williams received 77 total votes in her victory in District 3 over Dale Enos (64 total votes), Darren Pedro-Martinez (60 total votes) and Myron Schurz (58 total votes). Write-in candidates received 4 total votes.

With 62 total votes, Barney Enos, Jr. won the District 4 election over Sherwin Whitman (58

total votes) and Angelia Allison (49 total votes). There were three votes for write-in candidates.

Robert Stone defeated candidate Antonio Davis with 161 total votes to Davis's 92. Three votes for write-in candidates were counted.

Charles Goldtooth defeated Danelle Spring by a margin of 150 total votes to Spring's 65.

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## Community garden project kicks off in GRIC



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7-year-old Azul Nelson covers the roots of a tomato plant in the new community garden, April 30. The Community Garden Project is a grant-funded effort to teach Community members how to garden, inspire healthy eating, encourage active lifestyles, and help those who want to garden at home.

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7-year-old Azul Nelson removes a tomato plant from its pot and buries it up to its roots in the ground. He's in his baseball clothes because he's got a little league game in an hour, but for now he's working the earth, learning timeless skills that will last him a lifetime.

Azul's mother, Nicole Nelson from Stotonic, District 4, brought Azul and her daughter Sonnay out to the first day of planting in a new community garden on Saturday morning, April 30.

Nearly 30 people planted tomatoes, chilies, corn, beans, squash, and melons on a quarter acre of land at Norman Wellington's property in District 4. Wellington is the project manager for a new grant-funded Community Garden Project, and has donated some of his own land to the new

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## Resort rebranded as Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass

**Mikhail Sundust**  
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Since its inception in 2002, the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa has consistently been recognized for its superiority in customer service and hospitality. This year on April 28, it was officially rebranded as the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass.

"The new designation welcomes the resort hotel to the brand's premier tier of hotels recognized for their enticing destinations, distinguished designs, and excellence in service and guest experiences," said the company in a press release. "[The] Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass is recognized as a heritage resort, offering a true escape at a property that is exemplary in every way with distinctive architecture, design, amenities and personalized service."

The Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass joins only 24 other properties worldwide that bear the Sheraton Grand designation, and is the first and only Sheraton Grand in North America.

The destination resort is set apart by featuring the only AAA Five-Diamond/Forbes Five-Star restaurant in Arizona, Kai. The resort also features authentic artwork of the O'otham and Pee Posh people, the Forbes Four-Star Aji Spa, horseback riding experiences at the Koli Equestrian Center and a beautiful river with water activities and boat rides.

At a special designation celebration on the hotel's back lawn, David Marr, Global Brand Leader for Sheraton Hotels & Resorts, presented General Manager Bunty Ahamed, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and former Gov. Donald Antone with the resort's new flag, emblazoned with the seal of the Sheraton Grand.



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From left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, General Manager Bunty Ahamed, former Gov. Donald Antone Sr., and David Marr, Global Brand Leader for Sheraton Hotels & Resorts pose with the Sheraton Grand flag at the newly designated Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass.

"We are not like any other resort," said Ahamed. "The political leaders [of the Gila River Indian Community] have been nothing but incredible for us at the resort, supportive, those past

and present, relentless in their pursuit to create an environment that is incredibly magical for our guests."

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# Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 sponsors youth bull riders

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
 Gila River Indian News

Wesley Larrabee and Ernesto Mendoza are living in the moment as they compete in the sport of rodeo where time isn't counted in minutes, but in eight seconds.

Larrabee, from District 2, said he started out woolly riding after being introduced to rodeo by his dad and ever since then it has been his passion in life.

In similar fashion, Mendoza got his start riding after his late uncle Bernell Lewis got him into riding calves.

"I fell in love with the sport. It's dangerous at times, but it's the adrenaline that gets me," said Mendoza of District 5.

As the two grew older, the fear of riding faded and became a regular tradition spending their weekends practicing at Alfred "Joker" Jones Arena in Sacaton.

Larrabee said he owes a lot of credit to his family and friends for the support they've given him in pursuit of his dream.

At Joker's arena, he displayed the helmet and protective vest that is worn to prevent serious bodily injury, but can be expensive to purchase. That's where Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 stepped in.

"One day the two boys came to [us] and asked if we could

sponsor them to compete in bull riding competitions," said post member Darrell Whitman.

Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, located in District 1 Blackwater, spoke highly of Larrabee and Mendoza, because they have put a lot of commitment into bull riding and helping out Post 51 when they can.

He said in order to receive assistance they ask the individual to provide a brief presentation before post members about the type of event they wish to receive sponsorship.

With the help of the Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, they were able to get the needed safety equipment to compete in bull riding competitions.

"We want them to stay out of trouble and for those involved with the Post, [we] make sure they are doing good in school and at home," said Whitman.

In the past, Haskell Osife-An-



Photo Courtesy of Michelle Jackson

From left, Wesley Larrabee and Ernesto Mendoza share a break during rodeo practice.

tone Post 51 has helped with numerous entry fees and registrations for sporting activities for groups of runners and even held a boxing club.

"In the beginning it was word-of-mouth, but we would like people to know [we] do things like this...we are always welcoming," said Whitman.

Post 51 requires students to be in good standing at school and to volunteer their time for activities with the Post.

"Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 was really helpful, because the safety equipment can be expensive," said Larrabee.

Mendoza said he is

thankful for the support of Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 and for the positive influence their members have had on his character.

In return for the sponsorship, Larrabee and Mendoza help volunteer with the Post, helping with veterans' activities when needed.

The two friends plan to participate in future rodeo competitions that will take them to different tribal communities and elsewhere.

"I'm going to start to prepare for the Arizona State Fair Rodeo later this year in October, which I am pretty excited to be in," said Mendoza.

# Native American financial officers host conference at WHP

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
 Gila River Indian News

An annual meeting of financial officers and tribal representatives from around Indian Country converged on the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa on April 18-19.

The 34th Annual Native American Finance Officers Association Conference drew over 92 tribes to the gathering, which explores ways to promote the economic and financial self-determination for tribal nations.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It is about connecting Indian Country to the financial expertise and entities that can provide training in the areas needed the most."

He emphasized the fact that GRIC hosted this year's NAFOA conference because it showcases how committed the Community is towards building a strong, sustainable economy.

To highlight this year's conference a formal agreement was signed between NAFOA and Ari-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The 34th Annual Native American Finance Officers Association Conference was held at Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa, April 18-19.

zona State University, which will offer professional development training programs for tribal finance personnel.

NAFOA President of the

Board of Directors, Bill Lomax said, "This collaborative partnership will combine [our] strengths to jointly expand the capacity in Indian Country development and

growth to nationally recognized and accredited educational trainings."

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# NAFOA Conference at WHP

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On the last day of the conference, a discussion panel called "Tribal Leaders on the Hot Seat" was moderated by former six-term Comanche Nation Chairman Wallace Coffey.

Coffey was joined by Gov. Lewis, Delores Pigsley, Tribal Chairman for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and Rodney Butler, Chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation of

Massachusetts to discuss how their tribal nations have progressed in the past decade.

The majority have stated that many of the issues concerning their tribes have spanned decades, if not hundreds of years and that progress in areas like job creation and access to natural resources have benefited their communities two-fold with regard to culture and economic prosperity.

Gov. Lewis said, "Tribes need to be at the table in regards to issues like poverty and in regards to crucial natural resources like water."

He said that it is also important to focus on building internal capacity by creating more opportunities for tribal members to advance in job skills that will greatly benefit their community, which he calls "True Nation Building."

# Governor's Employees of the Month for February, March and April

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Three Gila River Indian Community employees received the Governor's Employee of the Month award for the months of February, March, and April in the Governance Center's Council Chambers, April 29.

Isabel Martinez, Tribal Education Department, won the award for February. Sterling Garcia, Management Information Systems, was the GEM for March and Althea Walker, Department of Environmental Quality, was presented the award for April.

The GEM is awarded to GRIC employees who enrich the Community through their works, accomplishments, and contributions in the workplace.

The individuals were chosen after review by the Governor's Office GEM Committee and each received a commemorative plaque and "certifigg" of \$200.

GEM nomination forms are due the 20th of every month and can be sent to [employeevelopment@gric.nsn.us](mailto:employeevelopment@gric.nsn.us).

**Photo Captions:**  
The GEM winners with Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone. Top to bottom, Isabel Martinez, Sterling Garcia and Althea Walker.



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12:00pm	Native American Healing in the 21st Century		Back In Time		Horse Tribe <i>The connection of human to animal, history to life, individuals to community, and communities.</i>		Smoke Traders <i>The tobacco trade and the effect on individual lives and communities.</i>		Apache 8 <i>The story of an all-women wildland firefighter crew from the White Mountain Apache.</i>		From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>A doctor vows to help the well-being of people living on Pine Ridge.</i>		Across The Creek											
12:30pm			Return of the Red Lake Walleye																				Che Ah Chi - The History of Boynton Canyon	
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion		Ravens & Eagles		Samaqan Water Stories		Ravens & Eagles		Samaqan Water Stories		Ravens & Eagles		Ravens & Eagles		Ravens & Eagles		Ravens & Eagles		Seasoned with Spirit					
1:30pm	Native Report		Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening		Vitality Gardening		Champions of the North					
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Bounty of River's Edge</i>		Vitality Health		Vitality Health		Vitality Health		Vitality Health		Vitality Health		Vitality Health		Vitality Health		Vitality Health		Native Nation Building <i>Intro to Nation Building</i>					
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS		From The Spirit <i>Lee Claremont</i>		From The Spirit		From The Spirit <i>Roy Henry Vickers</i>		From The Spirit <i>George Littlechild</i>		From The Spirit <i>Archie Beaulieu</i>		From The Spirit <i>Archie Beaulieu</i>		From The Spirit <i>Archie Beaulieu</i>		From The Spirit <i>Archie Beaulieu</i>		People of the Pines <i>Gaining Legitimacy</i>					
3:00pm	California Indian: A Tribal Story <i>Pomo Indian and a successful Los Angeles radio host, is forced back to the reservation to help his brother Chi.</i>		Creative Native <i>Sweet Reflections</i>		Creative Native <i>Holiday Fever</i>		Creative Native <i>The Hopi</i>		Creative Native <i>Honoring Our Mothers</i>		Creative Native <i>Silversmiths</i>		Creative Native <i>The Making Regalia</i>		Creative Native <i>The Making Regalia</i>		Creative Native <i>The Making Regalia</i>		The Making Regalia					
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4:00pm	Working It Out Together <i>Medical</i>		Working It Out Together <i>Medical</i>		Indian Pride <i>Spirituality</i>		On Native Ground: Youth Report		Indian Pride <i>Relations w/US Gov't</i>		Storytellers in Motion <i>First Lady of Cinema</i>		Storytellers in Motion <i>First Lady of Cinema</i>		Storytellers in Motion <i>First Lady of Cinema</i>		Storytellers in Motion <i>First Lady of Cinema</i>		The Other Side <i>Harold?</i>					
4:30pm	Dakota 38 <i>Jim Miller, a Native spiritual leader and Vietnam veteran, found himself in a dream riding on horseback across the great plains of SD.</i>		Back In The Day <i>Shelter</i>		Oskayak Down Under		Voices Of		Down The Mighty River <i>One Less River</i>		On Native Ground: Youth Report		On Native Ground: Youth Report		On Native Ground: Youth Report		On Native Ground: Youth Report		Indian and Aliens <i>Sandy Mastly</i>					
5:00pm			First Talk		First Talk		First Talk		First Talk		First Talk		First Talk		First Talk		First Talk		Indigenous Focus <i>A Family Heritage</i>					
5:30pm			Native Report		People of the Pines <i>Origin of Yuhaviatam</i>		Making Regalia		People of the Pines <i>The World of Serrano</i>		People of the Pines <i>The World of Serrano</i>		People of the Pines <i>The World of Serrano</i>		People of the Pines <i>The World of Serrano</i>		People of the Pines <i>The World of Serrano</i>		Dabiyiyuu <i>Seal Hunter</i>					
6:00pm	Native Voice TV		Horse Tribe <i>The connection of human to animal, history to life, individuals to community, and communities.</i>		Smoke Traders <i>The tobacco trade and the effect on individual lives and communities.</i>		Apache 8 <i>The story of an all-women wildland firefighter crew from the White Mountain Apache.</i>		From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>A doctor vows to help the well-being of people living on Pine Ridge.</i>		From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>A doctor vows to help the well-being of people living on Pine Ridge.</i>		From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>A doctor vows to help the well-being of people living on Pine Ridge.</i>		From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>A doctor vows to help the well-being of people living on Pine Ridge.</i>		From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>A doctor vows to help the well-being of people living on Pine Ridge.</i>		Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People					
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7:00pm	Wapos Bay <i>Dance, Monkey, Dance</i>		Wapos Bay <i>Breakin Too</i>		Wapos Bay <i>Came From Out There</i>		Wapos Bay <i>Time Management</i>		Wapos Bay <i>The Ways of the Quiet</i>		Wapos Bay <i>World According to Devon</i>		Wapos Bay <i>World According to Devon</i>		Wapos Bay <i>World According to Devon</i>		Wapos Bay <i>World According to Devon</i>		Wapos Bay <i>Breakin Too</i>					
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Great River Journeys</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>Oconaluftee Indian Village</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>Seminole Tribe</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>The Hawaiian Village</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>The Samoan Village</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>Umatilla Band of Indians</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>Umatilla Band of Indians</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>Umatilla Band of Indians</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>Umatilla Band of Indians</i>		Fish Out of Water <i>Oconaluftee Indian Village</i>					
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8:30pm	Native Shorts <i>Shimasani</i>		Indians and Aliens <i>Sandy Mastly</i>		Back In The Day <i>Shelter</i>		Indigenous Focus <i>Tribal Journeys</i>		Rez Rides <i>Burning Up Mad Mohawk</i>		Champions of the North <i>Modern Times</i>		Champions of the North <i>Modern Times</i>		Champions of the North <i>Modern Times</i>		Champions of the North <i>Modern Times</i>		Moose T.V. <i>Birth of a Station</i>					
9:00pm	Medicine Game <i>A journey of two brothers from the Onondoga Nation.</i>		For The Generations: Native Story and Performance		Alaska Tribes <i>The Story of Federal Indian Law in Alaska</i>		Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>		Good Meat <i>Get healthy by converting to a traditional Lakota diet centered on buffalo and native foods.</i>		Why Treaties		Why Treaties		Why Treaties		Why Treaties		Colorado Experience: Sand Creek Massacre <i>Uncovers the history 150 years later.</i>					
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Ten candidates were written in.

Devin Redbird's 51 total votes helped him win in District 7 over Pamela Thomas (34 total votes) and Angelo Nelson (22 total votes). There were no write-in candidates.

The results will be official once they are certified by Community Council.

In the Special Election for Constitutional Amendments, five questions were posed to voters for "Yes" and "No" votes on changes to the GRIC Constitution.

According to the unofficial results, voters voted "Yes" on Questions 1, 3 and 5, and "No" on Questions 2 and 4.

The three "Yes" votes were for changes to Article VI-Qualifications (Question 1), Article IX-Vacancies (Question 3), and Article III-Membership and Article XV-Powers of the Gila River Indian Community (Question 5).

Voters voted "No" on proposed amendments to Article VII-Appointed Officials and Committee

Members (Question 2) and Article VIII-Tenure of Office and Article X-Elections (Question 4).

To be valid, the Special Election needed 30 percent of registered voters to participate. According to the unofficial results, 17.82 percent of registered voters cast ballots in the special election. Out of the 6,463 total registered voters, 1,152 voters cast ballots, approximately 787 voters shy of the 30 percent requirement.

# Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass from page 1

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis marveled at the grandeur and success of the hotel.

"It took great vision by our elders and the original owners team... to bring this wonderful resort to full fruition," he said. "Traditionally, we have been a hospitable people...and we carry on that legacy today with the proud designation as the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass."

Antone thanked Ahamed for his thoughtful



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN GRIC flag, Sheraton Grand flag and U.S. flag wave at Wild Horse Pass.

and culturally appropriate stewardship of the Sheraton Grand over the past 13 years. Like Gov. Lewis, he said the land and its people have welcomed visitors for many generations.

"We recognize the language that comes through the air, through the trees, through the birds, and the water, and all of it is saying the same thing: Welcome to Gila River."

# Mall Security Professional Earns Respected Client Employee Award



Photo Courtesy of Universal Services of America

Security Professional Kee Joe receives the Tom Cernock Award from Matthew Rhorer, General Manager for Simon Properties.

been proven to be reliable, effective, courteous and respectful. He does his job well and is never late to work. He is a hardworking individual, who many times will cover shifts when someone call offs. He is a great asset to our team!" continued Mise.

Barbara Lawless, Phoenix Premium Outlets Area Marketing Assistant, commented, "Wow—that is such an honor. I was fortunate to know Tom Cernock and this award is not given lightly. Congratulations to Kee

Submitted by Universal Services of America

SANTA ANA, California (April 25, 2016)—Kee Joe, a mall security professional for Universal Protection Service—a division of Universal Services of America—recently received the "coveted" Simon Properties Tom Cernock Award for the month of January for outstanding performance on the job. The award is named after the late Tom Cernock, former Vice President of Corporate Security for the Simon Property Group. Cernock was a leader and pioneer in

the area of security. A Universal employee since 2014, Joe joined the security team on a part-time basis at Phoenix Premium Outlets Mall in Chandler, Ariz., in November last year. "Soon after, his attendance was noted as very consistent and he proved to be very reliable, so we offered him a full-time position due to his strong performance," said Ivo Mise, Universal Protection Service Security Director.

In homage to Cernock's strong security legacy, Joe was honored for his solid work ethic and quality traits. "Kee Joe has

Joe!" Universal Protection Service is the largest U.S.-owned security company and the nation's primary security provider for commercial office and retail properties. As Universal expands its position in the industry, the company continues to provide clients with total security solutions, personalized customer service and unmatched exceptional value. The company, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, serves a variety of industries and clients in North America. Learn more at www.universalpro.com.

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One day out of the year is not enough to recognize the virtues of motherhood. But on this special day I want to wish all the mothers in the Community a very Happy Mother's Day.

Our greatest lessons are taught to us by our mothers, as they are our richest source of strength and wisdom.

Let us all be thankful for the blessings and affections of all of our female relatives—mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters—because they all play a vital role in our upbringing and the stability of our Community.

Along with myself and Lieutenant Governor, share your deepest gratitude for the mothers in our Community.

Stephen Roe Lewis  
Governor of the Gila River Indian Community



## GRBC hosts one year celebration



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis stands with Native Public Media representatives who presented him with a gift at the GRBC one year anniversary reception on April 21.

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The first tribally owned and operated low power television station recently celebrated its one-year anniversary.

The Gila River Broadcasting Corp. has nestled itself among the Community's impressive portfolio of businesses operated by the tribe held a special event on April 21 at Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "[We] have joined this new fraternity of Native broadcasting corporations."

The event featured traditional songs and dancers and was attended by indus-

try professionals like Native Public Media and First Nations Experience (FNX).

Production Coordinator Yvonne Garcia, a Community member from District 4, led the line-up of speakers to talk about the small television stations humble beginnings.

Garcia said, "In 2013, GRTI obtained 13 low power television licenses from the FCC. GRTI currently uses three of [those] channels for GRBC television."

When GRBC hit the airwaves, it didn't take long to fill the program schedule with several Community events and promotional videos in addition to content supplied by FNX.

In 2008 when GRTI

started broadcasting, it was in a limited format, only airing the Community Council meetings to the district service centers and the Governance Center in District 3 Sacaton.

The idea to create a television service that could reach a wider audience with more content was spearheaded by former GRTI Board of Directors Chairman Malcolm Eschief, General Manager Bruce Holdridge and other influential GRTI board members.

Holdridge said, "It is a legacy that will live for many years within GRIC."

He added that hopefully GRBC can be moved into streaming content online to make it accessible for Community members residing off the tribal lands to see what is happening at home.

Gov. Lewis said the ability to stream culturally relevant content creates what he calls a "Digital Village," because it is an extension of the Community.

If you haven't already tuned into GRBC TV programming, you can find them on high definition channels 19, 21 and 29.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone congratulates the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. program graduates along with School Resource Officers at Sacaton Middle School on April 27.

## SMS students graduate from D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T.

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Police Department implements the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) programs at Sacaton Middle School to keep students out of trouble and, on April 27, the fifth and sixth grade students successfully graduated from their respective programs.

GRPD School Resource Officer Ester Poolaw, who instructs both programs at the school said, "I just want to let you all know how important [you] are to all of [us]."

Sacaton School Dis-

trict Superintendent Dr. Douglas E. Price acknowledged the students for their dedication to the programs.

"I can't tell you how much and how proud [we] are of you for your committing to being drug and gang free," said Dr. Price.

During the programs intermission, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Barnaby Lewis, along with a pair of traditional dancers, came out to perform for the students.

To speak about the judicial side of the law, Children's Court Judge Jay Pedro, discussed the consequences associated with alcohol, drugs and gang affiliation.

"I know you will make

the best choice, because I know you don't want to see me in the future," said Pedro pointing to his judge's robe.

He said when he was growing up gangs were unheard of and that they are not part of the culture in the Community.

Pedro reminded the students that the path to doing good is a noble journey. He also encouraged the students to strive for success and continue being examples to their peers.

After the conclusion of speakers the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. students received a certificate of completion and a slice of cake for their hard work.

# GRIC Youth starts garden at Casa Blanca Community School

Submitted by Taylor Notah

Watermelons. Carrots. Cucumbers. Potatoes.

These are the vegetables that Casa Blanca Community School students hope to see sprouting in their community garden soon, though one student has fruits on his mind.

“How about oranges?” a small schoolboy asked, shoveling loose sand as a bead of sweat rolls down his face.

“Or pumpkins!” another schoolboy exclaimed excitedly as he poked the dirt beneath him with a hoe.

“Hopefully,” replied their instructor, striking the ground with a sharp pickaxe. “Maybe we’ll have a patch by the time Halloween comes around.”

The air fills with the sounds of gardening tools hitting and scraping against the hard earth as a dust cloud slowly forms above six children and their teacher in Bapchule.

The gardening instructor is 16-year-old Enrique Holguin, a Vah-ki resident and Chandler High School sophomore who volunteers his time gardening with students an hour after school.

“My intentions of starting the garden were to give back to the Community, whether it’s to the school or Community members,” Holguin said, “and Casa Blanca was one of my first spots to start.”

Holguin believes the garden will encourage healthy eating habits at the school where he pictures fresh salads added to school lunch trays instead of pre-packaged foods.

Meeting twice a week, the class and Holguin are now prepping their work area for a late planting season. It is during this hour timeframe where Holguin implements their cultural roots into the class lessons.

“It’s so hot out here,”



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

**Casa Blanca Community School students who are helping Enrique Holguin (second from right) pose with their potted plants with the garden behind them.**

said Holguin, seeking shade with the children from the 85-degree weather. “But we were engineers back then and we once had our own irrigation system, so (I believe) that’s something we should live off of.”

Reconnecting the youth to their historical legacy is something Casa Blanca Community School Principal Jacque Bradley sees when she looks at the garden’s progress.

“Our people are farmers,” Bradley said, “and as young as Enrique is, he wants to continue to [teach] our kids about farming and what it means to us as O’otham people.”

Even though a garden program was not seen at Casa Blanca Community School for more than three years, Bradley says she jumped at the chance when Holguin volunteered to teach a class last October.

“That’s the kind of people that we need,” Bradley said, “and hopefully he instills in our kids the same desire to one day come back and help our future children and Community.”

Even though he is still learning the ropes of gardening, Holguin gains his knowledge through trial and error as well as advice from District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone, who suggested that Holguin speak to his plants.

“It’s a traditional item for Native people, includ-

ing Gila River Indian Community, that the young generation needs to know along with modern tools and technology,” said Stone.

A gardener himself, Stone says it is exciting to see Holguin lead the younger generation toward continuing the O’otham legacy.

“Because we’re a farming community, we need the younger generation to start jumping in and keeping it going,” he said. “It seems harder to find younger kids that are interested, so it was exciting when I got to meet Enrique.”

When Holguin is not gardening in Bapchule, he stays busy with extracurricular activities such as representing District 5 in the Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council and learning more about agriculture in his school’s Future Farmers of America elective program.

As for the future of the garden, Holguin hopes to graduate onto traditional crops such as gourds.

Holguin hopes to attend college, study agriculture, and one day own a produce market in the Community.

“That’s my future,” Holguin said, packing up the shovels. “This is a start of what I’m going to do later. I’m starting here, giving back to my community, and I plan to keep doing it as I go along.”



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

**Enrique Holguin District 5, working at his garden on the Casa Blanca Community School campus. The students participate in an after-school program, help dig, plant, and manage the garden.**

## A’AGA Something to be told

By Billy Allen

May 2016 might bring big changes to young women in the USA. Congress will be deciding whether women should have to register for the military draft. Warriors have been pillars of Native life, and though we often regard “warriors” as males, there have been notable Native warrior women. Lozen and Dahteste were two well-known Apache women warriors. An O’otham woman stepped up too. Back when we fought with the enemy tribes, Eunice Morago requested to lead a war party. Eunice was sixteen when her grandfather was killed by the enemy. With revenge on her mind, she called upon O’otham men to help her organize a war party. Riding away from O’otham land, she vowed to kill the first enemy they found. Her vow was answered. When the war party returned, she went through the sixteen day purification ceremony, but she was not at peace. After listening to a sermon by Dr. Charles Cook — Christianity was making inroads on our land at the time — she asked if she could be forgiven for the taking of a life. When Dr. Cook said it was possible, the woman warrior became a devout Christian.

For O’otham and Piipaash, the warrior and farmer were one. Being warriors and diligent farmers coaxing life from the desert constitute O’otham and Piipaash himdag or way of life. In an instant our ancestors switched roles, changing only the tools in their hands. How do we know this? We have remained on our traditional lands. By looking at what some of our elders allowed to be written down, we have a small window through which we can glimpse the O’otham / Piipaash farmer warrior of yesteryear.

What follows is taken from Clifton B. Kroeber and Bernard Fontana’s book, *Massacre on the Gila, An Account of the Last Major Battle between American Indians, with Reflections on the Origin of War*, published in 1986. Their research surmised that in Piipaash society when a war leader had a “power-bestowing” dream, the idea of a war raid began. The war leader would share his vision, plans made and a village dance held. At certain

intervals, speeches would be recited encouraging men to join. Nightly speeches would also be given on the war trail. Training to become warriors started



Arizona Historical Society Library and Archives, Tempe.

**Eunice Morago.**

when boys were very young. Older men tested the boys from time to time to see who would not cry. As the boys got older, the physical tests escalated with rough games geared to inflict pain but boys were constantly told not to show pain. Long hours of guarding crop fields from land and air predators were also included to test their patience and endurance.

From Ruth Underhill’s, *People of the Crimson Evening*, O’otham women and children were told to watch for moccasin tracks near a village and if dust was spotted, RUN! Don’t wait to see if a friend or enemy was behind the dust. When a headman sensed the enemy was close by, he called for a meeting. All males would attend and only the elders would speak. Younger males were to stand in the back and listen. Elders told all men to have their bows ready, women were not to be allowed outside the village unaccompanied, and sentries (boys who could run fast) were sent out to the hills to watch for the enemy. Each O’otham man made his own decision about joining a war party, but there were some conditions which might prevent a man from the war trail: if his wife was to give birth, if he cared for aged parents, or if he was of advancing age. O’otham regarded the war trail as a necessary evil. The taking of a life was not to be taken lightly. Once an O’otham warrior killed, he had to separate himself from society for sixteen days. In our past an all-volunteer force worked for us, will this work for the United States? While Congress debates the female draft idea, it is true that our nation hasn’t used “The Draft” since the Vietnam War. When we observe Memorial Day this month, we honor all, volunteer and draftees, who served all of us.



## Pesticide Control Office

### Spring Cleaning for Your Yard

**How a Few Simple Steps Can Help Keep Pests Away this Spring**

**When we think of spring cleaning, we don’t always extend our efforts to the yard. However, there are some simple steps that you can take on the exterior of a structure that will help to reduce the likelihood of pests invading this spring.**

**Rake Up Leaves**  
Removing the old leaves that have collected against the foundation of your home, under the deck, and from low points will eliminate potential hiding and feeding places for many occasional invaders like millipedes, ants, sow bugs and beetles. Leaves trap moisture and provide food for pests that feed on them as they decay.

**Remove Standing Water**  
Improper drainage around the foundation of a structure can result in standing water which can be attractive to many different pests. Mosquitoes are especially troublesome in locations where manmade pools of standing water are present. Some species, like the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito will lay its eggs in stagnant water like bird baths, clogged gutters, unused flower pots and other containers in the backyard. The larvae develop rapidly and breeding populations of these daytime biting mosquitoes can become established on a property very quickly.

**Trim Weeds**  
Weeds around the foundation of the house can provide access to the building, hide evidence of infestation and trap moisture. Weeds against the foundation need to be trimmed to eliminate this pest friendly environment. Vegetation next to the foundation can also make it difficult for termite inspectors to get a close look at the foundation wall, which is primary access point for termites to enter a structure.

**Clean Up Debris**  
It might go without saying, but any debris that is lying in the yard can become a harborage area for insects like ants, crickets, sow bugs, and even rodents. Rats will often dig burrows beneath piles of debris because it provides shelter from predators. Firewood and brush piles should be relocated as far from the structure as practical. Even termites can be attracted to wood scraps and firewood that is stored next to a structure.




For additional information on Integrated Pest Management and proper pesticide usage, please contact:  
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## GRIC celebrates Earth Day



Zachary Redbird/GRBC

Students learn how to reuse products and make bird feeders out of plastic bottles at the Department of Environmental Quality's Earth Day in District 4, April 22.

### Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

Every April 22, the people of this little blue planet set aside time to recognize the fragility of its existence and the beauty that surrounds our world.

The Department of Environmental Quality hosted its annual Earth Day event at the District 4 park this year. Hundreds of families, elders, and students from local schools filled the ramadas and enjoyed a fun day in the sun.

"I think what sets Gila River's Earth Day celebration apart...is the cultural aspect that we're trying to introduce and make a special part of the Earth Day event," said Ondrea Barber, director of DEQ. "Residents of the Community have been here for

thousands and thousands of years, so there's a deeper tie to the land and the environment...a more special connection, and we're hoping to incorporate that into the celebration here."

The Arizona Game and Fish Department brought animals native to the Gila River Valley, including a desert tortoise, a gopher snake, Harris's hawk, turkey vulture, gila monster, and more. All of the animals proudly displayed their names in English and O'otham.

At the event, 45 educational booths from various organizations taught visitors about environmental awareness.

You can learn more about Earth Day at [www.gricdeq.org](http://www.gricdeq.org).



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Dwayne Johnson, District 4, receives a goody bag at the Elder's Picnic held on April 15 at the Gila River Wellness Center.

## Elder Picnic held at D3

### Thomas R. Throssell Gila River Indian News

The Elderly Nutrition Program in coordination with the Gila River Wellness Center hosted a day of relaxation, fun, and games for Community elders at the Elder's Picnic on April 15.

The scene at the picnic was lively as elders sped by on adult tricycles, shot arrows at targets downfield, tossed beanbags during games of corn hole, and shouted support to teammates during heated matches of chair volleyball.

While the picnic's theme was centered on sports, the gathering wasn't solely focused on physical activity. It was also a place of relaxation and socialization.

"It's a social gathering for our elders to get togeth-

er and we try to combine physical activity and nutrition information," said Mary Dixon, Community Nutrition Program Manager for the Elderly Nutrition Program.

"The Wellness Center [staff] set up different activities," said Dixon. "We have adult-sized tricycles, which the elders are really liking, we have our archery out on the baseball field, ... the chair volleyball tournament, which is very popular here, ...and stackers, a timed cup game," which is good for hand coordination, she said.

After the picnic's festivities came to an end, Community elders sat down to a well-earned meal of ribs, corn on the cob, asparagus, and apple pie to cap off a busy day full of fun and games.

## UAI visits the Community



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

UAI members met with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis during their tour of the Community on April 14.

### Thomas R. Throssell Gila River Indian News

Members of the United American Indian Involvement, Inc. (UAI) stopped by the Gila River Indian Community, April 14, to learn about the Community, its people, and meet with GRIC leadership.

The group, made up of individuals representing several different tribes, sat down with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who talked with the group about important issues facing the Community. Cheryl Jackson and Omerlene Thompson, both Community members living in the L.A. area, were part of the group that visited GRIC. Other members of the group included Omar Montana (Tohono O'odham), Joseph Quintana (Kewa Pueblo) and

UAI CEO Jerimy Billy (Navajo).

During the Community tour, UAI members talked with tribal leadership about the possibility of extending certain tribal services to GRIC members living in the L.A. area.

UAI, established in 1974, is a non-profit organization that offers health and human services to Natives living in the Los Angeles County area. The organization has since grown into a multidisciplinary service center and currently provides services to Natives within these four departments: Health services, Substance Abuse/Social services, Mental Health/Prevention & Aftercare services/Violence Prevention, and Youth services.

## The Garden Project teaches farming from page 1

garden.

The goal, said Wellington, is to "show [people] what they can do...with a little bit of hard work with family [and] friends. Get involved, eat properly, exercise, be in the garden."

Some of the visitors to the community garden already have farming or gardening experience, while others were novices, eager to learn.

"I wanted to learn... how they section [the plants] off and how they make the trench to put the seeds in and how far apart or how close or how many," said Ann Torres, who plans to start her own garden at home in District 1 with her daughter and grandchildren.

"It's a really good experience for them to be able to plant seeds, and watch them grow," said Latesha Torres, while her children planted watermelon seeds in the community garden. "It teaches them who they are, where they come from, and I think that's really important to teach kids."

Sonny Nieto is the Agriculture Specialist with the Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District's Agriculture Services Program. He's been helping the Community and Community members with gardens for

years. GRIIDD manages the new Garden Project, in conjunction with the Office of the Community Manager.

The Executive Office and OCM are heavily invested in the project and meet regularly with project administrators to ensure its continued success.

The Garden Project is funded from a combination of federal dollars from the Life Center at Gila River Health Care and the GRIC Tribal Health Department's Genesis Program. Both are diabetes prevention programs.

"Our goal is to get more nutritious food out into the Community," said Natalyn Begay of the Life Center.

Lourdes Delva works for the diabetes prevention program under the GRIC Tribal Health Department. She was at the community garden on planting day.

"One of the things that I'm interested in is [incorporating] this into our program," she said. The diabetes prevention program connects patients to a nurse practitioner, a case manager and a dietitian each, and offers cooking classes.

"We have a garden box at the diabetes care program. We're going to start planting...so the patients

can help us maintain it, as well as use it during the cooking classes," said Delva. "Our goal is for them to start planting their own garden at home. [Even] if they can do something at home with pots, that would be good."

The Garden Project is not just about dietary health, but the overall well-being of the Community – physically, socially, and culturally.

Project administrators hope the Garden Project will bring people together, inspire healthy eating, motivate people to live an active lifestyle, and teach agriculture to a new generation of Community members.

The project is an opportunity for the Community to develop a sense of independence and self-sufficiency in terms of its food supply and improved nutrition.

Nieto and Wellington would like to see gardens popping up in neighborhoods all over the Community, providing everyone with the healthy, natural, and traditional foods their families need.

But the Garden Project is not only about community gardens.

Through grant funding, the project offers Com-

munity members a number of opportunities to get involved and learn more about farming and gardening.

The Garden Project offers services to Community members interested in developing their own garden, whether they are urban members or live in the Community, said Nieto.

The grant is paying for a project manager, contract staff, heavy equipment, small tractors and trailers, greenhouse maintenance, and a number of essential items to help people get started on their own gardens, such as plants, seeds, garden boxes, soil, and some gardening tools.

The project will also soon begin gardening classes and field training for any-

one interested.

Anyone with questions on how to start or improve their own garden can call GRIIDD for advice and assistance, and GRIIDD has plenty of seeds to help you start growing almost anything you want.

In the meantime, everyone is welcome to join the community garden.

"We're asking for volunteers so they can learn," said Nieto.

Wellington said, "I've always found that hands-on learning is always the best. [When] you actually go and get your hands dirty and put the seed in the ground and you water it, you tend it... and you watch it grow, then you [harvest], that's when it's really benefiting you."



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Approximately 30 Community members and employees visited the community garden in District 4 to plant a variety of vegetables including tomatoes, beans, corn, chilies, squash, and melons.

# Shaolin monks share the art of Kung Fu at Blackwater Community School



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Blackwater Community School student council students pose for a group picture with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and the Shaolin Kung Fu performers after a cultural exchange session at the school on April 21.**

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Blackwater Community School F.A.C.E. Program Coordinator John Fullen and his martial arts group, captivated students with Shaolin Kung Fu demon-

strations at the District 1 Blackwater Multipurpose Building gymnasium on April 21.

Fullen invited Shir-Yan-Ching, a world-renowned Shaolin Temple Kung Fu master from China, to demonstrate his im-

pressive skills through a Star Wars themed program.

It wasn't the kind of flamboyant style of fighting characterized in the movies.

Fullen said that the Shaolin Kung Fu performance is a way to promote discipline, because the

focus is on building good moral character.

A handful of students from the BWCS student council performed a quail dance, a basket dance and gave an overview about the history of the Community during a cultural exchange activity at the school.

Gov. Lewis said, "It's great to have [this] sharing of cultures...especially for [our] children here at Blackwater Community School."

He said that it was an honor to have Shir-Yan-Ching come out and share his passion for Shaolin Kung Fu.

Each of the visiting Shaolin Kung Fu performers received a parting gift in appreciation for their performance and thanked the school for the opportunity to perform for the students.

A traditional meal consisting of fried dumplings and frybread, along with squash and beans topped off the day of events.

Adrian Jones, one of the performers, has been practicing Shaolin Kung Fu for 14 years and took it up as a form of self-defense. He said it takes a lot of commitment to prepare for demonstrations.

"I've been doing performances, like this morning, since 2002. The thematic element is fun to do, because it gets the kids' attention."

According to Fullen, Shaolin Kung Fu is about making the mind, body, and soul strong and to teach the concept of peace and harmony through martial arts.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Shaolin Kung Fu Warrior Monk Shir-Yan-Ching goes through a series of stretches with the BWCS students and parents at the District 1 Multipurpose Building on April 21.**

# Sexual Assault Awareness Day Event promotes awareness, education and resources

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Several hundred Gila River Indian Community members of all genders and ages came out to District 5 Service Center's Multipurpose Gym on the morning of April 23 to participate in the Sexual Assault Awareness event "Start By Believing." The event was held to promote sexual assault awareness, education, promote Community healing, and provide resources for those in need.

Community members began the event with the balloon release and shortly after took to the streets of District 5 for a 2-mile Fun Run and 1-mile walk.

Angel Cruz, Sexual Assault Awareness Coordinator, said that the event was part of Sexual Assault

Awareness Month and was held to provide awareness about sexual violence in the Community.

"April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month... [and at] today's event we did the balloon release, which was really important, it signifies that we are here supporting the victims of sexual violence and to promote healing," she said. "That is our biggest goal and mission, it is to be there as support."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone talked about the damage sexual abuse causes in the Community and how it is important to spread awareness of the sometimes taboo subject.

Guest speaker Guadalupe Lopez, of the Minnesota Indian Women Sexual Assault Coalition, spoke on



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

**Guest speaker, Guadalupe Lopez of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, talked to Community members about how both men and women are important in finding solutions to ending sexual abuse.**

how both men and women of the Community need to be involved in eradicating sexual violence and the harm it creates in families across all of Indian Country.

Gila River Police Department detective Tyesha Wood took to the stage talking about sexual violence, asking Community members how they would respond if one of their own family members or friends came to them asking for help.

Robin Begaye, Crime Victim Services Coordinator, said that while it is important to raise awareness about sexual violence in the Community, it is also crucial that people know CVS is there to help.

"We want to let people know that CVS is here to

support victims," said Begaye.

"It is happening generation after generation, and because nobody is talking about it, it continues to happen," she said. "The Community can prevent this from happening and education is the key. Knowing who to reach out to is important because when families don't know what to do, that is just another reason to hide it."

During the month of April there were several events and activities held in the Community to promote awareness about sexual violence. These events were supported in part by a grant awarded to GRIC by the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.

# Native Hawaiians visit with songs and blessings

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Hawaiian culture and dance entered the Gila River Indian Community Council chambers as Christian ministers from Honolulu, Hawaii performed a hula auana (a style of modern hula dance), in front of Council on April 20.

Eight dancers made up the troupe of native Hawaiian performers, including husband and wife ministers, Jaime and Sam Kupa.

"We opened [the dance] with what we call an oli, a chant or song," said Sam. "We laid out a mat bearing some gifts for the Council, the Governor, and Lt. Governor. Then we

presented and explained those gifts after [the] song," he said.

The native Hawaiian group performed another oli asking for wisdom from above, which is a song traditionally near to the Hawaiian people's hearts, said Sam.

After the song, Jaime presented tealeaf leis (a type of necklace made from flowers or sea shells) to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

Jaime said that the tealeaf lei, known for its healing properties in Hawaii, was used to explain about addiction and how her own family had been affected by substance abuse and was eventually healed.

"Our peoples have very similar struggles with addiction...and if we could encourage anybody by how we've had victory over that and now we are back, unified, and we stand as a family that is healed," said Sam. "That is the message we wanted to give today."

As to why the group of Hawaiians is journeying so far from home through the deserts of the southwest, Michael Thompson, Saguaro Correctional Center volunteer chaplain said that Sam and Jaime have been traveling to the correctional facility for the past eight years ministering to the inmates.

The correctional center located in Eloy, Ariz., is a privately operated pris-

on run by the Corrections Corporation of America, which contracts with the State of Hawaii and houses over 1,900 Hawaiian inmates.

"We both have been there many times since 2008, ministering to the inmates, and we have been in prayer about getting with the Native peoples [whose land] the prison sits on," said Sam. "As Native people we thought that it would be the correct thing to do, to at least come...get an audience, and say we are coming up here spiritually and culturally, ministering to our Native guys up here. As Native people, it is only proper to come and ask permission from the Natives that this land



Photo Courtesy of Michael Preston

**Hawaiian visitors offer blessings at the April 20 Community Council Meeting.**

belongs," said Sam.

Thompson added, "The ability for Sam to come and bring his family and minister, in a traditional way, to the native Hawaiian community within the prison never existed before; that's now existing," he said. "For them and for the inmates [meeting with

GRIC] is a prerequisite that has to be taken care of to correct the breach in Hawaiian protocol, to make it right to do it, and that [it] imperative that communication and dialogue with the Gila River Indian Community occurred, as stewards over this land."

# GRHC unveils new name for future GRIC health care facility



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**Community leadership, GRHC staff and representatives from Indian Health Services pose with the newly unveiled Hau'pal Health Center logo on April 28.**

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Last November when the Community broke ground on the 140,000-square-foot Southeast Ambulatory Care Cen-

ter healthcare facility, an official name had not yet been selected, but on April 28 the new name was unveiled: Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center.

The logo, with various tints of red and orange will

become the symbol of the new GRHC Hau'pal Health Center.

GRHC employee and emcee Bob Pablo spoke about new health center's name and how it signifies the sacred values of the Community.

"The red tail hawk is traditionally held in high honor by the Community members, spiritualist and traditional healers," said Pablo.

GRHC Graphic Designer Paul Molina from the District 7 Maricopa Colony talked about the work that went into selecting the official name for SEACC.

"It is a privilege to

create [this] image for my Community and I hope you enjoy this as much as I did creating it," he said.

In the Hau'pal's mouth a shegoi branch is carried, represents the kind of healing the new health center will provide to its patients.

He said that it is representative of the strength of the Community and of the people that serve them at GRHC.

Pablo said that many of the large raptor's features are symbolic of the Community's ability to bring healing, hence the use of their feathers during ceremonial practices and blessings.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said caring for our people is something the Community values and has been the priority set by ad-

ministrations, adding that the new Hau'pal Health Center is a continuation of that tradition.

She said individuals like former Gov. Mary V. Thomas and Viola Johnson, "Helped work through our trials and tribulations to have our own healthcare service provided to our Community members."

Lt. Gov. Antone said that as the leader in tribal healthcare, GRIC has an important responsibility to serve the Community's sister tribes and the huge population of Native Americans residing nearby.

GRHC Board Chairman Myron Schurz was happy to see the new Hau'pal logo officially unveiled, because it indicative of the Community's vision to be a regional healthcare

provider for the urban Native population.

"Gila River Health Care has an inclusion model and as we move toward 2018, we work hard to improve access to care," he said.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "It is a new era of healthcare for [our] Community."

He said that two things should be taken away from the opening and naming of a the new Hau'pal Health Center. One, it is a demonstration of the Community's progress towards self-governance and secondly, it shows how successful the collaboration has been with the federal government over critical issues like healthcare.

# GRIC members look for options at College Night in District 2

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

The Student Services College Night was a hit at the District 2 Hashan Kehk Multipurpose Building as Community members came out to meet with representatives from colleges and universities on April 12.

The event is a way for high school students and those looking to get back into school to see what higher education institutions have to offer.

Larramine Kisto from District 2 Hashan Kehk is a wild lands firefighter with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Nations Response team said he is interested in earning a college degree.

Kisto says that he would like to attend Central Arizona College and possibly enter into a satellite program there at the school with Northern Arizona University.

"They have a good fire program and they have a lot of good psychology programs [there]...so maybe



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

**High school students visit with university representatives at District 2 Hashan Kehk Multipurpose Building on April 12.**

I can try to combine them together," he said.

Kisto said he would like to go into the mental health field based on his previous experience volunteering with a local prevention coalition, it has helped him see the numerous opportunities available to him.

Olivia Hogg, from District 1 and a senior at Coolidge High School came out to the college night with the thought of college life in her future.

"I want to learn about what kind of option's

[these] universities have that can open the door for me," said Hogg.

A parent from District 2 Nicole Baptisto was happy to see events like college night hosted in the Community, because it allows for students to directly talk with school representatives and ask the questions that will prepare them for college.

She said, "It's about getting more information from the advisors for [my] kids and what [they] need to attend college."

# GRPD teaches women's self-defense classes

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

Female Gila River Indian Community members and employees had the opportunity this month to participate in Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training classes instructed by Gila River Police Department officers at the Head Start in District 3. The classes, which were held on April 18, 22, and 26, focused on sexual assault education, the importance of situational awareness, and self-defense training.

GRPD officers Rachelle Rodriquez, Celestina Perez, and Joseph Cline taught the three classes and instructed the participating students on how to build confidence in their own abilities and armed them with the tools they need to properly defend themselves.

"It is all about empowering women through education, dependency on self, decision making responsibility, and self-realization of physical power," said Rodriquez.

While the class is focused on teaching students physical tactics in hypothetical confrontational situations, its aim is to also educate the students about sexual abuse and how to avoid dangerous situations by being more aware.

"What is sad, is sometimes they don't even know (sexual abuse) is happening because they think it is OK" for a male to pressure them on a date, because they are too nice, or don't want to say anything to their families, said Rodriquez.

One in three women are sexually abused in their lifetime, one in four women are sexually assaulted before they turn 18, said Rodriquez. Eighty-five percent of these women know their attacker. So, of the one in three women who have been sexually abused in their lifetime, 85 percent of them know who attacked them, she emphasized.

For more information about upcoming R.A.D. classes call GRPD officer Rachelle Rodriquez at (520) 772-6630.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

**Gila River Indian Community employees took part in R.A.D. training on April 18, 22, and 26 at the Headstart in District 3. The women learned self-defense strategies and the importance of situational awareness.**

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# GRIC High school students learn about tribal government

**Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

The foothold of civilization is the informed citizen, and in the Gila River Indian Community, the youth are standing strong as the next generation of involved, educated leaders.

The Gila River Close Up program grants students a unique opportunity to learn about the GRIC tribal government through interactive exercises and face-to-face dialogue with experienced leaders and professionals.

Last month, from April 18-20, more than 30 GRIC high school students participated in the program. They learned GRIC history and culture, ran mock council

meetings, learned about the tribal budget, and debated real world issues such as challenges to Community housing, per capita payments, and economic opportunities outside of gaming.

It is a lot to absorb in three days, but it's also a lot of fun and many of the students see the value of what they learn in the long term.

"It's really something you should [learn about] in case you really don't know what you want to do, especially in high school," said Marilyn Williams from District 5. "This is one of those programs that makes you start to think, 'what can I do for my Community?'"

"Last year was my first

year [at Close Up]," said Tristan Kirkpatrick, District 4, "and ever since then I've wanted to [run] for Councilman." At 17, he's still got eight more years until he is eligible, but who's counting? Well, he is. Kirkpatrick enjoyed Close Up so much last year that he returned this year and said it only increased his desire to run for a seat on Council. This year, he was elected as the "Close Up Lieutenant Governor" and had more opportunities to practice public speaking.

The hands-on exercises encourage teamwork and form bonds among the new friends. For some of the students, Close Up is a great

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Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The Gila River Close Up Program received a visit from Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, April 19. The program teaches high school students about government through interactive learning experiences.

## Long-time employee recognized at Quarterly Management Meeting



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Jane Johnson, former Enrollment/Census Director, was recognized at the Quarterly Manager's Meeting in the Gila River Indian Community's Council chambers, April 29. Johnson's work ethic and important contribution to the Community was extolled by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Community Manager Pamela Thompson. Johnson worked for the Community for 21 years.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

GRIC employees enjoy entertainment and a meal at the Administrative Professionals Day in the Acacia Ballroom at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino April 28.

## GRIC office support staff honored at Administrative Professionals Day event

**Thomas R. Throssell**  
Gila River Indian News

The atmosphere inside Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino's Acacia Ballroom was filled with laughter and excitement, April 28,

as hundreds of Gila River Indian Community office support staff were honored at a Hawaiian themed 2016 Administrative Professionals Day event.

The event, held by the Executive Office in collaboration with the Human Resources Department, was filled with traditional Hawaiian dances, music, food, and presentations that ranged from the educational to the comedic.

Guests who attended the event were each presented with a Hawaiian Lei garland by performers from Na Leo Kupono Productions as they entered the ballroom. The production company's performers, all of Hawaiian or Polynesian descent, played live music, danced the Hawaiian Hula and also traditional dances from Tahiti, Tonga, and New Zealand.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis officially welcomed GRIC employees to the event and extended his gratitude to GRIC's office support staff for all their hard work, emphasizing how important their role is in the Community.

Shortly after, Tim Ter-

ry Jr. took to the stage and got the crowd laughing with several jokes and local insights before giving the opening prayer, which emphasized facing one's fears.

A Hawaiian styled lunch was provided, featuring pulled pork, grilled chicken and a plethora of side dishes.

The event continued with an educational presentation put on by Career Services Network, LLC, who guided guests on how to write an action plan.

The event wrapped up with a balloon popping raffle and closing message from Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, who talked about her appreciation of all GRIC's office support staff and the importance of their work.

Administrative Professionals Day is an event held during the last full week of April that recognizes the work and efforts made by receptionists, secretaries, administrative assistants, and other support professionals. The observance is recognized internationally and has been held in various forms within the United States since the 1950s.

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# AmeriCorps establishes peer support group for women in District 6

Submitted by  
**AmeriCorps**  
Gila River Indian  
Community

The Gila River Indian Community's AmeriCorps Veterans Serving Veterans program began in 2014 as the result of a Federal AmeriCorps grant awarded to GRIC's Employment & Training Department under the direction of Lana Chanda. The program, coordinated by Leonard Bruce, first focused on identifying and getting to know GRIC veterans and on understanding how the program's volunteer AmeriCorps service team might support veterans' needs.

During the first outreach year of the program, several women came forward with powerful stories. This happened with such frequency that it became evident to AmeriCorps service member Vickie Crain, District 6, that something had to be done to support the women and family members of veterans. Vicki, along with the department's Training Specialist, Zephyrn Conte, developed the Women's Peer Support Group.

In June of 2015 sur-



Reuben Ringlero/Employment & Training

**Members of the Women's Peer Support Group smile for the camera. Top left to right: Zephyrn Conte (training specialist), Barbara Parsons, Marilla Sweed, Deborah Means. Bottom Left to right: Cheryl "Dusty" Jackson and Vickie Crain.**

veys were distributed Community-wide to see how many women would be interested in an all-women peer support group. By August of 2015, over 60 completed surveys confirmed that women were hungry for opportunities to network, share their stories and to support and learn from one another in a safe, non-threatening and non-clinical setting. So began the All-Women's Peer Support Group.

The first official meeting took place in District 6 in October of 2015. The wives, sisters, daughters and mothers of veterans shared how they had

been seriously affected or impacted by their veteran's tour of service. They were not prepared for the "stranger" who came home "different" than the loved one who left. In many cases their lives completely changed over-night. Many of them said they went to the Veteran's Affairs Hospital seeking answers, sought answers at Behavioral Health and searched for other outside help about how to support their loved ones, but felt that they needed and wanted something different than what was being offered through these organizations.

The All-Women's

Peer Support Group has now been meeting for six months in District 6. The group has participated in deep discussion around post traumatic stress disorder. They have shared pain, humor, creativity and prayer in the evening meetings. They have also joined

the AmeriCorps service member trainings focusing on PTSD and anger management. These experiences have greatly supported and educated the participating women in ways that have bonded them as a community-based 'sisterhood.' They have described

the meetings as "uplifting, healing and meaningful." Meetings are monthly on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. For more information please call the AmeriCorps office to speak to Vickie Crain at (520) 562-3388. We look forward to hearing from you!

**GRIC SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

**FALL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2016**

Meet with a Student Advisor and learn about the Gila River Higher Education Scholarship.

Student Services will be open from 7 am – 7 pm on the day of deadline. We highly recommend submitting your application documents before the deadline date to ensure you have a complete application.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**  
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 Acceptance Letter  
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 Class Schedule  
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# Gila River Close Up Program

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Michael Preston/Youth Coordinator

**Students in the Gila River Close Up Program run through a mock trial to learn the process of the judicial system, portraying prosecutors, defense lawyers, defendants, witnesses, and jury members.**

program to help them meet new people and spread their wings.

Freshman Anaiya Enos of District 1, said, "I was scared to come because I didn't know anybody and

I didn't know what it was, but I really am enjoying it and I met a lot of different people and different personalities. I would definitely recommend this and I would probably come back

again."

Randall Curran, a 17-year-old from District 1 is preparing for his education at Arizona State University, where he plans to major in American Indian

Studies. He said, "This is my second year coming to Close Up and [it's] really something else. Last year I didn't know anything about the government or any of the responsibilities that Council has, [but] I think this year I actually learned a lot more. It's really fun here. I like it."

Jr. Miss Gila River Deirdre Copperfield said she learned that being on Council is not an easy job and requires more than the typical 40-hour workweek. Williams agreed, adding, "[People] don't realize how much work [tribal leaders] put in and how much they sacrifice."

Gila River Close Up has been around for almost two decades in the Community. It's based on the national Close Up Foundation model, but is entirely its own creation with 100 percent of the content from and about the Community.

The program is organized and run by Councilman Devin Redbird (D7) and the Akimel O'odham Pee Posh Youth Council, but is not exclusive to Youth Council students. The program really aims

to educate students without regular exposure to GRIC government.

Most of the students come from high schools in the surrounding area, but some flew in from out-of-state boarding schools.

On the evening of April 19, Close Up held a banquet, where the students met with Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and her husband Chief Judge Victor Antone, who each took turns telling the students about what they do and how they got there.

The students prepared a series of hard-hitting questions for Lt. Gov. Antone and picked her brain on topics like economics, water issues, crime, cultural engagement, and the future of the Community.

The students were engaged and respectful, and genuinely interested in learning all they could while they could. No one was distracted by a smart phone and when they had the chance, at least two or three students volunteered apt questions.

The next morning, the group sat in on a real Community Council meeting

and introduced themselves to the tribal leaders.

"For the past three days, these young GRIC high school students have been learning about tribal sovereignty, Community history [and] the tribal budget. ... They've had mock tribal council elections [and] a mock court case with the courthouse," said Youth Coordinator Michael Preston to the Community Council at its meeting April 20.

"I just want to say how proud I am of each of the youth that were involved with Close Up," said Lt. Gov. Antone during the meeting. "You guys had a lot of information, you asked a lot of questions [and] I'm proud of each of you. ... Whatever struggles you go through, stay in school. Don't give up."

Afterward, GRIC leaders shared a meal and more words of wisdom with the students during a lunch break under the shaded Governance Center patio.

"We really are trying to build young leaders, but we're also trying to develop informed, educated citizens," said Preston.

## Casa Grande Union School District Pow Wow

MAY 14: The Casa Grande Union High School District 4th Annual Pow Wow at the Jack Spilsbury Gymnasium at Casa Grande Union High School from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The high school is located at 2730 N. Trekkell Rd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122. The schedule of events is as follows: Gourd Dancing - 11 to 5 p.m., Supper Break - 4 to 5 p.m., Grand Entry - 1 to 6 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome. For more information about the Pow Wow call Gene Manuel at 520-610-9082.

## Public Notice on Exceptional Events within the Gila River Indian Community boundary

In 2005, Congress identified a need to account for events that result in exceedances of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are exceptional in nature (e.g., not expected to reoccur but caused by acts of nature beyond man-made controls.) In response, EPA promulgated the Exceptional Events Rule (EER) to address exceptional events in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51 on March 22, 2007. The EER allows for states and tribes to "flag" air quality monitoring data as an exceptional event. If flagged, these data can be excluded from consideration in air quality planning if EPA concurs with the demonstration submitted by the flagging agency documenting that all procedural and technical requirements have been met.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i), the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on these recorded events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 within the Gila River Indian Community boundary on June 27; August 11; August 29; and September 12, 2015. GRIC DEQ has decided to flag these episodes based on EER criteria. Interested parties can submit written comments to GRIC DEQ no later than June 17, 2016. Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to EPA. Written comments should be addressed, faxed, or e-mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality ATTN: Ryan Eberle PO Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147

PHONE: (520) 562-2234  
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## COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
COURT DATE NOTICE  
In Re Case: Corrine Justin -v- Brandene Jones  
Docket Number: CV-2016-0074  
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below.  
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.  
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DATE: May 19, 2016 TIME: 1:30 P.M.  
Issued by: E.A. Franklin  
Notice issued to  
Petitioner: Corrine Justin  
Respondent: Brandene Jones, not present  
Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2015. This document will also be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at <http://www.gricdeq.org/documents.html>. Additionally, presentations will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings from April thru June 2016. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or by email to [air@gric.nsn.us](mailto:air@gric.nsn.us), or comments may be given orally at the scheduled community meetings. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, Arizona, the AQP website [http://www.gricdeq.org/air\\_quality\\_program.html](http://www.gricdeq.org/air_quality_program.html), or by calling 520-562-2234.

## COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA  
HOLLY JACKSON  
Plaintiff/Petitioner,  
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MARIO PABLO  
Defendant/Respondent.  
TO: MARIO PABLO  
CASE umber: CV-2005-0197  
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:  
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(520)562-9860  
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Time: 09:30 AM  
YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
DATED this Monday, April 18, 2016

## GCCS Vacancies

POSTED APRIL 18: Gila Crossing Community School job vacancy announcements for both certified and classified positions. All positions are Open Until Filled.  
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Director of Curriculum - Business Office  
Director of Federal Programs - Business Office  
21st Century Coordinator - Business Office  
Classified Positions  
Bus Monitor - School Wide  
Instructional Aide - School Wide  
Accounts Payable/Payroll Specialist - Business Office  
Business Office Clerk - Business Office  
Applications for the above positions can be found at [www.gccseagles.org](http://www.gccseagles.org) and can be mailed to GCCS HR Department ATTN: Sh'ree Jude 4665 W. Pecos Road Laveen, AZ 85339. For more information call 520-55-2517.

**First Saturday**  
10am-4pm  
May 7, 2016  
Free Admission  
Community Artists | Kids Activities | Food Vendor  
Museum is Open  
Entertainment by D Faktion Nyne  
Live Painting by Neoglyphix  
Huhugam Heritage Center  
4759 North Maricopa Rd. Chandler, AZ  
520.796.3500

## COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY STATE OF ARIZONA  
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Martin Juarez Flores Jr., Defendant,  
CASE Number: TT-2016-00680  
SUMMONS  
Traffic  
A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST YOU:  
CHARGES: 6.1704A Head Lamp Violation 6.306 No Drivers License 6.308 Driving on Suspend or Revoked License  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO

APPEAR IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER.  
YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR AT:  
Sacaton Court  
721 West Seed Farm Road  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147  
(520) 562-9860  
DATE: Tuesday, May 24, 2016  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR a warrant shall be issued for your arrest pursuant to Section 5.1501 (c)(2) of the Gila River Indian Community Code. A fee may be charged to you if a warrant is issued or if you wish to quash a warrant.  
GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 4/29/2016.

## Casa Blanca School Camp

JUNE 6-30: Steam Camp at Casa Blanca Community School's 21st Century Community Learning Center from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The Camp welcomes children ENTERING Kindergarten to 4th grade for the e2016-2017 school year. The camp will include activities like hands-on activities, STEAM actives (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), culture classes, art & music classes, and a STEAM lab. The CBCS 2016-2017 student enrollment form must be completed to be considered for STEAM Camp. For more information call 520-315-3489.



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## GRHC Proudly Reveals the South East Ambulatory Care Center Name in Unveiling Ceremony, April 28th, 2016, at the Huhugam Heritage Center



# Hau'pal

RED TAIL HAWK  
HEALTH CENTER

Opening in 2018

In alignment with the efforts of our forefathers to establish a health care organization to care for the health needs of its people, Gila River Health Care together with the Indian Health Service has embarked on a new chapter of world-class excellence in the delivery of Native American health care.

Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has enabled the Indian Health Service and Gila River Health Care to construct the newly-named *Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center* (formerly the South East Ambulatory Care Center or SEACC). Collaboration and the tools of self-governance have heightened the capabilities of the Gila River Indian Community and furthered our advancement as a premiere Native American health care system.

The *Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center* when opened in early 2018 will enhance health care services for members of the Gila River and Ak-Chin Indian Communities and Native Americans from federally-recognized tribes living in the heavily-populated southeast area of metropolitan Phoenix.

Excellent, culturally-competent, and compassionate care is something all patients expect and deserve. Our success has always been driven by patient outcomes, and we look forward to the 2018 opening of *Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center*.



HAU'PAL RED TAIL HAWK HEALTH CENTER

**Projected User Population:** 15,220 GRIC members and American Indian and Alaska Natives from federally-recognized tribal communities

**Location:** South Chandler, AZ (District 4 of the Gila River Indian Community, northwest corner of Old Price and Queen Creek Roads)

**Opening:** Slated to open early 2018

**Total Square Footage:** 140,000

**Total Projected Cost:** \$73 million (Indian Health Service funding)

### FUTURE LINES OF SERVICE

Primary Care, Optometry, Dental, Podiatry, Behavioral Health Services, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Diabetes Prevention & Education, Diagnostic Imaging/Radiology, Lab, Medical Transportation Services, Health Education & Wellness, Clinical Nursing Services, EMS

### FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Gila River Health Care's *Hau'pal Red Tail Hawk Health Center* contact:  
GRHC Human Resources Department at  
(520) 562-3321 ext. 1398 or visit GRHC.ORG.

## 2016 SUMMER FAMILY HEALTH EVENT

"Bringing Wellness to You in Your Community"

Child and Adult Immunizations - Well Child Exams - Labs - Sports Physicals - Blood Sugar Checks - Blood Pressure Checks - Cancer Screenings - Diabetes Education

### TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

District 7 - May 31, June 2

District 6 - June 7, June 9

District 5 - June 14, June 16

District 4 - June 21, June 23

District 3 - June 28, June 30

District 2 - July 5, July 7

District 1 - July 12, July 14

Ak-Chin - July 19, July 21

For more information, please contact  
Robin Henry, FNP  
Community Outreach Mobile Unit  
(520) 610-2379

May 6-12 2016

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May 15 - 21

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## MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Clinics, Komatke Health Center Clinics, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be **CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016**. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Saturday Clinic will be open May 28. *If you need medical assistance, call 9-1-1 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.*

## ELDER'S CIRCLE

GRIC  
Elder's Meeting  
May 11, 2016, 9:00 am  
D1 Service Center  
Topic: Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services - Suicide Prevention



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Main Number (520) 562-3321



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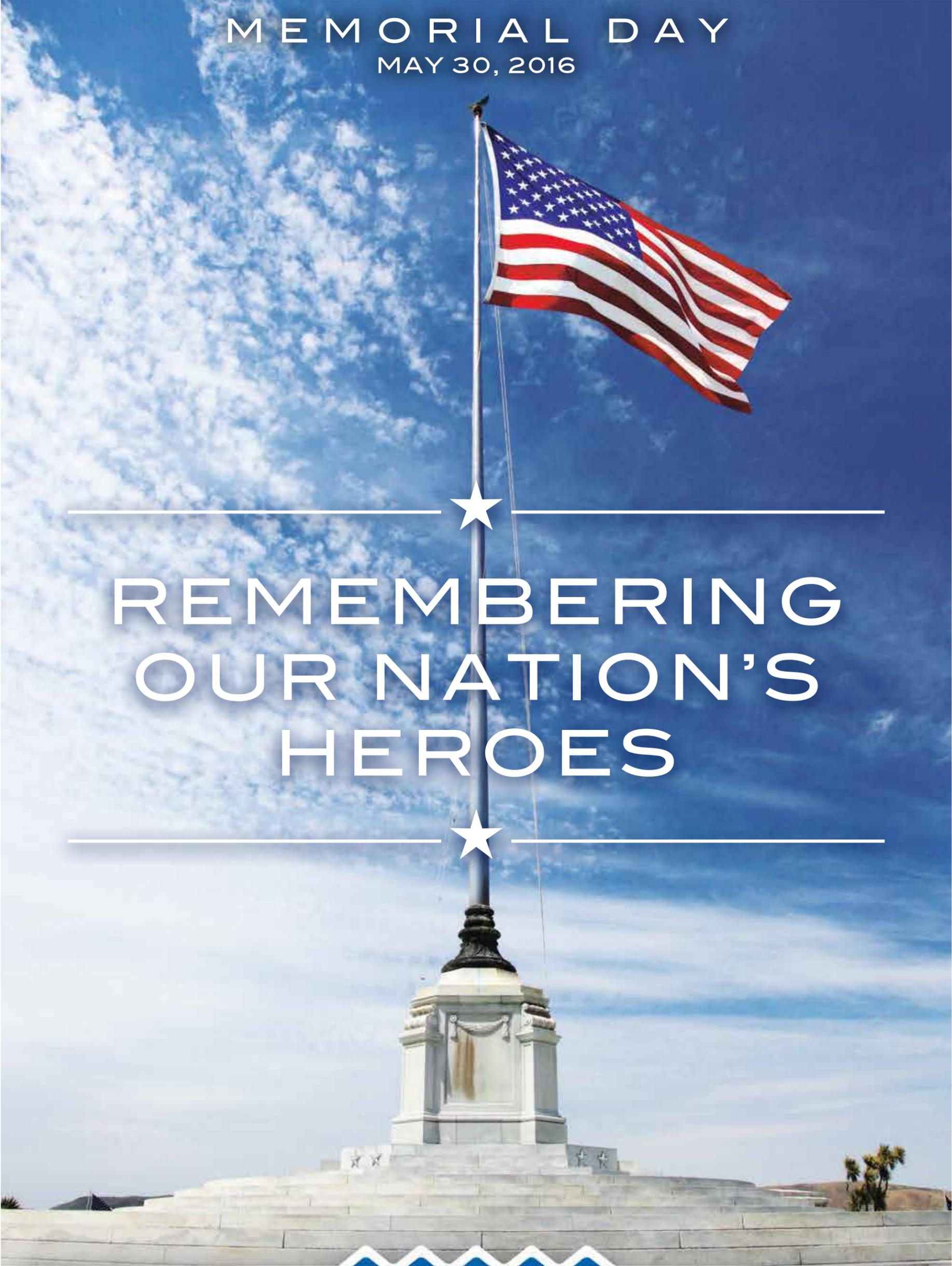
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