More miniature libraries open to promote literacy

The miniature library project has touched down in two more districts. As part of the Growing Readers, Developing Leaders initiative to promote literacy in the home, two more mini libraries have been installed in District 4 and District 6.

Each library is illustrated and painted by a Community artist. Darrell Justin Sr., from Santa Cruz Village, designed the District 6 mini library. He incorporated several traditional elements like the annual harvest of cactus fruit, and traditional baskets.

"I've never done anything like this... really just wanted to show what the Community was way back then," said Justin.

"I think young people don't understand that there was a lot of work people did back then, there's other things, like food people collect, not to mention the wood people chopped and hauled over long distances."

He said his library represents some of the traditional foods of the past to survive, including the mesquite tree, which provides a wealth of nutrition to the Akimel O’odham.

"Some of these foods were stored and when you added water to them, you have a meal right

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Burial of father’s remains brings closure for GRIC elder

Sgt. Johnson McAfee’s remains are welcomed home with a burial at the National Memorial Cemetery

Laverne McAfee shared her appreciation for the outpouring of support she received on behalf of her father, the late Johnson McAfee Jr.

McAfee said the process of bringing her father’s remains home, was a long-awaited journey, that ended at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, located in Cave Creek on March 30.

On the day before the interment of Johnson’s remains took place, an American Airlines flight from Hawaii brought them back to Arizona at Sky Harbor International Airport.

McAfee said, when the plane came to a halt, she knew the swell of emotions would be high, bringing back memories of her father as she remembered him before he was killed in action.

At the airport a host of public safety and airport personnel paid tribute to Johnson, with a fire engine ladder truck that had an American flag hoisted on it with lights flashing.

“When the plane came to a stop after some time, they brought my father’s casket out from the front compartment and one of the representatives from the mortuary asked me to place my hand on it,” said McAfee.

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BREAKING GROUND

2014 RHIP housing project kicks off with a pair of groundbreakings in District 4 & 7

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

Housing groundbreaking ceremonies were held in succession in Districts 4 and 7 on April 26 and 27, respectively. Members from the Executive Office and respective Community Council Representatives were there for the celebrations.

As part of the 2014 Residential Housing Improvement Project, there are 141 houses that will be constructed in the Community in subdivisions and scattered home plots on both tribal and allotted land.

The houses being constructed are for those Community members that completed their housing applications in late 2013 and 2014.

District 4 Ceremony
Speaking on behalf of the Executive Office was Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

“We want the Community members, tribal members that are getting homes to know, thanks for being patient and waiting,” said Lt. Gov. Stone.

“I know that at the end of the long process you’ll have the home of your dreams.”

Following the Lt. Gov., the Community Manager also spoke to the small crowd.

“The last so many years we’ve talked about land development and that we can put down everything, the infrastructure,” said Community Manager Pam Thompson. “We worked so many years for this day so when the contract was executed for Patterson to come out to construct, that’s all they would have to do. That was our goal and that was our mission.”

Also speaking was District 4 Council Representative Nada Celaya who acknowledged that the last time housing was being constructed, there were a lot of delays and that this time things are moving smoothly but the challenges now are identifying land that can be used for construction.

Barnaby Lewis provided a traditional blessing at both groundbreaking ceremonies. Additionally, speaking was Ed Patterson, of Patterson Enterprises.

The Paul family, whose house will be built in District 4 at the George Webb Village, also spoke a few words to the crowd, telling of their journey. The Paul family is excited for a chance to have a

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District 6 ..... July 24 & July 26
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PATIENT REMINDER
Rheumatology clinic at KHC will now be held on
TUESDAYS STARTING JUNE 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with your provider. Thank you for your cooperation.
Thank you Letter from the Lewis Family

The Family of Rodney Blaine Lewis wishes to thank the many, many individuals and entities who have assisted us in thought, word, and deed, during our time of grief.

The many acts of kindness and caring extended to our family have provided much comfort to us during these days of sorrow. We are comforted also by the knowledge that our loved one was so respected and revered, that his long years of service to the Community are appreciated, and that his extraordinary contributions are recognized.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Rodney Blaine Lewis

“Water Protector and Defender of His People”
November 15, 1940-April 10, 2018

McAfee from Page 1

From the military a United States Marine Corps honor guard was there to transfer Johnson’s casket from the plane to an awaiting hearse. McAfee said family, friends and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, and members from local veterans’ organizations attended the burial ceremony. McAfee said the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, provided the colors, standing attention during a playing of TAPS, to remember their fallen brother in arms.

Additionally, the Marine Corps honor guard from the day before, escorted Johnson’s casket, and presented her with the American flag.

“All I wanted to do, was to have my father acknowledged and honored…I’m proud of who he was and what he stood for,” said McAfee.

At the burial, a woman of Korean descent gave McAfee two dozen yellow roses for her father’s service during the Korean War.

“I was surprised to see [this] stranger, someone who I never knew, give me flowers,” said McAfee. “[She] had this one message and that was, ‘Your father saved my people.’”

When she heard those words, McAfee said the sacrifice of her father and many others, encompassed the selfless duty to protect the people of a country they never met. Bringing her father’s remains home was a stressful time for McAfee. She had limited access to transportation, but she thanks the many individuals who gave her rides, and all of the new friends she made in the Community during this very important time.

“It’s a little bit stressful, because there’s so much involved, it was quite emotional as well” she said, “I’ve given 100 percent to make sure that I could do what I can to bring him home.”

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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

1. **Incident Log**
   - **April 8, 2018**
   - **Calls for services this week:** 642
   - **Arrest made:** 29
   - **District One (Blackwater):** No Incidents involving part 1 crime

2. **Incident Log**
   - **April 15, 2018**
   - **Calls for services this week:** 674
   - **Arrest made:** 85
   - **District One (Blackwater):** No Incidents involving part 1 crime

3. **District Three (Saca-ton):**
   - **Burglary:** The victim called dispatch to report a burglary in progress. Upon arrival the victim stated he was away from his residence and his neighbors were messaging about clothing being strewn across his front yard. Upon returning the victim noticed clothing in the yard. Upon entering the home the victim noticed personal items and electronics were also taken from the residence.
   - **Status:** Under Investigation

4. **District Four (Lone Butte Area):**
   - **Theft:** Officers were dispatched to a residence for a theft. Upon arrival the suspect actively fired off one round in an unknown direction. Further investigation revealed a total of three spent shell casings which were located on the scene. The suspect fled the scene and Officers are continuing to follow up.
   - **Status:** Under Investigation

5. **District Five (Casa Blanca):**
   - **No incidents involving part 1 crime

6. **District Six (Komatke):**
   - **Aggravated Assault:** Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a domestic call. It was reported that the suspect “chocked” the juvenile male victim. Upon contact with the suspect a knife was observed on her person and the suspect would not comply with commands. The suspect stated she grabbed them from behind similar to a choke hold and started to apply pressure, causing difficulty to breathe. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.
   - **Status:** Suspect arrested and booked into jail

7. **District Three (Saca-ton):**
   - **Aggravated Assault:** The suspect was arrested for aggravated assault against the victim due to striking him with a metal broom stick. The strikes from the metal broom stick resulted in the victim receiving multiple wounds on both of his forearms and a swollen bump on his forehead. The suspect admitted to striking the victim and was arrested and booked into DRS.
   - **Status:** Suspect booked into jail

8. **District Four (Sacton Area):**
   - **Aggravated Assault:** The suspect committed aggravated assault by the victim to her right side with a knife and placing his left hand around her neck. The suspect was located and booked into DRS after admitting to the altercation.
   - **Status:** Suspect apprehended and booked into jail

9. **District Four (Lone Butte Area):**
   - **Theft (Shoplifting):** Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets reference to a shoplifting. Contact was made with a store employee who stated a male subject entered the store and took a blue back pack along with a bottle of alcohol. The suspect then walked out the front door without paying for the items. The suspect was located and a search of the area south of the mall were they lost visual contact with the suspect. A video backup pack was located during a check of the area when the officer arrived. The suspect was then walked through the desert.
   - **Status:** Under Investigation

10. **District Two (Sacaton Flats):**
    - **Theft:** Two females were caught shoplifting at a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets. The suspect was detained and held in the back of the store with security and the store manager until the Police Department arrived.
    - **Status:** Suspects were cited and released into a Maricopa County Court

11. **District Three (Sacton Area):**
    - **Theft (Shoplifting):** Officers were dispatched to a store in the Phoenix Premium Outlets. The suspect was spotted putting clothing on in the fitting room and concealing clothing on their person without paying for the items. When the suspect exited the store he activated the stores anti theft alarm. The suspect was identified by store employees and was then contacted by Police.
    - **Status:** Suspect was cited and released

12. **District Three (Sacton Area):**
    - **Theft:** Officers were dispatched to the Lone Butte Trading Post reference to a stolen cell phone. The victim left the cell phone on the gaming floor. The suspect used a weapon call and a cell phone was taken and a knife and placing his left hand around her neck. The suspect was located and booked into DRS after admitting to the altercation.
    - **Status:** Suspect identified

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Tribal Health Department

from these water play systems, this treatment does not kill all germs instantly, although there may be pads, interactive fountains, and other devices used in the treatment. The Community Health Education (CHE) Program wants community members to be aware of these risks.

Incident Logs

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Status: Under Investigation
Theft – A female subject was in a store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets when she began to shoplift merchandise and transactions. The suspect was seen dealing in both merchandise and transactions. The suspect was booked into 4th Avenue jail.

Theft (Shoplifting) – Officers were dispatched to the Wildhorse Pass Casino Valet where the victims wanted to report items taken from their vehicle. The investigation revealed a male subject entered their vehicle while it was unattended and then left the area on foot. The victim noted several personal items which were taken from the vehicle along with some cash. Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca): Aggravated Assault – The victim reported that a suspect committed aggravated assault by pointing a black handgun at the victim, while in a moving vehicle. The suspect was not located and the victim was uninjured.

Status: Under Investigation

Cryptosporidium in water．Such infections have been associated with illness, including diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. The symptoms may last for days to weeks. In some cases, the symptoms may resolve on their own. In severe cases, anti-parasitic medications such as Nitazoxanide could be prescribed by a doctor, to also help alleviate diarrhea.

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Health Department encourages community members to stay out of the water if you have diarrhea. If you do not put water in your mouth or drink it and keep spongy water toys and hands out of their mouth. Finally do not sit on squo or on the water jets. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the GRIC Tribal Health Department at (520) 562-5100.

GRIC Splash Pad Awareness

As the temperatures rise and summer nears, the Tribal Health Department Community Health Education (CHE) Program wants Community members to be safe while attending splash pads, interactive fountains, pools and spray parks. Although there may be children in these water systems, this treatment does not kill all germs instantly, which gives some germs an opportunity to cause illness. Swallowing water from these water play areas might cause adults and children to become ill. Swallowing water containing germs such as Cryptosporidium (crypto), which enter the water through the poop of an infected person or animal, can make you sick with watery diarrhea and other symptoms, such as dehydration, loss of appetite, stomach cramps or pain, fever, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms may begin anywhere between two and ten days after becoming infected, usually within seven days on average. Crypto symptoms generally last one to two weeks in people with healthy immune systems, but could last up to 4 weeks. In some cases, the symptoms may go in cycles in which you seem to get better for a few days, then feel worse again before the illness ends. Cryptosporidium infection and diagnosis is performed by a doctor who identifies Cryptosporidium under a microscope through a stool sample. Treatment for cryptosporidiosis includes: drinking plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration, maintaining a well balanced diet, and over the counter medications to treat symptoms. In severe cases, anti-parasitic medications such as Nitazoxanide could be prescribed by a doctor, to also help alleviate diarrhea.

Although people may ingest water with crypto, they may not get sick at all or they may get infected but show no symptoms. In order to decrease the chance of getting cryptosporidiosis, please stay out of the water if you or your children have diarrhea. If you will be swimming or in the water for a long period of time, take bathroom breaks every hour.

Check and change diapers away from the water. Remind your children to not put water in their mouth or drink it and keep spongy water toys and hands out of their mouth. Finally do not sit on squo or on the water jets. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the GRIC Tribal Health Department at (520) 562-5100.

SESD Summer Business Hours

This summer, Sacaton Elementary School District 12 month employees will work four 10-hour days. The District Office and Schools will be open Monday – Thursday. The District Office business hours will be from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The summer schedule will begin the week of June 4th and end July 20th.

Week of July 4th: Wednesday, July 4th – Schools and District Office closed
house in District 4 after residing in District 6 for the last 17 years.

District 7 Ceremony
On Friday morning, representing the Executive Office was Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

“It takes a real partnership from everyone,” said Gov. Lewis referencing the last time housing was built. “We have a great contractor... we are building on great practices, some model practices, that we want to build on for great, quality homes for people in our Community starting here in District 7.”

Also speaking was District 7 Council Representative Devin Redbird as well as Community Manager Thompson, who reminisced about how she grew up with family as her neighbors, something that will be replicated for the Sunn Family with four houses being built next to each other on the same lot.

Speaking in District 7 was James Sunn and his mother Terry Sunn. A tearful Terry Sunn talked about when her four children were small they played on the trees that were adjacent to the ceremony and how happy she is that her children are back to the area they grew up in and are able to raise their families together and have the opportunity to make memories as a family.

Will Patterson spoke on behalf of Patterson Enterprises, expressing how grateful his company is for the opportunity to build homes for the Gila River Indian Community. He said that his company pours their hearts and souls into the homes that they build and hope the families are able to feel the love that is put into building the houses.

Construction on the houses will start in District 7 before moving eastward through the Community. The entire project is expected to be finished by March 31, 2019.

PRESS RELEASE
Pinal County School Superintendent Jill Brousard has decided not to appoint a Governing Board member to the vacant seat on the Sacaton Elementary School Board. The seat will remain vacant until the election in November, 2018. If anyone is interested in running for the Sacaton Elementary School Governing Board in the November, 2018 election, please contact Brenda Katterson at the Pinal County School Office for an election packet at 520.866.6565 or visit our website at www.pinalesa.org to download a copy.

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Stakeholders joined tribal leaders in District 4 for the groundbreaking. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN
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SOMETHING TO BE TOLD OR TALKED ABOUT

BY BILLY ALLEN

At this time of the year we are already cautious for summer because how quickly it has become warm. When hearing this many of us older GRIC members nod and smile in agreement but on the inside, chuckle-silently. We recall our youth when we were outside all day and we got older, worked from the sun to the dust. And we liked it! Now we enjoy short periods of sitting outside allowing tash to loosen our limbs, soothe aches but mainly to remember our yesterdays. With this in mind, the following information is taken directly from The Pima Indians of the Southern Arizona by Frank Russell. In 1901-02, Mr. Russell came to Gila River to gather information about Akimel O’odham and Piipaash. He probably sat outside listening to elders of the time. A topic of interest was the past relationship with tribes to the north and east, tribes with a different way of life and labeled Apaches.

Keli Akimel or Old Man River was and is still surrounded by some of the best agricultural land in Arizona. Farming gave us a dependable food source but was subject to the unpredictability of the weather. In a land of desert and river our ancestors felt water and food was to be shared with relatives (hajun) or friends (navoj). Other bands or tribes who did not follow our way of life saw our land as an opportunity to take what they needed thus labeled enemy. To defend ourselves we formed an alliance with the Piipaash. We would help each other against enemies, making both tribes stronger. Our southern O’odham cousins along with Kohatk and Sobaipuris were all willing allies also.

Antonio Azul, who served as an informant said every three or four days, small parties of Apache would come to raid. Larger groups might come once or twice a month. As the frequency of raids increased, GRIC villages moved closer together and further from the akimel. Because of the thick growth along the akimel, defending our villages was difficult. Away from the banks, clearings offered a better chance of survival but the people would wear their sandals at night. Guards were posted along main trails leading into villages. On stormy nights, guards would light small brush shelters; light small fires then hide in an attempt to lure the enemy to the fire.

When a headman felt he wanted to go after the enemy, he would go from village to village, asking for men to join him on a raid. If a headman had a good and successful reputation, a war party was quickly raised. Food and extra supplies had to be gathered. Before the horse, women carried the extra gear, women who had lost relatives in battle. If chosen to go, a male relative had to accompany the woman. Warriors had a choice of weapons; bow and arrow, short heavy war clubs and round rawhide shields. Some arrows were made of mulberry taken from the land of the enemy and added with arrows made from wood back home. The small shield offered protection as warriors jumped and zigzagged towards the enemy. The shield had designs painted on it and twirled to confuse or distract the enemy. When one of our warriors was lost, his bow and remaining arrows were broken and left where he fell. The body was burned when the battle was over.

Headman Azul recalled his first fight when he was part of a small army which tracked the enemy near present-day Riverside. They found the enemy but the element of surprise was gone so there was no major conflict. The 500 O’odham and Piipaash, 200 Tohono O’odham, and 20 friendly Apaches marched back home. These and other stories are included in The Pima Indians. Now would be a good time to go outside to allow tash to loosen our limbs and soothe our aches. Grab the book and bring it back, said Francisco.

District 4 recently unveiled their own library as well with the help of Christopher Lomahquahu who designed the mini-library in District 4 from imagery in the area and from memories of growing up in District 4.

The structure is painted with wheat fields on one side, a quail family above the door, another side features a machach ready to harvest a baithag and on the backside a rendition of the Aji Mountains and a red tail hawk.

Eventually as part of the initiative each district will have its own mini-library that will act as a book exchange for the Community’s youth. Three libraries are up with four more scheduled to be completed soon so that the Community has books available to all of the youth.

Christopher Lomahquahu explains his mini library design in District 4. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

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Aji Mountains and a red tail hawk.

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Cancer Awareness Day

Call for Volunteers contact: Victoria Allison (O) 520-550-6007 • (C) 520-610-1062
Fliness class highlights:

All District elder and adult classes are continuing strong. Make sure you stop and attend a class or two in all districts. These are some classes we are even at the Car-

ing house offering classes.

Upcoming Events:

- Employee Fitness Week
- Tour the District was at D7 - Everyone enjoyed themselves learning about what is offered in their District for fitness and how to use the gym equipment on their own.
- Strong Man/Strong Women Fitness event deadline for sign up is May 9, 2018

Sports Highlights:

- Elder’s chair volleyball legends Tournament is May 4th from 8am to 2pm. All Elders will come dressed as their favorite Legend. There will also be a best dressed team award given out.
- 35 & Older Basketball Tournament was held on 4/27/18

Gila River Tribal Recreation 16-17 yr. old Basketball League

1. San Lucy 0-1
2. Playmakers 1-1
3. Snake Town 2-0
4. GR Hawks 0-15
5. AK-Chin 1-16
6. Chumaths 1-17
7. 21st Natives 1-1

Tribal Recreation & Wellness Program Employee Highlights Huey (Duane) Guy

Mr. Guy is a Recreation Coordinator at Tribal Recreation & Wellness. He is Coordinating the youth programs for FY18-19. The program is im-
plemeting new leagues and tour-
maments for the Gila River Indian Community. We are very fortunate to have the additional assistance in this program. This helps us to provide more to the Community as part of our Wellness campaign. We appre-
ciate his experience and knowledge and welcome him to the Community.
Earth Day celebrated in the Gila River Indian Community

Annual Earth Day celebration held in Sacaton, and middle school students plant trees to promote agriculture.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Earth Day took over Ira. H. Hayes and Matthew B. Juan Memorial Park in Sacaton on April 19, with a large crowd of students and GRIC departments including the Department of Environmental Quality celebrating the environment with presentations and informational booths.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone welcomed the students and attendees and encouraged them to look the Community’s past as inspiration for caring over the land now and in the future.

Liberty Wildlife, a non-profit animal rehabilitation organization, brought a red tail hawk, peregrine falcon and turkey vulture to educate students on the environment.

Gila River royalty also presented on the importance of environmental conservation and how it relates to traditional teachings.

In a separate Earth Day activity, students at Sacaton Middle School learned how math and science play a vital role in maintaining a sustainable environment.

Just in time for Earth Day students from SMS took to the schools’ orchard to plant citrus trees.

The citrus trees, donated by Greenfield Citrus Nurseries, were delivered to the school during a morning segment that was aired on Channel 3 and included on-air TV personality Dave the Garden Guy to help with the project.

Alberto Alaniz, Math Interventionist and Agricultural Club Coordinator, said the tree-planting project prepares the students for a career in agriculture.

With an orchard, comes responsibility, said Alaniz, because it requires the student’s attention and maintenance. It is also beneficial because agriculture combines lessons of math and sciences.
The 2018-2019 Gila River Royalty visited Community Council for their introductions

The young women will focus on health, education, and encouragement among GRIC youth

JACL honors land use ordinance officer for his work with Japanese-Americans

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News

The Japanese American Citizens League—Arizona Chapter had its 57th annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship, Service and Graduates' Luncheon on April 22. During the banquet, Major Urban Giff was the keynote speaker and Paul Shorthair was an awardee of the Gold Saguaro Tribute Award. The award is given to those who have given to the Japanese-American community and greater community at large.

Shorthair was one of three that were honored by the JACL, joining Jim Kubota and Joyce Shiota.

During his keynote speech, Major Giff discussed the Community's involvement with Japanese-Americans dating back to the internment camp as well as recently and share their platforms.

Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan, District 5, started the introductions and said it was an honor to serve in the royalty court. She also discussed her health and wellness platform for the year.

Juan said she plans to promote traditional games to increase participation in physical activity. She also advocated learning the O'otham language, which she said she has done through the elders in her District.

As a fourth-generation basket weaver, Juan also said it is her goal to promote basket making, which she says is a declining art in the Community.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, Jr. Miss Gila River Samaira Juan, and Junior Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Paul Shorthair accepts his award from the Japanese American Citizens League Arizona Chapter. From left, Donna Cheung, President, JACL AZ Chapter, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Mr Shorthair. Aaron J. Tohtsoni/GRIN

4, said she will focus on self-esteem and empowerment among the youth this year.

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Community Council representatives also extended their support for the title-holders and their attendants.

Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia, District 1, also introduced herself and intends to promote education during her reign.

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Native American Healing in Arizona: A Journey of Hope

"People of the Beautiful Wapos Bay: Long Native American Maliseets of Viger"

"Seasoned with Spirit"

"3rd Annual AZ Frybread Championship!"

"First Nations Comedy Experience"

"First Native American and Indigenous Standup"

"Rising Voices/Hostilities Challenges faced to learn their ancestral language and teach it to children."

"Mystery of Horse Creek Girl"

"Amazonia Etarna"

"Children of the Desert"

"Wapos Bay: Long Native American Maliseets of Viger to lose Petroglyphs and Raven must join forces"

"Irezumi, The Japanese Art"
Foster children treated to a day of fun at Miracles Royalty bowling event

Over 30 tribal royalty were part of Three Precious Miracle’s’ Royalty with Miracles bowling event that was held at the Ultrastar Multi-tainment Center on April 21. The event was open to Native children who are in adoptive, foster and kinship care.

Foster children from eight different Native American tribes partook in the bowling fun. The Tribal Royalty represented various tribes from throughout the state of Arizona and even as far as New Mexico. The Royalty were at each lane and interacted in an intimate setting.

“It’s really neat how they have this organization to provide activities for kids under the foster and adoptive systems,” said First Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona Kaehla Nash. “To hear where they come from and where they live and how many homes they’ve been in is heartbreaking. The fact that we are out here giving them hope that there is something out there is heartwarming.”

The fun-filled day was a collective effort of many different tribes participating with Royalty from the O’otham sister tribes, Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Royalty were in all capacities from “Lil Miss” to “Jr Miss” to “Miss” and even “Mr.” as well as the entire Miss Indian Arizona court. “The event is pretty cool,” said Miss Gila River Autumn Cooper. “It’s cool interacting with the kids and talking to their families. My platform is to encourage girls and boys to feel comfortable in their skin and to be proud of who they are because they are beautiful inside and out, no matter where they came from or their background.”

For some foster parents who are non-Native, the event was a way for their Native foster children to interact with people of the same culture.

“I’ve been fostering for over 20 years and most of my children have been tribal and this is the first I’ve been aware of anything similar to this that is inter-tribal,” said Karen Sherman. “We don’t get too many opportunities to keep them within their culture or than occasionally a powwow but this gives them that opportunity. Even at the pow-wows they don’t get to get up and personal with the Royalties.”

For Sylvia Chevning it was the second time attending this event and said its extremely important for her foster child to be involved with the culture because she is at the age where she is starting to understand things more and after spending time with the Royalty wants to have one of the crowns someday.

Three Precious Miracles’ founder Elisia Manuel described the event as an amazing success and great opportunity for Native foster children to spend time with someone that is similar to them and can be a great role model.

“A lot of these kids are in non-Native homes and my goal is to give them hope and love,” said Manuel. “To be around someone that looks like you and embraces you, it makes a world of a difference. We all have the power to make a difference in someone’s life by caring for one another.”

The event was sponsored by the Arizona Department of Child Safety Prevention, GRIC Sand & Gravel, Arizona Children’s Association & HRT. Manuel also said that the organization is always looking for people who want to get involved and can be reached either by phone (520) 610-2555 or mail P.O. Box 2185 Sacaton, AZ 85147.

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- Medicaid
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- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

Tribal-Specific Programs
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standard)

Income Guidelines

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For each additional person in the home add $5,832 to income eligibility requirements.
The family of Betty V. Pablos would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance during the service. We would like especially to thank the Warren Funeral Services for their comfort, care and the compassionate attention to detail. To all the Beautiful Choir/Singers, thank you for the comforting songs and kind words about Betty. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A group of educators at one Community school are not only educating children, but parents as well. The Family and Child Education program at the Casa Blanca Community School is one-stop shop of education, that engages with parents and children through a cycle of learning. F.A.C.E. Parent Educator Yakoot Begum said the programs goal is to build a system of families, that are thriving in their education.

Begum said there are variables that affect the recruitment of parents into the program, mainly, time and transportation.

She said, to mitigate those issues, like transportation, the parent educator F.A.C.E. Program Coordinator and Adult Education Teacher Kenneth Young said they are fielding a new program that will offer high school diplomas for adults.

“We are doing a program called the Penn Foster Online high school diploma program, which is in its first year, as a pilot program,” said Young.

The Penn Foster program, originally got its start with the U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps, and has made its way to nationally recognized programs, like the F.A.C.E. program.

Young said the Penn Foster program is in line with the F.A.C.E. program’s initiatives, because it prepares parents to obtain their GED or high school diploma.

“We are doing the high school program, where [here] they learn and earn high school credits,” said Young. “That’s not all, there is also a career component that maps out their interests.”

He said the program offers academic coaches, that are available to help participants develop strategies to overcome their academic hurdles.

For someone interested in the program, think they are too old to get their high school diploma, Young says, the oldest participant is 56 years old, who shows no matter how old you are, a high school diploma is within reach.

The program prepares students on topics like English, math, science, and humanities, and also has provisions for them to prepare for college.

“The opportunity of communicating with people and completing their education is part of the journey to be in that leadership position in their community, where they can make a difference,” said Young.

With a whole host of services provided at the CBCS F.A.C.E. program, the staff wants more participation from the parents to start when their child’s education.

“Literacy involves more than reading and includes writing and interacting with them during an important part of the day,” said Begum.

She said the focus is to let parents know, that the program is not a burden, it’s not mandated, but an investment in something bigger, a child’s future.

COURT NOTICE
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA NORMA JEANE CASILLAS Plaintiff
v.
ELEAZAR THEODORE GOMEZ JR. Defendant
Cuis Number: CV.2018-0075-RO
TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAS COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER, and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, ELEAZAR THEODORE GOMEZ JR. THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED NORMA JEANE CASILLAS AND ANDREW ANTONIO IN ANY MANNER:
UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
WHEN THE COURT DECIDES THAT A RESTRAINING ORDER WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER:
DATE: March 29, 2018
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Casa Blanca Community School is now seeking for the following 2017-2018 School Year positions: Business Manager, Maintenance Technician (Groundkeeper), and Substitute Teacher; CBCS is also hiring for the following 2017-2018 School Year positions: Bus Drivers (Elementary Teacher/Bus), ESS Teacher, ESS Instructional Assistant, Human Resources Coordinator, and In-structional Assistant. Located at 3455 W. Casa Blanca Road, Bacchus, AZ 85121. For salary and qualification information, visit www.cbcschools.com/employment or contact Human Resources at 480-410-8885 ext. 102.

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IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE
In Re Case: Eddie Ayala vs. Scheri Ayala
Docket Number: FM-2018-0031-LS

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 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 ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing
The above entitled matter has come before this court, upon a motion for a restraining order, and it appearing that a restraining order is needed and the court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a restraining order against the named defendant, Eleazar Theodore Gomez Jr.

You are ordered to appear on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may ordered.

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