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## Council Certifies Candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judge

**By Roberto A. Jackson**  
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The candidates for the upcoming primary election have been certified. On Aug. 6, the Community Council certified 24 candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judge.

Running for Governor are current Gov. Gregory Mendoza, current Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, current District 4 Council Representative Jennifer Allison, former Lt. Gov. Joseph Manuel and District 2 Community Mem-

ber Jiivik Siiki, aka Adrian Hendricks.

Community Council certified the following individuals as candidates for Lieutenant Governor: Sherwin Whitman, former District 6 Council Representative Terrance B. Evans, current District 5 Council Representative Franklin Pablo Sr., Wanda J. Manuel, Merry Kris Kyyitan, current District 4 Council Representative Monica Lynn Antone and former District 3 Council Representative Myron G. Schurz.

Chief Judge Anthony J. Hill

was the only candidate certified to run for Chief Judge.

For Associate Judge the candidates are: Lucille Antone-Morago, Donna Kisto-Jones, Janice F. Breckenridge, Lucinda M. Nez, Dallas De Lowe, Lawanda Pablo, Debbie A. Ochoa-Mercado, Jeanette Blasingam, Gloria F. Osife, Melody Parsons and Marlo Renee Schurz.

The deadline to register to vote for the primary election is Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. The primary election is Sept. 16 and the general election is Nov. 4.

Voters are encouraged to attend two upcoming candidate forums sponsored by the GRIC Tribal Elections Program. The first forum will be Aug. 23 at the Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch in District 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The second forum is scheduled for two weeks later on Sept. 6, at the Vah Ki Multipurpose Building in District 5. The candidates will introduce themselves and attendees will also have the chance to speak individually with candidates present.

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## Traditional Games Practiced in Sacaton



A group of young men practice songiv'u'l at the Sacaton Fair Grounds on Aug. 7.

**By Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Communications & Public Affairs Office

In the fast paced society we live in today with technology at our fingertips, our entertainment largely comes from gaming consoles, smart phones, tablets, and television. In contrast to these conveniences, there is something equally entertaining with history rooted in the Community. A group of youths in Gila River have taken to the outdoors trying their hand at playing thoka (or sometimes spelled tok) and songiv'u'l. A "high stakes" activity, as one of the teachers has characterized the games, it requires a hands on approach to learning.

On Aug. 7, a warm summer evening at the Sacaton Fairgrounds, the thoka and songiv'u'l practices were about to begin. The young men were clearing the parcel of ground they were about to practice on using a sego'i branch,

while the women stood in a circle singing an O'odham song, which is customary before each game.

### Thoka Practice Takes Shape

The evening activities were filled with excitement and intensity as the ladies quickly learned the fundamentals of the game, moving the puck back and forth. In the midst of the tussle, an older woman coached some of the younger girls on how to handle the puck. It was in these moments throughout the evening the women were learning something of value that could only be learned through immersing themselves in the game.

It is in this spirit that April Crawford, District 3 Recreation Aide, and her co-workers were able to offer and facilitate the practice sessions for interested participants. "Being part of the recreation department, it gave me an opportunity to do this for the Community members and staff," said Crawford. "The intention

was to bring back the games and the culture, not many have an idea about thoka."

Crawford discussed her desire to enlist the help of friends and acquaintances from the Community and Tohono O'odham Nation, who have experience playing the game. In looking at the series of connections being made, Crawford said, "It was like it was meant to be" because everything seemed to fall into place.

For those who are new to the game of thoka, it is an intense competition played among O'odham women and is considered a "sun up to sun down" affair where women will play for long periods of time for various prizes and honor. The game piece, "ola," is two pieces of wood tied together in what is often referred to as a puck, while the stick, "u'usaga," is made of mesquite measuring five to six feet with a curved end.

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Above: Sara Lucas holds open a copy of the summer issue of Drawing magazine, which published one of her still life drawings. The framed original piece is in the background. Bottom right: The cover of the latest issue of Drawing magazine.

## District 2 Art Student Published in Latest Issue of 'Drawing' Magazine

**By Roberto A. Jackson**  
Gila River Indian News

Powerful art can be found in everyday objects. For Arizona State University art student Sara Lucas, District 2, those objects reflect her traditional background as well as her everyday life.

In the 2013 fall semester, for her Drawing 3 class, one of her favorite art professors at ASU, Janice Pittsley, assigned a unique project that would lead Lucas down an exciting path of recognition and gratification. For the assignment, called "Bits and Pieces," Lucas collected items from the natural world and also man-made things to be used in a still life drawing.

She produced an untitled graphite drawing with a devil's claw, twigs, feathers, safety pins, buttons and ribbons. Lucas's drawing is strikingly realistic with the objects arranged symmetrically, emphasizing the shape and meaning of each item.

Lucas composed the drawing with the devil's claw prominent in the center and at the top of the piece. The feathers open up in a "V" shape and the ribbons are placed in the corners. In between the space created by the feathers, two twigs form a "T" continuing with the symmetrical and balanced theme. The safety pins circle around the bottom of the devil's claw and the buttons,



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## SERVICE ON THE MOVE

### Community Outreach and Mobile Units

#### Pediatric Wellness - Why Vaccinate My Child?

Children get vaccines to protect them against diseases such as Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Meningitis, Chicken Pox and Flu. Most of these diseases are at their lowest levels in history thanks to years of children receiving immunizations. Vaccines make you immune to diseases without getting sick, and work best if given to children at certain ages (children must have these vaccines to stay in school).

Some vaccines, although not required, play a role in preventing diseases such as cervical cancer and are given to boys and girls. This vaccine called HPV (Human Papilloma Vaccine) is recommended for children beginning at 11 years old and is given in 3 doses in a 6 month period. The influenza (flu) vaccine is also recommended yearly for children 6 months and older to prevent flu.

The Pediatric Mobile Unit will be traveling to certain schools in the Community to provide important vaccines to students during the month of August and September, no appointments are necessary.

- Tuesday, August 13th and Wednesday, August 14th at Gila Crossing Community School from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Tuesday, August 19 and Wednesday, August 20th at Sacaton Middle School 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Today, most children lead healthier lives and parents have less anxiety knowing their children are protected by these vaccines. Immunizations are one of the most successful stories of modern medicine. Please vaccinate your children today.

The following is a list of required vaccines and the ages when children need them to attend and stay in school.

#### 4 years old

DTAP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis  
IPV: Polio  
MMR: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella  
Varivax: Varicella

#### 11 years old

TDAP: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis  
MCV: Meningitis

#### 16 years old

MCV: Meningitis

For more information contact,  
**Robin Henry at 520.610.2379**

#### Adult Wellness

The Diabetic Care Program (DCP) and Public Health Nursing (PHN) are pleased to announce a cooperative program which will bring DCP services into the Community. Starting, September, 15th DCP staff will be available at the District Service Centers to provide selected services to patients on a "walk-in" basis.

#### DCP Services will be available 9 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

9/15/2014	District 7
9/22/2014	District 5 Elder Center 9 a.m. thru Noon ( <i>Elders Only</i> ) District 5 PHN Office 1 p.m. thru 4 p.m. ( <i>All are Welcome</i> )
9/29/2014	District 4
10/6/2014	District 3
10/13/2014	District 1

The DCP physician or nurse practitioner will be available on site to see patients. While the primary focus will be diabetic care and education, Community members who may need services of the DCP and or PHN are welcome.

Additional services, including diabetes educational presentations, registered dietitian services, and social work services that may be added upon request include:

#### 10/20/2014      11/17/2014      12/1/2014      1/14/2015      2/11/2015      3/10/2015      4/14/2015      5/12/2015      6/9/2015      7/14/2015      8/11/2015      9/15/2015      10/13/2015      11/10/2015      12/8/2015      1/5/2016      2/2/2016      3/1/2016      4/5/2016      5/2/2016      6/1/2016      7/6/2016      8/3/2016      9/7/2016      10/4/2016      11/1/2016      12/5/2016      1/2/2017      2/9/2017      3/6/2017      4/3/2017      5/7/2017      6/4/2017      7/1/2017      8/5/2017      9/1/2017      10/6/2017      11/3/2017      12/1/2017      1/4/2018      2/1/2018      3/1/2018      4/5/2018      5/2/2018      6/1/2018      7/6/2018      8/3/2018      9/7/2018      10/4/2018      11/1/2018      12/5/2018      1/2/2019      2/9/2019      3/6/2019      4/3/2019      5/7/2019      6/4/2019      7/1/2019      8/5/2019      9/1/2019      10/6/2019      11/3/2019      12/1/2019      1/4/2020      2/1/2020      3/1/2020      4/5/2020      5/2/2020      6/1/2020      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## In Loving Memory



**SYLVIA M. LEWIS-GAYTAN**

7/26/42 - 8/17/12

Time flies and it doesn't seem possible that 2 years have passed since you've been gone. Remembering you is easy and the memories that we have will remain in our minds and hearts forever. Remembering you on your birthday and your 2nd anniversary.

### Statement By Monica Antone District Four Council Member

Greetings Community Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to be afforded my right, to freely speak, write and publish on all matters pursuant to Article IV- Rights of Members, Gila River Indian Community Constitution.

On May 27, 2014 a matter was brought before the Legislative Standing Committee, which represented false accusations against me. This matter, according to the memo from Governor Mendoza, related to the Gila River Police Department and Department of Community Housing. Due to the matter being held in Executive Session, I am prohibited from disclosing any details. After the Legislative meetings it was determined there was no validity as to any of the allegations against me. I did defend myself against all allegations.

For the record, Governor Mendoza submitted a letter to the Legislative Standing Committee on June 24, 2014, asking the item he brought forward to be dispensed. This item and all allegations were dispensed.

I am requesting to set the record straight to protect my rights of due process and also clear my name of any allegations.

I thank you for taking the time to read my statement, and ask that you pray for our Community, Council Representatives and Leaders to serve you and be united.

### CORRECTIONS

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### LETTERS & OPINIONS

### Cartoon by Wayne Nardia, Sr.



## RE-ADVERTISEMENT

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Number of Vacancies	Term of Service	Deadline
Three (3)	3 years	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Royalty Committee (GRRC) must submit a Letter of Interest to the Communications & Public Affairs Office, (include your address and phone number). Provided below is the GRRC Purpose and Terms of Membership outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of the positions.

The purpose of the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be to coordinate the annual Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant as well as oversee the travel itinerary and coordinating activities within the Gila River Indian Community, State of Arizona agencies, and organizations throughout the United States.

Membership to the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be open to any enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Committee, of which, two seats will be specifically filled by former Miss Gila River title holders

Members of the Gila River Royalty Committee are expected to maintain a positive attitude and influence to the Gila River Royalty.

Letters of interest can be submitted:

In person to the Communications & Public Affairs Office located in the Governance Center, 525 W. Gu U Ki, Sacaton AZ 85147

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## Crow Tribe Water Resource Director Impressed by Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project



**Members of the Crow Tribe Water Resource Department stand at the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project office with PMIP director David DeJong (far left) and Rodney Lewis (far right). Crow Senator Eric Birdinground (cowboy hat) and WRD Director Titus Takes Gun (center) said they enjoyed the visit.**

**By Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

Titus Takes Gun has always wanted to be an agent of change in his community.

When the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement was ratified in 2010, he thought, "That's the perfect opportunity for me to go help the tribe."

Takes Gun, an engineer who worked in the private sector for over 10 years, is now the director of the Crow Tribe's Water Resources Department. The department was established to manage the water and money allocated in the settlement, which is similar in size and aim to the Gila River Water Rights Settlement.

The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, who has been tasked with constructing and refurbishing Gila River's irrigation system under the GRIC water settlement, played host to Takes Gun and several of his department employees July 25.

"We wanted to see a system already in motion [and] in the midst of construction," said Takes Gun. "As a tribe, we obviously want to do the best job we can and knowing that these guys are doing the same thing but five years ahead of us, we thought, 'Hey, let's go see what they're doing.'"

PMIP director David DeJong and outreach specialist Henrietta Lopez gave the Crow members a tour of the reservation through the canals.

"We gave them an overview of what we've done in the last six years and what we have coming up here in the next couple of years," said DeJong. "We went to the head-works, looked at the South Side Canal, CAP interconnect, the new Pima Canal through Coolidge," among many others.

At the meeting, a lot of technical talk centered around criteria used in selecting contractors, contract negotiations, price management and department organizational structures.

At another meeting earlier this year, Crow Chairman Darren Old Coyote met with DeJong, who said, "I stressed some of what we do that I think has really helped facilitate a good relation-

ship between Gila River and the Bureau of Reclamation."

"We then walked through... our design criteria before PMIP ever constructed anything. Back in the mid- to late 1990s we spent several years identifying the design criteria: 'What is it we want to build, how do we want to build it, to what standard are we going to build it?' So we shared some of that."

PMIP even shared some of the contract templates it has refined over the years. "We're an open book. I've shared with Titus, whatever we can help with, we will definitely do so," said DeJong.

Both tribes have water rights settlements of approximately \$450 million. In terms of land, PMIP has the goal of covering more than 70,000 acres of GRIC land. Crow is looking to tackle just 38,000 – but that's just for irrigation purposes.

Whereas for PMIP, it's all about building and refurbishing the canal system, for Crow, "really the irrigation element is the smaller portion; the major part is a brand new municipal, rural and industrial (MR&I) water system," said Takes Gun.

The Crow settlement covers construction, money to establish a water code, legal fees, the operation and maintenance of the overall projects (salaries, overhead, etc.) and puts \$20 million toward a 9 megawatt hydropower plant.

In the end, their MR&I project will manage nearly 2.3 million acres land.

Takes Gun said that after spending the past year and a half building his department from the ground up, he left the PMIP meeting with a lot of strong ideas for change in his department.

Between 2012 and 2013, a lot of changes swept over Crow's water department. Takes Gun was hired on as an engineer in October 2012 and became the director in January 2013.

"When I came in," he said, "there was no process established. There was no flow of documentation. There was not an accounting system. There was nothing tracking our costs. There

was no organizational chart. And even in our design, there was no master plan established, nothing."

"So suddenly, January of 2013, there was a...whole new administration. So from there we pushed to get our master plan in place for both projects," the canal and the MR&I systems.

Now that the team is nearly done creating its master plan, it's ready to hit the ground running.

"We're at a good point. We're ready to transition from the master plan into making things happen. We're ready to expand, ready to get our guys working on real projects."

One of the most interesting aspects of the Crow WRD is the personnel.

"Chairman Old Coyote has emphasized that the settlement is to provide jobs for the Crow tribe. So as much as we possibly can, we're trying to do everything internally."

They've been successful so far. In a department of 28 people, from administration to construction crew leaders, all of the employees are Crow members – one hundred percent.

"We've got a good group of people on our staff. We've got a great group of guys on our construction [team]."

Senator Eric Birdinground, the only Crow tribal leader to visit on this trip, was also encouraged.

He said, "It was awesome to see the changes that David was talking about...I mean, he runs a tight ship, here. Just the care, the thought, the process, everything that they put into [their work] it's just amazing. I'm in awe. We wouldn't be here if these guys (at PMIP) hadn't done an excellent job on their project."

"For me, I got more questions for these guys!" the senator said, looking at the Crow WRD team. "I'm excited to tell the people back home, 'This is what's going on. This is what we can do.' Being out there, seeing the fruits of you guys' labor, it's nice!"



## Drawing magazine

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although tiny, stand out next to the safety pins and feathers.

Fast forward to the 2014 spring semester when Pittsley asked Lucas to bring that same drawing from the "Bits and Pieces" assignment to be photographed. Lucas didn't know the reason why her professor needed a photograph of the drawing until earlier this summer when she found out the drawing was going to be published in the summer issue of Drawing magazine.

Pittsley was on a panel about drawing education with Austin R. Williams, Senior Editor of Drawing magazine, at a conference at the Savannah College of Arts and Design in April 2013. During Pittsley's portion of the discussion, she showed slides of her students' still life work. The quality of the artwork caught Williams's eye and a year later he contacted Pittsley to work together on an article about still life.

Williams's article entitled "Small Objects, Big Lessons," focuses on Pittsley's still life lessons and her philosophy of finding something beautiful in the objects around you. Several examples of student work accompany the article, including the drawing by Lucas.

Lucas was astonished when she found out that the Senior Editor of Drawing magazine was going to contact her. "I couldn't believe it," she said. "I was so excited."

Lucas, 24, grew up in Hahshan Kehk and graduated from Coolidge High School. She went straight to ASU once she graduated, but her trek to the pages of Drawing magazine was not as direct. She initially majored in architecture, then design management, but after talking it over with her mother, Ann Lucas-Stewart, she decided to switch gears and major in art.

She always loved art and looking back it was definitely the right call.

"After I got into art it just seemed like things started opening up more," said Lucas. She is on pace to graduate in the spring of 2015 with her Bachelor of Fine Arts for drawing.

Pittsley referred to Lucas as a model student and said, "She's the type of student that anyone would love to have." Pittsley also noted that Lucas is such a fine student because she is not only very disciplined, she delights in her work at the same time. "She finds joy in the process," said Pittsley.

Particularly, Lucas excelled in the "Bits and Pieces" assignment for the Drawing magazine article. "I think she did a great job with that project because on the one hand it's personal to Sara, on the other hand I think it resonates in a more universal way, in a more general way," said Pittsley.

With her circuitous path to ASU's School of Art, the recent acknowledgment is gratifying for Lucas and her family. "It felt good having recognition for my work," said Lucas.

Lucas is also making waves as a painter. Her painting called "Bountiful" hangs in the VIP Lounge of the Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino.

Cultural elements are prominent in her work. "[My art] always has a hint going back to my roots, going back to my heritage and that there's still more to learn," said Lucas.

Lucas recently taught art for the WIA program at Employment and Training for the summer youth program. "I would love to come back every summer teaching the kids," said Lucas.

Hard copies and downloadable editions of Drawing magazine are available at [www.northlightshop.com](http://www.northlightshop.com).

### GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

#### ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancy:

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Community Judge (Alternate)	One (1)	September 15, 2014 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving as the Community Judge on the Court of Appeals, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest and a Résumé to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address, phone number and email address on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O.

Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

*Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.*

## Gila River and Arizona Coyotes Partner for Naming Rights

When the newly dubbed Arizona Coyotes face off against the Winnipeg Jets to kick off the NHL season this October, it will be in their also newly named home, Gila River Arena.

The Coyotes and Gila River Casinos reached a new naming rights deal earlier this week to bring about the name change from previous sponsor Jobing.com, whose contract is up.

"On behalf of the entire Arizona Coyotes organization...we

are thrilled to partner with Gila River Casinos and the Gila River Indian Community," said Coyotes CEO Anthony LeBlanc in a statement. "Like the Coyotes, the Gila River Indian Community prides themselves on their commitment to business excellence and to their community."

The new 9-year deal is pending and requires the approval of the city of Glendale, who owns the facility. Further terms of the deal have not yet been released.

Glendale will decide on the issue Sept. 9 and the Coyotes are optimistic.

"We're looking forward to September the 9th," said Mike Humes, Coyotes Executive Vice President of Corporate Sales on NBC Sports Radio with Roc and Manuch on AZ Sports Talk. "This opportunity for Glendale and the Arizona Coyotes is a presentation you'd be hard-pressed to match across the NHL in terms of its value and its proposition."

Gila River and the Coyotes have been friendly partners for years. If Glendale approves the deal, it will be the first time a federally recognized tribe acquired a naming-rights deal with the home sports venue of a major professional sports league team.

"As a long term partner of the Arizona Coyotes, Gila River Casinos and the Gila River Indian Community are delighted to partner with the Arizona Coyotes as a naming partner," said Deborah

Griffin, president of the Gila Casinos Board of Directors. "Gila River Casinos places a great deal of importance on being a good partner in the communities we work and live in and this partnership provides the perfect opportunity to support long term economic growth and development to the city of Glendale and the state of Arizona."

## TON and Glendale City Council Reach Agreement, Casino Deal Approved

After four and a half hours of debate and public comment at a meeting Tuesday, the Glendale City Council voted 4-3 to enter into a deal with the Tohono O'odham Nation, who promised the city \$26 million over the next 20 years, including half a million in the next 10 days, to build its long-debated \$400 million casino.

"I'm pleased with that kind of money," azcentral.com quoted Glendale Councilman Gary Sherwood saying when the deal was first proposed.

"What we are being presented with tonight is peanuts compared to what other cities have negotiated," Councilman Manny Martinez said at the meeting.

At the Aug. 12 meeting, Mayor Jerry Weiers and Councilwoman Yvonne Knack joined Martinez in voting against the agreement. Sherwood, Councilwoman Norma Alvarez, Councilman Ian Hughes and Councilman Sam Chavira voted for it.

While the city does not have jurisdiction over the site land, the two governments will have to work together to give the project

life.

The deal requires the Nation to build out its own infrastructure on the 54-acre lot and to pay Glendale for off-site improvements. The Nation must also provide police and fire services.

The Nation still has pending litigation in the courts and a looming bill in the U.S. Senate that could bring its plan to an all stop, but at the moment nothing is standing in its way of getting started on the resort plan.

Recent victories in the courts and an endorsement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to turn the vacant lot into reservation land have spurred the Nation into action to build its casino, tentatively called Desert Diamond West Valley.

The city, which officially opposed the casino for five years, recently did a 180 degree flip-flop last month when it voted to end that opposition.

The new casino will burrow into the heart of Glendale on 91st Ave. and Northern, just north of the West Gate Entertainment District.



## The Westend Court is temporarily relocating beginning September 2.

The Court will be located until further notice at the Health Resource Center, 5356 W. Pecos Road (West of 51st Avenue and Pecos Road)

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The existing building is being demolished to make way for a new facility.

# Gila River Indian Community Members!

## TIME is running out... for you to REGISTER TO VOTE for the Primary Election

**DEADLINE: August 18, 2014, 5 p.m.**

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**OR TRIBAL ELECTIONS OFFICE:  
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**District #7 - Brenda Parker, 602-980-4923**

# Gila River Indian Community! 2014 CANDIDATE FORUM

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a political forum to meet and hear  
Primary/General Election Candidates  
running for the Offices of the  
Lieutenant Governor & Governor

Candidates for Chief Judge and Associate Judges will also be present.

TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday, August 23, 2014  
GRIC Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch  
5047 W. Pecos Rd, Komatke  
District #6

Saturday, September 6, 2014  
Vah Ki Multipurpose Building  
3456 West Casa Blanca Road, Casa Blanca  
District #5

Continental Breakfast  
& lunch will be served at both locations!



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## **Shoni Schimmel visits Phoenix fans, UNITY sponsors Native American Heritage Night**



Atlanta Dream guard Shoni Schimmel answers questions following a game with the Phoenix Mercury Aug. 5 at US Airways Arena.

**By Mikhail Sundust**  
Gila River Indian News

Shoni Schimmel is living her dream.

The former University of Louisville standout guard is now a rising star in the WNBA. The Atlanta Dream rookie from the Umatilla reservation has captured the imaginations of every rez baller who ever hoped to make it to the big time.

Last Tuesday, Schimmel landed in the U.S. Airways Center for the second time in a month af-

ter showing people why they call her Shoni "Sho-Time" Schimmel at the WNBA All-Star Game. But this time it felt like she was playing to a home crowd, all thanks to UNITY, Inc.

United National Indian Tribal Youth is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and fostering of young Native American leaders. It is a proud partner of the Phoenix Mercury and together they hosted Phoenix Mercury Native American Heritage Night to align with Schimmel's visit to the Valley. UNITY sold specialty



Schimmel drives past the Mercury for a layup.

priced tickets in lower-level seats.

The Aug. 5 Dream game against the Phoenix Mercury was expected to be a big one as it was a potential WNBA Finals preview with the number one team in the East visiting the number one team in the West. But with the UNITY tickets added to that, the game drew over 12,300 fans, beating the Mercury's average attendance by more than 3,000 according to ESPN.

Schimmel, who has the highest selling jersey of the year, was greeted by a roar of fans, some who flew into Phoenix from as far away as Texas and others who drove from Nevada and New Mexico.

When Schimmel first took the court with 4:46 to go in the first quarter, the stadium erupted. It took her 20 seconds to score on an easy layup, which caused the roof to nearly fly off the building. Fans waved homemade signs with phrases like "Taos Pueblo Loves Shoni" and "Yéego Shoni!"

Despite a 41-29 Mercury lead at the half, the Dream outscored the home team 22-6 in the third quarter to take a four-point lead. But 10-year veteran Diana Taurasi turned the fourth quarter into an Atlanta nightmare scoring nine of her 14 and leading the Mercury to a 75-67 victory and setting a franchise record of 24 wins in a season for the Mercury.

In the end, Schimmel collected 13 points, five assists and two steals.

UNITY Director Mary Kim Titla of the San Carlos Apache tribe said, "When the Mercury asked us about coming in and being a part of this night, we jumped at the opportunity."

As a part of Native American Heritage Night, the Ak-Chin Youth Council, Yavapai Apache Youth Council and the ever-popular YellowBird Productions shared their cultures before the game.

"It's been really cool," said Ak-Chin member and Miss Indian Arizona Alyssa Garcia at the game. "Before the game even started [while] people were just coming into the arena we were sharing some of our songs and some of our himdag with the people."

UNITY also nominated 10 students to be recognized center-court at halftime including Garcia and her fellow Ak-Chin Youth Council member Marciano Joaquin.

After the game, UNITY hosted a Q&A session with Schimmel that was supposed to be just for those who purchased UNITY tickets, but there was no stopping the flood of Native fans that edged into the area, filling sections 103 – 110.

The Q&A was led by Mercury commentator Kevin Ray, who said, "This is phenomenal. I don't know

that I've seen this at the NBA level, certainly not at the WNBA level. What does this mean to you, Shoni, to come to a visiting arena and see so many fans?"

Playing in Phoenix "was a great feeling," Schimmel said later in the interview. "It felt like a home game for us, especially being in Indian Country ... Everywhere I go I love seeing Natives so I'm thankful for everybody coming out. I love you guys."

When Ray asked what kind of encouragement the eighth overall draft pick can give to young players who want to follow in her footsteps, she said, "I'm 22 and I'm living my dream. If I can do it, you can too."

As a young player who doesn't even start for her own team, Schimmel was voted onto the July 19 All-Star Game's Eastern Conference team by her enormous fan base of Native Americans.

She scored 29 points (soaring past the WNBA All-Star Game record of 23) with 21 of those from behind the arc (also an All-Star Game record), led the East to a 125-124 overtime victory and became the first rookie to win the All-Star MVP award.

"It was awesome," Schimmel said to ESPN after the game, "just to be able to go out there and play my game, have fun, feel free to go out there and play rez ball."

## Court Program Helps Parents Rebuild Lives

**By Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Communications & Public Affairs Office

When the words "tribal court" come to mind, one thinks of paying fines, attending jury duty, and the administering of sentences. But a unique program positioned within the tribal courts is aimed at helping parents with a known history of drug abuse to rebuild their lives and better care for their children.

The Family Drug Court program is a voluntary four phase program offering parents treatment to prevent the spiraling of drug abuse and to reduce the negative impact it has on families.

Drug Court Case Manager Shelli Khan explained the intricacies of the treatment program's goal to promote the reunification of families through the development of communication and support

mechanisms critical to the sustainability of healthy families.

Parents follow four structured phases that last for 32 weeks. Parents must maintain regular court appearances before the Family Drug Court judge and receive outpatient treatment as part of the court mandate. Throughout the treatment process progress reports are submitted each week to the judge, who may speak with a parent to offer encouragement or discuss any difficulties they may be experiencing. Holding a high degree of responsibility is paramount to the success of parents graduating from the program. In the event of unforeseen difficulties, sanctions can be applied if they are not adhering to the program outlines.

"It's not a regular court per se. We are not sentencing people to jail. It's about the reunification of families," said Khan. The

emphasis focuses on family communication with other members to create an open environment where individuals can share their issues without being ostracized.

"It opens up the dialogue between family members and bringing them together. Because there are so many issues with people involved in substance abuse, they do not openly speak about it," said Khan.

Interventions that allow for the development of dialogue and family socialization are in phase two of the program called "Celebrating Families."

"What is unique about our program is that we have a meal together. This is about learning how to talk with family, how to enjoy a meal, how to start communication going," said Khan. "Some of our clients are starting phase 2, so we are excited about that."

Helping parents overcome their addiction to substance abuse is essential to being able to care for their children and reducing the risk of exposure to drugs and alcohol.

The program works with the client to establish a support safety net while working with the parents to promote self-confidence. Professionals from other GRIC entities including, Tribal Social Services, OASIS, Behavioral Health and parenting coordinators are also involved with the program to ensure there are no gaps in service.

"We have a special curriculum where our parenting coordinator is going to be working with the adults, and the Tribal Social Services case manager and I are going to work with the kids," said Khan. The program offers several curriculums that will be introduced to parents as they progress through the program. "We want the parents

to achieve sobriety when they are in the program in order to take care of their children."

As the program ramps up, the hopes are, other parents in similar circumstances are willing to give it a try. What makes the program more of an enticement is the ability to work with other parents who understand that interruptions happen along the way to sobriety. "We want clients to learn how to deal with the issues they are facing more effectively," said Khan.

"I understand it's frustrating being in the court system," said Khan. "And that is why we are working with them every step of the way." The stakes may be high, but the rewards are equal, because not only do the parents benefit, but the children and family members do too.

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## Ira Hayes students experience agriculture



Hermelina Liddel and Deiah Knox present their findings from an internship with the USDA over the summer.

By Mikhail Sundust  
Gila River Indian News

Ira Hayes High School students Deiah Knox and Isabel Baquero spent part of their summer in the cotton fields and the rest in the lab.

The two students were part of an internship with the United States Department of Agriculture in Maricopa.

“It was fun. We had a lot of

fun,” said Knox. “We went out to the field every Monday morning, we would take the leaves and then we would go back (to the lab) and cut them and stick them in the oven.”

They had to bake the cotton leaves to make them dry and brittle “so they’ll be easier to grind,” said Knox. They had to turn the leaves into a powder to test the nitrates in the plant to see how much the fertilizer used on those

plants is affecting the atmosphere through nitrous oxide release.

“They are trying to study how the nitrogen fertilizer is affecting the cotton fields,” said IHHS teacher Hermelina Liddel, “and how many nitrates are being emitted in the atmosphere knowing that nitrous oxide is one of the greenhouse gasses that contributes to Climate Change.”

Liddel also interned at the USDA this summer as a part of her graduate program with the University of Arizona.

“It was great. You know, I was telling them, I wasn’t there as their teacher. I was there as their coworker. We worked together, we were in the same lab...and we were learning at the same time.”

Knox, who wants to be a pediatrician, said the science and lab work was a valuable experience for her and she will carry it with her into her future endeavors.

“I was there Monday through Friday...I started in June and ended in July,” she said. “It was fun. I learned a lot from it.”

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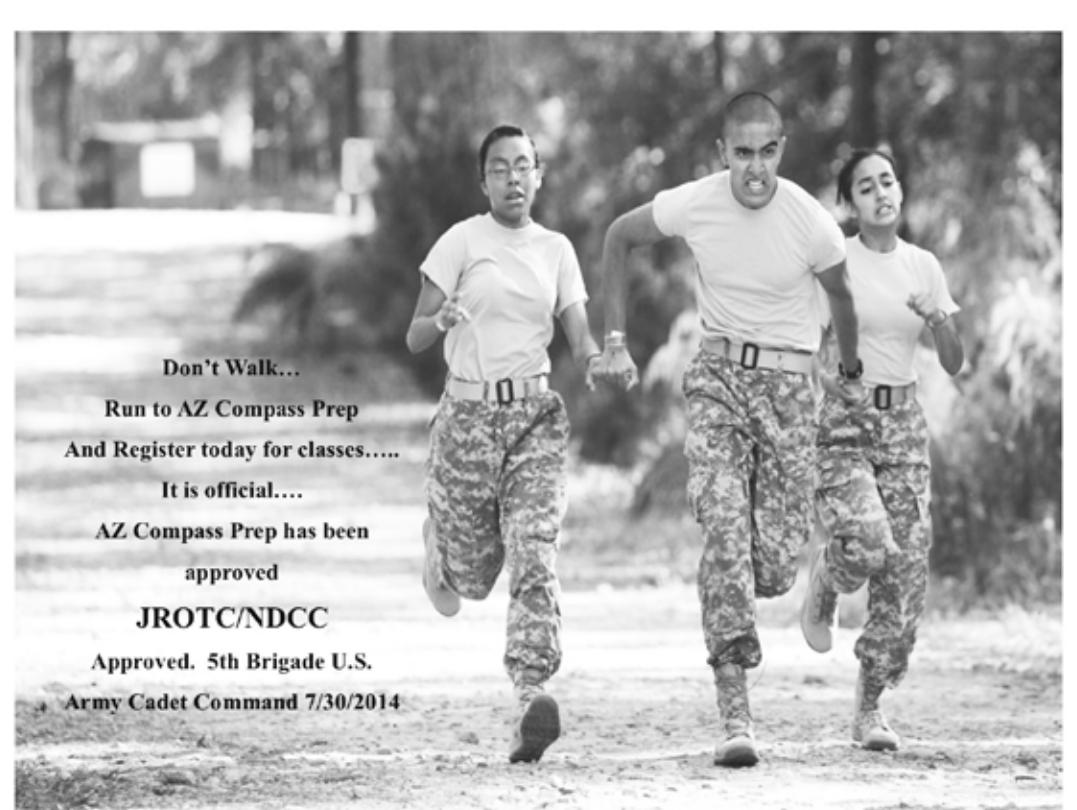
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# Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday August 6, 2014

## ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday August 6, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:05 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

## ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.. Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Present:

D4- Norman Wellington

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS

\*1. Skyline District 5 School - Mr. Vaughn Flannigan, Principal, Mr. Rodney James, Vice President of Education  
Presenter: Mario Molina  
MR. MARIO MOLINA INTRODUCED MR. VAUGHN FLANNINGAN AND MR. RODNEY JAMES. MR. JAMES PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. MR. FLANNINGAN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND.

2. Mayer Fire District

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED FIRE CHIEF GLEN BROWN. FIRE CHIEF BROWN EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE FUNDING RECEIVED AND PRESENTED CHALLENGE COINS TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR, AND LT. GOVERNOR. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE.

3. Phoenix Mart

Presenter: Ryan Scott

MR. RYAN SCOTT INTRODUCED MS. ELIZABETH MANN. MS. MANN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE BACKGROUND OF AZSOURCING AND PHOENIX MART AND HER COMPANY'S HOPES OF JOINT VENTURES.

## REPORTS

1. Native Seeds/SEARCH Report on GRIC Funded Programs

Presenters: Native Seeds Representative, Cheryl Pablo  
REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 11:14AM

2. Board Of Directors – Enterprise Update Gila River Farms

Presenters: Gila River Farm Board

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A ONE AND HALF HOUR LUNCH BREAK

RECONVENED AT 2:12PM]

3. FY 2014 3rd. Quarter Travel Report

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

4. Gila River Indian Community-Arizona Department of Transportation PARA Grant – Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study

Presenter: Michael Lomakema

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Health Resources Department - Overview and Recommendations

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

REPORT HEARD

6. Veterans Health Administration

Presenter: Kuauhtemoc Rodriguez

REPORT HEARD

7. Gila River Indian Community Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh Partnership For a Healthy Community - A Public Health Initiative – Presentation

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Governor Gregory Mendoza

REPORT HEARD

8. First Things First Regional Council – Gila River Diaper Drive

Presenter: Cathy Brown

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 4:19PM]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Inc., -Monthly June 2014 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Janice Ponziani

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gila River Gaming Commission-June Report 2014

Monthly Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Established A Loan Fund For The Sun Valley Marina Development Corporation To Assist The Corporation In Meeting Its Financial Obligations And To Allow The Continuation Of Operation Through The End Of Calendar Year 2014 (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment No. 1 To The October 1, 2013 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder And Langford, P.C. (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Sharon Harvier-Lewis

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Transportation Improvement Program For Fiscal Year 2014 To Fiscal Year 2019 And Amending The 2011 Gila River Indian Community Long Range Transportation Plan (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval; with corrections; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Sasha Pachito

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Early Head Start Program To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start Early Head Start Expansion And EHS-CC Partnership Grant (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-23-13 Which Approved A Final Plat For Sacaton Flats 2-1 Subdivision And Approving An Amended Final Plat Of The Sacaton Flats 2-1 Subdivision Located In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 40212-0253B-FP-02 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Rescinding GR-178-99 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Reginald Nelson, And Approving A Fifty Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Nicole Nelson, Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30414-0515 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Denise James Located In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30514-0707 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Rescinding GR-45-13 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Raquel Antone, And Approving A Continuation Of The Fifty Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Antonia Juan, Located In District Three of the Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated as Drawing No. 14-0516 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving And Adopting The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Safety Action Plan As The Transportation Safety Plan for the Gila River Indian Community (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sasha Pachito

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Patricia Luz From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to approve)

Presenter: Francisco Osife

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Requesting That The Gila River Indian Community Election Board Set An Election On The Attached Proposed Constitution Amendments Pursuant To Article XVII Of The Constitution And Bylaws Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to approve)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Owens Harkey & Associates For Fiscal Year 2014 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Zuzette Kisto

APPROVED

[Addendum to the Agenda]

13. A Resolution Authorizing Certain Changes Related To The Restructuring Of The Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community And Authorizing The Design Of The Gila River Indian Community Governmental 401(K) Plan, Effective January 1, 2015

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

14. A Resolution Approving The First Amendment To The Second Amendment And Restated Plan Documents For the Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community, Effective January 1, 2014

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

15. A Resolution Granting 6.5942 Acres, More Or Less, Of Reservation Land In District One And Two To The Gila River Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Utility Easement And Right Of Way Corridor As Shown In Drawing No. 40113-04230EA

Presenter: Dante Nash

APPROVED

16. A Resolution Granting 3.8245 Acres, More Or Less, Of Reservation Land In District Two To The Gila River Department Of Public Works For The

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# Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

## What's New at GRICUA?

### 2014 Summer High School Interns

GRICUA has selected two high school interns for our Summer Internship Program. They are Trevor Thompson from District 3 and April Lowe from District 4. GRICUA is proud to give the opportunity for high school students to learn about one of the Community's enterprises and to expose them to various career paths.



Trevor Thompson is from District 3. His parents are Trevor Thompson Sr. and Delila Thompson. His grandparents are George and Diana Thompson.

Trevor will be a junior at VHM High School in Sacaton. Trevor likes to go running and to take pictures of the sky or landscape. He also likes to play basketball and exercise whenever he can. The Chicago Bulls is his favorite basketball team. Trevor would like to be an electrical engineer when he's older. He enjoyed working at GRICUA because it is preparing him for life and maybe a future in the company.



April Lowe is from District 4. Her parents are Karen Lowe and Doyle Dixon Jr. Her grandparents are Leonard and Rose Lowe and Doyle Dixon Sr. and Winifred Dixon. April likes to spend time with family and friends. She will be a senior at VHM High School in Sacaton. She would like to be a lawyer or a massage therapist; there are so many great things to do so it's hard to choose. April really enjoyed this summer internship and believes it will help her in the future. She had a really good experience at GRICUA; everyone is nice and hard working. She recommends this program to other teens in the Community.

### GRICUA attends GRIC Youth Conference

GRICUA attended the GRIC Youth Conference that was held at the Mesa Hilton on July 11, 2014. GRICUA distributed energy saving tips and also provided information about the three youth programs that we offer. They are the Washington Youth Tour, Summer Internships for college and high school students and our new Youth Board Member internship. Please check our website [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net) periodically to get more information.



### Youth Board Member Internship

GRICUA is offering a paid Youth Board Member Internship to a high school or college student under the age of 25. GRICUA will be promoting and developing young adults by offering the opportunity to experience board level interaction and participation in the function of a successful business. The term of the Youth Board Member will be a minimum of three (3) months up to a year.

To participate in this program you must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a Gila River Indian Community member and provide copy of enrollment.
- Complete the application (available at [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net)), provide a resume and prepare an essay that is responsive to question(s) included as part of the application.
- Provide copy of an official transcript displaying a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Must be able to attend GRICUA's monthly regular Board meeting and preferably at least 1 or 2 meetings such as district, committee or council meetings within the Community.
- Should have a valid driver's license and have own transportation to meeting.
- Be available to interview with the GRICUA Board.

Deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 4:00 PM

### Summer Time Energy Saving Tips

Turn up your thermostat • Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and 85 degrees or off when you are away. Always take into account health considerations and be sure to drink plenty of fluids in warm weather.

Install ceiling fans

• Using ceiling or room fan allows you to set the thermostat higher because the air movement will cool the room.

Replace air conditioner filters

• Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer, increasing energy use. Replace filters monthly for maximum benefit. Please secure unfilled play pools, trampolines, swing sets, yard debris, etc.

High winds have been known to blow these items into power lines causing outages.

### Reminders

#### GRICUA District Days 2014

GRICUA will be at the Public Health Resource Center (433 W Seedfarm Rd in Sacaton) on the following days to accept payments from 10am to 3pm.

September 8

October 9

November 6

December 8

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Stake. Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an underground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to [gricuacomments@gricua.net](mailto:gricuacomments@gricua.net). You can also go to our website at [www.gricua.net](http://www.gricua.net).

### GRICUA's Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as after hours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

### NOTICE OF THE PHASE 4 & PHASE 5 EL PASO RIGHT OF WAY ALLOTTEE CONSENT MEETING AND NOTICE OF BONUS PAYMENT

On Saturday, August 23, 2014, the Gila River Indian Community's Negotiation Team will hold a meeting with allottees who own land within Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the El Paso Natural Gas / Kinder Morgan ("El Paso") right of way. The purpose of the meeting is to provide each allottee with his/her individual compensation amount under the new twenty (20) year term right of way ("Right of Way").

This meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at the Boys & Girls Club in Komatke, Arizona. Written notice of the August 23rd meeting will be mailed to each allottee within Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Right of Way.

At the August 23rd meeting, each allottee within Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Right of Way will receive a Compensation Letter and Consent Document which will set forth the amount of compensation that he/she will receive for the new El Paso Right of Way. Allottees will be able to review and sign their Consent Documents at the meeting if they want to receive the listed amount of compensation in exchange for consenting to the new El Paso Right of Way. In order to receive the Compensation Letter and Consent document at the August 23rd meeting, each allottee will need to bring and present a photo identification card such as a tribal enrollment card, state issued driver's license or identification card.

In addition, the Community and El Paso are pleased to announce that each allottee that signs and returns all of their Consent Document(s) approving the new twenty (20) year term Right of Way will qualify to receive a bonus payment of \$150.00 ("Bonus Payment"). This Bonus Payment is an additional amount of compensation that an allottee will receive for consenting to the Right of Way. For example, if an allottee is entitled to receive \$2,000.00 over the course of twenty (20) years, by consenting to

the Right of Way, that person will also receive a bonus payment of \$150.00 upon the approval of the Right of Way. Additional information about the Bonus Payment will be provided at the August 23, 2014 meeting. Before the August 23rd meeting, the Community will send letters to the allottees within Phases 1, 2, and 3 which will explain more about the Bonus Payment.

If a Phase 4 or Phase 5 allottee is unable to attend the August 23rd meeting then the Community will mail the Compensation Letter, Consent Document and additional information about the Bonus Payment to the allottee. Compensation paid to allottees, including the bonus payment, is subject to the approval of the Right of Way by the Community, the allottees, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"). Assuming that the Right of Way is approved by the Community, the allottees and the BIA prior to December 31, 2014, the first year's distribution of compensation and the Bonus Payment will be made to allottees in January 2015.

Representatives from the Community's Negotiation Team, El Paso Natural Gas, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Pima Agency will be in attendance at the August 23rd meeting to present the El Paso compensation information and answer questions. Morning refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Name: Gail Brown

Type of Hearing: Review & Permanency Hearing

Case: J-10-0121/0122

Court Date: September 23, 2014

Courtroom: #2, 1st Floor

Location: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court

Address: 10005 East Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

### Action Sheets from Page 9

Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Utility Easement And Right Of Way Corridor As Shown In Drawing No. 40214-0037-EA

Presenter: Dante Nash

APPROVED

**ORDINANCES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Sherman Indian Boarding School Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND GO INTO CAUCUS

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:13PM

IVAN M. WHITMAN – 2

\*CAROLYN WILLIAMS – 5

DEVIN REDBIRD – 1

BRIAN DAVIS, SR. – 4

RE-ADVERTISE – 2

MS. CAROLYN WILLIAMS CERTIFIED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Elections Update (G&MSC forwards to Council

Mr. Butler will be submitting an updated report to Community Council on the deadline date)

Presenter: Scot Butler

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE

LITIGATION TEAM TO ADDRESS AT THE

MEETING OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014, 8AM

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. District Two Motion Sheet For Housing Advisory Committee (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Damascus Francisco

APPROVED

2. Request For One Day Meeting With Council –Gila River Gaming Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council to approve and authorize the Council Secretary to coordinate dates for September 2014)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL SECRETARY TO COORDINATE DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

3. 2014 Primary Election Candidates Certification of Qualifications (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to certify for:)

Presenters: Shannon White, Nadine Sheldene Governor: Joseph Manuel, Jennifer Allison, Gregory Mendoza, Stephen Roe Lewis, Jiivik Siiki

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

Lieutenant Governor: Sherwin Whitman, Terrance B. Evans, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Wanda J. Manuel, Merry Kris Kyyitan, Monica Lynn Antone, Myron G. Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

Chief Judge: Anthony Hill

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

Associate Judge: Lucinda Lucille Antone-Morago, Donna Kisto-Jones, Janice F. Breckenridge, Lucinda M. Nez, Dallas De Lowe, Lawanda Pablo, Debbie A. Ochoa-Mercado, Jeannette Blasingim, Gloria F. Osife, Melody Parsons, Marlo R. Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

4. District Two Re-Appointment of Francisco Osife as the Enrollment Committee Representative (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to certify)

Presenters: Valerie Williams, Yolanda Elias

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

5. Tribal Allocation Policy – Revisions (ESC Approved and forwards to Council as information-only)

Presenter: Mario Molina

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION-ONLY [Addendum to the Agenda]

6. RHIP Policy Amendment - Deceased Applicants

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee, Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND IN THE EVENT

AN APPLICANT ON A PRIORITY LIST PASSES AWAY BEFORE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES ON HIS OR HER HOME ON A TRIBAL HOMESITE HIS OR HER DESIGNATED QUALIFIED SUCCESSOR SHALL BECOME THE APPLICANT AND MOVE INTO THE APPLICANT'S PLACE ON ANY PRIORITY OR CONSTRUCTION LIST; IF THE QUALIFIED SUCCESSOR MEETS THE QUALIFICATION AND IS LISTED AS PART OF THE

HOUSEHOLD LISTING ON THE APPROVED HOMESITE APPLICATION AND RHIP APPLICATION THE SUCCESSOR WILL REMAIN AT THAT PRIORITY LISTING; THIS MOTION RECOGNIZES ALL APPROVED PENDING RHIP APPLICANTS; THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL SHALL PROVIDE A FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE RHIP INCORPORATING THIS CHANGE TO THE GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE WITHIN 60-DAYS

7. District 4 Community Council Resignation Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE VERBAL RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN NORMAN WELLINGTON

**MINUTES**

1. July 2, 2014 (Regular)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

2. July 3, 2014 (Special)

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. July 9, 2014 (Special)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

>INQUIRY OF THE DELEGATION TO THE AIGA/ATG2 MEETING AUGUST 22, 2014, TWIN ARROWS CASINO

>CLARIFICATION TO REQUEST VOTE COUNTS

**ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33pm

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



## I-10 improvements: Wild Horse Pass Blvd. to Riggs Road

SUMMER - WINTER 2014

The Arizona Department of Transportation is making improvements to Interstate 10, within the Gila River Indian Community and the city of Chandler, from Wild Horse Pass Boulevard to Riggs Road.

The work consists of adding an auxiliary lane in each direction between Wild Horse Pass Blvd. and Queen Creek Road (State Route 347), as well as new pavement between Wild Horse Pass Blvd. and Riggs Road. Other improvements include new signing, striping and drainage improvements. Construction is anticipated to be complete late 2014.

### WORK HOURS

During construction, one lane will be open on I-10 at all times. To help eliminate traffic congestion, work is scheduled to occur primarily at night and on weekends. However, daytime work may be necessary to ensure the project is completed on time and the work is done safely.

### PROJECT TIMELINE

**Summer 2014**

Project begins

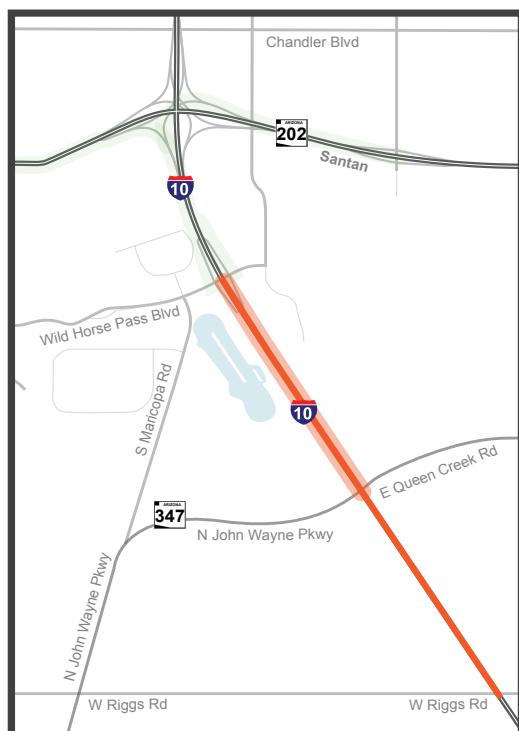
**Winter 2014**

Construction is anticipated to be completed.

**ADOT**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

855.712.8530  
azdot.gov



### WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ Drivers are advised to adhere to the reduced speed limit and proceed through the work zone with caution and be alert for construction equipment and personnel.
- ▶ Motorists will face double fines for speeding violations. DPS officers will be on site.

# Youth council president concludes internship in Governor's office



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

**Executive Office Intern Tyler Owens.**

**By Roberto A. Jackson**

Gila River Indian News

Add another ambitious youth to the list of interns who served under Gov. Gregory Mendoza. Tyler Owens, 19, completed her summer internship in the Executive Office on Aug. 5. Owens, who is from Bapchule, is the president of the Akimel O'odham Pee-Posh Youth Council. Owens welcomed the opportunity to witness all aspects of the governmental and political side of the Community. "I just came into it with an open mind," said Owens.

Throughout his term as GRIC governor, Gov. Mendoza has offered an internship to the president of Youth Council through the WIA program to get them work experience and a view of the inner workings of tribal government. Like previous interns Lisa Hendricks and Kyle Flores, Owens continued on a research project on the history of past GRIC governors and what was significant during their terms. Owens said she gained a greater understanding of accomplishments of past governors and their dedication to issues like water rights and gaming. Along with the research element to the internship, Gov. Mendoza encouraged Owens to maintain a daily log of her observations.

"I really wanted her to experience everything I do as governor," said Gov. Mendoza.

Starting on May 12, Owens did just that. She was by governor's side for events, tours, and meetings. She observed how all the departments and com-

mittees cooperate and she came away with a clear realization: "Politics are in everything."

Among the many highlights of her job was touring the new Residential Programs for Youth. She called it "a great facility."

While dashing from one place to another, Owens said she relied heavily on a pen and pad. "A pen and a notebook will save your life," said Owens.

Owens attends Chandler-Gilbert Community College and has been on Youth Council since she was 15. Working in the Executive Office was unlike any classroom she's been in and there was something new to learn everyday. "I consider myself fortunate because there's a lot of valuable information that you learn and that you get to obtain through this internship," said Owens.

Owens hasn't decided which university to attend after community college, but she has decided that, professionally, she wants to be an asset for all tribal communities as a lobbyist influencing decisions that affect Native Americans. "I definitely have high hopes for her," said Gov. Mendoza.

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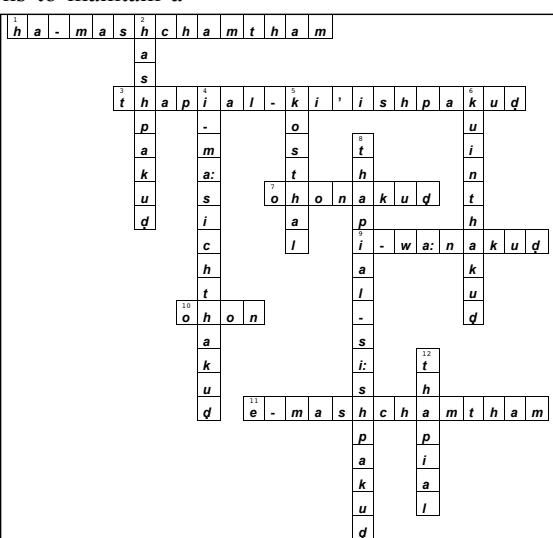
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