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State of the Community Address

Prominent guests, Community members and local school children attend Gov. Mendoza's third State of the Community speech in Sacaton



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Students from St. Peter Indian Mission School opened for the State of the Community Address with two renditions of the National Anthem, sung first in English and then in O'odham Ñeok.

By Joshua Jovanely
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Gregory Mendoza used the 2014 State of the Community address on Feb. 5 to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the past year while mapping out GRIC's future goals in economic

development and education.

"Today's gathering is part of our himdak: our traditional philosophy, our way of life," Mendoza said. "It is one of those special occasions where we come together as a people, as Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh, a Com-

munity, to celebrate our triumphs and exalt the collective wisdom of the generations that brought us to this passage in our history. It is also a time to remember that our work is not yet done, and to recommit to continue to forge ahead together to tackle the work that

remains."

Council members, Gila River Community Court judges, outside government officials, GRIC students and Community members packed the Council chambers to hear Mendoza's third State of the Community speech. Prominent political leaders in attendance included Rep. Frank Pratt of the Arizona state legislature, Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers, Maricopa Mayor Christian Price, Casa Grande Mayor Bob Jackson and other government representatives from Phoenix, Gilbert and Chandler.

Mendoza said the three founding tenets of his administration — customer service, transparency and accountability — informed the success of the Community in 2013. He went on to highlight some of those accomplishments in multiple fields, with a large focus on education.

Two programs operating in GRIC, one in partnership with Arizona State University and the other with South Mountain Community College, are helping Community members attain teaching credentials. Mendoza said these programs were helping the Community grow qualified teachers

from within.

"Of all the professions that we have out there, I admire teachers," Mendoza said. "It's good to know that we have tribal members that are taking on that challenge to become teachers for our children."

Mendoza lauded the 715 GRIC members who were enrolled in college classes in 2013 and recognized the local elementary and high school students in attendance.

The governor went on to tout the Community's advancements in economic development, namely the opening of the Phoenix Premium Outlets, the newly constructed Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino and the new Wild Horse Pass Motor-

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'Welcome home': conservation group releases two hawks in District 5

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Two young Harris's hawks have found freedom among the abandoned citrus orchards of Gila River Farms.

The Gila River Indian Community welcomed the two new residents onto its land Jan. 23 in a ceremony in partnership with Liberty Wildlife, a conservation and education group from Phoenix that specializes in rehabilitating injured birds and other animals.

Jan Miller and Max Bessler from Liberty Wildlife pulled the boy and girl juvenile hawks out of their SUV and handed one to Gov. Gregory Mendoza and the other to Community member Joyce Hughes. Tim Terry offered a blessing to the feathered friends and said, "Welcome home," while a dozen children, bussed in from Casa Blanca Community School, gathered to get a closer look at their new neighbors.

Together, on the count of three, Mendoza and Hughes boosted the birds into the sky. The couple circled a few times overhead of the crowd in a slow salute of appreciation before perching

among the old trees.

Liberty Wildlife requested to have the release ceremony in Gila River because of the Community's contribution to supporting their conservation efforts.

"We made a grant to them from the state shared gaming revenues," explained Cheryl Pablo, Program Administrator for the Office of Special Funding. "They're going to be building ... a whole new education and conservation center in Phoenix."

The new facility will be built on six acres of land along the Salt River in Phoenix. It will provide room for their educational department, medical triage area and rehabilitation and conservation areas. It will replace their current facility, which, "is just a really small place," attested Pablo. "I went out there and visited them before we actually approved the grant and saw everything that they do."

"We've built on every inch of it and we just can't build any more," said Miller. She said they help "between 3,500 and 3,800 [animals] a year and it's all native wildlife." The new campus, which



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Above, Joyce Hughes holds a juvenile male hawk while students behind her look on. Tim Terry (D2), left, blessed the young birds, welcoming them to the Community. Liberty Wildlife conservation group chose to release the rehabilitated hawks in Gila River in thanks for a grant that will grow their operation.

will cost in the millions and is expected to take a couple years to build, will help them expand that operation.

"The Community's grant to the project is \$300,000 ... over

three years," said Pablo. All of that money will go to the construction of their new facility.

Education is an important part of Liberty Wildlife's operation. Not every bird they take in

can be nursed back to full health, and for those who cannot be released back into the wild, a lot of them stay with Liberty Wildlife

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GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Uninsured Americans — the people that the Affordable Care Act was designed to most aid — continues to be a point of interest for Gila River Health Care. The key provisions of this federal program have kicked in on January 1, 2014. As you probably know from all the talk shows and discussion on television, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) stumbled out of the gate with a malfunctioning enrollment site and other technical challenges. But if these recent headlines have left you confused, let us straighten it all out for you and let you know what continues to happen here at Gila River Health Care (GRHC).

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 - e. If you are interested in applying for an exemption, please visit our Benefit Coordination Department at GRHC.
3. American Indians and Alaska Natives have access to affordable health care coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace. You may now be eligible to purchase insurance coverage or determine if you qualify to enroll in Medicaid. If you qualify for and enroll in a plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace, and are an enrolled member of Gila River Indian Community, you may be eligible for GRHC to pay your monthly premium.

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Miss Gila River hosts Winter Gathering



Miss Gila River Lisa Hendricks hosted her annual event at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair Grounds on Jan. 17. The event, Miss Gila River's Winter Gathering, promoted cultural songs and dances with giveaways and food.

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Tomahawk thankful for donation



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Joe "Tomahawk" Tate stands with Councilwoman Carolyn Williams and Councilman Dale Enos outside the Council chambers. Tate, a competitive grappler, received assistance from the Executive Office to take a trip to Long Beach, Calif., to compete in a grappling tournament. Tate won the North American Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation gold medal for his weight class.

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Wellspring Project donates to Latino alumni group



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

From left, Arizona Congressman Ed Pastor joins Los Diablos president Tania Torres with Gov. Gregory Mendoza in accepting a \$10,000 donation to the Arizona State University Latino alumni group.

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Wellspring Project made a \$10,000 donation to an Arizona State University Latino alumni group in a presentation held at Ditka's Restaurant in Vee Quiva Casino on Jan. 30.

Gov. Gregory Mendoza presented an enlarged check in honor of the 30th anniversary of Los Diablos, a Latino alumni chapter of the

ASU Alumni Association. Arizona Congressman Ed Pastor (D – AZ 7th District), one of the founding members of the group, joined Los Diablos president Tania Torres in accepting the donation.

The \$10,000 will be matched by ASU and go toward the establishment of the 30th Anniversary Founders Scholarship, which will cover full tuition for one student in the 2014-2015 school year. The scholarship is open to Arizona students of all ethnicities. To apply,

visit asulosdiablos.org to fill out an application before March 1.

After light appetizers, Mendoza took to the podium to welcome the guests at the private event, which included GRIC councilmembers and Los Diablos alumni and board members. GRIC leaders in attendance included Lt. Gov. Stephen R. Lewis and councilmembers Monica Antone (D4), Carol Schurz (D2), Robert Stone (D5) and Devin Redbird (D7).

"Education means so much

to our Community and to yours as well," Mendoza said. "That's why we're here this evening. That's why we have founded and funded the Gila River Indian Community's Wellspring Project."

The Wellspring Project distributes a portion of casino revenue "to support organizations and neighboring communities in the areas of education, social services, business and economic development," according to the Project's brochure. The venture falls under the Office of Special Funding, which is tasked with sharing 12 percent of Gila River casino revenue with surrounding municipalities and organizations for services that benefit the general public, as required by the Proposition 202 gaming compact.

"We believe that through higher education, young Latinos and all Arizona young people can succeed in ways they never imagined," Mendoza said. He later added: "We appreciate our partnership with Los Diablos because we believe in you. We believe in your mission and your work."

Pastor, elected to Congress in 1991, has counted members of Gila River as constituents at various times during his career. (Because of redistricting, Gila River is no longer part of his district). Last year, Pastor joined Congressman Trent Franks in his support for HR 1410, the pending bill that seeks to block Tohono O'odham Nation's proposed

Glendale casino.

Pastor thanked the Wellspring Project and the Community for its generous donation, which he said would help remove financial barriers for talented Hispanic students applying to college. "I have to tell you that we have great gratitude for the Gila River Community, not only for the leadership they have given us in our community and in our state, but also [because] they share the willingness and they share the benefits of their gaming monies to help organizations empower our communities," Pastor said.

In an interview preceding the check presentation, Torres — ASU Class of 2001 — discussed her role as Los Diablos president and the benefits the organization provides. In three decades, she said, Los Diablos has awarded 2,000 scholarships and more than \$3 million in tuition to future Latino leaders. She extended her appreciation for GRIC's support.

"We are hoping that this is only the beginning of more things to come between the Gila River Indian Community and Los Diablos," Torres said. "We have all been very loyal patrons of Gila River Indian gaming and we really are so excited to be here tonight. We're honored that they're opening up the doors to their home and hosting us at this beautiful facility and we hope that it's just the beginning of many more."

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sports Park. He also highlighted increased activity from public safety departments and successful dialogues with the federal government in protecting and promoting tribal sovereignty.

As with past administrations, Mendoza's administration has confronted the challenge of providing housing to Community members. Despite a recent Council resolution establishing an additional \$100 million fund specifically for housing, the complexity of the building process has prevented the project from getting off the ground. Mendoza called housing a "constant struggle" and recognized that the people were

growing frustrated. "I know some of you are angry that the process has taken so long," he said.

"A goal of this magnitude is a long-term investment," Mendoza added. "It will take time to deliver on such a profound commitment to our people. I beseech your patience and understanding."

Another challenge of 2013 was the continued fight to prevent the Tohono O'odham Nation from opening its proposed casino in the West Valley. "As with previous sessions, the top priority for the Community was to prevent the passage of any legislation that would promote off-reservation gaming or undermine the exclu-

sivity of tribal gaming under the gaming compact," Mendoza said. "We were successful in this endeavor."

Mendoza identified numerous future goals for the Community, with a focus on expanding education opportunities and economic development.

The Tribal Education Department is working with local high school districts to develop an Akimel O'odham language class that could fulfill students' foreign language requirement. The department is also working with ASU to create a bachelor's degree in Akimel O'odham studies, a field that would only be open to GRIC

members. The program is set to be implemented beginning in the fall semester of this year.

Future economic development goals include the construction of the Four Points Sheraton at Mesa-Phoenix Gateway Airport Hotel on the Toka Sticks Golf Course property, which is expected to be finished in December. The Casino Expansion Owner's Team is also planning a major renovation of Lone Butte Casino.

Before Mendoza's speech, Reverend Aaron Johns provided the invocation and Tim Terry Jr. gave a traditional blessing. Miss Gila River Lisa Hendricks led the audience in the Pledge of Al-

legiance, while students from St. Peter Indian Mission School sang the National Anthem in both English and O'odham. The Pee-Posh Veterans Association posted the colors.

In closing, Mendoza characterized his job as both wonderful and frustrating, but said he was ready to face the challenges ahead.

"It has been truly an honor and privilege to serve you in developing a new generation of leadership serving the people," Mendoza said. "It is a part of my life that I cherish. I want to thank you...for your trust and support, and I look forward to continuing to serve you in 2014."

Huppenthal meets with Gov. Mendoza and Tribal Ed. director

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The state's top education official, John Huppenthal, wants Native American schools to succeed.

State Superintendent Huppenthal visited schools and tribal leaders in tribal communities like the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Navajo Nation among others last month. His visit to the Gila River Indian Community Jan. 23 was his fourth.

"We feel that we can't be successful unless the Native American schools are successful," said Huppenthal on behalf of the Arizona Department of Education in a meeting with Gov. Gregory Mendoza and GRIC Tribal Education Director Mario Molina.

The superintendent and his team met with Molina and Mendoza at the new Head Start facility in Sacaton, where they discussed

a set of educational priorities Gila River is pursuing, all of which deal with improving relationships and fostering greater integration with the school districts surrounding the reservation.

The Community sends a majority of its high school students to nine schools in six districts off reservation including Casa Grande Union, Coolidge Unified, Tolleson Union, Chandler Unified and more.

Mendoza and Molina asked the ADE for guidance regarding Credit Recovery Courses, alternate Academic Assessment options and Charter Schools in Gila River. The first thing on the list, however, was the O'odham language.

"The Community is interested in formalizing a course that teaches the Akimel O'odham language," said Mendoza. "We'd

like to know how to approach and implement a course in a local high school surrounding our community." This will enable students who go to school off-reservation to still learn their traditional language.

Gila River is also looking to change the academic assessment system that tracks students' progress throughout their school years to match the system used in local public schools, which would streamline the process for transfer students and keep them from taking unnecessary duplicate courses.

Finally, the trio discussed the matter of charter schools in Gila River. Mendoza and Molina asked for Huppenthal to help them establish better relationships with school charters on GRIC land and those considering starting up on the reservation.

Huppenthal understood the conundrum — that charter schools

on private lands sidestep the tribal government despite being within reservation boundaries — and suggested an alternative plan of action: "We've developed some great charter school systems across the state ... the question is, how can we welcome them onto the Native American lands?" he asked, implying that Gila River would be the one to initiate the conversation by selecting and approving the best charter programs available in the state to enter Gila River.

These are some major challenges but Huppenthal heard the Community's requests and promised the ADE's full support in the months and years ahead.

The meeting lasted 30 minutes and ended with a tour of the new Head Start. But more importantly, it strengthened the relationship between the state and Gila



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State Superintendent John Huppenthal during his visit to GRIC.

River in terms of education. As Huppenthal said, he's always been an advocate for Indian Country.

"I've had an interest in supporting the Native American [communities] going back to even when I didn't represent them," he said. "Even when I was representing a district far away, I came down and visited [Gila River] as a state senator."

COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

Resolution establishes Housing Owner's Team, will oversee Community Housing Project Fund

Council on Feb. 5 voted 10-5 to accept the resolution establishing the Housing Owner's Team, naming nine members to the group.

Four of the nine team members will be councilmembers: Carol Schurz (D2), Monica Antone (D4), Frank Pablo Sr. (D5) and Devin Redbird (D7). The Home Owners Team also includes Kimberly Antone, realty specialist with the Department of Transpor-

tation; Karen Williams, contracts manager with the Contracts Management Department; and Cornell Johns, project manager with the Department of Housing Development. Gov. Gregory Mendoza (or Lt. Gov. Stephen Lewis in his absence) and Treasurer Robert Keller round out the team.

The Housing Owner's Team, or HOT, is a group modeled on the Casino Expansion Owner's Team that is tasked with overseeing the

construction of residential housing from the Community Housing Project Fund, a \$100 million fund pulled from the Community's savings in the state treasurer's office.

According to the resolution, HOT "will have the authority to utilize the monies allocated to meet the housing needs of the Community, including entering into contracts for design, planning, construction and the overall project management for the

construction of residential living facilities."

Several councilmembers said their constituents voiced concerns about the formation of the HOT. Ultimately, however, the majority of the Council decided that team would streamline the convoluted process required to get homes built on the Community.

"Having at least two Councilmembers on there would allow for some balance," Councilman An-

thony Villareal Sr. (D6) said.

Added Gov. Mendoza: "I would welcome anyone at this point as long as we get these houses built."

This action dissolves the Housing Task Force, a group of that was made up of all the chairs and vice chairs of the Community Council standing committees. The Task Force was meant to be a temporary body.

Council finalizes loan to Vee Quiva

In a special Community Council meeting held at Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino on Jan. 23, Council finalized the \$135 million price tag of the Vee Quiva Construction Loan by a unanimous 12-0 vote.

Gila River Gaming Enterprises, in tandem with the Casino Expansion Owner's Team, used the loan to build Vee Quiva in 13 months and under budget. The Council resolution did not approve any additional funds, only finalized the promissory note for the original loan. GRGE, which has already begun repaying the loan with interest, will use the leftover money for various casino expansion projects to keep Vee Quiva a top gaming destination in the state.

CEOT is made up of Gov. Mendoza or Lt. Gov. Lewis, the chairman of the Government and Management Standing Committee (District 6 Councilman Anthony Villareal), the chairman of the Economic Development Standing Committee (District 3 Councilman Dale Enos), the GRGE board president (Deborah Griffin), the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority board chairman (Christopher Mendoza), and the GRIC community manager and community treasurer.

"Now that the cost has been controlled, there is a certain amount left over that they can go back and tap into," Villareal said. "These are enhancements to the property that they feel can drive revenue by ensuring the comfort of these customers."

While the finalization of the loan was mostly a foregone conclusion, the special meeting also served to address concerns about the role and necessity of CEOT. GRGE Chief Executive Officer John James presented a report detailing the ways CEOT benefits the enterprises financially and operationally.

According to James, CEOT gives GRGE pricing advantages,



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

John James, speaking at a special Council meeting held at Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino on Jan. 23, is the CEO of Gila River Gaming Enterprises.

cuts costs on labor and legal fees and helps streamline contract assignments, warranties and licensing issues.

"Having CEOT in place really helped us a great deal," said Deborah Griffin, president of the GRGE board of directors.

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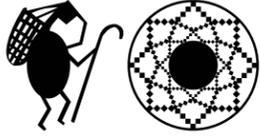
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SOMETHING TO BE TOLD OR TALKED ABOUT

Across our community, our cultural history continues with O'otham names such as Hashen Kehk, Bapchule, Vahki, and Komatke. While we have not taken the linguistic action/semantic action that our sister tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation did when it sent the name "the Papago Reservation" to the history books, we were proactive in naming ourselves the Gila River Indian Community, not the Gila River Indian Reservation. Our reservation is also home to our Piipash brothers and sisters. Our word for this river is "Akimel," so how did Gila come to be part of our name?

One of the first books about origins of names in Arizona was Arizona Place Names, compiled by Will C. Barnes, published in 1936 by the University of Arizona Press. Mr. Barnes received information from many sources: pioneers, historians and various publications. He noted that the Gila River has been known as the Xila, Jila, Hela and Helay. Early Spanish explorers named it "Nombre de Dios". The name Gila or Hela first appeared in print 1679. Padre Kino's 1701 map showed it as the Rio Hila, but a source for Mr. Barnes added Padre Kino's first name for the Gila was Rio de los Apostoles. Another contributor said the word Gila is a Native word referencing a spider, but Barnes did not note which Native group. Barnes wrote that the Quechan or Yuma called the river "Har-quah-sa-eel," meaning salt water. Back in October of 1859, when the river ran strong and undammed, an infant was born on the akimel—his parents had floated from the O'otham villages all the way to Fort Yuma. The child was given the name of Gila Howard.

Arizona is the non-Native pronunciation of ali shon, O'otham for small spring or water. James McClintock writes, "There is no doubt that Arizona was named after some springs near Banera 8 miles south of the border and about 85 miles below Tucson. These springs are called 'Aleh-zon' by the Papago, meaning small spring." Much later a scholar of the Basque language questioned this explanation. Aritz ona comes from the Basque language meaning "good oak" and oak trees grew at this location mentioned above.

The Estrella Mountains, estrella meaning star in Spanish, seem to reach to the stars—especially compared to the rest of our kind of flat, vertically challenged community. Its highest peak tops out at 4,000 feet. O'otham called it Ko-mat-k, because when viewed from the east it is broad, thick or massive. Early explorers labeled it as San Jose de Cumars, an attempt to use the O'otham name. The book has other interpretations such as a high, thin mountain. To show this, an O'otham woman placed a thin cushion on its edge on the ground. Another name is said to have been "blue, hazy mountain," but Father Antonine of St. Johns mission said that no elder in the village recalled that name.

On the south bank of the Gila sits Casa Blanca, an ancient village with a recent name. It served as an Overland Stagecoach stop and Ammi White was listed at the postmaster in 1860. Spanish was the second language of the O'otham and when referring to White's house, it was called Casa Blanca. Growing up in Casa Blanca, I knew Vahki as another name for the area. I understood when talking to O'odham elders Vahki was used, if the conversation was primarily in English, Casa Blanca was used.

Next time you chauffeur an elder, ask them about the names of places and locations. You may get some "pi an maach," but you may also get some very interesting and or amusing stories.

51st Annual MISS GILA RIVER PAGEANT

March 8, 2014



**CONTESTANT APPLICATION
DEADLINE: THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2014
BY 5:00 P.M.**



Eligibility Criteria

- Young women between the ages of **18-24 years of age on or before March 1, 2014** and an Enrolled Member of the Gila River Indian Community;
- Contestants must have never held the title of Miss Gila River;
- Contestants must be a full-time High School or College student with a minimum of a **2.0 GPA or employed full-time and in good standing with employer;**
- Contestants must be Single, never Married, have no Children and must not be Cohabiting with an Intimate Companion;
- Contestants must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Miss Gila River throughout a twelve (12) month reign;

Judging Criteria

- Knowledge of the Community government, culture and history of the Akimel O'otham (Pima) and Pee Posh (Maricopa);
- Personal Interview with Pageant Judges, Extracurricular Activities and Community Involvement;
- Traditional and Modern Talent Presentations, and Impromptu Session;
- Poise, Attitude and Overall Communication Skills throughout the Royalty Pageant Activities.

****The Above Criteria Are Non-Negotiable****
****Applications are available at the District Service Centers or by contacting the Gila River Royalty Committee****

Communications & Public Affairs Office
 Attn: Gila River Royalty Committee
 P.O. Box 97 | 525 W. Gu u Ki Road | Sacaton, AZ 85147

If you have any questions, please call (520) 562-9715 ♦ E-mail: missgilariver@gric.nsn.us

February 2014



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Resource:

Active Play! Fun Physical Activities For Young Children

Diane H. Craft, PhD

Craig L. Smith

Toddlers and pre-schoolers need vigorous and moderate physical activity to stay fit and keep healthy. Running, climbing, jumping and other large muscle activities exercise children's hearts and lungs. Daily physical activity reduces the likelihood that they will develop type 2 diabetes, heart problems, and other health concerns. In addition, children learn to enjoy physical activity. They think of it as play, but they are actually practicing basic movement skills that promote the healthy development of their muscles and coordination. The National Association of Sport and Physical Education recommend preschoolers to have at least

60 minutes of structured physical activity each day, and 60 minutes of unstructured physical activity daily. Structured physical activities include activities planned and led by an adult. Unstructured activities include free play where kids are free to play and explore on their own. Below are some ideas of outdoor activities you can do with your child. Not only will you be promoting the healthy development of your child, but you will also enjoy active play with your kiddo!

Author,

Heidi Bruder
Teen Parent Case Manager

Contact BabySmarts

Home Visiting Coaches

Catherine Thomas

(520)562-3321

Ext. 7137

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Ext. 7991

Heidi Bruder

Teen Parent Case Manager

(520)562-3287

Active Play Ideas!

1) **Up it Goes!** You will need a large sheet or blanket, a beach ball or any lightweight ball. To play Up It Goes! you and your child will hold opposite ends of a blanket. Place a beach ball in the center of the blanket and toss it up in the air, and catching it with the blanket as it comes down. Start with gentle tosses so the ball doesn't go too high. As your toddler's coordination improves, bounce the ball higher and higher. If this is too easy for your toddler, try adding several balls at the same time. Challenge each other to keep all the balls on the blanket without them falling on the ground.

2) **Create a backyard obstacle course.** Use string, paper plates, hula hoops, laundry baskets, balls, and anything else you can to create a fun backyard oasis that will allow your child to crawl under, jump over, or run around. Try tying a string between to posts or a fences. Have the string a little higher than the height of your child so that he or she can run under the string. Hang paper plates from the string so that the kids can run through the plates or duck under the paper plates. Cheer them on as they run through the obstacles!

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**April 22 2013
10 a.m-2 p.m.**

Ira H.Hayes Memorial Park-Sacaton

For any more information please call:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
520.562.2234



Hohokam Middle School Native American Students Complete (SOS) Gila River Prevention Program



Photo Courtesy of the Gila River Prevention Coalition

Submitted by Gila River Prevention Coalition

Gila River Prevention has once again partnered with Hohokam Middle School to provide education to Gila River youth on the issues of depression, suicide and self-harm, through the Signs of Suicide (SOS) Prevention Program. The Signs of Suicide program serves to reduce the incidence of suicide amongst youth through education on the warning signs for depression and suicide and by encouraging help-seeking behavior by educating youth on the necessary steps to take in response to acknowledging these warning signs within oneself or a friend or family member.

Additionally, Hohokam youth participating in this program also completed the Brief Screen for Adolescent

Depression, or BSAD, in order to identify those youth who may be at risk for depression or suicide. If depression or suicidality is indicated, youth are then referred to behavioral health for a full evaluation.

For the 2013-2014 school year, 19 Hohokam Middle School youth participated in both the education and screening components of the Signs of Suicide program. All Gila River youth attending Hohokam Middle School were invited to take part in Signs of Suicide program however, only youth with the written consent of a parent or legal guardian were able to participate. JOM Student Advisors Nikko Davis and Terry Willis also added the program was very informational and Mrs. Ouellet did an outstanding job with each one of them.



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TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

“MASCHAHAMDUD A JENIKTHA”



Tribal Ed. presents donation to Laveen Elementary

By Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Kandy Clauss, Preschool Coordinator for the Laveen Elementary School District, put together a wish list of items for her special needs preschool program and gave them to the Tribal Education Department. “If we get any of this it would be wonderful,” said Clauss.

Little did Clauss know that all of her “wishes” would be granted on Jan. 28, when Tribal Education Director Mario Molina, Special Services Program Manager Aurora Nevarez, Early Childhood Special Services Intervention Specialist Christa Caamano, Tribal Ed. Secretary Kenyen Thompson arrived at the school off of 43rd Avenue, south of Dobbins Road with

playground equipment, furniture and every other item on her list.

With three GRIC members in the preschool special needs program—and three more in the process of being evaluated—Tribal Education approached Clauss and asked them what the program needed.

One of Tribal Education’s budget items allows them to make contributions to preschools that service special needs Community students and with the support of Education Standing Committee, Community Council and Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, the donation was made to approximately 150 students in Laveen Elementary’s special needs preschool program.

“Our Tribal Education De-

partment reaches far beyond our boundaries because our kids feed into all the local public schools, not just Laveen, but Tolleson, Phoenix Union, Casa Grande, Coolidge, you name them,” Molina said.

Meghan Lawrence, one of the teachers who had items delivered to her classroom, said the donations will help her and her associate Sandra Bautista meet the students’ learning goals. With new shelves and furniture, the students can understand how to put things away and be prepared for Kindergarten. “Being able to have all of their toys organized and being able to use them efficiently is a huge help,” Lawrence said.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Children in the Laveen Elementary special needs preschool program pose with tricycles donated by Tribal Education Department. Accompanying the students from left: Aurora Nevarez, Mario Molina, Kandy Clauss, Sandra Bautista and Meghan Lawrence.

FACE program graduates shine during ceremony



Joshua Jovanelly/GRIN

Graduates of the Family and Child Education program proudly walk through the gym of the Vah Ki Service Center after accepting their GED certificates. The program helps parents complete their educational opportunities and develops parenting skills.

By Joshua Jovanelly
Gila River Indian News

It’s never too late for a fresh start.

Eleven proud graduates of the 2013 Family and Child Education program were walking proof as they glided across the stage to the sound of laudatory applause at the Vah Ki Service Center on Jan. 24. The Casa Blanca Community School graduates — nine women and two men in their 20s and 30s — completed their GED requirements, an accomplishment that they shared with family members and the dedicated staff members of the FACE program. (The program officially graduated 12, but one graduate did not attend the ceremony).

FACE is a family literacy program that aims to provide parents or caregivers with the skills they need to complete educational opportunities, such as getting a GED or working on college credit, while helping mothers and fathers develop parenting skills by building healthy relationships with their young children. FACE also seeks to integrate “Native American cultural values and teachings of the past as they relate to parenting,” according to the program’s brochure.

The program also gets children ready for school. Teachers provide lessons in the home for parents with children up to 3 years old and center-based education for kids between ages 3-5,

certain things, so I’m still learning all the time,” said Fulwilder, who completed the home-based program with her 2-year-old son Codabear.

Despite the gap since her time in high school, Fulwilder resolved to finish the math portion of her GED.

“You’re your child’s first teacher and you teach your kids, so...you need to get your education to teach your kids,” she said. She had a message for others who may be considering entering FACE: “Don’t give up. Always be there for your kids.”

Adrian Widehat, 23, a graduate who is also a father of five, said: “The FACE program really helped me out a lot...I learned

more about my kids, about my [10-month-old] son, how to interact with him.”

Widehat, who is Hopi but said he’s lived in the Community most of his life, also believed it was important to be an example for his children.

“That’s what I want to show my kids, it’s never too late,” Widehat said. “Even though no matter what you’ve gone through, no matter how much stress or whatever you go through in your life, you can still make it.”

The graduates, along with Fulwilder and Widehat, were: Kimberly Davis, Christina Lyons, Kelly Villegas, Joshua Jones, Dayleen Wickey, Reynetta Enos, Joyla Lopez, Cynthia Velasco, Wynona Johnson and Kari DeLowe.

Doug Rieman, who runs the adult education portion of FACE at Casa Blanca, congratulated the graduates at the ceremony. “These Community members have accomplished a milestone in their lives,” he said.

He said no FACE program had ever graduated 12 students in a year. “Our students have done this job in five months,” Rieman said.

Rieman gave special recognition the two men in the program — Widehat and Jones — since male FACE participants are rare. “I’m very proud of them. We need more of that,” Rieman said.

Ted Huerta followed Rieman at the podium. Huerta teaches art and guitar. “I pinch myself every time [I think of] how lucky I am to be able to do this in my com-

munity,” Huerta said.

He thanked the entire FACE staff, which along with Rieman includes Carol Herbst, Lily Castellanos, Sherry Summers and Lee Anne Kallen. “They are probably some of the most dedicated and hardworking people that I’ve met,” Huerta said.

Joyce Hughes, a former culture teacher for 13 years in the Community, was a resource for FACE students and teachers on O’otham language translation. Hughes’s efforts utilized a grant from the National Language Preservation Program, which used FACE as one of its platform for language conservation.

“I saw my students, which included the parents and the staff, make a connection to our himdag each time I came into the classroom,” Hughes said in her keynote address. “That made my heart feel really good.”

Hughes is now the culture coordinator at the Tribal Education Department. Her talk centered on “O’otham s-gevk’tthag,” a concept of cultural pride that she urged the FACE graduates to carry with them through their lives.

“It means strength, it means endurance, it means faith, it means determination, responsibility, our strong will...All of this in one word,” Hughes said, later adding that this was her interpretation of the word. “It is an attitude that nothing can or will stand in your way.”

Hawks released in Community

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and meet schoolchildren as part of their education program.

Miller and Bessler began the educational segment in Gila River presenting, one at a time, a number of large birds including a Peregrine Falcon (the world’s fastest animal, which can reach up to 200 miles per hour in a dive) and a giant Bald Eagle named Aurora, who has a wing span of more than six feet and is blind in her left

eye.

The third and fourth graders from Casa Blanca who got to witness the release and learn about Aurora and her friends are part of a student leadership group called the Trendsetters. The Trendsetters participate in various community service projects throughout the year. This was a little reward for their hard work.

The students are nominated for the

program by their teachers for being excellent students, which they showed that morning. They were very inquisitive about the birds and asked a lot of questions including, where did the hawks come from?

“One had a wing injury and the other one had a head injury,” said Miller. Both were found in the Valley but, she said, “We wanted to come down where there were more trees and stuff for them because

they’re going to want to perch on something because they’re going to be a little overwhelmed — they’ve only been in for a few months.”

Now these “wolves of the sky,” as Harris’s hawks are sometimes called because of their team hunting style, are on their own.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CEO)
COOK NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES
 1830 West University Drive, Suite 105
 Tempe, AZ 85281
 Position Description:
 Cook Native American Ministries (CNAM) seeks a talented, energetic, visionary individual to provide leadership in implementing and coordinating the process of foundation funds. This person will oversee the administrative and financial operations of CNAM. They will identify and seek external funding, gifts and grants and make strategic decisions to allocate resources appropriately.
 This individual shall have both responsibility and authority in all matters related to the life of Cook Native American Ministries. The person selected will report to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
 Required Qualifications:
 Bachelors Degree; Masters preferred- 10 years of successful leadership and experience in a related field will be considered. Working with non-profit organizations is a plus. Christian Native Americans will be given preference.
 Contact:
 All interested persons must send a brief letter of application by e-mail to Chairman of the Board, Gary G. Metoxen at gmetoxen@cooknam.org and Della Peiia at della.pena@cooknam.org A complete position description will be sent to applicants.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
 In Re Case: Russell White
 (Amended)
COURT DATE NOTICE
 Docket Number: CV-2014-0003
 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 you arrest, forfeiture of you bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
 Answer Response Hearing
 Sacaton Judicial Center
 721 W. Seed Farm Rd.
 Post Office Box 368
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520) 562-9860
 Date: Friday, February 21, 2014 Time: 10:00 A.M.
 Court Date Notices issued to all parties present in open Court.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE
 In Re Case: Julian Gabriel Amavisca, Jr.
 Docket Number: CV-2014-0021
 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 you arrest, forfeiture of you bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
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 Post Office Box 368
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 (520) 562-9860
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 Court Date Notices issued to all parties present in open Court.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
STATE OF ARIZONA
AUDREY FAILAUGA,
 Plaintiff/Petitioner,
 vs.
CODY WARREN PABLO,
 Defendant/Respondent.
 TO: Cody Warren Pablo
 CASE Number: CV-2013-0327
CIVIL SUMMONS
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.
 YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE BEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:
 Sacaton Community Court
 721 West Seed Farm Road
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520)562-9860
 DATE: Monday, March 3, 2014
 Time: 09:30 AM
 YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the bearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.
 If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
 GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
 DATED this Tuesday, January 21, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for Komatke Market's (D-6) revised air quality operating permits officially begins on February 7, 2014. The gas station will be permitted for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until March 7, 2014, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.
 Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the Department to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the Department within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the Gila River Indian Community Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Department offices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:
 Gila River Indian Community
 Department of Environmental Quality
 Attn: Dan Blair
 P.O. Box 97/45 Calendar St.
 Sacaton, AZ 85147
 For further information, please contact Dan Blair or Will Antone III at (520)562-2234 or visit our offices located at 45 Calendar St. Sacaton, AZ 85147. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for CEMEX Construction Material South, LLC's air quality operating permits officially begins on February 7, 2014. CEMEX is located within the Gila River Sand & Gravel San Tan Plant in District 4. CEMEX will be permitted for Particulate Matter (PM), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Oxides (Sox), Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic

Compounds (VOC), and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) emissions. Public comments will be accepted in writing until March 7, 2014, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.
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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
GILA RIVER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
 GRBE c-store manager 1/2014
STORE MANAGER VACANCY
 (Full-time, salaried position with benefits, paid holidays and vacation)
 Location: Komatke Market, Convenience Store & Gas Station @ 51st Ave & Pecos Road
POSITION SUMMARY
 The Store Manager manages the daily operations of a convenience store and gas station retail unit. Motivates sales associates to provide outstanding customer service in a "Fast, Friendly and Clean" environment. Responsible for total sales and store profits. Tracks and analyzes store financial performance against targets. Works with District Manager to develop action plans to generate additional guest counts, increase revenues, control expenses and maximize profits.
 Questions Contact: Niki Ramirez (520) 796-5389
 nramirez@wildhorsepass.com
 Submit Application or Resume and Cover Letter to:
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Community Council Action Sheets **Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014**

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday January 15, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:08 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Annette J. Stewart

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams (9:23), Dale G. Enos; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Norman Wellington, Barney Enos, Jr.; D5- Annette J. Stewart, Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Terrance B. Evans; D7- Devin Redbird (11:30)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

REPORTS

*1. Gila River Health Care Tobacco Tax Grant Annual Report – FY2013

Presenters: Bonita Lyons, GRHC Representatives

REPORT HEARD

*2. Thwajik Ke Residential Treatment Center Update – Program Development and Services

Presenters: Bonita Lyons, Cheryl Cuyler

REPORT HEARD

3. Gila River Crisis Response Team Recruitment And Information

Presenters: Chief Thomas C. Knapp, Jamison Ashton

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED

FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 11:30]

4. Financial Statement, Supplemental Schedules

And Independent Auditors Report Of The Retirement Plan For The Employees Of The Gila River Indian Community

Presenters: Sharon Harvier-Lewis, Laurel Shelton

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. – 10th Circuit Oral Arguments Summary

Presenters: Derek E. White, Anthony Newkirk

REPORT HEARD

6. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. – Summary Of

November 2013 Washington, DC Continued Efforts

Presenters: Derek E. White, Anthony Newkirk

REPORT HEARD

7. Presentation of GRIC-ADOT PARA Grant – “Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study” (PowerPoint Presentation)

Presenter: Michael Lomakema

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Monthly Report November 2013 (Executive Session)

Presenters: John James, Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Commission – Monthly Report November 2013 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Courtney Moyah, Serena Joaquin

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR AN HOUR AND HALF RECESS

RECONVENED AT 2:22PM IN EXECUTIVE SESSION]

10. Litigation Report (Executive Session; Confidential Attorney Client Information)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

THE REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving Reclassification Of The Tribal Ranger/Police Officer Position (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Edward Alameda

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The General Investment Policy Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving And Amendment No. 2 To The Gila River Indian Community’s Republished

“Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide” Originally Adopted By Resolution GR-298-08, And Amending Section IV To Clarify Issues

Involving Service On Boards (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Linda Sauer

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Master Affiliation Agreement For Student Placement Between Arizona State University And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; H&SSC & ESC concur)

Presenter: Rebecca Hall

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Chief Thomas C. Knapp, Kraig

Broadbent

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Granting 1.20 Acres Of Reservation Land In District Three To The Gila River Telecommunications Incorporated For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing and Maintaining A Utility Easement As Shown In Drawing No. #40313-0404-EA (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dante Nash

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Marissa Brooke Antone From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Francisco Osife, Enrollment Department

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Financial Status - Gila Crossing Community School (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Mario Molina

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONSIDER

AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Re-advertise - Chemawa Indian School Board Vacancy (1)

Presenters: Reviewing Committee

DECLARED TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR 30-DAYS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Communication Plan (Executive Session)

(G&MSC forwards to Council for discussion in

Executive Session for recommendation and consideration of approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Off-Reservation Gaming Update – HBPA Discussion (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session; to include Community Council, Executive Office and Presenters)

Presenter: Scot Butler

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS FYI

5. Super Bowl XLIX Host Committee Sponsorship Agreement (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

THE SUPER BOWL TICKETS AND

DISTRIBUTE BY LOTTERY; TO INCLUDE

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE EXECUTIVE

OFFICE

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE

BREAK

RECONVENED AT 5:59PM]

6. Code of Conduct Findings (Executive Session)

(LSC forwards the Special Investigating Findings to the 1/15/14 Council Meeting & adopt the Special Investigating Findings)

Presenter: Chelsea Durkin

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND

THE RULES TO ADD HOPI TRIBE

INAUGURATION DELEGATION

NEW BUSINESS

1. Declaration of Vacancies (2) – Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

Presenter: Jacqueline Thomas

DECLARED

2. Nomination to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention/ATSDR Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOMINATE

COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ

3. Nomination to the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOMINATE

COUNCILWOMAN CAROL SCHURZ

4. Glendale Action Plan (Executive Session)

(G&MSC forwards to Council with the

recommendation of approval; in Executive

Session to include Presenters, Community

Council, Executive Office, Office of Treasurer

and Office of General Counsel)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

5. Hopi Tribe Inauguration Delegation

Presenter: Governor

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO UTILIZE

THE COUNCIL DELEGATION LINE ITEM FOR

TRAVEL

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>MISS GILA RIVER WINTER GATHERING, FRIDAY,

JANUARY 17, 2014, 6:00PM – 10:00PM

>CONCERNS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT MATERIAL

WERE EXPRESSED

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ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44pm

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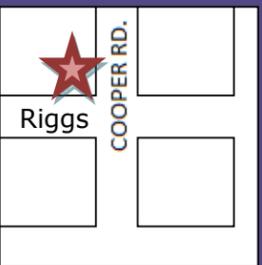





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