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New Toka **Sticks project** breaks ground

Upcoming Sheraton Hotel will match golf club and other developments

By Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community broke ground last week in the East Valley, where it has begun construction on the forthcoming Toka Sticks Sheraton Hotel.

The new hotel complements the Community's current Toka Sticks Golf Club and rests just west of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and the Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus on Power Road.

"This is the confluence of six distinct communities," said Mayor Scott Smith of Mesa at the ceremony Feb. 25. Including ASU and the airport, he said GRIC and the cities of Mesa, Gilbert and Queen Creek are working to expand economic development in the East



Representatives from the Gila River Indian Community, RSP Architects, WHPDA and local municipalities pose with the golden shovels at the Toka Sticks Hotel ground breaking ceremony in Mesa.

Valley. "Ten years from now, you forward thinking with traditional that. It's a very contemporary dewill hardly recognize this place. design. As Joe Tyndall, principal This hotel will blend in with other of RSP Architects, said: "One of developments and other advancements [that] seem unbelievable today.'

The new hotel aims to fuse

sign with traditional materials."

Lead architect Jason Ploszaj our goals on this project was to... said the six-story, 134-room hoinfuse some of the Gila River In- tel bridges the gap between the dian Community's culture into the natural desert landscape and the project. We think we've achieved lush greenery of the golf course.

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"We're incorporating some local materials into the design," he said, which will lend to the building's authenticity. He added, "The main drive coming in focuses on the hotel, whereas the secondary drive focuses on the golf [course] and clubhouse."

Erin Yi, another architect, said that all of the artwork in the hotel will be commissioned by Gila River artists, such as Amy

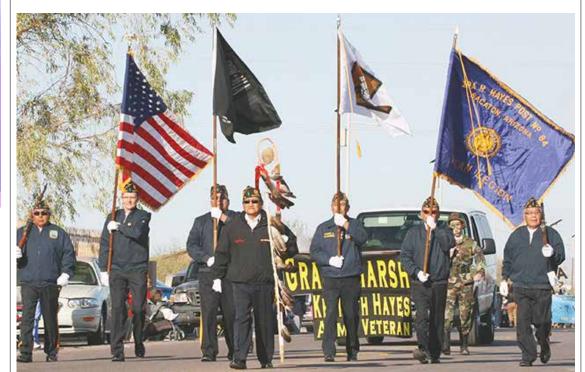
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Elizabeth Francisco, 18, of District 6, speaks about her life experiences at the Palms Theatre in Mesa, where she was recognized as the Youth of the Year for the Komatke Boys & Girls Club.

Teen represents Komatke at East Valley Youth of the Year Celebration

Iwo Jima remembered 69 years after battle



By Joshua Jovanelly Gila River Indian News

Elizabeth Francisco beamed from the stage at the Palms Theatre in Mesa as she accepted recognition as Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley Gila River Komatke Branch.

The formal dinner award ceremony took place March 3 in the packed theater hall in front of friends and families of the honored Youths of the Year from eight Boys & Girls Clubs around the East Valley. Francisco was in the final running to be named the top youth in

the entire region. Though she ultimately fell short, she gave an impassioned five-minute speech and represented the Gila River Indian Community honorably.

Francisco, 18, is a senior at Cesar Chavez High School in Laveen and the District 6 representative for the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council. Family members-including her mother Shelby, her father Colin and her younger sister Sarah-attended in support, as did fellow Youth Council members, Community mem-

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Ira H. Hayes Post 84 walking before Grand Marshal and Army veteran Kenneth Hayes.

Sacaton was once again the place to be military and Native American service men and for individuals who wanted to pay respects to women.

World War II hero and Gila River Indian Community member Ira H. Hayes and the veterans who raised the American flag in Iwo Jima on Mount Suribachi.

The 69th anniversary of the flag raising was recognized in Sacaton on Feb. 22 with a parade, flag raising ceremony and pow-wow.

The day of festivities kicked off with an extensive parade to honor not only Hayes and his fellow soldiers, but the services of all

The American Legion Ira H. Hayes Post 84 played host to hundreds of guests from across the country.

Veteran groups, GRIC officials, and throngs of crowds poured into District 3 for the well-known and respected parade.

Next year will be the 70th anniversary of the Iwo Jima flag raising.

- GRIN Staff

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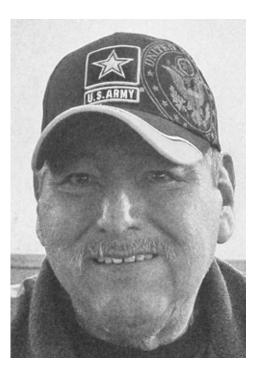
any day we will wake up and this never going to make it, but we know we will happened at all, however numerous individuals deserve great thanks for all that was done during our time of bereave- Donna Kisto-Jones (wife) ment.

grief strikes a family that so many wonderful, kind hearted people come out to

It is with great appreciation that we assist where it is needed. We just don't

May God bless you all abundantly for the kind things you have done and On Dec. 20, 2013 our loved one went are still doing for us. In this life we will continue to serve our God and although hard because we miss him and it seems This day feels like a dream and that our world is so empty and we are never and we will take this one day at a time.

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Familiar face returns to Governance Center



Ellie's Café staff members from left to right: Alexis Gonsalves, 19; chef Ellie Villegas; Adam Villegas, 24; and Jackie Kyyitan, 25.

By Joshua Jovanelly Gila River Indian News

The sweet smells of fresh food that have been wafting through the Governance Center this week are here to stay. The guilty party is Ellie's Café, which opened for business March 3 and will serve breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday.

Ellie Villegas, the executive chef and owner, is a familiar face around the Community. She's been in the food business for 25 years, operating a popular lunch stand across from Ira H. Hayes Park. (The stand will cease operations during the week but remain open on Saturdays.)

"I love to cook and it shows in my food," Villegas said.

Ellie's will serve favorites from the stand like her green chili and steak burrito, along with a wide array of food options, such as fry bread, Indian tacos, hamburgers and sub sandwiches. Villegas plans to offer daily specials-on opening day it was a half chicken with potatoes and asparagus for \$7-and a salad bar along with two daily soups.

Breakfast options will include breakfast burritos, eggs and Mc-Donald's-style sausage muffins. Villegas also said customers can expect healthy, diabetic-friendly meals and desserts. No item will be more than \$8.

'Whatever you can imagine, we can make it for you," Villegas said.

This is not the first time Ellie's cuisine has been available in the Governance Center. Ellie's Café's first year of operation was 2007-2008. Ellie's daughter, Belinda Spence, mainly ran the restaurant back then and lines were out the door, Villegas said. After a one-year stint, Villegas left to pursue other ventures, opening a restaurant in Gilbert that lasted for three years.

The restaurant space next to Kowee Coffee has been noticeably vacant for much of the past year. Villegas said that Contracts Management approached her to see if she would consider returning. She bid against four other food providers and was awarded the contract, Villegas said.

Villegas (Pascua Yaqui) said she plans to make everything from scratch and will not use any frozen products. She doesn't like throwing extra food away and said leftovers will be donated to the Community, likely ending up at her mother's house in District 3 where Community members are used to stopping by as they pass.

Fred Ringlero, Villegas's long-time significant other, is a partner in Ellie's Café. He believes patrons of Ellie's stand will find it more convenient in its new location. "I think it's going to bring a lot of life back into the Governance Center," Ringlero said. "It's something Community members will come here for."

Ellie's is a family-run establishment. Villegas's two souschefs are her sons Adam, 24, and Adrian, 27, and family friends fill out the rest of the staff. "We're looking forward to providing service to everybody," Ringlero said. Villegas said that her passion

is cooking, not her bottom line.

"I love what I do," Villegas added. "I'm here for the Community.'

Ellie's hours will be 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch. Call-in orders are welcomed at 520-562-9511. For daily updates on specials, check Ellie's Facebook page at facebook.com/Elliesfood.

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Toka Sticks Sheraton

Above, two renderings of the forthcoming Toka Sticks Four Points Sheraton Hotel, courtesy of RSP Architects.

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community and the site."

said the selection process is ongoing.

Gov. kicked off the groundbreaking ceremony, saying, "This land means so much to our people and to our ancestors, the Huhugam. We are proud to be able to develop to so many."

been on the table for many years munities."

Davila's black and white pho- and promises to be a great place tography. Despite adhering to the for travelers passing through the established Four Points Sheraton Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport brand, she said, "we have made to rest. Lt. Gov. Stephen Lewis some changes...to create a better recognized his father, Rod Lewis, contextual relationship with the a long-time former lawyer for the tribe, at the groundbreaking cer-More than a dozen other emony for being one of the pro-GRIC artists have submitted their ponents of the project since before work to be used in the hotel. Yi the land in Mesa became a part of the GRIC reservation.

Mayor Smith said, "This in-Gregory Mendoza vestment shows that there is a great future in the land we sit on. This land is special land. It's sacred land but it's also the land that our children and our grandchildren will be able to enjoy...for it in a way that will bring so much many many years ahead. Thank you for your commitment and The Toka Sticks Hotel has your belief in our combined com-





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Here are some regular updates on **COMMUNITY UPDATES** the on-going issues pertaining to BY GRIN STAFF the Gila River Indian Community.

Council representative Barney Enos Jr. suspended

Council on March 5 suspended District 4 Councilman Barney under the influence in November.

After about 45 minutes of debate at the end of Wednesday's edged a motion from the March meeting, the Council voted 16-0 to 3 District 4 Community meetsuspend Enos "as a representative ing, where the district moved to of the Gila River Indian Commu-

ments and boards, committees, [and] all authority afforded by this Enos Jr. without pay pending the tribal Council," according to the outcome of allegations of driving motion read by Councilwoman Jennifer Allison (District 4).

> Allison's motion acknowlsuspend Enos from representing

clerk at the west end courthouse in

She is a well-known propo-

The Gila River Community nity tribal Council and all assign- District 4 after a police report de- said. "Should they come, I plan to not vote. tailing his alleged transgressions became public.

> Enos—who has not yet been charged with a crime-read a prepared statement addressing the Nov. 15, 2013 incident.

> "I want you all to know that I plan to defend myself against these allegations and any poten

address these charges. I hope you can respect my personal rights not confirmed that no charges have to discuss the details of this matter. Under our judicial system I have the right not to incriminate myself. I've hired an attorney and I've been advised not to discuss this matter publicly."

All Councilmembers were in tial charges that may come," Enos attendance for the vote. Enos did

The Office of the Prosecutor been filed against Enos. "The Office of the Prosecutor has not filed a criminal complaint but the matter is being reviewed," said Chuck Allen, acting chief prosecutor.

Zillioux sworn in for Community Court of Appeals

munity welcomed Judge Jaque- gree in Fine Arts from the Institute practices who helped revive traline Zillioux as the first Gila River of American Indian Arts in Santa woman to be sworn in to the Com- Fe, N.M., Zillioux returned to Gila munity Court of Appeals at the River and began working as a court March 5 Council meeting.

Judge Jacqueline Zillioux 1980. hails from the Vah Ki community

Youth of year

challenges that life threw her way.

she considers herself fortunate de-

seems there isn't much expected

of us," she said. "There isn't much

encouragement and it's hard to

find a sense of belonging. But I

am the lucky one because I have

people in my life who have loved

spite the struggles she's faced.

In her speech, Francisco said

"As a Native American it

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bers and GRIC tribal leaders. and supported me and encouraged Francisco has been attending me along the way and constantly the Boys & Girls Club in Komatke reminded me that I have a place, a since she was 10, at the insistence role to play and a community to be of Sarah, who is three years her jua part of."

nior. She has excelled at the club Though she is a confident, college-bound young lady now, she ever since, even through the many said it wasn't always so easy.

> "If you really knew me, you'd know that I grew up with an alcoholic father," Francisco said. "I learned to manage by spending my mornings looking for the stashed beer cans around the house and emptying them down the sink before he could remember where he stashed them the night before.

> > "You would also know that I

The Gila River Indian Com- of District 5. After getting her de- nent of traditional and cultural ceremonies for young women. in her community. She is a cofounder of the Unity Run, one of eight women who started a GRIC basket-weaving group and partici-

years," she said, inciting the crowd

kid for being overweight, a trauma

she "wouldn't wish upon anyone."

She discussed seeing friends and

family pass away with regularity

because of drugs and alcohol, and

even her own experiences with

she "had people in my life who en-

couraged me at every step." A ma-

jor source of inspiration came from

But she persevered because

drugs, alcohol and self-cutting.

Francisco was also bullied as

to break into applause.

Over the course of her 33-year ditional O'otham song and dance career, Zillioux has risen through the ranks, becoming a court clerk supervisor and eventually retiring as an administrator. She now joins Judges Susan Alexander and Jim pates in O'otham coming of age Ortego to fill out the GRIC appel-

late court.

Judge Zillioux was sworn in by Chief Judge Anthony Hill with the assistance of her mother Georgina Charles. She looks forward to serving her four-year term as Appellate Judge.

am proud of my father for changthe Boys & Girls Club, particularly ing the direction of his life and beteen leaders such as Stephanie Ating responsible enough to put his wood and Emiliano Morondos. family first and being sober for five "I am thankful for my club and

everything they have done," Francisco said in closing. "I am now proud, confident and determined to give the world a different expectation of what it means to be a Native American woman. I am truly the lucky one."

Francisco's family awaited her after her brave speech. "We're very proud of her," her mother, Shelby, said. "It's just the beginning of greatness.'

Francisco is waiting to hear back from Syracuse University in New York, her dream school. She's considering studying audio engineering to pursue her love of music, but may consider a future role in politics as well.

Whatever Francisco decides, she knows she wants to give back in the same way the Boys & Girls Club gave to her:

"Being Youth of the Year is kind of inspiring in a way because I've always wanted to be able to make an impact on youth like mentors have impacted me in my life."



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CULTURE & HISTORY

In searching for original names of locations and village on or near our jeved, there are as many explanations as opinions. Village locations changed and sometimes the same name went along and other times it did not. Along these lines, on GRIC one



quickly learns a location can be known by a number of names. I picked up a most interesting book from the HuHuGam Heritage Center. Harry J. Winters Jr. has spent nearly a lifetime meeting with O'otham and Piipash elders gathering information. His book, O'odham Place Names: Meanings, Origins, and Histories Arizona and Sonora, is available from Night Horses Press (www.nighthorses.com). This informative book deals with names and locations within the traditional O'odham jeved, including Mexico. Space allows me only a few entries from this lengthy book.

When an O'otham first saw a monkey, he needed a new name for what he saw, thus Gogs O'otham. Gogs O'otham Dakam is a hill just north of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community boundary, east of Shea Boulevard. It means "monkey sitting there." Just make sure all understand you are talking about the hill if you happen to say it when in Salt River.

Originally known as Gagso Ki or "kit foxes home," these small hills are located south of the Gila River Farms office. (A gaso is one desert kit fox.) Today we know it as Fox Buttes, at the intersection of 587 and Seed Farm Road. Next time you feel like howling at the moon, here's the place to be.

On the other hand, Stotonic is an archaic village that moved from the south bank of the Gila to the north. It was included in 1825 when a Spanish Commandant listed our villages. In 1872, a Board of Indian Commissioner wrote the name as Staw-to-nik. Both spellings mean "many ants." Some Stotonic residents feel the people who reside here are like ants, always running around and working, never resting.

Miligan Daak or "American Nose" is a mountain north of Sacaton on the old Southern Pacific Railroad. One story is an American settled here with a big..., well you can guess the rest of the story. It was also spelled Dock and Dahk. In my youth I knew it as a loading and shipping stop for cattle. Area cattlemen would bring cattle to be shipped out by railroad car. Remains of the corrals are still visible at this location.

Dahidakud can be translated as "Lookout Post." At the western edge of the Santan Mountains is a small hill. In the old days, a scout would sit on top and watch for enemies. Dust raised by feet or horses could be easily seen. If danger was spotted, the sentry ran back to the villages to warn the people. Fast runners were respected within the tribe.

Walker Butte is a small mountain on the eastern end of our reservation. In O'otham it was called chiñ meaning "mouth" and in this case a bird's mouth or beak. The peak does rise to a point. Chiñ also appears in the name Ak Chiñ, "mouth of the wash". Ak Chiñ is near the mouth or end of the wash.

Hejel Jeg was the name of an old GRIC village. The earliest mention of this village was in 1774 by the Spaniards. Hejel means "alone" or" by itself." One meaning of jeg would be a clearing or bare patch of ground. Normally when a new village location was chosen, the area had to be cleared for houses. But Hejel Jeg was a natural clearing or bare patch of ground in the desert brush. During an attack, other villagers ran here for the clearing was big enough for all of them, making it difficult for the enemy to harm all of them. The exact location of the village is disputed; maybe it wanted to be left alone.

This land has been occupied since time out of mind and obviously known by many names. Locations can have a Native, Spanish or English name however the best name is... ours.



Miss Gila River reflects on her experience during farewell address



gave her insight and confidence to represent the Community well.

"There are two things that I have gained being the 50th Miss Gila River," said Hendricks. The first is that "this experience has really helped me get in touch with learning how to be an O'otham woman - how you present yourself and the duties that you should ful." carry."

was about taking pride in where ed Hendricks on her time as Miss she comes from. About a year ago, she was atop the Huhugam Heritage Center with a tour guide. From that vantage point, she saw a field of dead, chopped tree stumps. Hendricks said she learned that "the reason there are so many stumps, particularly around the river, is because when we (the Community) were at our hardest [time], the men had to chop all of those trees down to feed the rest of the Community."

River. She said the experience through and in my heart, I will al- ing yourself well and to try and ways take great pride in where I come from."

> "I thank God for blessing us and keeping us so abundant in everything," she said. "We have to really be thankful for everything keep the Community first because that we get. You know, a lot of tribes don't have what we have resentation so what you do reflects and we really need to be thank-

A handful of Council mem-The second thing, she said, bers congratulated and commend- working in the food service in-Gila River, including former Miss Gila River Annette Stewart: "We are so blessed in the Gila River Indian Community to have such strong women in our community and I congratulate you for your time served." Councilwoman Carol Schurz said, "I can't tell you how proud I am of you...you're such an awesome diplomat for the Community...I don't think there's a time when you neglect that duty of being welcoming and being concerned for your fellow members."

learn new things [about your heritage], whether you're Pee-Posh or O'otham. Learn and try and do as much as you can."

She said, "Just remember to you are an ambassador and a repthe Community whether it's in the Community events or outside."

Being on Youth Council and dustry as well as interning with the Executive Office helped Hendricks develop her public relation skills. Next, she said she will prepare for the Miss Indian Arizona pageant. "It's really intimidating," she said, "but I'm just going to go and represent the Community as best as I can and give it my all." Hendricks currently attends CAC and will begin her studies at ASU in the fall, where she will major in Public Administration. "I got that idea from former Community Manager David White," she said. He studied Public Administration and her goal is to one day be a Community Manager as well. "I would like to thank the Community for letting me be able to serve as your Miss Gila River," Hendricks said. "I can honestly say that it has been a life-changing experience for me."

Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented Lisa Hendricks with a work of art by Community artist Russell Blackwater for her time as Miss Gila River.

By Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

Miss Gila River Lisa Hendricks bade a tearful farewell to the Community and its leaders at the regular Council meeting March 5.

In a bittersweet goodbye, Hendricks emphasized how proud she is of where she comes from and thanked a number of her supporters including her parents, her friends and her family.

She pointed out the newly elected Appeals Court Judge, Jacqueline Zillioux, who has been a friend and mentor to her and helped her prepare for the Miss

Gila River pageant last year. She also paid mention to Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, who has been a role model to her since she was a young girl: "I really do look up to her," she said, for "how she presents herself [and for] being a strong O'otham woman."

"Councilman Robert Stone has helped me throughout my reign," Hendricks added. Later, Stone accompanied Hendricks in her final rendition of the Mockingbird Song as Miss Gila River. He played the gourd.

Hendricks also credited Gov. Gregory Mendoza for granting her an internship, which helped prepare her for her role as Miss Gila

She began to cry for her people: "It's hard because you go to school and you read about other races who've gone through so much. To think that happened here, it makes me really proud

to say that we've come so far to would say that is the greatest experience for me...to know where I come from and what we've gone to make sure that you're present-

Mendoza thanked Lisa's parents "for raising you the way you are. You're just such a humble lady."

In an interview later that day, get where we are today. And I Hendricks offered some words of wisdom to future Miss Gila Rivers: "My best advice...would be

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10 CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC	11 AK-CHIN (MARICOPA) CLINIC INSIDE MOBILE UNIT 8:30-2:00 PM	12 D1 (BLACKWATER) MULTIPURPOSE CENTER 8:30-2:30 PM	13 D6 (KOMATKE) BY KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	14 NO CLINIC
17 NO CLINIC	18 NO CLINIC	19 NO CLINIC	20 NO CLINIC	21 NO CLINIC
24 D4 (SAN TAN) GILA BUTTE HOUSING 8:30-2:30 PM	25 NO CLINIC	26 D3 (SACATON) BY BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB 8:30-2:30 PM	27 D7 (Maricopa Colony) SERVICE CENTER 9:00-2:00 PM	28 NO CLINIC
31 CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC				CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY PLANNING APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Health Initiative kicks off



On the morning of March 5 the third event in the "Healthy Community Kick Off" was held at the District 6 Service Center as part of the Community's effort to promote health and wellness. The morning consisted of a two and four mile walk/run that began at 6 a.m. and took runners and walkers through the neighborhoods of Komatke. Among the participants was Gov. Gregory Mendoza, who encourages Community members to come out and be active.

-Chris Lomaquahu



Chris Lomaquahu/CPA0

5th Annual Cancer Awareness Day Event "Honoring the Journey" April 26, 2014



Special program filled with speakers and entertainment starts @ 9 am For more information, contact Devin Pablo (Communiy Health Education Program) @ 520-550-8000

TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT "MASCHA A JENIKTHA"

Science rules at Sacaton Middle School

By Joshua Jovanelly Gila River Indian News

Student science projects from around the Gila River Indian Community were on display Feb. 19 as Sacaton Middle School hosted its annual community science fair.

Sacaton Middle School, Sacaton Elementary, Blackwater Community School and St. Peter Indian Mission School had their students' science experiments represented. JoEllen Kinnamon, a seventh and eighth grade science teacher at the middle school, has been organizing the community fair for the last 17 years. She gave credit to all the people involved in making the fair a perennial success.

"They make me look good, just like the kids do," Kinnamon said. "It's all about the kids."

What makes the science fair such an achievement-aside from the creativity of the kids—is the commitment from the judges. Representatives from Intel have donated their time for 15 years, Kinnamon said. Another technology company, Honeywell, joined last year. Retired engineers from



Judges discuss a science project with a student at the Sacaton Middle School's annual Community Science Fair.

employees from the Pima-Mar- mon wrote in an email. icopa Irrigation Project and Gila River Health Care.

In the Sacaton gymnasium, three-paneled project boards spanned every table as judges talked to the budding young scientists standing in front of their boards. The enthusiasm between the students and judges was reciprocal. "[The judges] get excited in talking with the older students

the Chandler and Phoenix area as- about their projects and they see sess the kids' work as well, as do the excitement in them," Kinna-

Kinnamon wanted to also recognize the parents, the administration, the school district and school board for their continued support.

The fair was not quite as large as it has been in years past. Kinnamon's goal is to have all GRIC schools participate next year.

Blackwater School

3rd Solar System Sacaton Elem.

1st Plant Chromatography **Blackwater School** 2nd Color of Skittles Sacaton Elem. 3rd Color of M and M's Sacaton Elem.

1st grade **Blackwater School** 2nd Solid to Liquid

Sacaton Elem. 3rd How to Make the Best **Cookies Blackwater School**

2nd grade 1st Sprouting Beans Blackwater School 2nd Rust

Sacaton Elem. 3rd Table Top Hovercraft Sacaton Elem.

3rd grade **1st Black Bananas**

Blackwater 2nd Drawing with Different Art Tools Blackwater 3rd Exploding Lunch Sacaton Elem.

4th grade 1st Bug Direction (A) Sacaton Elem. 1st Bug Direction (B) Sacaton Elem.

Science Fair Winners

2nd Unbreakable Egg

Sacaton Elem.

Middle School Category Win-

2nd Teaspoon of Dye in Water

Sacacton Middle

3rd Mentos Explosion

1st Cupcake Wars

1st Spotted Shells

1st Picasso at Its Best

Sacaton Middle

2nd Shining Crystal Ball

St. Peters

Behavioral and Social Science

Sacaton Elem.

ners

Chemistry:

1st Antacids

Blackwater

Blackwater

Blackwater

7th grade

St. Peters

8th grade

5th grade

5th grade

3rd Lava in a CUP

Winners SMS **Community Science Fair** 2014

Pre-K: 1st Colored World **Blackwater School** 2nd Chips with Fat

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1st Dirty to Dazzling

8th grade 1st Those Darn Critters Sacaton Middle

> Energy and Transportation 5th grade 1st Solar Grasshopper Sacaton Middle

7th grade 1st Terrestrial Step Master Sacaton Middle

8th grade 1st Suspended Bot Sacaton Middle

Energy Electrical/Mechanical 8th grade 1st Greatest Blade Efficiency Windmill Sacaton Middle 2nd Flag Waving Robo Sacaton Middle



Hohokam Middle School students celebrate Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

Submitted by Terry Willis

The JOM Program at Hohokam Middle school recognized 20 students for semester one honor roll and perfect attendance.

Sixth grade student Shayna Antone received a 4.0. She was at the top of her entire sixth grade class and achieved excellence in all academics. Fourteen other 6th grade students maintained a 3.0 or higher along with four seventh grade students. Seventh grade student Sierra Jackson received perfect attendance for semester one. Each of the students received a certificate and are being rewarded through the JOM incentive program. As their advisors we are very proud of all of our students. They worked very hard and it shows! It was very rewarding to see so many students pictured and



Front row from left: Naveli Juarez, Susanna Nacho, and Christina Fierro. Second row from left: Sonja Mendoza, JOM Advisor Ms. Terry Willis, Joseph Morales, Si'Alig Jackson, Gabriella Ordonez, Kassaundra French and JOM Advisor Mrs. Nikko Davis. Third row From left: Alaysia Hernandez, Shayna Antone, Tori EagleBull, Kiamie Wahpeta, Alette Paul, Amaya Duran and Keely Bullcoming. Back row from left: Dominick Johnson, Sancia Montano, Sydney

achieve academically

kwater, Sierra Jackson and Darrion Jackson

'Big Thanks' to Devon Miles



Photo courtesy Bobbi Rose Nez

Gila River youth Devon Miles was recognized by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Arizona at its quarterly volunteer recognition event known as the "Big Thanks" Feb. 27 at the Burton Barr Central Library.

Miles is a second-year Big Sister. She participates in the GRIC site-based program at the Sacaton Boys & Girls Club along with a dozen of her classmates from Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud. Miles's aunt, brother and cousin were in attendance to witness her accept the Big Thanks Award.

She was recognized by BBBS Program Specialist Bobbi Rose Nez for her commitment, consistency and leadership. She is "a great peer mentor for other Bigs in the program," wrote Nez in an email, and shows "genuine interest in the well being and development of her Littles."

At left: Devon Miles holding her 'Big Thanks' award.

Announcements & Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA Sacaton Judicial Court Sacaton, Arizona Janet Smith Plaintiff(s) Vs William Parker, Defendant(s). Case Number: CV-2014-0042 TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER: THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, WILLIAM PARKER. THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED JANET SMITH IN ANY MANNER. FOR THE PERIOD OF: FEBRUARY 21, 2014 to MARCH 21, 2014. A Restraining Order Hearing is scheduled for MARCH 21,2014 at 9:15A.M. at the Gila River Indian Community Court, 721 W. Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA Sacaton Judicial Court Sacaton, Arizona Doreen Williams-Cooper,

Plaintiff(s) Vs Corinne Miguel, Defendant(s). Case Number: CV-2013-00350 CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER: THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant, CORINNE MIGUEL THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED DOREEN WILLIAMS COOPER IN ANY MANNER. FOR THE PERIOD OF: 6 MONTHS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21, 2014 to AUGUST 21, 2014. FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

TITLE 4 Chapter 2. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY, ARBI-TRATION AND TORT CLAIMS

4.201. Findings and Purpose.

A. The Gila River Indian Community is a sovereign nation, under which the Community Council is the governing body, and the Community Council has the authority to determine the manner in which the sovereignty of the Community is asserted.

B. This Chapter intends to balance the interests between individual persons and parties,

including members and non-members of the Community, in obtaining just redress for injuries and claims with the Community's interest in securing the purpose and benefits of public funds and the ability of government to function without undue interference for the greatest good of the Community.

C. The Community also finds that it is in the best interest of the Community to enact laws and ordinances which permit economic development and the transaction of business in the Community in a manner which creates a fair and favorable climate for all of the parties involved.

4.202. Definitions. The following definitions apply to this Chapter:

A. Community contract means a contract or agreement for goods or services wherein one party to the contract or agreement is the Gila River Indian Community, as defined in Section 1.302(H). A Community contract does not include intergovernmental agreements.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION The Legislative Standing Committee will be considering the proposed sovereign immunity ordinance. A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators' offices and the Community Council Secretary's Office. This proposed ordinance will be considered at the March 25, 2014 Legislative Standing Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m., the Governance Center. Community members may comment on the proposed ordinance by contacting their Council member(s) and/or Councilwoman Jennifer Allison the Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may also be sent to: GRIC Office of General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147.

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

What's New at GRICUA: 2014 Washington Youth Tour Representatives Congratulations to

Bria Ramon, Kandie Anton, and Alayna

Thomas for being selected to represent GRICUA and the Gila River Indian Community at the 2014 Washington Youth Tour in June. Alayna, Bria and Kandie will join hundreds of students from across the country for a weeklong trip to visit historic monuments and museums, meet with United States Representative and Senators and participate in workshops with other students.

Alayna Thomas (not pictured) is a junior at Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud Alternative School. Alayna likes to play softball and she enjoys music and writing. She is involved with the Pearl Harbor Memorial Walk and Service Learning.



Bria Ramon is a junior at Hamilton High School. Bria is a member of the Native American Club and she's also an Active Volunteer. Her favorite subjects in school are English and History. In her spare time she likes meeting new people, reading, music, and writing.



Kandie Anton is a junior at Coolidge High School. Kandie is a member of the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC), CHS Tribes Club, and she plays softball. Some of her favorite subjects are History, Art, and English.

GRICUA Meter Tampering

GRICUA takes meter tampering and theft very serious. Meter tampering puts you at risk as well as violates GRICUA's Rules and Regulations For Electric Service. GRICUA considers meter tampering to be an act of fraud and pursuant to Section 4.15.6 of GRICUA's Rules and Regulations For Electric Service, GRICUA reserves the right to report such actions to the Gila River Police Department and to pursue criminal proceedings against you for fraud and theft.

Landrea Larney is GRICUA's Administrative Assistant. A few of her job duties include: updating the GRICUA website, composing the monthly newsletters, supporting the GRICUA Board, and general office support. Landrea earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Arizona State University. Landrea met her husband. Jim, while at ASU. They have 3 beautiful girls: Breanna, Katelyn, and Jaymie. Landrea and her family are very active in sports. They all play softball and basketball so it's rare for them to have a "free weekend" but when they do, they enjoy watching movies and traveling. Energy Saving Tips

Home Electronics Tips

• Look for energy-saving ENERGY STAR home electronics.

• Unplug appliances, or use a power strip and use the switch on the power strip to cut all power to the appliance, to avoid "vampire" loads. Many appliances continue to draw a small amount of power when they are switched off. These vampire loads occur in most appliances that use electricity, such as DVD players, TVs, stereos, computers, and kitchen appliances.

• Unplug battery chargers when the batteries are fully charged or the chargers are not in use.

• Use rechargeable batteries for products like cordless phones and digital cameras. Studies have shown they are more cost effective than disposable batteries. If you must use disposables, check with your trash removal company about safe disposal options.

Home Office Tips

• Selecting energy-efficient office equipment and turning off machines when they are not in use can result in significant energy savings.

• Using an ENERGY STAR-labeled computer can save 30%-65% energy than computers without this designation, depending on usage.

• Spending a large portion of time in low-power mode not only saves energy but helps equipment run cooler and last longer.

• Using the power management settings on computers and monitors can cause significant savings.

• It is a common misperception that screen savers reduce a monitor's energy use. Use automatic switching to sleep mode or simply turn it off.

• Another misperception, carried over from the days of older mainframe computers, is that equipment lasts longer if it is never turned off.

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.

April 7 May 8 June 5 July 8 August 7

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

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Gila River Telecommunication, Inc. Board of Directors	Two (2)	May 7, 2014 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Telecommunication, Inc. Board of Directors, 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 and phone number on your résumé*). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of this position can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ★ ★ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ★ ★

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

Board/Committee	Number of Vacancies	Deadline
Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors	Two (2)	March 17, 2014 12:00 noon

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application, Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (*include your address and phone number 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.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council from time to time and an affidavit attesting that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions. The Code of Conduct, application, financial disclosure, and affidavit can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: *Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community enterprise boards shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent person seeking reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources.* A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

GRICUA Budget Billing

You don't need to guess to predict your future energy bills. GRICUA Budget Billing is a no cost program that balances the seasonal highs and lows of your bill to make your payments predictable each month and enhance your family's budgeting. Call (520)796-0600 today and learn about this new budget billing program.

Featured Employee: Landrea Larney



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. You can also go to our website at 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 afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday, Feb. 19, 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 February 19, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:09 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone **ROLL CALL**

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Gregory Mendoza

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Cynthia Antone, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams (9:11), 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 (9:12); D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

REPORTS

1. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority – 2014 Annual Plan - February 2014

Presenters: Christopher Mendoza, Dale Gutenson REPORT HEARD

2. Gila River Telecommunications Fourth Quarter 2013 Update

Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, Derek E. White, Charles Miller

REPORT HEARD

3. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., Comments To House Energy& Commerce Committee

Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, Derek E. White

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED AT 11:12AM]

4. Department Of Community Housing Quarterly Report Presenter: Lori Francisco

REPORT HEARD

5. Update To Council Regarding TLOA Implementation Activities

Presenters: Office Of General Counsel REPORT HEARD

6. Government Finance Officers Association Annual Report

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AC-CEPT

THE REPORT

7. The Caring House Annual Report Presenters: Fernanda Reams, Mark Klein

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Letter Agreement Reconfirming The Secretary Of The Interior's Execution Of The Lease And Option Agreement Between Phelps Dodge Corporation, Gila River Indian Community And The United States As Trustee For The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs) Presenters: Office of General Counsel, Akin Gump

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Consolidated Grant Application For The United States Department Of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation For FY 2014 To Be Submitted On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Edward Alameda, Jan Morris, Casey Bilagody

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Modification

Amendment Between The Gila River Indian

Community And JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

(G&MSC forwards to Council with

recommendation of approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The HuHuGam Heritage Center And Wolf Consulting, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval)

Presenter: Linda Morgan

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Endorsing The Appointment Of Councilman Terrance B. Evans To the Maricopa County Department Of Transportation, Transportation Advisory Board (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Tracy Darmony APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Amending Title 20, Chapter 2, Homesite (LSC forwards to Council with changes and with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE WITH CONDITIONS THE ORDINANCE GO BACK OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE DISTRICTS MEETINGS FOR 45 CALENDAR DAYS; AND PROVIDED THOSE PRESENTATION BE GIVEN BY THE LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES; FURTHER RETURNING TO THE LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE AND NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING AND BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

 Appointment Community Judge (1) Presenters: Community Council JACQUELINE J. ZILLILOUX APPOINTED [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
 Housing Owner's Team Budget Clarification Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr. ITEM DISCUSSED

NEW BUSINESS

1.BIA Termination Of an Abandoned Right-of-Way Owned by Union Pacific Railroad; Request for Direction on Reclamation Standards (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation to authorize and request the BIA to direct UPRR to remove the rest of the remaining track and railroad ties, to repave Chin Road and to leave the ballast; CRSC concurs)

Presenter: Tana Fitzpatrick

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST THE BIA TO DIRECT UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD TO REMOVE THE REMAINING TRACK AND RAILROAD TIES, TO REPAVE CHIN ROAD AND TO LEAVE THE REMAINING RIGHT-OF-WAY INCLUDING THE BALLAST IN THIS CURRENT CONDITION

AS IT IS USED FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT

2. Pima of Mexico Cultural Exchange Program Initiatives (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for Governor to sign letter of Invitation)

Presenter: Marshall Sunna

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS >HOUSING OWNERS TEAM MEETING THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 20, 2014, 8AM >G&M WORK SESSION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

>WHP MOTOR SPORTS HOT ROD SATURDAY, FEB-RUARY 22, 2014

>IWA JIMA PARADE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014, 9AM

>URBAN MEMBERS MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRU-ARY 22, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:38pm

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



REPORT HEARD [GOVERNOR MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 2-HOUR LUNCH BREAK RECONVENED AT 2:32PM MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. 2013 Audited Financial Reports (Executive Session)

Presenters: John James, CEO, Kenneth Manuel, Assistant CEO, Board Of Directors, Stephen Harris, REDW REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SES-SION

9. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ended January 2014 (Executive Session) Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SES-SION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gila River Indian Community Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study Mobile Open House

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The Gila River Indian Community, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) is developing the Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Plan funded through MPD's Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program. The plan will provide multimodal transportation improvement recommendations to be implemented in the next five, 10 and 20 years.

Your input on pedestrian safety needs and recommendations for future transportation improvements to address these issues are critical for the Gila River Indian Community.

Stop by at any one of the mobile open house sites listed below on **Friday, March 28, 2014** to learn more about the study and to

share your concerns and ideas for pedestrian safety improvements. Your input is valuable to this study effort.

3. Sacaton Super Mart

Meeting Locations:

1. Governance Center 525 W Gu U Ki Sacaton, AZ 85147 8-9:30 a.m

2. Gila River Health Care

483 W Seed Farm Rd Sacaton, AZ 85147

10-11:30 a.m.

- 310 Ocotillo Dr Sacaton, AZ 85247 12-1:30 p.m.
- 4. Komatke Chevron 17197 S 51st Ave Laveen, AZ 85339 2:30-3:30 p.m.

If you require special assistance in order to participate in the public meeting, please contact projects@azdot.gov or 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Projects@azdot.gov 855.712.8530

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MEETING

LOCATIONS

MCAD Estrella

Mountain High

W Pecos Rd

5. Boys & Girls Club-

Gila River Komatke

5047 W Pecos Rd

Laveen, AZ 85339

4-5:30 p.m.





Whether you're a Southwest Gas customer or not, it's important to know how to recognize and respond to a natural gas leak.

A leak may be present if you:

SMELL: An odor similar to rotten eggs, even if it's



faint or momentary.

HEAR: A hissing or roaring sound coming from the ground or above-ground pipeline.

SEE: Dirt or water blowing into the air, discolored vegetation surrounding a pipeline, or standing water continuously bubbling.

If you suspect a leak:

- Leave the area immediately.
- From a safe place, call 911 and Southwest Gas at 1-877-860-6020, day or night, whether you're a customer or not. A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible.
- Don't smoke or use matches or lighters.
- Don't turn on or off any electric switches, thermostats, or appliance controls; or use automated doors.
- Don't start or stop an engine.

For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit **swgas.com/safety** or call **1-877-860-6020**.

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CONTACT US GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER PROGRAM 520,562,6087/6171 TRIBAL RECREATION FAIR OFFICE PHONE



OR 520.562.6122 FAX

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