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Legislative Hearing on Keep the Promise Act

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Washington, D.C. - The next stage of the "Keep the Promise Act," a bill that started out as H.R. 1410, now renamed as S. 2670, was introduced to the Senate by Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) July 28.

On Sept. 17, Gov. Gregory Mendoza testified at a legislative hearing on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community regarding the tribe's opposition to the proposed Tohono O'odham Nation casino and resort in the West Valley.

In the packed hearing room of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, representatives from GRIC, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Tohono O'odham Nation and other tribes gathered to witness the proceedings before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

The goal of S. 2670 is to limit the amount of casinos near the Phoenix metropolitan area in keeping with the 2002 referendum called Prop. 202.

In addition, the bill will prohibit any "gaming activities on certain tribal lands" until the expiration of the state-tribal gaming compact in 2027.

The bill does not say tribes cannot build on lands that have been brought into trust, but states they cannot use it for the purpose of gaming activities.

Section 4 (a) reads: "Class II gaming and class III gaming are prohibited on land within the Phoenix metropolitan area acquired by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe after April 9, 2013."

The bill passed in the House of Representatives with overwhelming support. The new bill is sponsored by McCain, who hopes to get it before the full Senate.

Sen. McCain and Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), chairman of the committee, heard the testimonies of Gov. Mendoza, TON Chairman Ned Norris Jr., Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and Glendale Councilman Gary Sherwood. The hearing also included Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior Kevin Washburn.

Gov. Mendoza opened up his testimony by saying that, "It pains
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River Flows After Record Setting Monsoon Season



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Water flows through the Gila River. In the distance rests the eastern-most portion of the Sacaton mountain range, called Thin Mountain. This photo was taken on Sept. 23, just east of Sacaton, where Highway 87 crosses over the river. Last month's record-setting storms dropped heavy rainfall on the state, including on the mountains to the east of the Gila River Indian Community. This is the direction from which the Gila River naturally flows. Runoff water from those mountains filled the Gila River just enough to remind Community members of what the river once was.- GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian Community Division Narrative and Approved FY 2015 Operating Budget (GR-162-14)

By Executive Office
Gila River Indian Community

Dear Community Members,

On August 29, 2014, at a Special Council meeting of the Gila River Indian Community Council, the Gila River Indian Community Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget (GR-162-14) was approved. Below you will find a brief narrative overview of each division and approved funds allocated to each department/program within each division. Keep in mind that each division is structured by the GRIC Interim Organizational Chart per by Resolution GR-214-11.

Efforts will continue in providing greater transparency to uphold the commitment made to provide regular and on-going communication with Community members. I encourage every Community member to review the information provided.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Gregory Mendoza,
Governor

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ADOT releases FEIS on Proposed South Mountain Freeway

By GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The 60-day review period for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway has begun.

The Arizona Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, released the FEIS on Sept. 26. The review period closes on Nov. 25. According to ADOT, the final decision, called the Record of Decision, is expected to be finalized in late 2014 and released in 2015. The FEIS is available online at azdot.gov/SouthMountain-Freeway.

The FEIS is the next step in the federally required review process and provides the public with a final opportunity to review and provide comments on ADOT's preferred action.

The preferred route for this freeway corridor connects to Interstate 10 just north of the Wild Horse Pass area, runs east/west along Pecos Road, around South Mountain and then north/south between 55th and 63rd avenues, connecting again with Interstate 10 north of Laveen.

The South Mountain Highway will remain off of the Gila River Indian Reservation and on-Community alternatives will not be considered or studied due to a February 2012 GRIC referendum expressing the people's desire for the highway to not be built at all.

The 8-lane freeway is expected to cut through two small

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Sacaton Girl Qualifies for INFR



Photo Courtesy of Gina Enos

It started with a little girl's dream at the age of 5 to become a cowgirl and that's what started the road of horses and rodeos for Jocelyn CoNeiSenNey.

Jocelyn began riding horses at age 5 and participated in her first Gymkhana at the Cowboy Church in Casa Grande, Ariz.

She has won buckles, ropes, jackets, t-shirts, breast collars, rope bags, headstalls, saddle pads, boot straps, and saddles.

Jocelyn, aka "Bunny," has made a name for herself in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico in the Native American rodeos as well as Arizona's Queen Creek Junior Rodeo Association and the Arizona Junior Rodeo Association. Her Sacaton residence is announced at all rodeos, which affiliates her with the Gila River Indian Community. She has a unique last name of "Co'Nei'Sen'Ney" which comes from the Euchee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Since 2011, she has won 15 All-Around Champion Cowgirl titles, 30 buckles and 3 trophy saddles from the White Mountain Apache Tribe Jr. Rodeo in

November 2013 and the Peridot Stampede Jr. Rodeo (High Point Cowgirl) in San Carlos, Ariz. in March 2014. Her most recent trophy saddle was won in May 2014 with the Arizona Junior Rodeo Association in Prescott, Ariz.

This summer Jocelyn bought her first Indian National Finals Rodeo card to compete in the 15 years and under Junior Barrel Racing division. The Jr. and Sr. events were added in 2006 to the INFR Finals.

Jocelyn competed for points this summer to qualify for a shot at a World Champion Jr. Barrel Racing title at INFR in November. There are two rodeo associations in Arizona to join, the Southwest Indian Rodeo Association (SWIRA) and Navajo Nation Rodeo Association (NNRA). NNRA began its season in April with one of their rodeos as an INFR Tour rodeo in Shiprock. Only the top two barrel racers must qualify at the end of the NNRA rodeo season in September.

Overall Jocelyn's accomplishment this year (2013-2014 season) are:

- Entered 16 rodeos for AJRA
- Entered 16 rodeos for QCJR
- Entered 12 Gymkannas for Chandler Vaquero Saddle Club
- Entered 6 (7th in November for San Carlos) Indian Rodeos of which she won 5 of the All Around Champion Cowgirl title
- Won 2 saddles (AJRA 5/2014 and Peridot Stampede 3/14)
- Won 16 buckles just for 2014, total 30 buckles
- Crowned Miss Apache Western Jr. Rodeo "Lil Bit" rodeo Queen in May 2014 from

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She won the Navajo Nation Rodeo Association Year-End Standing to qualify to the Indian National Finals Rodeo 2014. Season ran from April to September 2014 - in Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. She travelled 8,018 to 10 NNRA rodeos this summer. Jocelyn major sponsors were GRIC Executive Office, GRTI, Lone Butte Industrial Park.

Jocelyn doesn't come from a generation of a rodeo family

but she has proven that anything is possible with hard work, commitment, perservice, faith and belief in a higher power.

Jocelyn is the daughter of Aleshia Co'Nei'Sen'Ney and Marshall White, granddaughter of Gina Enos of Sacaton, granddaughter of William and Diane Only-A-Chief of Tulsa, Okla., and granddaughter of Charles Justin of Casa Blanca.

- Gina Enos, grandmother

4th Annual Justice and Remembrance Walk

For
Griffin T. "Kush" Lewis

Oct. 10, 2014

Starting point : Corner of Dobson & Goodyear Rd.
 District 4 near Snake Town Housing
 Starting Time 6:00 a.m.

The walk will proceed toward the West point of the "Aji" under the I-10 bridge and Gila River bed toward St.Peter Rd. to Casa Blanca Rd. (West) to Orchard Rd. (South) ending at
 "Kush's" Grandparents Home
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District 4 Man Overcomes Health Issues, Graduates College

By Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Seven years ago, when Alvin Cooper was diagnosed with diabetes, put on dialysis and told that he couldn't work anymore, an old rebellious instinct kicked in.

"There's a lot of things that I've been told [I] can't do. But I just do it just to prove them wrong. Don't tell me I can't do it. I'll find a way to do it," he said in an interview alongside his wife and daughter at the GRIN office.

"Don't say, 'can't.'" is his motto. It represents the mindset he brings to every life challenge.

It was the same thing he said when, after losing two fingers on his right hand, he was told he would never be able to use a hammer again. But the life-long carpenter found a way.

It was the same no-excuses mentality he instilled in his children growing up.

It was the same drive that picked Alvin up by his bootstraps and pushed him through the dialysis center, through the prison cell, through the broke days and onto the graduation catwalk.

Cooper, 54, graduated from ITT Technical Institute, Sept. 22 with a Bachelor's degree in Project Management. Before that, he got his Associates in Computer Drafting and Design, also at ITT, and now he's going to Chandler-Gilbert Community College through the Employment & Training Department's Career Pathways entrepreneurship program.

He didn't plan it this way.

"I just wanted something to keep me occupied," he said. After being put on dialysis and being told to stay indoors, he started looking for work. But one day, on a visit to ITT with his daughter, he was talking to an administrator. "I told the person there what I was interested in so they said, 'Take the test and see how you do.' I took the test; that night they accepted me."

Getting into college, it would seem, was the easy part. Funding himself, now without a job, was not so easy.

Alvin went to the Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department to ask for financial aid but it was November already and he missed the deadline and didn't get any money

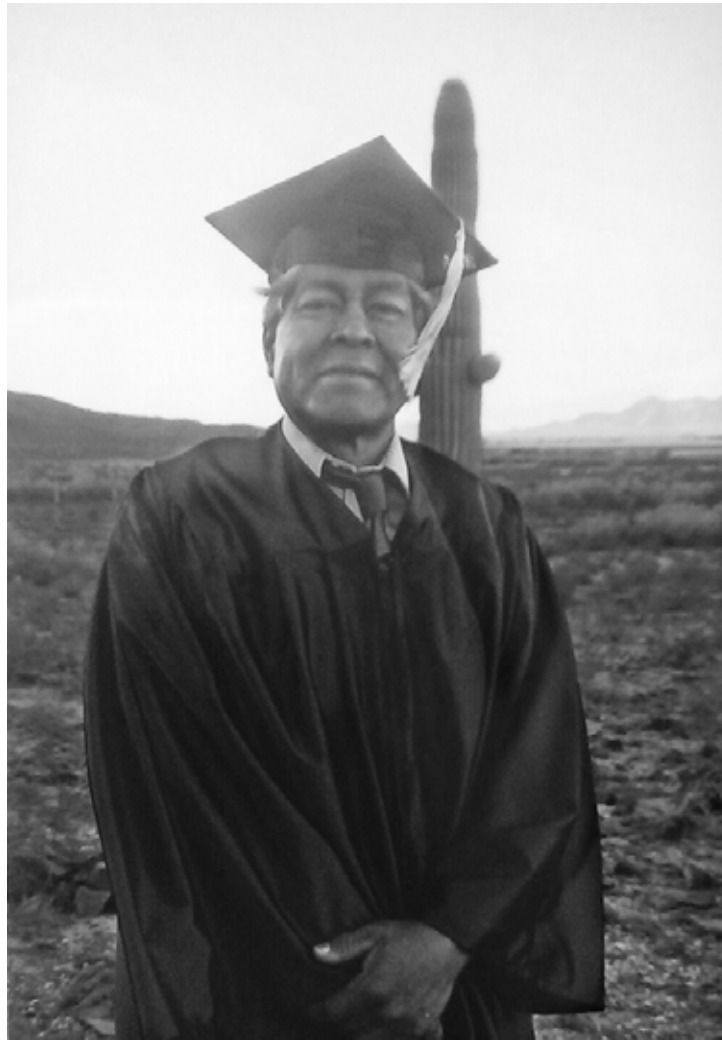


Photo Courtesy of the Cooper Family

Alvin Cooper posing in his cap and gown.

from Student Services. He got a student loan and applied for the federal Pell Grant, which paid off the loan, but all that money was going straight to the school. He didn't see any of it, so in the meantime, he was struggling to find gas money to get him from District 4 to Tempe.

"My daughters helped me out a lot. I had no transportation. I tried to make it on my own. I was doing side jobs to make gas money and...fix our ride," he said. Both of his daughters were working. One would give him a ride to class and the other would return him home.

On top of financial and health issues, Alvin also had to contend with learning new technology. Computer aided drafting and design software is highly technical and would take a long time for even a proficient, everyday computer user to master. It also requires intensive math training.

"At first, everything was new to me. I didn't know how to use any kind of software and I went in for Computer Drafting and De-

sign. That's where I started learning how to use computers. And I would ask my kids, how do you do this, what's this for?"

Eventually, he picked it up. Just like his grades.

"My grades weren't that good at first and I knew what the school expected of me and I kind of pushed myself," he said.

His wife Melissa said while at first he was earning Fs, he later started getting As. It was because he studied like crazy. He took his books to the hospital, to the prison, everywhere, said Melissa, "He was really dedicated to school."

Wait – why was he taking his books to prison?

One day, Alvin got pulled over by a Gila River Police Officer, only to discover he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

"We got stopped once (in 2012) and I found out I had a warrant from like, 1980. So I ended up doing weekends at the same time I was going to school and going to dialysis."

He couldn't remember the charges – either DUI or leaving

the scene of an accident – but said, "I went to court for it but I just never paid the fine," and there was no statute of limitations.

He said the judge, who was aware of his situation, being unemployed, a student and on dialysis, agreed that it would be best for him to serve his jail time over weekend stints rather than in full. But even that proved detrimental to his health.

"I had a Friday class. As soon as I got out of class Friday, I turned myself in and I would get out Sunday night to make it to class and then dialysis [on Monday]," he explained. This went on for about four months and before long, his body couldn't take it anymore.

"I was just getting more sick in jail," he said. His family wrote letters to the judge requesting his release. Luckily, the judge worked with them. "We had a meeting with the judge and...she noticed the difference – I looked more sick than when I first started."

Thankfully, the judge terminated his case and let him go for good. Just in time for him to black out at school and be sent to the hospital in a coma.

"We had to put him on life support," said Melissa. "Me and my daughter Ashley, we had to make a decision right then and there." The doctors told her there was a 50 percent chance that he would make it through all right – good enough odds for a fighter like Alvin. "All of the people came and prayed for him and everything."

It was touch and go for a while but Alvin didn't surprise anybody when he woke up and one of his first questions was about missing class.

"He wanted to escape (the hospital bed) and go back to school," said Melissa. "We just looked at him and started laughing. We said, 'No you gotta get better!'"

"The school asked me if I wanted to take a break because of that," said Alvin. "They knew my situation. And I told them, no because if I do then I won't finish."

"I see my kids...and how can I be somebody to them if I can't back my word up when I tell them, 'Don't say can't.'"

When Alvin lost his job because of the dialysis, he almost broke down, said his wife.

"He felt like he wasn't of no use to us anymore. I told him to think of it as a vacation, just a break."

But Alvin is the kind of man that doesn't know how to take a vacation.

After being told he would have to quit working outside, he said, "I started [building] a mud wall, like, to break the wind so they can cook outside with the fire. I started that just to prove to them and prove to myself that, [I could do it]."

He said, "My son would try to help me; friends would try to help me, and I would tell them no, that's like my therapy. That's my way of doing something to keep myself busy, keep myself in shape, instead of just lying around and feeling sorry for myself."

Alvin graduated with his Associates in 2012. He got his Bachelor's two weeks ago and now he's employed part-time with Pimex construction company and participating in the Career Pathways program, learning how to start and run his own business.

"The company that I'm working for now, they offered me a job. They want me to work full-time," he said. But he's also kind of locked into the Career Pathways thing. "I'm kind of debating. I want both of them..."

He figures since he's started with Career Pathways, he's probably going to see it through and eventually start his own business.

"It's amazing when you think about it," said Alex Devereux, Chair of the Computer Drafting and Design program at ITT. "He's old enough to be in that position where he can think about maybe slowing down but he's actually thinking about starting a new business. That's just great to see that level of motivation and commitment."

"He was an incredible role model considering how he was able to carry himself forward despite the challenges. I have healthy students who live down the street that did not have the same motivation level as he did."

Alvin has already motivated a handful of people just from hearing his story.

His daughter Ashley said, "My boyfriend's aunt was also on

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Keep the Promise Hearing From Page 1



Christopher Lomahquah/GRIN

Gov. Gregory Mendoza testifying on the Keep the Promise Act of 2014 before the Senate Committee of Indian Affairs Sept. 17.

me to advocate against a sister tribe."

"This bill is about protecting the promise made to my Community and the other tribal governments," said Mendoza.

Mendoza agrees the TON should receive compensated land, but stressed the Nation needs to comply with current gaming regulations.

In regards to what S. 2670 would entail he said, "the bill merely provides temporary restrictions on additional Indian casinos in the Phoenix area," up to the expiration of the gaming compact.

Mendoza spoke about the impact on smaller rural tribes who

lease slot machines to tribes with large casinos to receive revenue that goes towards public services.

Mendoza said that the TON actions to build a casino would jeopardize future talks to renew gaming compacts, and could lead to opening up the market to non-tribal gaming.

Mendoza believes going to Congress with the bill will provide "swift action" to preserve the promises made in Prop. 202, because local government and the Department of the Interior have not been effective in addressing the casino project.

Throughout the course of the litigation, the City of Glendale has been in the middle of the dis-

pute.

Mayor Weiers said, "There was a clear promise repeatedly made to voters by tribes and state officials that there would be no additional casinos in the Phoenix metro area."

Weiers believes if the casino is to be built in his city, it would lead the way to non-Indian gaming in Arizona. "It would have a devastating affect on tribes," said Weiers.

The City of Glendale recently reversed its decision to oppose the casino in a 4-3 vote.

The Community hopes the bill will be addressed before Congress prior to its break in December.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

BY GRIN STAFF

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

Miss Indian Arizona Alyssa Garcia thanks GRIC for support during her reign



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Outgoing Miss Indian Arizona Alyssa Garcia of the Ak-Chin Indian Community addresses Community Council, thanking them for the support she has received from Gila River during her time as Miss Indian Arizona. Garcia received a gift from Gov. Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Lewis in appreciation of her reign as Miss Indian Arizona. Behind her stands Lisa Hohokimal Hendricks, who declared her bid to compete in the 53rd Annual Miss Indian Arizona Pageant to be held on Oct. 11 at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

Graduate

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dialysis. She told me to tell him, 'Thank you for going back to school,' because she's a dialysis patient as well... She said seeing him going back to school showed her there's something else out there for [her] to do. So she actually went back to school and graduated because of him."

Ashley has a steady job at the hospital in Sacaton but she has been inspired to go back to school as well. She wants to become a Registered Nurse.

"All of us (his kids) graduated from high school and that's a big thing for us," she said. "Him as a role model keeps us going every day. There's times when I want to give up...but I'm like, I have to [keep going] to show something for myself and to make him proud."

When asked what motivates him the most, Alvin says, "If it weren't for

[Melissa] and the kids, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing."

Alvin said there were times when he wanted to quit, but he found a way to pull through.

"She had a lot to do with it," Alvin said, looking at his wife, Melissa, "because when I would go to dialysis, there were days when I didn't feel like going (to school), but she would say, 'You're not like that. You don't give up. ... If it weren't for her, I wouldn't be where I'm at. She was the main support for me.'"

Alvin is not sure where his new career is going to take him. At an age where others may be starting to think about retirement, Alvin is looking at a bright young future in the construction business.



SPECIAL District #4 Community Council Election Schedule

September 05, 2014	GRIC Community Council declares vacancy for a District #4 Community Council Representative
September 8, 2014	District #4 Community Meeting – Nominations for vacancy
September 9 – 10, 2014	Nomination of Candidacy (NOC) forms turned into Tribal Elections office/ route NOC forms to Enrollment, Law Office, HR to ascertain qualifications of candidacy and Special Election Board meeting – residency verifications
September 12, 2014	12 PM DEADLINE for Nomination forms to return to Tribal Elections office
September 17, 2014	VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS
September 19, 2014	Community Council certifies qualification of Candidates for the Special District #4 Community Council Election
October 7, 2014	VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES for the Special D#4 Special Community Council Election
October 14, 2014	ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS
NOVEMBER 4, 2014	SPECIAL DISTRICT #4 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION
November 7, 2014	Protest period ends. <i>Any registered voter shall be allowed to file an election protest and shall be filed in writing with the Community Election Board Chairperson within 3 business day following the election.</i>
November 19, 2014	Community Council certifies the election results of the Special District #4 Community Council election
December 3, 2014	Newly elected D#4 Community Council Representative shall be sworn into office.

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A'AGA:

Something to be Told

By Billy Allen

October (S-hep'jig Mashath) was the time to gather foods from plants that had begun to dry up, such as squash and nuts. Maybe it was also a prime time for Hohokam to compete in the many ball courts around this area. Nowadays it's time for football! There is a long history of Piipash, GRIC and Tohono O'odham footballers, and many may relive their "Friday Night Lights" moments. The names of those who played in "leatherhead" days are known to family and friends. Fernando Walker's family and friends of Goodyear Village know of his athletic past. As a teenager, Mr. Walker and his brothers were Chandler Wolves who participated in high school football, basketball and baseball along with Dallas Delowe and Marlin John-

son. Currently, Walker is known as a team roper, competing at various Native roping events as a member of the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association. He tours within the Southwest Indian Rodeo Association circuit and earned a trip to the Indian National Finals Rodeo in 2012.

Before the 1966 Chandler-Casa Grande football game, Cougar coach Gene Moylan told the Casa Grande Dispatch reporter that he was aware of the Chandler Wolves' "good passing attack." During the game, the Cougars scored first, late in the first quarter. In the next Chandler possession, from the Cougar 46 yard line, quarterback Fernando Walker threw a touchdown bomb to younger brother and end, Rudy Walker. The second quarter score was 14 to 14. To open the third quarter the Chandler Wolves scored quickly under the direction of Walker. The Dispatch sports headline would read: "Cougars Take First Loss, 27-20 To Fumbles, Chandler's Passing."

The 1967 Casa Grande-Chandler game was the Cougars' home opener against the undefeated Wolves. Casa Grande coach Al

Rex told the Dispatch, "Chandler has this quarterback -Fernando Walker- they think is the best in the state. And they've won two ball games against two tough teams...so you know the game's going to be a rough one." The score at halftime was 7 to 7. Late in the third quarter, Chandler quarterback Fernando Walker was sacked twice, but on a third down launched a "long, wicked pass" putting Chandler in front, 14 to 7. Late in the game, it looked like Chandler had momentum on their side after moving the football 52 yards in 3 plays, but the Cougars intercepted to stop the drive. The Cougars scored, but the extra point was blocked: Chandler still led 14 to 13. Walker was told to "eat up the clock," but Chandler fumbled the football away. With 10 seconds left in the game, the Cougars scored and won the game, 19 to 14. Quarterback Walker completed 10 out of 19 passes for 167 yards. The local paper labeled his passes as "deadly". The rivalry between the schools continued as his brother Ron became the next Chandler Wolves quarterback. The 1969 CG Dispatch reported: "This Chandler team relies on a strong run-

ning attack, but quarterback Ron Walker is known to throw the ball at times."

Upon graduation, Fernando Walker was one of four Arizona quarterbacks selected to play for the South in the Arizona North-South All-Star football game in Flagstaff. Due to a broken finger, he did not have an outstanding game. The South lost 27 to 0. Mr. Walker had been recruited to play baseball at Arizona State, but chose to attend Haskell Indian Junior College, now known as Haskell Indian Nations University. At Haskell, Walker branched out and joined the rodeo team. When he returned home he wanted others to relish the competitive spirit, and assisted various youth athletic teams on and off the Community. He is now retired, but stays very active, caring for his livestock, being a strong advocate for individuals with special needs, and assisting his parents, Fernando Sr. and Carmen. By the way, the Snaketown ball court is less than five miles from his home. Maybe he was channeling our ancestors' competitive legacy.



2014 GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

Date	Event
September 17, 2014	VOTER REGISTRATION RE-OPENS for the General Election. New registrations or any changes/corrections to your existing voter registration status can be accepted.
October 1, 2014	GRIC Community Council certifies the election results of the Primary Election
October 7, 2014	VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSSES for the General Election
October 14, 2014	ABSENTEE BALLOTS become AVAILABLE for the General Election; for registered voters unable to vote in person on Election Day.
November 3, 2014	ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSSES for the General Election. All absentee ballots must be accepted by your District Judge or the Tribal Elections Office by 5:00 pm
NOVEMBER 4, 2014	GRIC GENERAL ELECTION DAY - Districts 1 - 7; Polling Sites are open 6 am - 6 pm
November 7, 2014	DEADLINE TO FILE A PROTEST to the election. Any GRIC registered voter can file a protest in writing to the Chairperson of the Community Election Board by 5:00 pm
November 19, 2014	Community Council certifies the election results of the 2014 General Election
January 01, 2015	General Election Candidates sworn into office

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OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH 8AM-10PM

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 Motorsports Park
 CHANDLER ARIZONA

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Gila River Bears present Lt. Gov. with plaque of appreciation



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Gila River Bears little league baseball team, who represented the Community in the 2014 All-Star Tournament in Surprise, Ariz., presented Lt. Gov. Lewis with a plaque in appreciation of his sponsorship during the fall 2013 and spring 2014 Cal Ripken League. Lewis was also given a pin and medal that were presented to the Bears during the Cal Ripken Little League Series where they were runners up in the All-Star tournament on June 28. Teammate Joseph Cooper of Gila River was awarded the Arizona Cal Ripken Tommy Jones Sportsmanship award following the tournament.

Komatke Boys and Girls Club Leaders-In-Training Summer Program

Submitted by Renee Ouellet
 Gila River Health Care BHS:
 Prevention Program



Photo Courtesy of the Prevention Program

Leaders In Training youth enjoyed the puppets and games used for play therapy in the children's department.

Each summer at the Komatke Boys and Girls Club, Leaders-In-Training (L.I.T.) youth participate in leadership and suicide prevention programs provided by Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services: Prevention Program staff. The Leaders In Training program is part of a collaborative effort on behalf of Boys and Girls Clubs nationwide. This program serves to grow leadership skills with teens ages 12-18, by offering them unique opportunities to provide operational support to staff and to serve as role models and mentors for younger club members in their community.

This year, prevention staff member Renee Ouellet invited L.I.T. youth to tour EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center in Tempe as part of their career week activities. The purpose of this tour was to give youth an opportunity to glimpse the inner workings of a non-profit agency and to engage departmental staff of vary-

ing professions. The participating youth received presentations from prevention and human resources employees on the various career paths available and required education for both fields. They were also able to discuss careers in children's services and finance. L.I.T. youth shared lunch and conversation with prevention staff about what they learned from the experience and how they will use the experience to help shape the decisions they make for their future career choices.

Photo 1: Leaders In Training youth enjoyed the puppets and games used for play therapy in the children's department.

10/16/14
4pm D#6
Boys & Girls Club

10/18/14
8:30am Meet at Court for walk
Registration
9:00 Walk
10am D#3
Boys & Girls Club

Break the Silence
Domestic Violence Awareness Fair

silence hides violence
 Stop Domestic Violence

Highlights

- DV awareness and education
- Free Ipad Raffle
- Free Food
- Teen events

We would like to invite you to attend the Gila River Domestic Violence Awareness Fair. Get information about DV awareness and prevention.

Free admission and open to the Public! Get information on Teen Dating and Bullying.

Special Guest!!

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Ira H. Hayes High School Bus Driver Retires after 20 years



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Walter Fisher, recently retired bus driver.

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

For a man from Oklahoma, it was a step away from the dairy farm from which he grew up, moving out west. Walter Fisher said he “enjoyed working with the students,” in his tenure at Ira H. Hayes High School. Although he may not be from the Community, Fisher has been a bus driver in Gila River since 1993.

When word got out that he was going to retire, the students were unhappy, and wanted to see him stay. Fisher says “I have a lot of pride working at Ira H. Hayes school,” having respect for whom the school is named and for the students. His advice to the students he will be saying goodbye to is: “Just do the best you can do and be nice to other people.”

Ira H. Hayes Students Producing Good Writing Projects

Submitted by Mark Smith
Ira H. Hayes High School

Students at Ira Hayes High School are putting out some really good writing. I should know. I am their new Language Arts teacher. After reading from the Ramayana about a Hindu hero, I asked my senior class to write about who their hero was and got some wonderful responses. Here are some samples.

Claudia Bandin wrote: “My hero is not any superhero or hero from a story, but my hero is my father. My father has gone through so many obstacles throughout his life. It amazes me that each obstacle he has gone through has not done any damage...He still stands tall and manages to get through every day.”

Isabel Baquetero’s essay reads: “My mom is my hero. She has always been a strong woman and kept her head held high after all she’s been through. When my dad passed away she took his place and worked in order to take care of us and pay the bills. I love my mom, and she will always be my hero.”

Summer Lewis had a similar message: “My hero is my mom... She is the toughest person I’ve ever known. She went through so much, but she is still holding. She did a lot of work just to put a roof over her 5 kids including me, and she is still working...I thank her for helping me and pushing me as far as I am today.”

Maria Lopez also had similar sentiments: “My mom is my hero. She has been there through bad and good times. When I’m feeling down, she’s the one to lift me up...when I felt like giving up in school, she was the one to tell me

I could do it...my role model, she has been there since day one and still is today.”

Selena Lopez was on the same track: “My hero would be my mother Delia. She has done so much for me. Also she has been through a lot, and just watching her has taught me to never give up and that things in life maybe difficult but we’ll get through it.”

Jovy Valencia also wrote about her mother: “My hero would have to be my mother because she does so much...I’ve seen her at the highest moments and at her lowest. My mom is the strongest woman I know. She does a lot for us. Even if she has to go without, she will just to make sure we have.”

Marcus Rivas had a different idea: “My hero is myself because each day I have something to overcome...I could easily just give up on it and not do anything about it, but that is not the type of person I am. I like to take risks or challenges, and each makes me my own hero.”

On another day I asked the students to write their own poems. They really got creative then.

Isabel Baquetero wrote a moving verse:

Sometimes the time seems to freeze ‘cause I think about you.

Since you have been gone things haven’t been the same.

Mom starts to cry when she sees a picture of you.

The house is so quiet now we no longer hear your voice.

The only time we can see and talk to you is when we visit your grave.

We miss you, Dad.

COLLEGE
JUST AHEAD

College Day

Date: October 23, 2014
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Location: District 5
Multi-Purpose Building



For more information
Please contact the
**Student
Services
Department**
at
(520) 562-3316

“Today’s preparation is tomorrow’s achievement.”










Don't FORGET!

Spring 2015 Application Deadline

November 15, 2014

* Student Services will have extended office hours from **7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday, November 17, 2014** to accept **hand delivered** applications and documents

* If you are **mailing** your application and documents, they must be **postmarked on or before November 15, 2014.**

* Faxed Applications and Documents will not be accepted.

All complete applications and required documents can be submitted prior to the November 15th deadline. You do not have to wait for the deadline to bring them in.

**For further information contact
Student Services Department
(520) 562-3316**



Budget Report by Division From Page 1

Executive Division

The Executive Division is characterized by a diversity of administrative offices, special interest and advisory groups, and direct service providers. The Office of the Community Manager, Community Public Information Office, and the Management Information Systems Department provide direct support to the Executive Office in carrying out the day-to-day activities associated with the tribal government. The Youth Council and the Council of Elders provide information and advice to the Executive Office on constituent matters for policy development consideration. And, the Defense Services Office provides services to Community members, who otherwise might not have representation in legal defense matters.

By department:

Administration	\$11,345,604
Communications & Public Affairs Office	\$1,781,318
Defense Services	\$1,710,257
Youth Council	\$336,409
Council of Elders	\$42,280
Management Information Systems	\$3,777,986
Computer Replacement Program	\$2,730,000
Total Executive Division	\$21,723,854
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$20,324,109

Administrative Division

The Administrative Support Division also consists of a diverse grouping of administrative offices, departments, and programs that provides services to other administrative units and Community members. The acquisition of human resources and pertinent goods and services under this division provides the necessary resources to sustain government operations. Education, job placement, and training are critical services necessary to develop the workforce and enrich the lives of Community members. Housing continues to be an important issue for leadership and the Community Housing Department has been placed under this division to provide greater oversight and productivity in meeting the various housing needs of Community members.

By department:

Property and Supply	\$2,728,746
Human Resources	\$2,936,915
Employee Relations	\$503,976
Dept of Housing Development (DHD)	\$4,438,287
Enrollment	\$845,146
TERO	\$327,854
Employment & Training	\$644,836
Year Round Youth Program	\$431,581
Tribal Education Admin	\$1,671,694
Child Care & Dev. Ctr.	\$1,531,663
Head Start Supplement	\$4,006,763
Scholarships	\$5,154,885
Student Services	\$551,464
Total Administrative Division	\$25,773,810
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$25,669,909

Public Safety Division

The Public Safety Division consists of a functional grouping of first responders and service providers, who perform emergency and social services for Community members. This division must be prepared to react to any type of disaster or emergency situation at any time. Consequently, personnel, equipment, training, and facilities have undergone or are going through assessments to determine the appropriate level of resources needed for each service activity. In addition, increasing trends in criminal activity and violence, and new mandates, such as the Tribal Law and Order Act will place additional demands on division personnel and facilities. This division is actively engaged in preparing and recruiting Community members for careers in public safety.

By department:

Fire Department	\$9,737,602
CTERC	\$14,433
O.E.M.	\$1,125,673
Dept. Rehab & Supervision	\$9,707,092
Police Dept.	\$12,855,941
Social Services	\$2,562,625
Social Services Assistance	\$3,254,072
Residential Programs for Youth	\$3,486,805
Domestic Violence Shelter	\$1,068,646
Total Public Safety Division	\$43,812,889
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$42,325,844

Tribal Development Services Division

The Tribal Development Services Division serves many functions from providing planning, engineering and construction services to providing direct services to Community members through the District Service Centers, recreation facilities, the library and plans and manages the annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair. This division serves the needs of the elderly through the Elderly Services and Elderly Nutrition departments. From constructing houses to roads and new governmental facilities, this division is responsible

for developing and maintaining the infrastructure needed to support growth within the Community. This is the largest unit within the tribal administration divisional structure.

By department:

DOT	\$2,493,631
Tribal Projects Development	\$1,838,834
District 1	\$2,683,774
District 2	\$1,969,849
District 3	\$3,388,243
District 4	\$3,201,726
District 5	\$3,905,460
District 6	\$3,057,759
District 7	\$1,948,805
Facility Maintenance	\$4,260,721
Tribal Recreation	536,202
Community Services	\$2,007,196
LIHEAP	\$58,000
Elderly Services	\$731,718
Elderly Nutrition	\$664,013
Ira Hayes Library	\$189,531
Mul Chu Tha	\$153,437
Nutritional Services	\$357,755
DPW	\$5,287,759
Fleet Admin/Replacement	\$164,165
Total Tribal Development Services	\$38,898,578
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$44,642,045

Natural and Cultural Resources Division

This division consists of a functional grouping of organizational units charged with protecting and preserving the natural and cultural resources of the Community. It exercises this responsibility through enforcement provisions contained in various ordinances, policies, resolutions, bylaws, and procedures authorized by the Community Council. In addition to providing services for internal stakeholders, certain components of this division are often called upon to provide consultation services for outside interests. The Huhugam Heritage Center is the most recent addition to this division and efforts are underway to develop the facility into a full service cultural activity center as it was originally intended.

By departments:

LUPZ	\$2,920,370
Cultural Resources	\$1,729,431
Huhugam Heritage Center	\$1,879,783
DEQ	\$1,579,967
Tribal Historic Preservation Office	\$306,962
Total Natural and Cultural Resources Division	\$8,416,513
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$8,622,493

Office of the Treasurer

The Office of Treasurer is comprised of the Community Treasurer and staff, Finance Department, Revenue/Internal Audit Department, Gaming Internal Audit, Per Capita Office and Pension Administration. It is the Office of Treasurer's mission to insure and protect the integrity of the Community's funds, investments, and assets. The Office of Treasurer oversees the Community's investments and overall finances of the Community. The Finance Department ensures the accurate accounting in the books and records of all funds, investments and assets of the Community. The Gaming Internal Audit Department ensures compliance with all Federal, State and Tribal regulations and ordinances. Revenue/Internal Audit ensures all Community departments and enterprises are in compliance with any Federal, State and Tribal regulations and ordinances and grant requirements and maintain adequate internal controls. The Per Capita Office administers the per capita program for the Community and provides oversight of the minor trusts. The Pension Administration oversees the Community's pension plan and ensures payments are made.

By department:

Office of the Treasurer	\$557,203
Finance	\$3,946,463
Pension Administration	\$164,643
Revenue/Internal Audit	\$1,186,916
Gaming-Internal Audit	\$716,664
Total Office of the Treasurer	\$6,571,889
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$7,100,268

Community Council Secretary Office

The Community Council Secretary's Office (CCSO) provides administrative support to the seventeen (17) Community Council members and to the seven (7) Standing Committees of the Community Council. CCSO maintains the ordinances, policies, resolutions, bylaws, and any procedures authorized by the Community Council; upon written request provide this information to departments, entities and community members. The Tribal Elections Program and Voter Registration Board are under the direction of CCSO.

By department:

CCSO	\$3,039,517
Cultural Resources Std Committee	\$24,491
Economic Dev Std Committee	\$23,490

Education Std Committee	\$32,667
Election Board	\$143,051
Enrollment Committee	\$20,900
G & M Standing Committee	\$47,217
Health & Social Std Committee	\$23,025
Legislative Standing Committee	\$45,610
Natural Resources Standing Committee	\$23,750
Planning & Zoning Commission	\$14,905
Voters Registration	\$46,910
Citizen Advisory Board	\$27,069
Total CCSO	\$3,512,602
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$3,700,750

Unassigned Departments

Unassigned departments are currently not part of the tribal administration's divisional structure; however, these departments, activities, and programs provide essential services to the Community Council, Executive Office, and Community members. In addition to essential services, such as the Office of the General Counsel, the Office of the Prosecutor, and the Executive Office, this budget category supports various activities and functions through grant funding. Legal services, donations, urban members, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and Veterans organizations are all recipients of grant funding. The Tribal Courts are also funded under this budget category.

By Department:

Christmas Gift	\$1,396,225
Executive Office	\$2,972,300
Executive Consultant	\$6,864,510
Office of the General Counsel	\$2,586,833
Office of the Prosecutor	\$2,459,456
Tribal Courts/Judicial	\$7,430,423
Tribal Gaming Office	\$9,926,907
Gaming Commission	\$406,995
Total Unassigned Departments	\$34,043,649
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$38,916,931

Grants:

Community Technology Schools	\$275,000
Urban Members Association	\$72,760
Pee Posh Veteran's Association	\$40,000
Ira H. Hayes Post #84 American Legion	\$115,310
Haskell Osife Antone American Legion P#51	\$81,407
Boys & Girls Club	\$1,084,119
Allocations To Schools	\$1,942,834
Donations	\$118,566
Caring House	\$1,875,000
Four Rivers Legal Services	\$200,614
Total Grants	\$5,805,610
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$3,791,388

Healthcare Type Recipients (Tobacco Tax)

GRHCC -Health	\$347,206
GRHCC - Wellness	\$4,223,594
Total Healthcare Type Recipients	\$4,570,800
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$4,517,494

Tobacco Tax

Departments:

Office of Special Funding	\$162,600
Caring House	\$1,875,000
DRS Inmate/Resident Food costs	\$450,000
DRS - Inmate medical Care & food cost	\$549,143
Fire Dept (Tobacco Tax)	\$150,000
Dialysis Assistance (Tobacco Tax)	\$201,668
Wellness Center (Tobacco Tax)	\$214,614
Health Resource Department	\$600,000
Health Initiative	\$555,000
Total Tobacco Tax	\$4,758,025
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$10,064,847

Alcohol Tax

Alcohol Tax - TSS	\$577,523
Alcohol Tax - Police Dept.	\$50,000
Alcohol Tax - Fire	\$146,699
Total Alcohol Tax	\$774,222
FY 14 Budget (for comparison)	\$800,000

Grand Total

FY 14 Budget (for comparison) \$198,662,441
\$210,476,078



South Mountain Freeway

From Page 1

segments of the mountain, called Main Ridge South and Main Ridge North. Options for tunneling under these segments and building a bridge over them were eliminated based on expense, safety concerns and otherwise detrimental impacts to the area. Going around them is not an option because that would mean encroaching on Community

land. Read more on page 5-18 of the FEIS.

From that point, there are five options for the western section of the proposed highway. The preferred option is titled W59 Alternative and will align with 59th Ave. to connect to the I-10. It is expected to be the least expensive Alternative at a projected cost of \$1.23 billion.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality is announcing that the 30-day public comment period for Wild Horse Pass Chevron (D-4), located at 5139 E. Wild Horse Pass Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85226, air quality operating permit officially begins on October 17, 2014. The gas station is being permitted for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Public comments will be accepted in writing until November 17, 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 request 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: Ryan Eberle Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147 Physical Address: 1576 S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226

For further information, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520)796-3781 or visit our offices located at 1576 S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LANE RESTRICTIONS

FYI - The following lane restrictions are from 10/2/14 to 10/14/14:

- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Wild Horse Pass to Riggs Rd. for Thursday October 2nd from 9 pm to 5am Friday October 3rd to remove TCB @ sta. 967+25 to 987+14 and mill, pave, and stripe. There will be no ramp closures.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Queen Creek Rd. to Riggs Rd. for Friday October 3rd from 9 pm to 8:30 am Saturday October 4th to mill, pave, stripe and core.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between WHP and Queen Creek Rd. for Saturday October 4th from 8 pm to 10:00 am Sunday October 5th to mill, pave, stripe.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Queen Creek Rd. to Riggs Rd. for Sunday October 5th from 9 pm to 5:00 am Monday October 6th to core.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between WHP and Queen Creek Rd. for Monday October 6th from 9 pm to 5:00 am Tuesday October 7th to mill, pave, stripe and core.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Queen Creek Rd. to Riggs Rd. for Tuesday October 7th from 9 pm to 5:00 am Wednesday October 8th to mill, pave, stripe and core.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Queen Creek Rd. to Riggs Rd. for Friday October 10th from 9 pm to 8:30 am Saturday October 11th to mill, pave, stripe and core.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Queen Creek Rd. to Riggs Rd. for Saturday October 11th from 8 pm to 10:00 am Sunday October 12th to mill, pave, stripe and core.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Queen Creek Rd. to Riggs Rd. for Sunday October 12th from 9 pm to 5:00 am Monday October 13th to core.
- EB I-10 will be reduced to 1 lane between Queen Creek Rd. to Riggs Rd. for Monday October 13th from 9 pm to 5:00 am Tuesday October 14th to install counter loops

CIVIL SUMMONS

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA MARIAN HENSLEY, Plaintiff/Petitioner, vs. JUSTIN PABLO, Defendant/Respondent. CASE Number: CV-2014-0227 CIVIL SUMMONS Defendant/Respondent. TO: Justin Pablo 725 Willow Road District Four YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below: Sacaton Community Court 721 West Seed Farm Road Sacaton, Arizona 85147 (520)562-9860 DATE: Friday, November 21, 2014 Time: 09:00 AM YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Casa Blanca Community School October Events

Parent/Teacher Conferences Wednesday, October 8 @ 1pm-4pm Thursday, October 9 @ 3pm-6pm NO SCHOOL Friday, October 10th FALL BREAK/No School Monday, October 13th-October 17th ESS/Family Literacy Night Wednesday, October 22nd 5PM-7PM

PUBLIC BENEFITS ENROLLMENT EVENT

The Intertribal Council of Arizona, Inc., (ITCA) Public Benefits Outreach Program has scheduled THREE public benefits enrollment events throughout the Gila River Indian Community to provide assistance with open enrollment for Medicare, Health Insurance Marketplace, Tribal Exemption, etc. Representatives from the following will provide information and enrollment assistance: •ITCA •Social Security Administration •Native Health •Veteran's Services •GRIC Elderly Nutrition •Gila River Health Care

For questions or more info, please call 602.258.4822 or 520.562.5232. WHEN: (1) Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 9AM to 4PM, District 1 Multipurpose Building (2) Monday, November 10, 2014, 9AM to 4PM, District 5 Multipurpose Building (3) Thursday, November 13, 2014, 9AM to 4PM, District 7 Multipurpose Building To Enroll In Benefits, please bring: • Social Security card • Identification card: State, Tribal, Veterans • Health Insurance Card(s): AHCCCS, Medicare, or Private • Financial: Award Letter(s), Check stubs Contact: Cynthia Yazzie or Renay Justus at (520) 562-5232 (GRIC Elderly Services Program) Event brought to you by the ITCA Public Benefits Outreach Program & GRIC Elderly Services Program OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

NO COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17. MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1.

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Available

On September 26, 2014 the Arizona Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration published the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway Study. The Final EIS is available for a 60-day review until November 25, 2014 at azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway and at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Phoenix Public Library – Cesar Chavez 3635 W Baseline Rd, Laveen, AZ 85339 602.262.4636
- Phoenix Public Library – Desert Sage 7602 W Encanto Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85035 602.262.4636
- Phoenix Public Library – Ironwood 4333 E Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85048 602.262.4636
- Phoenix Public Library – Burton Barr 1221 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004 602.262.4636
- Chandler Sunset Library 4930 W Ray Rd, Chandler, AZ 85226 480.782.2800
- Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library 495 E Western Ave, Avondale, AZ 85332 623.333.2565
- Tolleson West Public Library 9555 W Van Buren St, Tolleson, AZ 85353 623.936.2746
- Tempe Public Library 3500 S Rural Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282 480.350.5500
- ADOT Environmental Planning Group 1611 W Jackson St, Phoenix, AZ 85007 602.712.7767 (call for appointment)
- Gila River Indian Community District 1 Service Center 15747 N Shegou Rd, Coolidge, AZ 85128 520.215.2110
- Gila River Indian Community District 2 Service Center 9239 W Sacaton Flats Rd, Sacaton, AZ 85147 520.562.3450 / 520.562.3358 / 520.562.1807
- Gila River Indian Community District 3 Service Center 31 N Church St, Sacaton, AZ 85147 520.562.2700
- Gila River Indian Community District 4 Service Center 1510 W Santan St, Sacaton, AZ 85147 520.418.3661 / 520.418.3228
- Gila River Indian Community District 5 Service Center 3456 W Casa Blanca Rd, Bapchule, AZ 85121 520.315.3441 / 520.315.3445
- Gila River Indian Community District 6 Service Center 5230 W St. Johns Rd, Laveen, AZ 85339 520.550.3805 / 520.550.3806 / 520.550.3557
- Gila River Indian Community District 7 Service Center 8201 W Baseline Rd, Laveen, AZ 85339 520.430.4780
- Ira Hayes Library 94 N Church St, Sacaton, AZ 85147 520.562.3225
- Gila River Indian Community Communications & Public Affairs Office 525 W Gu U Ki Rd, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 520.562.9851

The EIS process, which includes both the Draft EIS and Final EIS, was conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and has identified a preferred alternative route for this freeway corridor - running east and west along Pecos Road and then north and south between 55th and 63rd avenues, connecting with Interstate 10 on each end. It also formally documents the analysis of potential impacts associated with the proposed freeway. The Draft EIS was published in April 2013 and made available for a 90-day comment period, including a public hearing held on May 21, 2013. Responses to public and agency comments on the Draft EIS are provided in Volume III of the Final EIS. Comments received during the 60-day Final EIS review period will be considered in the "Record of Decision," the final decision-making document prepared by the Federal Highway Administration. The Record of Decision is expected to be available for public review.

In accordance with the ADA of 1990, auxiliary aids/services may be provided upon request by a person with a disability by contacting the ADOT Civil Rights Office by emailing projects@azdot.gov or by calling 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow for appropriate accommodations.

Personas que requieren asistencia o una adaptación razonable por habilidad limitada en inglés o discapacidad deben ponerse en contacto con projects@azdot.gov o llamada al 855.712.8530. Las solicitudes deben hacerse tan pronto como sea posible para asegurar que el estado tiene la oportunidad de abordar el alojamiento.

For more information, visit azdot.gov/southmountainfreeway, email projects@azdot.gov, phone 602.712.7006, or write to ADOT Community Relations, 1655 W Jackson St, MD126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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Land Consolidation Efforts Underway

Offers are currently pending for eligible landowners with fractional interests within the proposed transmission corridor on the Gila River Indian Reservation

Deadline: October 10, 2014.

Landowners are encouraged to contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) to learn about eligibility and to ensure their contact information is current:

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More information is also available from your local Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) at the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, or on the web at: www.doi.gov/buybackprogram

RPY Grand Opening



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

RPY Director Kimberly Herman at the RPY grand opening Sept. 25, talked about the team effort that went into making the new facility a reality.

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Community was treated to the grand opening of a facility like none other found in Indian Country. Designed to take care of the tribe's most vulnerable population, the new Residential Programs for Youth facility opened its doors on Sept. 25.

It was a cheerful atmosphere for those in attendance to see the building up close, knowing the facility will offer the youth a place that feels like home. It was a theme that resonated throughout the event: to bring the Community's children home to the reservation.

In his welcoming, Gov. Mendoza praised the RPY staff and emphasized the needs of the youth. He thanked the late Mary

Thomas, former governor, and the owner's team for their commitment in making the RPY facility a reality.

He also complimented Tribal Social Services for their work with the children. "Their mission is very noble, for uniting the families, our children, our elders, putting their lives back together," he said. He also noted the new facility would become a licensed behavioral health facility providing more services to those coming back to the Community.

Gov. Mendoza stated, "The RPY has planned to utilize our language, songs, and oral traditions to help our youths better understand the dangers of substance abuse, and other issues facing our young people."

Dale Enos, a former employee of RPY and TSS for 16 years

and former District 3 Council Representative, said, "I am confident that the staff we have here now is just as talented and just as good and care enough about our children to make a difference in their lives."

Devon Antone, a former resident of the RPY facility, talked about how RPY influenced the positive choices she's made in her life. She talked about her struggles when she came to the program at the age of 14.

Antone is 21-years-old and currently attending Central Arizona College. The mother of a 6-year-old son, Antone is determined to finish her education and start a career that she hopes will benefit the Community.

Kimberly Herman, the RPY director, was ecstatic to see the many supporters at the grand opening. Herman touted the new RPY facility as, "the vision of a better tomorrow for the Community."

Herman, like Gov. Mendoza, views the new facility as a way for the Community to "bring the children back home." Herman thanked the various public services and public safety departments for assisting in the opening of the RPY facility.

She knows the work is just getting started in bringing the children home, and appreciates the support of Division

Manager Nada Celaya for contributing to the progression of the facility.

The RPY facility will house an estimated 80 children.

Lt. Gov. Lewis echoed the sentiment of the other speakers. "We need to move to unify our

children and families," he said.

Lewis stressed the Community is increasing its services to prevent children from "falling through the cracks," because all too often youths are left to the custody of agencies outside the reservation.


Gila River Indian Community

You are invited to attend the:

2014 General Election Candidate Debate

*Saturday, October 25, 2014,
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

**GRIC Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch
5047 W. Pecos Road, District#6**



**Come and hear the Candidates running for the
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address issues in regards to the
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