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Primary Election **Results**

Unofficial results show Mendoza and Lewis moving on in governor's race. Evans and Antone were the top vote-getters for lieutenant governor.



From left: Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Former District 6 Council Representative Terrance B. Evans and **District 4 Council Representative Monica Antone.**

By Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

Gila River voters whittled down the playing field to two candidates each in the races for GRIC governor and lieutenant governor in the Sept. 16 primary election.

According to the unofficial results, incumbent Gov. Gregory Mendoza and Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis will move on in the gubernatorial election. Former District 6 Community Council Representative Terrance B. Evans and current District 4 Community Council Representative Monica Antone continue on the campaign trail for lieutenant governor. The general election will take place Nov. 4.

Gov. Mendoza was one of the top selections for voters, earning 30.25 percent of the vote. Lt. Gov. Lewis had the highest percentage of votes in his bid for governor with 39.43 percent.

Mendoza performed strongest in Districts 6 and 4 and had the favor of absentee voters over Lewis. In all, 465 voted for Mendoza to stay in office. Lewis, however, found a swell of support in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5; he combined for a total of 606 votes. District 7 had a one-vote difference between the two contenders.

governor, former District 6 Rep. Evans and current District 4 Rep. Antone were the clear winners with 24.05 percent and 22.44 percent of the vote, respectively.

Both candidates saw the strongest voter support in their home districts. From D6, 131 voted for Evans, who got 373 votes total. Meanwhile, 73 from D4 voted for Antone, who got 348 total.

The other five candidates for lieutenant governor were Kerry Kris Kyyitan, Wanda J. Manuel, District 5 Community Council Representative Franklin Pablo Sr., Myron G. Schurz and Sherwin Whitman.

The primary election also included a section for the 11 candidates trying to fill five Associate Judge seats. Voters were asked to vote for no more than 10.

Lucille Antone-Morago, Jeanette Blasingim, Janice F. Breckenridge, Dallas De Lowe, Donna Kisto-Jones, Lucinda M. Nez, Debbie A. Ochoa-Mercado, Gloria F. Osife, Melody Parsons and Marlo R. Schurz will vie for the five seats in the general election. The four incumbent associate judges are Antone-Morago, Breckenridge. Kisto-Jones and Nez.



Demolition on the Westend Court building began on Sept. 15. Services currently relocated to the Health Resource Center in District 6.

Westend Court Demolished

By Roberto A. Jackson Gila River Indian News

With a few strikes from a hydraulic excavator, the Westend Court building made its descent into rubble and debris. The dust rose in the air and 40 years of service in that particular facility rose in the air with it.

Chief Judge Anthony Hill commemorated the demolition, along with Gov. Gregory Mendoza and a handful of GRIC judicial employees, with a small but poignant ceremony on Sept. 15.

in 1974 to serve Westend residents because it was too far to go to Sacaton," said Hill.

Former Gov. William Rhodes, then Chief Judge, advocated for the building in the early 1970s, and when it was completed it served as reptiles and insects. a courthouse and a detention facility

that the small structure served the Services will move to a modular Community well, but it had out- building in mid-November.

lived its usefulness. "Each person "The building was built back who worked here, all played a role in bringing justice to the Westend communities," said Gov. Mendoza.

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The jail was eventually shut down but the court still functioned; however, being an old structure, it was maligned with age and small

The Westend Judicial Center is currently relocated to the Health Gov. Mendoza acknowledged Resources Center in District 6.

Gila River Arena Now Home to Coyotes



District 4 Community Council Representative Jennifer Allison had 15.35 percent of the vote, followed by former Lt. Gov. Joseph Manuel with 9.76 percent and Jiivik Siiki, aka Adrian Hendricks, with 4.68 percent.

> lot. In the contest for lieutenant

Chief Judge Anthony Hill is running uncontested for his current position; therefore it was not listed on the primary election ballot.

Out of 6,400-plus registered GRIC voters, 1,542 participated in the election, a 24 percent turn out. Of those, 119 voted by mail-in bal5 Photo Courtesy of the Arizona Coyo

The naming rights for the home of the Arizona Coyotes is officially announced at a ceremony outside the newly named Gila River Arena, formerly Jobing.com Arena.

By Roberto A. Jackson Gila River Indian News

A lot is new about the Arizona Coyotes. A new ownership group, IceArizona, bought the team last year, in June the team changed their name from Phoenix Coyotes to Arizona Coyotes, and now their home venue has a new name

It's official. The home of the Arizona Coyotes is now Gila River Arena. The venue was Jobing.

com Arena since 2006.

The sale of the naming rights, a nine-year deal between the Coyotes and the Gila River Indian Community, was approved by the Glendale City Council Sept. 9, and on Sept. 10 a ceremony was held outside the arena to commemorate the partnership and to unveil the new name on the Coyotes' home arena. The Gila River Indian Community becomes the first federally recognized tribe to own the

naming rights for the home venue of a team in the four major professional sports leagues (NHL, NFL, NBA and MLB).

At the ceremony, Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 posted the colors and District 5 Council Representative Robert Stone said the blessing and sang an Akimel O'otham song followed by a basket dance by AChem A'al.

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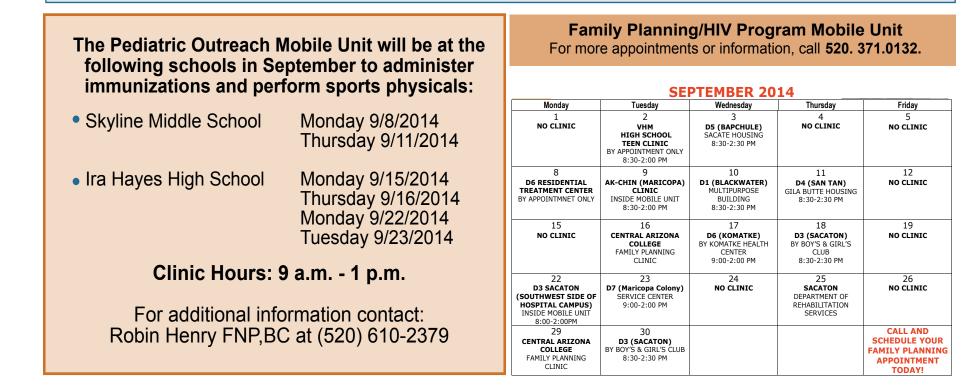
Gila River EMS Offers CPR/AED/First Aid Classes

Gila River EMS will continue CPR/AED/First Aid classes through the end of this year. Classes are **FREE** to all Community members and any Community employee with direct contact with Community members. Call **Grace Watson**, **Training Supervisor**, to enroll in a class **520-796-4592**. Classes are held in both District Six and Sacaton.

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Please do not go into the construction work area until the project is completed for your safety. In addition, please obey temporary roadway signs and do not move barricades or traffic signs as they are in place for your protection.

For More Information

If you need more information about the roadway maintenance project, please call the 24-Hour MCDOT Project Hotline at (480) 350-9288.



O'otham Veterans Celebration Held in District 6

By Christopher Lomahquahu hoc" team has been assembled to that many current and returning Gila River Indian News

The O'otham Veterans Celebration took place at the District 6 Komatke Boys & Girls Club before a large audience of current and past members of U.S. armed forces. On Sept. 13, veterans old and young stood proud at the celebration for their service to their country.

Gov. Gregory Mendoza in his address to the audience praised the Community's long history of service to the nation. "We as Native Americans have represented our tribes and country and our O'otham people," said Mendoza.

Gov. Mendoza added: "We have to ask ourselves, what are we doing to really help our veteran, beyond the celebrations, holidays, anniversaries and other events?"

Recently, the Community won a grant to develop a plan to serve GRIC veterans, with a goal to "establish a system of programs and services."

Gov. Mendoza said an "ad-

address the various issues veterans face, including housing, counseling and employment.

To conclude his speech Mendoza said, "It is time to do more representative and veteran, talked for our veterans," as he thanked them for voicing their concerns.

Haskell-Osife Antone Post 51 Commander David Anderson presented Mendoza with a certificate of appreciation and gave thanks for the work the current administration is doing for them.

After a rash of bad public relations about the level of treatment for veterans in the news, the Department of Veterans Affairs wants to make sure American Indians are not left out of the picture by increasing their outreach to tribal communities.

VA Chief social worker David Jacobson said, 22,000 American Indians currently serve in the armed forces, which is the highest among the country's minorities enlisted.

veterans may need assistance to stay on their feet, especially regarding housing.

Rodriguez Kuauhtemoc, a VA about the enrollment and eligibility resources from the VA and a unique opportunity for veterans called the American Indian direct loan program.

The loan can be used to improve or purchase a home on tribal trust land in order to improve the quality of living for veterans in need of assistance. All the paperwork and loan approval is done through the VA, without the involvement of banks, which makes the program ideal for veterans. He thanked the American Legion posts, because as he said, "They first brought to light the problems in the VA system by stepping up to the plate to make folks accountable.'

year's celebration This brought many new opportunities Jacobson alluded to the fact to veterans of the Community and



Veterans gathered at the Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch for the O'otham Veterans Celebration.

their O'otham neighbors. Much welfare of its veterans.

more positive direction as they from these communities and elsefocus on being involved with where to raise awareness about the American Indian tribes and their needs of veterans. veterans.

This year's celebration of the focus was on the quality marked the first year it has been of care and how much the Com- brought to other O'otham tribes in munity is willing to invest in the Salt River, Tohono O'odham and Ak-Chin. The purpose of the event For the VA, it is a step in a is to be inclusive of all veterans

Gila River Arena

From Page 1

"We are here today to announce a historic partnership between the Gila River Indian Community and the Arizona Coyotes and to unveil the new Gila River Arena," said Gov. Gregory Mendoza at the ceremony.

Gila River Casinos is already a sponsor for the hockey club, now that role is considerably expanded.

"We can't express our gratitude more deeply to the leadership of the Gila River Indian Community for their long term partnership," Coyotes President and CEO Anthony LeBlanc said during the ceremony. LeBlanc is optimistic the permanent signage will be in place for the Oct. 9 season opener against the Winnipeg Jets.

Dignitaries in attendance were Gov. Jan Brewer, Glen-

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dale Mayor Jerry Weiers, President of the Board of Directors for Gila River Casinos Deborah Griffin, GRIC Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Gila River Community Council representatives. Joining the festivities were many representatives from the Covotes including General Manager Don Maloney, head coach Dave Tippett and players Shane Doan and Mike Smith.

The arena, located near the Westgate Entertainment District and the University of Phoenix Stadium, features the Covotes but also other sporting events and concerts.

The financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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COMMUNITY UPDATES BY GRIN STAFF

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

First Checks are Mailed for the Nearly \$950 Million in Cobell Trust **Administration Class Payment**

Submitted by Garden City

SEATTLE (September 15, 2014) -- The Garden City Group, Inc. (Garden City) and Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, announced that the first checks were mailed today, Monday, September 15, to the Trust Administration Class in the Cobell Indian Trust Settlement

On August 30, 2014, the Interior Department provided the data to Garden City, the firm Courtappointed to administer the Settlement, for the payments and on Operating Officer, Garden City. Kilpatrick Townsend, and Garden as deceased we found were still visit www.indiantrust.com.

September 11, The United States District Court for the District of Columbia entered an Order approving plaintiffs' unopposed motion to begin distribution of nearly \$950 million. This was the final approval needed to commence payment of the Trust Administration portion of settlement funds to Class Members.

'Garden City is sending checks to Trust Administration Class Members where we have a current address beginning today," said Jennifer Keough, Chief

days to reach Class Members once they have been mailed.'

largest class action settlement against the federal government. Filed in 1996 by the late Elouise Cobell and other Native American leaders, it sought an accounting of the individual Indian trust accounts and reform of the trust system, which had been mismanaged for over a century. Once the case settled, counsel for the Plaintiffs, Bill Dorris and David Smith of

"Checks may take five to seven City were tasked with distributing alive, and there were thousands of funds to 500,000 individual Indian beneficiaries across the country. The Cobell Settlement is the However, the records from the Department of Interior reflected decades of neglect.

As David Smith, Counsel for the Cobell Plaintiffs in the Washington, DC office of Kilpatrick Townsend explained, "There were insufficient or absolutely no addresses for over 315,000 class members, 22,000 individuals Interior listed as alive were deceased, over 1,200 Interior listed

whom Interior had no record at all. But it was important that Elouise Cobell's legacy be fulfilled and that class members receive the money to which they were entitled under the Settlement. By working closely with tribes, associations, and individual Indians across the country we were able, in just over a year and a half, to fix trust records that had not been adequately addressed by the federal government for generations."

For more information, please

Early Morning Storms Cause Floods and Closures

By Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

The morning skies let loose as the summer monsoon paid a visit to the Valley and Community. On Sept. 8, the daily commute for many workers was interrupted by impassable roads from the heavy rains received in the early dawn hours

If you happened to tune in to the morning news broadcast, you saw many of the Valley roadways and neighborhoods were flooded, including Interstate 10 in the West Valley resembling a small lake. Some of the news outlets were coining the heavy flooding conditions as a "50 year flood," because conditions like that only happens every 50 years.

For the Community, the storm did not hold back affecting members living in flood-prone areas of the reservation. The options for getting around were limited as the water overtook drainage and canal systems flowing onto the roads. Many Community members and employees were unable to make it into work and were forced to turnaround.

Many of the roads in Districts 4 through 7 were closed, including State Route 87 that runs through D4. Drivers were warned to exercise caution as the flood waters continued to flow across roadways. Despite a break from rain, standing water was a concern.

The Community Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to mitigate the impact to those affected by the storm. Many of the requests that came from Community members about flooding and other stormrelated damage were coordinated by the district service centers and the EOC.

As a result of heavy damage caused by the storm, many residents in D5 and D6 were forced to leave their homes for a short time. The service centers in D5 and D6 provided temporary shelter to storm stricken families.

Gov. Gregory Mendoza stated at the time that GRIC was "working to ensure the safety of the Community members," including the early release of tribal employees at 3 p.m.

In addition, Gila River Health Care closed the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital at 12 p.m. with only a few departments in operation, including those able to respond to emergencies and responsible over the treatment of inpatients.

The Komatke Clinic, Dialysis West Clinic, Residential Treatment Center (RTC) and Ak-Chin Clinic took similar action and closed their doors Monday, but were open the following day, along with departments that were closed at Hu Hu Kam Hospital.

The early closures allowed employees to take the remainder of the day off to avoid being caught in midst of another heavy

storm, or allowing them attend to facilities reported minor to mod-

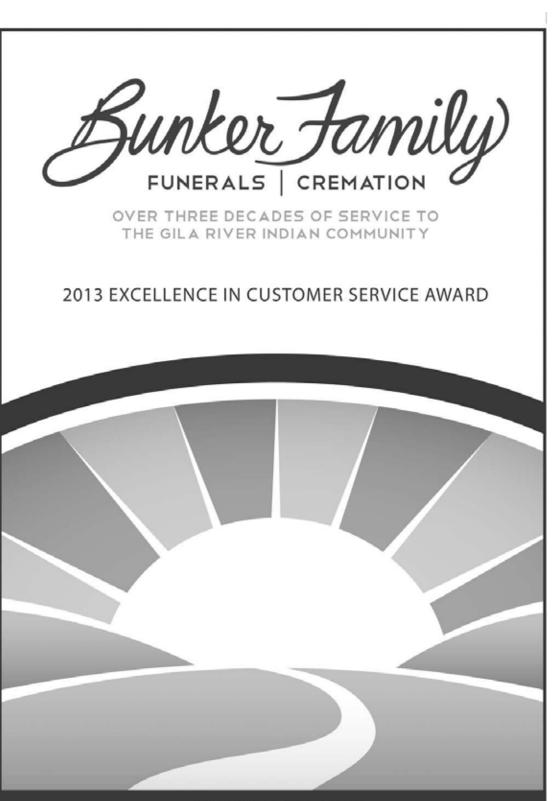
many of the schools and childcare some classrooms. centers across the Community Sacaton Elementary and Middle Schools, which remained open. Many of the schools and childcare

other matters related to the storm. erate damage to classrooms, with the removal of soil and debris. Out of safety for the children, leaks in ceilings and flooding in

As the Community responded were closed with the exception of to areas impacted by the storm, the weather cleared out giving way to the clean up.

Thoroughfares, such as 51st day.

Avenue and Riggs Road, required Riggs Road between State Route 347 and Interstate 10 still had standing water on the eastbound lane. Fortunately for Community members and commuters the roads were opened the following



GRHC introduces new CEO



Christopher Lomahguahu/GRIN

Gila River Health Care Board introduced Lorrie Henderson, the new CEO for the GRHC on Sept 3. Henderson brings with him years of experience in behavioral health and health care, focusing on compassionate care as the new CEO. In addressing council, Henderson said "I hopefully can bring some additional experience to help [GRIC] get better."

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Vashai Gakithag Mashath

The name for this month devil's claws for basket making." translates to "dry grass month" and refers to annual plants that go called a hua or huhua (pl.) and dormant during this time of year. are woven with split cattail (ud-During this month the Autumn vak), strips of willow tree inner Equinox occurs and the nights be- bark (che'ul) and strips of devil's come longer and the days shorter. claw (i:hug). The large storage In former days, O'otham begin baskets are called vashom and to harvest and store crops from vapshom (pl.) and were woven the farms, dried foods, and gather basket making materials that screwbean mesquite bark. Anothwould last them throughout the er granary basket was the homtha winter months.

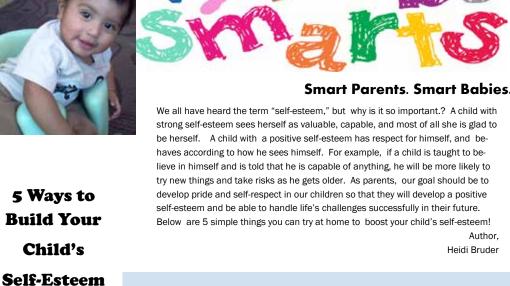
bers (1959)," George Webb wrote branches of willow (che'ul). The about what was stored inside typi- ho'homtha were stored outside on cal O'otham kosin (store room). top of the vatho, or on a platform their farm produce, but stored it used both as a groundcover and a away for food and seed. In the lid of these granaries. store room (kosin) there would would be bundles of fox-tail weed lives. (cattail), split willow branches and

A standard Pima basket is out of wheat straw and strips of or ho'homtha (pl.) and woven out In his book "A Pima Remem- of arrowweed (u'us kokomag) and "The Pimas did not sell much of at ground level. Woven mats were

On the third Friday of Sepbe three or four large size storage tember we celebrate Ve:s na:nko baskets. There would be smaller ma:s O'otham Hemachkam Ha baskets and ollas full of mesquite Thash (American Indian Day). bean cakes, balls of cactus fruit, This month's word match focuses cactus seeds, dried meat in sacks, on O'otham words for the differcheese and salt. In one corner, ent storage baskets and the mastacked in straw, would be musk terials they are woven with. We melons, watermelons, and pump- encourage you to learn the words kins. Hanging from the ceiling and use them in your everyday

Match the Akimel O'otham Basket Word with the correct picture!





1. Give unconditional love. Your child benefits the most when you love him just the way he is. Yep, even when he is naughty, throws tantrums, and bites his sister. "I love you no matter what!" Instead of saying, "You're bad!" try "Pushing your

- sister isn't nice. It can hurt. Please don't push." 2. Pay Attention. When you give your child your undivided attention that tells him that you think he is important and valuable. It doesn't have to be a lot of time. It
 - means taking a moment to shut off the TV or put down the phone, get on the floor and make eye to eye contact with your kiddo. It will do wonders for your child's self-esteem!
 - 3. Celebrate the positive. Everyone enjoys encouragement! Share the good things that your child does with someone in your home, while your child can hear! For example, tell Grandma "Joshua picked up all his toys today!" He'll feel loved and valued, and he just might keep picking up all his toys knowing how proud of him you and Grandma are!
 - 4. Listen well. If your child is trying to tell you something stop, make eye contact, and listen to what she has to say, even if you do not understand. By doing this you are showing your child that what she has to say is more important than anything else you are doing. She needs to know that her thoughts and feelings matter to you.
 - 5. **Provide Encouragement.** Every child needs loving support from their loved ones. Kids need to know that their parents and loved ones believe in them. Encouragement is supporting your child along the way, not just rewarding the achievement. "Keep going! You got this! Don't give up!" are great ways you can encourage your child!



proposed transmission corridor on the **Gila River Indian Reservation** Deadline: October 10, 2014.

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Landowners are encouraged to contact the Trust **Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) to learn about eligibility** and to ensure their contact information is current: 1(888)678-6836

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

NEW FEDERAL LAW WILL AFFECT GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE PHARMACY PATIENTS

Important Notice Regarding Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen Prescriptions Effective October 6, 2014

Beginning October 6, 2014, a new federal law (Doc #2014-19922) will impact the way products containing hydrocodone/ acetaminophen will be prescribed and dispensed at the all GRHC pharmacies.

- All refill prescriptions containing hydrocodone/acetaminophen written prior to October 6, 2014 will NOT be refilled.
- Beginning October 6, 2014, all new prescriptions that contain hydrocodone/ acetaminophen will no longer include refills.
- A new prescription must be obtained from your provider each time hydrocodone/ acetaminophen prescriptions are filled beginning October 6, 2014.
- Examples of products containing hydrocodone/acetaminophen include:
 - Vicodin
 - Norco
 - Lortab

Should patients have questions, visit your closest GRHC Pharmacy Department, or call:

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

520.562.3321 ext. 1405 or 602.528.1405 Komatke Health Clinic 520.550.6022

Ak-Chin Clinic 520.550.6022

http://go.us.gov/mc8d



Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program

Submitted by the Miss Indian **Arizona Association**

On the evening of October 11, 2014, Alyssa Garcia from the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the reining Miss Indian Arizona, 2013-14 will crown another beautiful young lady as Miss Indian Arizona, 2014-15 at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

Eight outstanding Arizona Native women will vie for the title of Miss Indian Arizona during the 53rd Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program. The program will be held at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ and begins at 6:30 p.m.

The program is presented by the Miss Indian Arizona Association and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona. This year's theme is "Honoring Friendships of Arizona Tribes".

The eight lovely young women vying for the title are from seven Arizona tribes. This year's participants are:

Shelyne Twist – Cocopah Indian Tribe Lis Hendricks - Gila River Indian Community

Shaandiin Parrish - Navajo Nation Martha Ludlow Martinez - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Miriam May - San Carlos Apache Tribe Jaylene Wood - Tohono O'odham Nation Karlette Miguel - Tohono O'odham Nation Shasta Dazen - White Mountain Apache Tribe

The Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program provides the opportunity for young Indian women to receive scholarship, which assist them in achieving their educational goals and serves to enhance career opportunities and produce role models who exemplify positive Native American values.

Tickets may be purchased from the Chandler Center for the Arts Box Office,



Photo Courtesy of the Miss Indian Arizona As

Lisa Hendricks, District 2, will participate in the Miss Indian Arizona pageant on Oct. 11. Hendricks is a former Miss Gila River and former president of the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council.

480-782-2680 or online at www.chandlercenter.org Ticket prices are Adults \$12, Children 12 & under \$7.00.

In collaboration with the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, the City of Chandler presents the Chandler Indian Art Market on October 10th, 3 – 9 pm, October 11th, 9am-6pm & October 12th, Noon-

4 p.m. at A.J. Park, 3 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ. A weekend filled with entertainment, food, and authentic Native American Art! For more information visit www. chandleraz.gov/indianaz

For more information about the Scholarship Program, volunteering with, or donations to the Miss Indian Arizona Association, please visit the organization's website at www.missindianarizona.com



Inspirational Speaker Tyson Dever Visits Ira H. Hayes High School



/likhail Sundust/GRIN

Inspirational speaker Tyson Dever visited Ira Hayes High School Sept. 15. He talked to the Gila River youth about not letting your obstacles define you, using the gifts you're given in life to their fullest and facing life's challenges head on. To see the video telling Tyson's incredible story of recovery and resilience, visit www.youtube.com and search "Tyson Dever" – it's the first video in the list.



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Gíla Ríver Johnson O'Malley Program Parent Indían Education Committee

Parent Neeting!

Where: Coolidge High School -Media Center





(684 W. Northern Ave. Coolidge, Az. 85128)

Date: September 25, 2014

Time: 6:00pm

Learn more about the resources available to your JOM Students and have a say in the GRIC Johnson O'Malley Program. There will also be a Question and Answer session with the Coolidge High School Principal.

Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday September 3, 2014

ACTION SHEET

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

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday September 3, 2014, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Gregory Mendoza at 9:13am. INVOCATION Provided by Councilwoman Carolyn Williams **ROLL CALL** Sign-in Sheet Circulated **Executive Officers Present:** Governor Gregory Mendoza Lt. Governor Stephen R. Lewis **Council Members Present:** D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5-Janice F. Stewart, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7-Devin Redbird Council Members Absent: D4- Norman Wellington; D5- Brian Davis, Sr. APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED PRESENTATION/INTRODUCTIONS *1. Mr. Lorrie Henderson, CEO Gila River Health Care Presenters: Myron G. Schurz, GRHC Representatives MR. MYRON SCHURZ INTRODUCED DR. LORRIE HENDERSON. DR. HENDERSON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND HIS PLANS FOR GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT. 2. Request For Council Agenda Item-Presentation Ryan House Presenter: Cheryl Pablo MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED MS. ALYSSA CROCKETT AND MS. CATHY LASUSA. MS. CROCK-ETT EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND

ETT EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE RYAN HOUSE ASSISTANCE. MS. LASUSA PROVIDED INFORMATION OF THE RYAN HOUSE ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED TO A YOUNG NATIVE AMERICAN GIRL. GOVER-NOR GREGORY MENDOZA AND VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

3. Inspiring Excellence Casa Grande Union High School District

Presenter: Dr. Shannon Goodsell, Superintendent CGUHS DR. SHANNON GOODSELL, MR. STEVE MERRILL, AND MR. GENE MANUEL WERE PRESENT. MR. GOODSELL PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THIS BACKGROUND AND THE UPCOMING OVER RIDE ELECTION. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOV-ERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME

REPORTS

1. Pee Posh Veterans Association- 2nd Quarter Report For FY2013-2014 Presenter: Dan Jenkins **REPORT HEARD** 2. Pee Posh Veterans Association- 3rd Quarter Report For FY2013-2014 Presenter: Dan Jenkins **REPORT HEARD** 3. Housing Owner's Team Report Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr. **REPORT HEARD [GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK** RECONVENED AT 11:42AM] 4. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority 3rd Quarter Report Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold **REPORT HEARD** 5. Office Of The Prosecutor Report - 2nd Quarter 2014 (April - June) Presenter: Rebecca Plevel TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 6. Harvey Economics - Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report

Presenter: Ed Harvey MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE IGOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR AN HOUR LUNCH BREAK RECONVENED AT 1:04PM] MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION 7. The Center For Applied Research, Inc., - Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report (Executive Session) Presenters: Robert F. Robinson, Chad B. Linse REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 8. Greenberg Traurig, LLP - Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report (Executive Session) Presenter: Brian Schulman REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 9. Rothestein Law Firm-Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report (Executive Session) Presenters: Eric N. Dahlstrom, Denten R. Robinson REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 10. Osborn Maledon, PA-Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report (Executive Session) Presenter: David Rosenbaum REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 11. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc.- Monthly Report July 2014 (Executive Session) Presenter: Janice Ponziani REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 12. Gila River Gaming Commission-General Report For The Month Of July 2014 (Executive Session) Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 13. Quarterly Financial Activity Report-FY2014 3rd Quarter (Executive Session) Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IGOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK RECONVENED AT 4:24PM] 14. Akin Gump Strauss, Hauer, Feld LLP – FY 2014 Annual Report (Executive Session) Presenter: Steve Heeley REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 15. 2013-2014 Gila River Indian Community Head Start and Early Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER **EXECUTIVE SESSION** 16. Update on High School (Executive Session) Presenter: Mario Molina REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3432 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Dean Howard **APPROVED** *2. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3432 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Dean Howard APPROVED 3. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Education Department To Submit A Grant Application To the Bureau Of Indian Education, Sovereignty In Indian Education Program Grant (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval ESC concurs) Presenter: Mario Molina **APPROVED** 4. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Liquor License To The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority For Use By The Toka Sticks Sheraton Hotel And Toka Sticks Golf Club (G&MSC motioned

to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval) Presenter: RoseMarie Horvath **APPROVED** 5. A Resolution of Consent To Grant a Liquor License To The WHPDA For Use by the Toka Sticks Convenience Store & Gas Station (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval) Presenter: RoseMarie Horvath **APPROVED** 6. A Resolution Authorizing The Akimel O'Odham/Pee Posh Youth Council To Submit A Grant Application To The First Nations Development Institute, Advancing Positive Paths For Native American Boys And Young Men (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval) Presenter: Michael Preston APPROVED 7. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Alma Navarro Located In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated as Drawing No. 30614-0650 (NRSC forwards to the Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Pamela Pasqual **APPROVED** 8. A Resolution Granting 0.3344 Acres, More Or Less, Of Reservation Land In District Six To The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Utility Easement And Rights Of Way Corridor As Shown In Drawing No. 30613-0154-EA (NRSC forwards to the Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Pamela Pasqual **APPROVED** 9. A Resolution Rescinding GR-98-07 Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Erickson White, And Approving A Fifty Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Gilbert Salazar, Located In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30614-0774 (NRSC forwards to the Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez APPROVED 10. A Resolution Designating, Reclassifying, And Approving 49.8695 Acres More Or Less Of Tribal Reservation Land Located In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation For The Development And Construction Of

A Tribal Subdivision As Shown in Drawing #40114-0737 (NRSC forwards to the Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Dante Nash

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Ricardo Leos Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Vonda Joyce Goodman Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with added information)

Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED

13. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Mychal Willard Sieweyumptewa Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED

14. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Marten Neely Kisto Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with added information)

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Author of "Tiller's Guide to Indian Country" visits GRTI



GRTI General Manager Derek White with Dr. Veronica Tiller, author of Tiller's Guide to Indian Country.

By Annie Gutierrez Gila River Indian News

On Aug. 26, Native American author and publisher Dr. Veronica Tiller visited the Gila River Indian Community and toured Gila River Telecommunications Inc. in preparation for the third edition of her book, Tiller's Guide to Indian Country: Economic Profiles of American Indian Reservations.

In her travels, Dr. Tiller visited with tribal staff to assist her with the Gila River profile and made a stop at GRTI. She sat down with General Manager Derek White to discuss the tribally owned business

and get an update on the company now that it is in its twenty-sixth year of serving the Community.

"We are still expanding and we are still growing," said White.

GRTI is acknowledged in the second edition of Tiller's Guide for its 2003 National Technologies Award for Outstanding Leadership and Achievement by the National Indian Business Association.

Today, the Gila River enterprise continues to successfully operate with new business ventures and subsidiary services, with talks of a future production studio and expanding its telecommunication services to other communities in

Arizona through its many partnerships. GRTI is one of eleven tribally owned telecommunication companies in the nation and is one of the five that are located in the state of Arizona. Dr. Tiller calls GRTI "a significant stand-out tribal technological venture."

Gila River, along with hundreds of other federally recognized tribes in the United States, has been featured in Tiller's Guide, which provides detailed information on social and economic backgrounds of Native American communities in 33 states.

Now that six federally recognized tribes have emerged, Dr. Tiller is on a mission to provide an upto-date version of the book which was first published in 1996. Dr. Tiller has traveled to many communities across the nation to produce a massive reference book that has been used by many businesses and government entities as well as educators and students.

Dr. Tiller, from the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Albuquerque, N. M., is a Ph.D. Historian, consultant and author of five books. She is also the CEO and Owner of Tiller Research, Inc. Tiller's Guide to Indian Country is published by Bow Arrow Publishing and is expected for release in December.



Two Employees Win Cards Tickets

Congratulations to Erika Hernandez and Eugene Moffet, who each won a pair of tickets to the Arizona Cardinals' Nov. 2 away game against the Dallas Cowboys!

The GRIC Executive Office hosted a special event last Friday, Sept. 12 at the District 5 Service Center to thank all Community employees for their hard work and dedication. The midday event included raffle prizes, free lunch, outdoor games and a dunk tank.

The Cardinals tickets and all-expenses paid vacations were donated courtesy of the Community Council and raffled off just before lunch. The dedicated worker that he is, Moffet wasn't even there when the MC called his name. "Oh my supervisor (Greg Kisto) called me and let me know," said the Department of Transportation road maintenance worker. "We were out working...on Farms Road - patching."

Moffet said he's gotten a few bribes for the tickets but he's not giving them up. "Oh yeah. [my coworkers] they're ribbing me big time, but that's cool, they're all congratulating me too My wife's really excited too. She didn't believe me," he said.

Hernandez was just outside the Vah-Ki Multipurpose Building when her name was called. "When I found out, I was in disbelief. I mean, it didn't hit me," she said.

She flew in and leapt on stage and immediately knew who to call. "I'm taking my significant other, Gary ... the first thing that popped in my head was to call him.'

Hernandez said she's ready to face down all those Cowboys on their home turf. "We're getting geared up. We're going to be representing the Cardinals, definitely.'

DATES

4. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. – Vacancy (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council to declare 2 vacancies) Presenters: Community Council MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE 2 VACANCIES FOR 30 DAYS 5. District 2 Appointment of Citizens Advisory Board (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval to appoint Rita Pancott) Presenter: Darren Pedro-Martinez MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT **RITA PANCOTT** 6. A Petition for Gila River Membership for Robert Grajiola (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for denial) Presenter: Francisco Osife MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DENY THE PETITION 7. Chemawa School Vacancy (ESC forwards to Council) Presenters: Education Standing Committee MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DELCLARE A VACANCY FOR 30-DAYS he'ul Akimel O'otham Basket Word Solu

MINUTES 1. July 3, 2014 (Special) **APPROVED** ANNOUNCEMENTS >COUNCIL WORK SESSION SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2014 UPDATE >MUSTERING DAYS CELEBRATION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, ithus 2014 >PIMA LEASE-ING MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014, 7AM ADJOURN-MENT **MEETING AD-**JOURNED AT 7:55pm * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA CANDACE PABLO Plaintiff/Petitioner,

MATTHEW RICHARD PABLO, Defendant/Respondent. CASE Number: CV-2014-0048 CIVIL SUMMONS TO: Matthew Richard Pablo 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: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 Time: 10:30 AM YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the 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

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petition.

Casa Blanca Community School Parent-Teacher Conferences -October 8th & October 9th

NO School - October 10th

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Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED 15. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Amelia Patricia Kisto Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED 16. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Francine Marrietta Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Francisco Osife **APPROVED** 17. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The

Enrollment Of Monica Andrea Jackson Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED

18. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Jonah Lewis Honie Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [GOVERNOR GREGORY MENDOZA CALLED FOR A **10-MINUTE BREAK** RECONVENED AT 6:46PM] 4. Public Policy Partners – Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council) Presenter: Scot Butler MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION 5. Elections Update (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council) Presenter: Scot Butler ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION 6. Revenue/Internal Audit Department 3rd Quarter Report – Fiscal Year 2014 (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council)

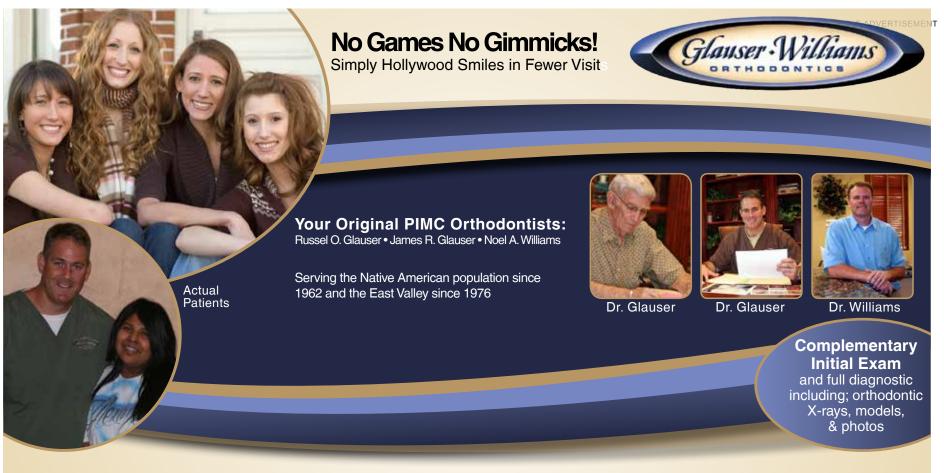
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO

PROVIDE A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN

Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED

19. A Resolution Approving The Petition For The Enrollment Of Kimberly Jasmine Enos Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) Presenter: Francisco Osife APPROVED **ORDINANCES** UNFINISHED BUSINESS 1. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Board of Directors Appointment (1) Presenters: Community Council DONALD R. ANTONE, SR. APPOINTED 2. Economic Development Standing Committee Community-At-Large Member Appointment (1) Presenters: Community Council **KRISTINA D. MORAGO APPOINTED** *3. Gila River Indian Community Sponsorship Benefit Arizona Cardinals Away Game Drawing & Ultimate Fan Contest Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Shannon Redbird

30-DAYS **NEW BUSINESS** *1. Proposed Land Purchase Report (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation of approval: NRSC concurs) Presenters: Rod Tuttle, Dante Nash MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 2. District 1 Appointment Of Planning & Zoning Commission- Gerald Brown (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council) Presenter: Sharon Lewis MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE **GERALD BROWN** 3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. - Meeting Request In Executive Session Strategic Plan Initiative (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council to determine dates and time) Presenters: Deborah Griffiin, Board Of Directors MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE BY DIRECTING THE COUNCIL SECRETARY TO COORDINATE WITH THE GAMING ENTERPRISE TO DETERMINE AVAILABLE



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