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153rd Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration

A day of remembrance, family and fun in District 7

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The Estrella Mountains served as the early morning backdrop of the 153rd Five Tribes Treaty of Peace event, May 7, as runners jogged their way northward up 83rd Avenue in recognition of the 1863 treaty signing that brought Pima, Maricopa, Hualapai, Chemehuevi, and Yuma tribes together in friendship and peace.

Following the run, parade floats wound their way down 83rd Avenue as spectators cheered and clapped from the sides of the road. Parade entries included the Pee-Posh Veterans Association, a Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. float, Gila River Royalty, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov.



Pee-Posh Veterans Association march at the 153rd Five Tribes Treaty of Peace parade on May 7 in District 7, Maricopa Colony.

Monica Antone handing out gifts from different tribal nations sang to Community members.

At the flag raising, royalty Pledge of Allegiance. Shortly af-

the National Anthem and gave the

ter, a ten-gun salute, performed by Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51, rang outward across Pee Posh Park as a member of the unit solemnly played Taps.

As the last note of Taps was played, Community members dispersed into all corners of Pee Posh Park and the District 7 Service Center, reveling in a variety of activities ranging from the physical, intellectual, and spiritual.

Activities included billiards, dominoes and horseshoe tournaments, powwow, social bird dance, the annual bird dance competition, rides for the kids, an obstacle course, cooking contests, live chicken scratch, and skateboard tournament.

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Diamondbacks Foundation donates to GRIC Little League

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Before an audience of over 30.000 baseball fans at Chase Field, May 14, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation in partnership with Gila River Casinos presented the Gila River Indian Community with a check for \$20,000 in support of the Community's baseball and softball programs. The donation was accepted on field by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, members of Tribal Recreation and coaches from the Community's Little League program.

The donation will help local baseball and t-ball teams purchase the necessities needed to play ball.

"It's a great help," said Alvin Casoose, Acting Tribal Recreation Manager. "It alleviates a lot of pressure off the recreation program. We have multiple teams in our t-ball and in our Little League."

"Equipment is very expensive," he said.

"This helps us out a great deal. It reduces the stress on the coaches of having to find equipment [and] it helps a lot of kids in the Community," Casoose said.

The donated funds will not only go to supplying young players with gloves, bats and uniforms, it will also aid in field repairs and maintenance.

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, along with Tribal Recreation and coaches from the Community's Little League program, accept a check from the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation to support GRIC's baseball and softball programs.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis places a sash on Kiohud Sanderson at the American Indian Convocation at Arizona State University.

Community members graduate from ASU at American Indian convocation

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

It was a sea of maroon and gold inside the Arizona State University Gammage Auditorium as Native American students were honored for their academic success on May 11.

Faculty and distinguished guests congratulated the new graduates at the American Indian Convocation that included Community members Teaya Vicente, Marissa Yazzie, Althea Walker, Kiohud Sanderson, Donalda Lyons, Kyrie Dukepoo and Raquel Romero.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented each of the graduating GRIC students with a special sash worn to commemorate their academic feat.

"It's such an awesome sight to see them cross the stage tonight

representing the Community," said Gov. Lewis

The GRIC graduates are looking to put their degrees to

"I'd like to give back to my Community and use my education to work in the historic preservation field for Gila River," said

Romero wants to use her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology to connect with the Community, because it is such an important part of her heritage.

"It is great they want to bring back what they have learned to share with the Community," said Gov. Lewis.

Graduate Althea Walker is currently working for the Community with the Department of Environmental Quality as an En-

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D5 breaks ground on new building for the Agriculture Program to improve services for local farmers



Photo Courtesy of Justin Norris/District 5

Stakeholders break ground on the future site of the building for the Agriculture Program on a 40-acre site on Nelson Road just west of the I-10 freeway.

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

The District 5 community broke ground last month on a new building for its Agriculture Program, which is in need of a place to work and store its equipment.

The D5 Agriculture Program assists local farmers with a number of services, from moving earth to filing paperwork. They till ground, plant seeds, plan irrigation and direct water to farm lands, as well as point Community member farmers in the right direction for other services from the Gila River Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"The program was set up to help local farmers that don't have the funds to do that kind of work," said Neil Ranger, the D5 Agriculture Program Manager, who grew up in the same community.

Danny Williams is the chairman for the District 5 Agriculture Committee, which oversees the District 5 Agriculture Program. He said for nearly 10 years the program has helped a lot of PUBLIC NOTICE Community member farmers, but they've never had a place of their own to work. The new building is going to fix that.

"I know it's going to be a lot of help. They've needed it for a long time," he said.

Ranger said the new building is very good news for the Community and his team.

"Especially when bad weather comes around we'll have something to work in. Right now we're

CORRECTIONS

In the "Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 sponsors youth bull riders,' Wesley Larrabee is from District 3 not D2.

The final Unofficial Results from the May 3 election showed Darren Pedro-Martinez received 59 votes not 60. Robert Stone received 160 votes not 161, and 1,158 voters participated in the Special Election not 1,152. The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9719 or email grin@gric.nsn.us

just out in the open and when it really starts raining it's hard to do anything out there."

When they are not out in the

fields, the Agriculture Program workers do their own maintenance and repairs to tractors and other heavy equipment. There

will be plenty of space for that in the new facility.

The building will be a 7,200 square-foot Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) with approximately 700 square feet set aside for an office, a break room, restrooms, a shower and an IT room.

"But the bulk of the square footage," said Jim Wilson, "is designed to support farming machinery and equipment." Wilson is a project manager with Arrow Indian Contractors, Inc., the company responsible for the construction of the facility. The building was designed by SPS+ Architects.

The new building will be on a 40-acre site on the south side of Nelson Road, just west of the I-10 overpass, where the Agriculture Program currently has a storage vard for its equipment.

"The project is in the final design phase with construction currently planned to begin in August, completing by the end of 2016 calendar year," said Wilson via email.



Photo Courtesy of Justin Norris/District 5

Renderings of the future building for the Agriculture Program will be a place for local farmers to work in a 7,200 square-foot facility with office space, a breakroom, restrooms, a shower and an IT room.

GRSG currently holds a master lease on 550

Notice of Availability: Gila River Sand & Gravel San Tan Plant Grant of Master Lease Amendment Draft Environmental Assessment

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is releasing a Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that the BIA has prepared a draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the proposed the Gila River Sand & Gravel San Tan Plant Grant of Master Lease Amendment Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) on Gila River Indian Community lands in Pinal County, Arizona. Gila River Sand & Gravel (GRSG) has applied for a lease of two (2) parcels of Gila River Indian Community land adjacent to their existing sand and gravel mining operations. The two (2) parcels are 154 acres and 200 acres, and would be used to expand and continue the GRSG's current sand and gravel mining operations in the Gila River for approximately 20 additional years.

The DEA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). NEPA requires that federal agencies take into consideration the environmental consequences of proposed actions, as well as input from state and local governments, Indian tribes, the public, and other federal agencies, during their decision-making process. The DEA identifies and assesses the significance of any potential environmental impacts of the project activities and alternatives.

Project Description

Through the proposed project, the BIA would approve the amendment to the GRSG's current master lease to include the additional two parcels.

acres of Gila River Indian Community land for mining and processing mineral materials (sand and gravel) products at the San Tan aggregate materials plant. The mineral materials mined at the current location are projected to be exhausted within the next five years, should current demand and production rates remain constant. GRSG has applied for an amendment of the master lease to include two additional parcels of land- 154 acres to the southeast of the current operations and another parcel of 200 acres located to west of the current lease operations. In 2006, following a large flood event, GRSG was granted an emergency lease of 60 acres, located within the proposed 200 acre expansion parcel. in which mining activities are currently occurring. The expanded mining areas would enable GRSG to produce 2-6 million tons of mineral materials per year for the duration of approximately twenty years, depending on yearly demand. No new processing facilities would be constructed on the new parcels. The additional parcels would only be used to mine mineral materials and the mineral materials would be processed at the existing San Tan Plant facilities. As work would he expected to continue at the facility for 20 or more years, reclamation would occur incrementally over time as sections become "mined out" and abandoned. Reclamation activities would consist of the establishment of a permanent low flow channel, stabilization and reconfiguration of abandoned pits, removal of roads, berms and equipment, revegetation and riparian/wetland enhancement.

One other alternative to the proposed action is analyzed in the DEA, the no-action alternative.

NEPA Process and Public Comment Period

The NEPA process requires federal agencies to take into consideration the environmental consequences of proposed actions as well as input from the public and agencies. A public scoping period was held from January 25 to February 25. 2016 during which the public was given the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project and to identify potential issues to be addressed in the DEA. No comments were received during the public scoping period and the DEA has been completed. You may review the DEA online at http://www.gric.nsn.us.

As part of the NEPA process, public comments, questions, corrections or concerns are requested for the DEA. To submit a written comment or to request a paper or electronic copy of the DEA for review, please write or contact:

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Please submit any written comments you may have within 15 days, or by June 4, 2016, to the address above. All comments received become part of the public record associated with this action. Accordingly, your comments (including name and address) will be available for review by any person that requests to review the record At your request, we will withhold your name and address to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act or any other law.

2016 Day of Hope conference features stories from elders



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

From left, Janice Anderson, Joyce McAfee and Priscilla Antone tell stories during the 2016 Day of Hope conference at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. The conference also featured a interview session where youth interacted with elders.

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Health Care hosted its annual health event to promote health and wellness covering topics concerning all age groups.

The 2016 Day of Hope, sponsored by the Gila River Health Care and Community Services Department, hosted the event at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on May 10.

With the support from the Tobacco Tax, the event was filled with empowering messages and workshops on a variety of health topics.

The conference drew over 275 attendees and included students from Gila Crossing Community School, Sacaton Middle School, Cesar Chavez High School and the Residential Programs for Youth. Under the theme, "Building a Legacy of Health Through the Gen-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Guest chef Anthony Marazita from Ko'Sin Restaurant at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, prepares healthy meals using locally grown ingredients from Ramona Farms and the Gila Crossing Community School garden.

erations," the conference incorporated a story telling session from a trio of elders about life in the Community, then and now.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said the elders are good examples of keeping up with physical activities by participating in elder friendly activities like chair volleyball.

"I thank the elders for always keeping up their volleyball games, but most importantly its about the stories and interweaving the language into their team names," she said.

Lt. Gov. Antone also acknowledged the schools within the Community that are actively participating in small garden projects.

GILA RIVER CASINOS Notice of Distribution of Forfeited Jackpots

Pursuant to state compact regulations and Gila River Casinos internal policies and procedures all forfeited jackpots will be distributed to Arizona based non-profit organizations in accordance with standard operating procedures.

All Arizona based non-profit organizations recognized with 501c3 status by the IRS are eligible to apply to receive these funds. This includes 501c3 non-profit organizations located on the Gila River Indian Community. To receive consideration for reception of forfeited jackpots funds organizations must submit paperwork indicating status as a registered 501c3 non-profit to Gila River Casinos. Submission of paperwork does not guarantee reception of forfeited jackpots, however organizations which have not submitted may not be considered.

Distribution of funds occurring as a result of forfeited jackpots will be handled by the corporate finance department of "Every day this week I was blessed to see something good in our schools," she said.

Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council Youth Coordinator Michael Preston brought his workshop to life through interactive scenarios on how to budget monthly expenses and plan out life goals.

In the Ba'ag (Eagle) room, Chef Anthony Marazita from Ko'Sin Restaurant at the Sheraton Grand put his knowledge of O'otham foods to the test.

Marazita used an assortment of locally grown foods provided by Ramona Farms and the students of Gila Crossing Community School in District 6 to

demonstrate how traditionally grown foods can be used to create tasty dishes.

By the end of the conference, Michael Tashquinth, Community member from District 6, spoke about the importance of being active and some of the challenges he faced in staying physically active.

He said at times its hard and you feel like giving up, but that there were people at the Life Center that helped motivate him to continue.

When he started working out at the Life Center he had put on a significant amount of weight, but knew he had to make changes to take the pounds off.

Gila River Casinos in accordance with standard operating procedure. These funds become available on an intermittent basis and amounts and distribution times will vary.

Arizona based 501c3 non-profit organizations interested in applying for consideration of forfeited jackpot funds may submit paperwork to Manuel Hernandez, Community Liaison for Gilla River Casinos. Mr. Hernandez can be reached via email at Manuel.hernandez@wingilariver.com or by phone at 1(800)946-4452 ext. 7347.

Deadline for application for consideration is July 31, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual moni-

toring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2015. This document will also be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at http://www.gricdeq.org/ documents.html. Additionally, presentations will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings from April thru June 2016.

Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or by email to air@gric.nsn.us, or comments may be given orally at the scheduled community meetings. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, Arizona, the AQP website http://www.gricdeq.org/air_quality_program.html, or by calling 520-562-2234.

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Check from Diamondbacks

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According to an Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation statement: "Little League baseball and softball participation has been growing thanks to the efforts of the Gila River Indian Community and the volunteer coaches that help make the experience a positive one. The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation is proud to support baseball and softball - which has a very long and treasured history for the Gila River Indian Community."

Now that the temperature is heating up and Community youth have taken to baseball diamonds all around GRIC for Tribal Recreation's annual Summer League, it is an opportune time to head out to a ball field to see a game or

The Summer League has already begun, with Little League games on Monday nights and t-ball games on Wednesdays, with most games played in District 4.

For more information about the Summer League or for Little League or t-ball game times, call Tribal Recreation at 520-562-

Casa Grande Union High School hosts 4th Annual Student Powwow



Casa Grande Union High School District held its fourth annual powwow on May 14 in the Casa Grande Union High School gymnasium. From left, Miss Amerind Second Attendant Bianca Hernandez, Miss Amerind Johnae Sam, Mr. Amerind Peter Miguel, Jr. Miss Gila River Deirdre Copperfield and Miss Gila River Oriana Apkaw.

GRIC, SRPMIC announce resignation from the Arizona Indian Gaming Association

Sacaton, AZ – On Friday morning, May 6, 2016, leaders of the Gila River Indian Community and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community notified the member Tribes of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association that the Valley's two largest gaming tribes would immediately resign their membership in AIGA. In a letter hand-delivered and presented to AIGA's assembled leadership, GRIC and SRP-MIC leaders jointly explained that the gaming association, which has advocated for 18 Arizona tribes since 1994, could no longer fulfill its stated purpose of "speaking on behalf of its member Tribes with one, unified voice ... on Indian gaming issues."

The letter, reprinted in full below, explains: "The actions of the Tohono O'odham Nation to secretly develop a casino in direct opposition to the promises made by AIGA and other tribes has destroyed AIGA's unity and undermined the principles of the organization. We, regretfully, have determined that we can no longer in good conscience be members of AIGA and are withdrawing from the organization effective immediately."

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Delbert Ray said: "After considerable deliberation, the Salt River Indian Community tribal council has voted to withdraw from the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, effective immediately. We take no pleasure in this decision, but believe we must do this because it is in the best interest of our community and for gaming in Arizona.

"In recent days, AI-GA's leadership has failed to speak out on what we consider the most important issue before Arizona's tribes -- the actions of the Tohono O'odham Nation to use deception and fraud to secretly obtain land, hide it in a shell corporation, and develop a new casino in Glendale, breaking the promises to other tribes, state officials and Arizona's voters. Yet, instead of speaking out against this shameful behavior and standing up for the integrity of the gaming compact, AI-GA's leadership chose instead to remain silent. I'm proud to say that the Salt River Indian Community chooses a different path. We choose to honor the promise we made to Arizona voters that there would be no additional casinos in the Phoenix metro area. Therefore, we can no longer be members of AIGA."

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said: "This morning, the Gila River Indian Community formally resigned from the Arizona Indian Gaming Association. This was not a decision made in haste by our Community. This week, the GRIC Tribal Council voted unanimously to withdraw from AIGA because this organization can no longer speak for its 18 member Tribes with 'one, unified voice' on critically important tribal gaming is-

"Unfortunately, GA's unity and effectiveness have been undermined in recent years by the actions of the Tohono O'odham Nation, which secretly developed a metropolitan Phoenix area casino in direct opposition to the official positions adopted and reaffirmed over many years by AIGA and its member Tribes.

"Because AIGA has stood mute on this issue - and because the organization can no longer speak with "one, unified voice" - our Community has reluctantly decided to resign from AIGA. This decision was carefully considered by our Tribal Council to ensure we can continue to work in good conscience to protect the promises made to Arizona's tribes, residents and elected leaders."

The text of the letter from the Gila River Indian Community, as signed by Gov. Lewis, states:

Dear Tribal Leaders:

The Gila River Indian Community has actively supported AIGA for many, We have many years. worked with other member-tribes to accomplish AIGA's purpose of "speak-

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Gila River Indian Community Bar Association in development

Thomas R. Throssell Gila River Indian News

The law of a community is the glue that unifies individuals and allows people of differing opinions and ideas to come together, forming an organized society that can prosper in peace. And while members of a community must follow the rule of law in order to keep their community cohesive, those who practice and interpret the law must also abide by a set of rules in order to promote and maintain the practice of law.

For this very reason, primary stakeholders made up of the Gila River Indian Community Court, Office of the General Counsel, Four Rivers Indian Legal Services, Defense Services Office, Office of the Prosecutor, and private law practitioners came together in 2012 to develop the GRIC Bar Association.

The reasons for developing a Community bar

association are to maintain a high level of quality in Community lawyers and judges, foster competent lay advocates, and meet requirements defined in the Tribal Law And Order Act (TLOA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that could allow GRIC to gain jurisdiction over natives and non-natives within the boundaries of the Community.

Claude Jackson, attorney for the Defense Services Office (DSO), said about Community concerns over the current lack of advocate oversight:

"Myself, I am beholden to the State Bar of Arizona, so if I make a mistake... the bar is going to hear about it," said Jackson. "I don't want to lose my bar license from the state...so, I have to watch myself."

However, while all lawyers working within the Community must adhere to the ethics and rules laid out by the State Bar of Arizona and face punishment if running afoul of those rules, advocates have no oversight whatsoever. Meaning, that anyone can come into GRIC, whether a Community member or from another tribe, purchase a business license, and begin advocating.

"They [can] come and put up a [private practice] out here and we don't know much about them," said Jackson. "Most of them are Community members here, but some of them could just be someone that got kicked out of another tribe for doing some unethical things and they just come here, there is no checking into that, there is no oversight."

But not all advocates are like that, Jackson continued, some of these individuals are very sincere and truly want to help Community members. Being an advocate is a tradition in Indian Country and has been part of tribal justice systems for a long time, he said.

Nevertheless, the need

for oversight remains. But that's not the only benefit to having a GRIC Bar Association. It will be a step forward for the Community in having tribal jurisdiction over all Community members, including non-natives who enter the boundary of GRIC.

Tribes want jurisdiction over their lands, said Jackson, and we are working towards that with TLOA and VAWA, where we will be able to eventually prosecute non-Natives that commit acts of domestic violence against our Community members.

"It is going to allow us to meet these requirements [defined by the TLOA and VAWA] and allow oversight over not only the attorneys but the advocates as well," said Jackson. "And that would ease any concerns that Community members would have when they retain any kind of counsel within the Community court. That is a big advantage of it."

NOTICE:

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The Gila River Indian Community Bar Association is under development!

Temporary Initial Membership will be determined based upon those individuals who are listed on the Gila River Indian Community Court Authorized Attorney and Advocate List as of JULY 1,

If you are on the list, you will be grandfathered into the GRIC Bar Association on a temporary basis until such time as an examination is developed and implemented.

If you are not on the list and would like to be included, please complete the necessary paperwork at the Community Court. In addition to the Application to Practice in the Community Courts and its related fee, you will also need to obtain a GRIC Business License.

The Gila River Indian Community Bar Association is looking for potential members. If you are an advocate, or interested in becoming an advocate, please contact the GRIC Court. Furthermore, make sure you are on the Gila River Indian Community Court Authorized Attor-

ney and Advocate List by July 1, 2016, because any members on the list could be grandfathered in to the GRIC Bar Association until an exam is ready to be administered.

For more information call Claude Jackson at DSO at 520-562-5700.

ASU American Indian Convocation

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vironmental Education & Outreach Specialist.

Walker, who recently earned her Masters Degree in Environmental Resource Management, said, "I really owe a lot to my family. My mother Elizabeth Bonnie has obtained her masters degree and my grandfather Harland Bonnie...he's a hard working individual."

Her message to Community members wanting to go to college is to look into the tribal scholarship program offered by Student Services and to even consider working towards an advanced degree.

"It's been a long, but fun journey. None of this would be possible without the support of the Community, the department I work for and my family."

After the convocation ceremony was over, family members greeted their new graduates outside of the auditorium to share a moment of happiness.



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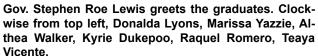


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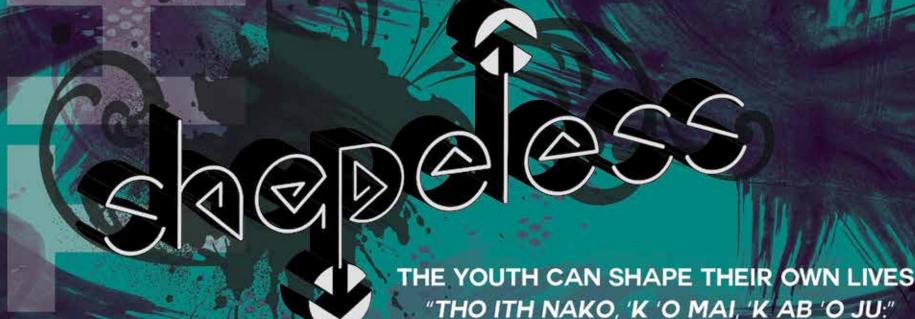


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Basic Sentences in Akimel O'otham

When we think of what makes up a simple sentence in Akimel O'otham we first need to keep in mind that O'otham speakers use their language efficiently. There is rarely a wasted word, as everything that a speaker intends to express will usually be said as directly and straightforwardly as possible. So it is no surprise to learn that at the core of each sentence there are two parts as seen in the following example:

Chikpan 'o.

'He/she is working.'

Now, taking a closer look at this sentence, we notice that the two parts that form it include: a verb (action word) which can be seen at the beginning, and a short word that immediately follows the verb at the end. This word, called an auxiliary, is very interesting and also very unique to O'otham language as it provides the listener information on who is performing the action in the sentence. We can show how this works easily by simply changing the second word as in the following:

Chikpan 'añ.

Tam working. In the sentence above we are referring to ourselves as the person performing the action ('working') and to phrase this in O'otham we simply change the auxiliary from an 'o to 'añ. Notice that the two distinct auxiliary words are the only difference between the two sentences.

Now what if we want to express that the person you are talking to (the listener) is the one working. Once again, all that is needed is a simple switch of the auxiliary word, in this case we use the O'otham word 'ap that corresponds to the English word 'you'. Chikpan 'ap.

'You are working.'

O'otham speakers will often point out the similarities between the auxiliaries 'añ and 'ap with the full pronouns a:ñi and a:pi. This is because they are often used together in sentences, like in the sentence used to introduce ourselves A:ñi 'añ 'ab che:gig _ (My name is _____.). In this sentence the auxiliary

'an is used along with its corresponding full pronoun a:ñi to identify the person being talked about in the sentence. Speakers have the option of using both the auxiliary as well as the pronoun in sentences, although it is not necessarily required. The fuller form of the first three sentences with independent pronoun can be seen below:

A:ni 'an chikpan. I am working. A:pi 'ap chikpan. You are working. Hegai 'o chikpan. He/She is working.

The three auxiliaries ('an, 'ap, 'o) correspond to what are called persons in grammatical writing. 'An is called a first-person auxiliary as it references the speaker (I) as the subject of the sentence. Second-person references the listener (you) as the subject of the sentence, which is what we see with the second-person auxiliary 'ap. Third person refers to some other person or thing not part of the conversation (he, she or it). This corresponds to the third-person auxiliary 'o.

Basic Sentences in Akimel O'otham Word Match the basic sentence with its picture!

S-hepith 'o

Hehhem 'a

Ju:k 'o

Med 'o

Ko:sh 'o

Shoa:k 'o

Chichvi 'o

S-thoñ 'o

At this point we have us to understand the meanseen that a simple sentence in O'otham consists of (at the very least) two parts, those parts being the verb and the auxiliary. We also should understand that the choice of auxiliary tells us who is the subject of the sentence. Knowing this simple pattern should allow

ing of the following sentences and create new ones as well.

Chichvi 'ap. 'You are playing.' Ñe'e 'añ. 'I am singing. Ju:k 'o 'It is raining.' Ñeok 'an

'I am talking.

Remember to talk to your elders or an Akimel O'otham speaker and try seeing how they say simple sentences. That is the best way to learn how to speak O'othamaj. This month's word match will focus on a few basic sentences in Akimel O'otham.

Indigenous Russians visit HHC to discuss language and culture

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

Vika Petrasheva and her granddaughter Tatiana Degai have seen the consequences of the erosion of their culture and language first hand, but now bear witness to a new wave of cultural rejuvenation and language revitalization.

Petrasheva and Degai are of the Itelmen people of Kamchatka, Russia, The indigenous people of Russia share a similar history of colonization decimation and cultural attrition with the indigenous peoples of North America.

Last week, the grandmother-granddaughter duo visited the Huhugam Heritage Center and shared a little bit about themselves. their land, the Itelmen language and Itelmen customs.

About 30 people attended the presentation, which was a part of a speaker series created by the Heritage Center's Language Section. Afterward, Degai performed a couple of traditional Itelmen dances and the presenters and the Huhugam Heritage Center staff exchanged gifts.

Petrasheva received a Ph.D. in Philosophy and

Humanities in the 1980s, and was the first indigenous person to hold a doctoral degree in Russia, according to her bio.

Degai graduated with a Ph.D. in American Indian Studies and a minor in Linguistics from the University of Arizona this month. Her focus is on language revitalization for her people in Kamchatka, and she has an interest in language revitalization in all indigenous communities.

Native Americans in United States speak mostly English. Likewise, the indigenous peoples of Russia inherited the dominant language of their country and mostly speak Russian. Petrasheva's primary language is Russian; she speaks a little bit of Itelmen, and almost no En-

Petrasheva began the morning by talking (with Degai translating) about the traditional land of the Itelmen – the Russian peninsula of Kamchatka.

"You can see...Kamchatka is in the shape of a big salmon," she said. The Itelmen share a deep cultural relationship with salmon. "The shape of my land tells that the most treasured, precious resource of this land is salmon, and Itelmen people have always been great fishermen."

It is said that the peninsula was created by The Raven, who pulled the land up from the bottom of the sea with his powerful talons. Valleys were formed by Raven's heavy footsteps, and mountains were his resting places.

Petrasheva took the class on a tour of the peninsula via Google Maps and a series of photos. "So Kamchatka land is not so cold, The Raven infused his warm spirit into the mountains," she said.

A number of hot volcanoes with white snowcaps and black foothills dot the scenic landscape of Kamchatka. Each of them has a story, some of which Petrasheva told in summary. Degai said Kamchatka is known as The Land of Volcanoes

Petrasheva is working on a mapping project to document the geography of Kamchatka from an Itelmen perspective.

"Probably you would agree that when we lose our place names and our names, the people lose out their places and history,"



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

From left, Luis Barragan with the Huhugam Heritage Center, Tatiana Degai and her grandmother Vika Petrasheva of the Itelman people of Russia and Robert Johnson of the Huhugam Heritage Center following the language and culture presentation.

she said.

After lunch, Degai changed into traditional dance regalia of deerskin, dog fur, beads and sea shells, and presented on the recent history of the Itelmen, how the Itelmen have sustained their culture despite government disregard, and what steps the people are taking to breathe new life into their customs and language.

In Russia, said Degai, there are no tribal governments, no cohesive means of tribal economic

development, and almost no support for indigenous peoples' edification from local government entities. There is no recognition of indigenous peoples' sovereignty, and laws regarding traditional land use for indigenous people are not enforced, she said.

Despite government apathy, the Itelmen have carried on their traditional way of life the best they

The indigenous people of Kamchatka still fish using modern interpretations of traditional techniques; smoke salmon in the traditional style; herd reindeer, hunt duck, bears, and other game; gather tundra berries, blueberries, honeysuckle, and other fruit; participate in dog sled racing with traditional sleighs and using commands in the Itelmen language; perform traditional dances; and tell traditional stories.

The Itelmen people once filled the northern

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Festivities at the 153rd Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration included a parade, sports, pow-wow, bird dances, awards, and cultural presentations.

Families and friends drifted from one activity to another throughout the day, laughing, eating, and dancing, while others dozed off on the grass in the center of the park, taking advantage of the near-perfect weather, and when all was said and done, a near-perfect day in the Community.

A Brief History of the Five Tribes Peace Treaty

Over 153 years ago, before Arizona was a state, representatives from five tribes traveled to Fort Yuma, Calif. to pledge themselves into a treaty of peace. Those five tribes were the Maricopa, Pima, Hualapai, Chemehuevi, and Yuma.

At the time, the race for gold began in 1848 when settlers first discov-

ered gold nuggets in the Sacramento Valley. News spread quickly, enticing gold miners and settlers alike to travel west in search of riches.

This created a lot more horse and foot traffic in what we now know as southern Arizona and with that attacks from Apaches increased on the gold-seeking settlers.

because of these attacks that the five tribes and the United States military came together at Fort Yuma, from April 7—11, 1863, to develop a formal document in which each tribe pledged to one another mutual peace and to protect American settlers from further attack.

The representatives of each tribe at Five Tribes Treaty of Peace are as fol-

Maricopa: Chief Juan Chievaria and Sub Chief Juan Jose.

Pima: Chief Antonio

Yuma: Chief Jack Hualapai: Chief Wauba Yuba

Chemehuevi: Chief Pay Coyer

Since the peace treaty, the American Southwest has flourished and grown. It has become home to worldclass cities and universities, populated by millions, and enriched with the culture of the tribes that have called the desert landscape home for millennia.

Just think what would those chiefs, those six men who traveled to Fort Yuma 153 years ago, think of their legacy of peace?

BWCS honors graduates from F.A.C.E. program and preschool

Roberto A. Jackson Gila River Indian News

The District 1 Multipurpose Building has hosted many special events since it opened in 2010. The latest memorable occasion brought the Community together to honor children who are preparing for school and adults who faced challenges but still achieved a major academic goal.

Blackwater Commu-School's F.A.C.E./ Preschool Graduation, held May 12, was highlighted by song and dance presentations and students receiving their hard-earned certificates and awards.

The F.A.C.E. Home Based and Center Based children received big cheers as their names were called to receive their certificates. The audience continued to clamor as BWCS Preschool A and B programs recognized their children.

The F.A.C.E. program at BWCS also continues to be a worthwhile option for those looking to obtain their

"F.A.C.E. is such a wonderful program," said keynote speaker Felicia Gonzales. Gonzales was in the program and now works as a teacher's assistant at St. Peter Indian Mission

Kylie Brown, Deidra Contreras, Andrea Lopez, Diana Yucupicio and Janet Miguel were inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society for their diligent efforts in the class-

Adult Awards and Certificates were given to Carlos Garcia. Andrea Lopez. Deidra Contreras, Valencia Joe, Josh Paul and Millie Pedro.



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The graduation ceremony included a song and dance presentation by preschool students.

Pedro addressed the crowd following her award. She talked about the difficulty of taking the test and how she eventually prevailed. "I put my all in it," she said.

According to John Fullen with the BWCS F.A.C.E. Program, the national average for adults

passing the GED test is 2% of those enrolled in GED classes. The average number of years it takes to prepare for the test can range anywhere from one year to ten years depending on the skill level that a student enters the GED preparatory classes. It takes four years to earn a high school diplo-



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GED graduates were inducted into the National Adult **Education Honor Society.**

ma so long as the student starts his/her Freshman year at a 9th grade skill level. The same can be said about the GED student. It all depends on the grade level of skill to determine how long before a student is ready to take the four-test GED battery. The GED is now considered the "College/Career

Readiness Exam." The rigor of this new exam is so daunting that it has caused many people to just not attempt the test at all. The percentage of test takers since 2014 has gone down considerably and the passing rate has also declined exponentially.

Tribal Education hosts the Chief Azule Scholar Awards for students



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Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido, far right, recognizes GRIC students at the 2016 Chief Azule Scholar & Citizenship Award Banquet held at Rawhide Western Town Steakhouse on May 7.

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community students celebrated another year of academic excellence surrounded by friends and family at an event hosted by the Tribal Education Department.

TED hosted the annual Governor's Scholar Award Program under it's new name, the Chief Azule Scholar Awards Program, at the Rawhide Western Town Steak House on May 7.

Chief Antonio Azule was the last hereditary chief to lead the Community and was regarded as an advocate for education for the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh people.

The scholars program

Christopher Lomahquahu recognized 4-12th grade students and recent college graduates who received a bachelor's degree.

> In his address, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the students are carrying on a legacy started by the Huhugam ancestors who were innovative in areas of science, engineering and agriculture.

> "Every year the Community is going to recognize academic excellence. It's going to recognize it among [our] best and [our] brightest," said Lewis.

> Chief Azule's direct descendant Dean Azule was a special guest at the banquet and spoke on behalf of his ancestor.

"I am very, very honored to have [this] scholars

program named after Chief Azule. [He] promoted a lot of progress for [his] people, including getting educated," said Azule.

He encouraged the students to be innovative and to create answers to some of the biggest issues that face Native people.

"We look forward to [you], to see what's beyond the horizon," said Azule.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone echoed the same appreciation for the students and encouraged them to strive for more in their lives in honor of Chief Azule.

"We are reminded every day of what he stood for," said Antone, "[He] helped fight the battles to protect [our] Community."

2016 Chief Azule Scholar & Citizenship Award Winners

1st—Caswell Gerlaugh-Sam **Blackwater Community** School 2nd— Nevaeh Quiroz **Blackwater Community**

Fourth Grade

School 3rd— Alayna Mark Sacaton Elementary School

Fifth Grade 1st— Adriella Gambler **Blackwater Community**

School 2nd— Gabriel Lewis **Blackwater Community**

School 3rd— Azaria Enos Sacaton Middle School Sixth Grade

1st— Sineca Jackson

Conley Elementary School 2nd— Phoenix Bojorquez Imagine Prep Coolidge 3rd— Elysa Martinez Skyline Gila River D5 Seventh Grade 1st—Kylie Allison Hohokam Middle School 2nd—Joseph Laborin Imagine Prep Coolidge 3rd—Anthony Blackwater Hohokam Middle School Eighth Grade 1st—Rachael Whempner Vista Del Sur Accelerated Academy 2nd—Angelica Ulate Skyline Gila River D5

3rd— Hope Miles

Imagine Prep Coolidge

Ninth Grade 1st— Lorenza Aleman Coolidge High School 2nd— Zachary Quimayousie Imagine Prep Coolidge 3rd— Jessica Rios Betty H. Fairfax High School Tenth Grade 1st— Jered Lewis Coolidge High School 2nd— Karissa Mark Imagine Prep Coolidge 3rd— Rheanna Jackson Coolidge High School Eleventh Grade 1st— Hunter Nish Coolidge High School 2nd—Selena Whitman

Coolidge High School

3rd—Selena Jackson

Coolidge High School Twelfth Grade 1st—Danielle Whempner Betty H. Fairfax High School 2nd—Bianca Hernandez Casa Grande Union High School 3rd—Ashley Thompson Casa Grande Union High School College 1st—Raquel Romero Arizona State University 2nd—Gary Mix University of Oregon 3rd—DeAnna Ringlero South Mountain Community College Citizenship Awards (Twelfth

1st—Danielle Whempner Betty H. Fairfax High School 2nd—Bianca Hernandez Casa Grande Union High School 3rd—Ashley Thompson Casa Grande Union High School Lorenz Saiza Coolidge Alternative Program Mariana Allison Coolidge Alternative Program Gabriel Madrid Coolidge High School Olivia Hogg Coolidge High School Manuel Lewis Vista Grande High School Priscilla Rhodes

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Gila River Men sentenced to 96 months in Prison

Sacaton, AZ - On October 3, 2011 Griffin Lewis was reported missing by his mother. Efforts to locate Griffin led to the discovery of his deceased body behind a residence on Wren Street. Gila River detectives and FBI agents conducted an investigation into the cause and manner of death. The investigation revealed Griffin was physically assaulted by numerous people while at a house party on Wren Street and he was later drug away from the home and left in the desert.

A large number of people present at the party provided information to law enforcement regarding the incident. As a result of the investigation, two suspects were later indicted in federal court for 2nd Degree Murder. Both subjects later pled guilty to 2nd Degree Murder and were sentenced as follows:

On October 16, 2015, Leonard White was sentenced in US District Court to 96 MONTHS in the Bureau of Prisons followed by 3 years of supervised release.

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Steven Manuel was previously sentenced in US District Court to 96 MONTHS in the Bureau of Prisons followed by 3 years of supervised release.



Community member performs at Dance Worlds Championships

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

Madysen Antone is a member of the Raevin Dance Factory, out of Mount Pleasant, Texas. This year Madysen's team, the Dance Factory Elite Seniors, had its most successful season, and in April they went to the Dance Worlds Championship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

"I've been doing [dance] for like five years now and it's really fun and exciting," said Madysen, 13. Madysen competes in three categories with Raevin Dance: Jazz Dance, Hip Hop, and Pom.

In Orlando, Raevin Dance Factory went up against the best dance teams in the world and met dancers from Japan, Germany, and many other countries. They competed in a series of national competitions throughout the year to work their way up to the Worlds Championship, where they competed in the Jazz and Hip Hop categories.

"Jazz is the hardest category there is and we got 14th in the world," said Madysen. "In hip hop... we tied for eighth [and] we were the first team from



Photo Courtesy of Carl Antone

Madysen Antone was the only Native American on her team that competed Jazz, Hip Hop and Pom at the Dance Worlds Championships.

Raevin Dance Factory to ever make it to the finals [round] at Worlds."

Madysen's father is Carl Antone, from GRIC District 5. He said that at every competition throughout the dance season the team earned partially paid bids to go to Worlds.

"With all the events that they won this year, the [Worlds] event was completely free," he said. "[They] actually had money left over, which they gave to the girls for spending money at Walt Disney World."

He said, "Madysen is the only Native [American] on the team, and this will be her last year to dance with the team."

Madysen has been with Raevin since she was 7-years-old, but now that she's entering high school,

it's time to up the competition. She has already qualified for the Mount Pleasant High School "Tiger Dolls" dance team, with whom her mother Sarah also once danced.

Carl said being on the dance team is a great extracurricular activity for

Madysen. It teaches discipline, grit, and, like any sport, it's a very demanding physical activity.

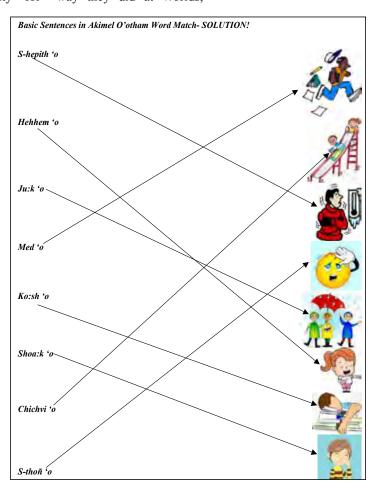
"It's a very disciplined sport. My daughter's learned leadership... and she's discovered a competitive edge that she probably wouldn't have otherwise," he said.

Madysen is starting high school this fall. She said that while she loves dance, one of her favorite aspects of being on the team is the camaraderie she shares with her teammates, "getting to meet new people and having friends that you can count on."

Carl and Sarah are very proud of their daughter and her team. He said, "They did an awesome job this year. The amount of work they put into it just really made us understand how dedicated [Madysen] was to this. Finishing the way they did at Worlds.

you couldn't have asked for a better year."

Going to the world championship was an experience of a lifetime, but hopefully not once-in-alifetime. The Antones hope to be back at Worlds again next year.



Itelman people from Russia visit HHC from page 7

portion of Kamchatka, with dozens of neighboring indigenous groups. Before contact, there were an estimated 20,000 Itelmen; now there are just over 3,000. On top of that, there are

only five fluent speakers

of Itelmen, and they are all

over the age of 75.

Fortunately, Itelmen is a well-documented language. Anthropologists in the 1960s developed a dictionary, and today school children learn Itelmen from textbooks. Still, Degai and others think more needs to

be done.

She said there is a strong self-determination movement among the young people of the Itelmen community, and the larger community of indigenous peoples of Russia. "I see a lot of young indige-

nous youth...who are proud of who they are. I think that indigenous people are now understanding that it is cool to be indigenous. It is something special. It is nothing to be ashamed of."

Through her graduate work, Degai used modern technology to inspire learning. She has created karaoke videos of Itelmen songs using iMovie, a free Apple program, and Language Learning Groups using Whatsapp and Keyman Free for smartphones and tablets.

Degai grew up with her grandmother's influence. At an early age, she traveled to various villages and learned about her culture and that of the indigenous peoples around her. While studying for her Master's degree in Anthropology at the University of Alaska – Fairbanks, she met many other indigenous people studying and working to rebuild their languages. "I realized that the Itelmen language is also important," she said.

At the University of Arizona, and specifically the American Indian Language Development Institute, she learned about language immersion, which has inspired her to pursue language immersion for Itelmen.

Now that Degai has graduated, she is going to return home to Kovran, where pay is low, indoor running water is rare and

internet access is prohibitively slow.

Degai, 34, is the director of the local Community House – House of Culture in Kovran, the only majority Itelmen village in Kamchatka. As the director, she organizes programs and events. She hopes to develop a language immersion program to the best extent possible.

"For me, I don't know my language. I'm learning it, but I can help my community as an organizer and things like that," she said.

At the very least, she hopes that with a husband and two young sons back home, she can bring back the language in her own family.

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Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

From left, Tatiana Dagai, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Vika Petrasheva from the Itelmen people of Kamchatka, Russia following the presentation at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

Students compete in robotics tournament

Thomas R. Throssell Gila River Indian News

Parents, students, and teachers stood inside Sacaton Middle School's library, on the morning of May 4, listening intently as Gila River Indian Community leadership applauded the Robotics Club students' efforts and offered prayers to their upcoming challenge, the highly competitive international robotics competition RoboRAVE.

After listening to well wishes from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Science Teacher JoEllen Kinnamon, and Principal Phillip Bonds, 51 students from SMS and nine Gila Crossing Community School students, along with 24 parent chaperones, began loading up their belongings onto two coach buses in preparation for their 8-hour journey to Albuquerque, NM.

Over the next two days, from May 6—7, students battled it out against stiff opposition from around the world that included 13 countries and over 600 students. But, while scoring the most points and taking home 1st place was the goal



Photo Courtesy of Sacaton Middle School

Students and chaperones gather outside of the Albuquerque Convention Center for the 2016 RoboRAVE competition, which was held from May 6 - 7.

of every student involved in the tournament, much more was learned from the experience of the tournament itself.

"Last year our word was vengeance because we really wanted to go after China," said Kinnamon. "I think this year, it was perseverance."

"For the little ones, they didn't see the long term goal until they got there and each day they tried harder. You could see it, they wanted to score and they worked their [robots] until they got them right," she said.

One of the girls on our team was working on her robot but the program running the machine wasn't functioning properly, Kinnamon said. This girl was close to tears but she kept working on her robot. She worked on that robot for two hours to get it running properly and she did. She ended up placing in eighth in her category.

'So, hard work does pay off," Kinnamon added.

Kinnamon, who has headed the SMS Robotics Club since its inception in 2012, is grateful for the support the club has received and gives her thanks to the entities listed below:

Sacaton Elementary School District, Gila River Sand & Grvael, Gila River Indian Community Utility Lone Butte Industri-Park, al Wild Horse Pass, Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pima Valve, Inc., Resolution Copper Mining, Gov. Ste-Roe phen Lewis, Lt. Gov. Moni-

Authority,

ca Antone, GRIC Council, Honeywell, the Pinal County Education Office, and Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

Below are SMS and GCCS's results from the 2016 RoboRAVE International competition.

Sacaton Middle School Results:

Mazing Elementary (46 teams competed in this

8th: Sun Devils - Lightfoot Howard. Brian Kelly. and Anthony Braveheart.

9th: Batman #2 - Illiana Miguel and Danielle Whitman.

20th: Blues - Aden

Salkey, Alex Setoyant, and Alfonso Jose.

22nd: Batman #1 -Elizabeth Paul, Littlefeather Jose, and Nicole Romero.

33rd: Minions - Sianna Rivers, Simone Natani, and Lindsy Miller.

41st: Azuriah Miguel, Hayden Terrazas, and Dalen Juan.

Elementary Jousting (50 teams competed in this

37th: Batman #1 - Elizabeth Paul, Littlefeather Jose, and Nicole Romero.

38th: Batman #2 - Illiana Miguel and Danielle Whitman.

39th: Braves - Azuriah Miguel, Hayden Terrazas, and Dalen Juan.

40th: Cheetahs - Gracie Marks and Trinity Hoover.

High school Aerial Drones (26 teams competed in this event):

5th: 3 Braves - Zachery Lewis, JaQuar Alewine, and Martees June.

7th: Glado's - Damien Encinas, Mickey Pasquale, Jayce Makil, and Darrius Ameelyenah.

10th: Red Bird - Isaiah Francisco.

13th: Bad Pony - Quincy Randall.

14th: Delta Force -Jacob Ochoa and Josiah

22nd: Wilbur - Jesus Torres, Weston Pena, and Wyatt Jackson.

24th: Nova - Johnathan Manuel, Alfonso Pablo, and Eli Vazquez.

Middle school Aerial Drones:

1st: Braves - Zachery Lewis, JaQuar Alewine, and Martees June.

2nd: Glado's - Damien Encinas, Mickey Pasquale, Jayce Makil, and Darrius Ameelyenah.

4th: Red Bird - Isaiah Francisco.

7th: Bad Pony - Quincy

8th: Delta Force - Jacob Ochoa, Josiah Ochoa, and Damien Pahona.

15th: Wilbur - Jesus Torres, Weston Pena, and Wyatt Jackson.

16th: Nova - Johnathan Manuel, Alfonso Pablo, and

Eli Vasquez. Gila Crossing Community School Results:

Middle school Mazing 3rd: Matrixx - Richard LaFrancis, Alexus Lopez, and Devin Standing Elk

16th: Apollo - Ky Allison, Justin Lopez, and Tafv Dillon.

29th: Fantastic - Eleanor Zambrano, Malaya Pablo, and Marcus Villa.

GRIC leaves AIGA

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ing on behalf of its member Tribes with one, unified voice...on Indian gaming issues." AIGA for many years fulfilled this purpose and operated with remarkable unity of purpose. But the actions of the Tohono O'odham Nation to secretly develop a casino in direct opposition to the promises made by AIGA and other tribes has destroyed AIGA's unity and undermined the principles of the organization. We, regretfully, have determined that we can no longer in good conscience be members of AIGA and are withdrawing from the organization effective immediately.

When compact negotiations began back in 2000, 16 tribes united together and signed an Agreement that established tribal principles for the negotiations. The Nation's current Chairman signed that Agreement. In that written Agreement, each tribe expressly agreed to "maintain consistent positions regarding the terms and issues at issue with the State of Arizona in compact negotiations," and, importantly, to "notify other Tribal Leaders if they...must take positions or actions inconsistent with those of the other Tribal Leaders."

While the four Phoenix-metro tribes and other tribes were considering Governor Hull's demand in

the negotiations that each Tribe to give up its right to build an additional casino, the Nation now admits that behind the scenes, it was secretly searching for land to operate an additional casino in the Phoenix area. Instead of notifying other Tribal leaders of its plans during the negotiations, the Nation actively worked to conceal its actions. The Nation admits that it bought the Glendale land using a Delaware shell company "to conceal its ownership.'

In fact, during the compact negotiations, the Nation's representatives anticipated that Gila River, Salt River and Fort McDowell would object to the Nation's silence once its plans for a Phoenix casino were revealed. But even that did not compel the Nation to notify other Tribes. The Nation stayed silent.

The Nation's failure to disclose its secret plans for a Phoenix-area casino during compact negotiations, before other Tribes signed the new compacts and gave up their existing rights to build an additional casino, violated the Nation's contractual and moral duties to notify the other fifteen tribes that the Nation was taking "actions inconsistent with those of other Tribal Leaders."

Governor Ducey and Attorney General Brnovich

have called the Nation's Glendale casino trary to the public interest" and "the product of fraud, fraudulent concealment and misrepresentation." The Arizona Republic called the Nation a tribe "using subterfuge and deceit to break into Phoenix's gambling market."

While to date the Nation has been able to escape the State's claims of fraud and misrepresentation, the federal court recently ruled that those claims will finally be litigated.

All Tribes in AIGA must acknowledge that since the Nation asked the Department of the Interior to acquire the Glendale parcel for casino purposes in 2009, AIGA has not spoken with one, unified voice.

Let us review AIGA's position on this issue.

When then-Governor Hull announced a compact had been successfully negotiated with the 16 Tribes, her February 20, 2002 press statement said that one of the "major points" achieved in the agreement was that there would be "[n]o additional casinos allowed in the Phoenix metropolitan area and one additional casino in the Tucson area."

On April 3, 2002, AIGA staff produced a Legislative Tracking Report that commented on Senate Bill 1001, the bill which encapsulated the compact agreement reached between AIGA tribes and the State.

The AIGA Report stated that the bill "Represents the agreement reached by the Arizona Indian Gaming Association and the Governor. Provides for a reduction in the number [of] authorized gaming facilities[,] with no additional facilities in the Phoenix metro area and only one new facility in the Tucson area."

Five days later, on April 8, 2002, AIGA's Executive Director, David LaSarte, testified before the Arizona Senate Committee on Government. He stated that the negotiated compact would "limit the number of facilities in the Phoenix metro area to the current number, and also allow... the possibility of one additional facility in Tucson."

Then, as a critical part AIGA has been crippled by of the effort to get voters to approve the compact, AIGA assisted in the preparation of a Voter Information Pamphlet widely distributed to voters by AIGA Tribes. Several Tribes, including the Nation, provided major funding for the pamphlet. The tribal pamphlet expressly promised voters that under the compacts authorized by Prop 202 "there will be no additional facilities authorized in Phoenix."

> Finally, in April, 2011, overwhelmingly AIGA passed a resolution to reaffirm the promises tribes repeatedly made to the State and voters during the Prop 202 campaign, that there would be "no additional casinos in the Phoenix metro

area." The resolution stated: "The Arizona Indian Gaming Association hereby reaffirms the promises made to Arizona voters in 2002 during the successful campaign to enact Proposition 202 ("Prop") which authorized Tribal-State Gaming Compacts."

Thus, AIGA consistently has said there would be no additional casinos in the Phoenix metro area during the term of the current compacts. This has been, and it remains, AI-GA's official position on the matter.

Despite this, the Nation asserts in federal court proceedings that it can operate four additional class III casinos in the Phoenix-metro area. What does AIGA do? It sits mute, even though the Nation's actions are inconsistent with AI-GA's position. AIGA has never voted to change its position and maintain that under the compacts, additional casinos are allowed in the Phoenix metro area.

AIGA's voice largely has been silent on what we consider to be the greatest threat facing its member-tribes - that Arizona voters will think that all Tribes have broken our promise to them, leading to the ultimate loss of tribal gaming exclusivity and destruction of the Compact's balanced structure that benefits gaming and non-gaming tribes alike. AIGA's inability to oppose such a great threat to Arizona tribal gaming leads us to

this day.

For most of the past 20 years, Arizona Tribes have been unified on gaming matters. That unity has been the most important source of our strength and success. But, when one tribe deliberately chooses a secret path that it knows will create disunity within AIGA, the organization's continued silence in the face of deceit weakens us

We choose a different path. We choose not to ignore deceit and not to ignore the AIGA Resolution. We choose to honor the promise we made to Arizona voters that there would be "no additional casinos in the Phoenix metro area." For these reasons, we can no longer remain members of AIGA. Our decision has not been made in haste. We leave reluctantly, but with confidence that our decision is in the best interests of Arizona's gaming and non-gaming tribes.

We wish health and happiness for all of you, and would like to express our sincere thanks to AIGA staff for their hard work under very difficult circumstances

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Lewis Governor

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 20, 2016 & May 4, 2016

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday April 20, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Angelia Allison, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Albert Pablo, Anthony Villareal, Sr.,

Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MIN-

* 1. GRHC Chief Nursing Officer Retirement Notification

Presenter: Myron Schurz

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[ADDENUM TO AGENDA]

1. Overview of Gila River Close Up

Presenter: Michael Preston

MR. MICHAEL PRESTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND THE YEAR'S EVENTS. EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. VAR-IOUS COUNCIL AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME

2. Introduction Of Procurement Director Maureen Curley Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

TREASURER ROBERT G. KELLER INTRODUCED MS. MAUREEN CURLEY. MS. CURLEY PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. VARIOUS COUNCIL AND GOVER-NOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME

3. Gila River Health Care (GRHC) - Naming of Health Center Presenter: Ginger Martin

MS. GINGER MARTIN PROVIDED A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE PROCESS IN NAMING THE NEW FACILITY. VAR-IOUS COUNCIL AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

4. Overview of Gila River Close Up

Presenter: Michael Preston ITEM HEARD AS #1

REPORTS

*1. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 1 Report Presenter: Larissa Quijano

REPORT HEARD

*2. Skyline District 5 Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

REPORT HEARD

*3. Gila River Farms Status Report

Presenter: Tiffany Horne

REPORT HEARD

4. Head Start February Monthly Report 2016

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Urban Members Association 1Q 2016 Report Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, Urban Members Association Board

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE **SESSION**

6. Monthly Financial Report Activity For March 31, 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SES-SION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And RVK, Inc For Fiscal Year 2016 (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Havier-Lewis

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing & Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for ap-

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Neomi Martinez **APPROVED**

3. A Resolution Approving The Articles Of Organization Of GRIC Lands Holdings, LLC, An Arizona Limited Liability Company That Is Wholly Owned By The Gila River Indian Community For Purpose Of Acquiring Off-Reservation Land Interest And Holdings (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Cooperative Agreement Between Bureau Of Reclamation And Gila River Indian Community For Gila River Indian Community Renewable Energy Study (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & EDSC concur) Presenter: Linus Everling

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving An Agreement For A Right Of Way Easement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Salt River Project Agricultural Improvements And Power District, A Political Subdivision Of The State Of Arizona, Arizona Public Service Company, An Arizona Corporation, Public Service Company of New Mexico, A New Mexico Corporation, And El Paso Electric Company, A Texas Corporation, For A 50 Year Term (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval with the noted changes to increase the compensation amount NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America, For Westside IE And Westside IF Pipelines And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Westside IE And Westside IF And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Use of Employment Tax Credits (G&MSC motions

to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Dale Gutenson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Recording Traditional Talk Workshop (CRSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Anthony Gray

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE; CONSID-ERING PROTECTION IS NOTED ALL RECORDINGS ARE **PROTECTED**

3. Saguaro Correctional Center, THPO Report No. 16-21 (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approv-

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONSIDER AND AC-CEPT THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN VISITORS TO HAVE THEIR TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON GILA RIVER ANCESTRAL LAND

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MIN-UTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:43 P.M.1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE **SESSION**

4. Attorney Contract (Executive Session) (G&MSC motions to forward to Community Council in Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Economic Development Opportunity (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council for discussion in Executive Session)

Presenter: Ronald Rosier

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SES-SION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ATTOR-**NEY CONTRACT**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE WHPDA **REQUEST**

6. 28th Anniversary Celebration April 23, 2016

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY COUNCIL MEM-BER TO ATTEND; TO COME OUT OF DUES & DELEGA-**TIONS**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE **SESSION**

7. Gaming Matter (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SES-SION

8. NCAI Mid-Year Conference Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

MINUTES

1. December 2, 2015 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>HOT TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016, 9AM >SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016, 1PM

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR NANETTE HUMANA'S FAM-ILY

>KATERI TEKAKWITHA FEST, ST. JOHNS, THIS WEEKEND **ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:08 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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 May 4, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present: D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr. (9:44), Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird Council Members Absent:

D3- Carolyn Williams APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes) 1. Casa Grande Union High School District 4th Annual Grad-

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uation Pow Wow May 14, 2016

Presenters: Dr. Shannon Goodsell, Gene Manuel

DR. SHANNON GOODSELL EXTENDED THE EVENT INVITATION TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR LEWIS, AND LT. GOVERNOR LEWIS, AS WELL AS THE EVENT SCHEDULE. MR. GENE MANUEL PROVIDED FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRADUATES OF BOTH CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL.

REPORTS

*1. Gila River Farms Status Report

Presenter: Tiffany Horne REPORT HEARD

2. Blackwater Community School Quarter 2 Report SY 2015-

2016

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma REPORT HEARD

3. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 2 Report SY

2015-2016

Presenter: Jeremy Copenhaver

REPORT HEARD

4. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 2 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Elda Diaz REPORT HEARD

5. Sacaton Elementary School Quarter 2 Report SY 2015-

2016

Presenter: Leslie Rychel REPORT HEARD

6. Skyline Gila River- District 5 Quarter 2 Report SY 2015-

2016

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

REPORT HEARD

7. Off Reservation Boarding Schools

Presenter: Danielle Allen REPORT HEARD

8. Graduations SY 2015-2016 Presenter: Danielle Allen REPORT HEARD

9. Gila River Transit Update Presenter: Sasha Pachito REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR AN HOUR AND HALF LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECON-

VENED AT 1:12 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Federal Litigation Update US v. Barron Collier, Co (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Inc. Monthly Report, March 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, Joseph Magliarditi, Board of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gila River Gaming Commission Report, March 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America, For Westside IE And Westside IF Pipelines And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

*2. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Westside IE And Westside IF And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Maricopa County For Operating And Maintaining Traffic Signals Located Within The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Timothy Oliver, Steven Johnson APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Submit A Grant Application And Agreement To The Arizona Department Of Transportation For Rural Transit Services, On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community And Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Sasha Pachito APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Education
Department To Accept And Administer The
Bureau Of Indian Education Sovereignty In
Indian Education Enhancement Grant On Behalf
Of The Gila River Indian Community (ESC
forwards to Community Council with
recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Isaac Salcido
APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving The Consultant Contract Between The Gila River Indian Community And Willow Tree Early Education (ESC forwards to Community Council with

recommendation or approval)
Presenter: Isaac Salcido

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Authorizing The Withdrawal Of The Gila River Indian Community From Membership In The Arizona Indian Gaming Association (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; in Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling

APPROVED

[Addendum to Agenda]

8. A Resolution Establishing The Permanent Water Fund To Fund Annual Water Related

Costs In Perpetuity Presenter: Ronald Rosier APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The Gila River Indian Community Code By Rescinding The Current Title 15, Chapter 6, Wastewater Management, And Enacting A Comprehensive Wastewater And Reclaimed Water Management Ordinance, To Be Codified At Title 15, Chapter 6 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC forwards to Community Council for discussion and action)

Presenters: Ondrea Barber, Glenn Stark APPROVED

2. The Gila River Indian Community Council
Hereby Amends Title 13, Chapter 3,Section
13.307 Of The Gila River Indian Community Law
And Order Code By Increasing The Hotel/Motel
Services Tax By One Percent (1%) (LSC
forwards to Community Council for
recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Robert G. Keller
APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Community Schools Audit Scope (Executive Session) (ESC forwards to Community Council the Audit Scope in Executive Session with recommendation for approval for the purpose of facilitating the Community's efforts under the Sovereignty in Indian Education Grant)

Presenter: Robert G. Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. Economic Development Opportunity Update (Executive

Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

[LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:29 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLINE PURSUING THE OPPORTUNITY, DUE TO LACK OF TIME TO FULLY AND ADEQUATELY CONSIDER THE MATTER AND FOR THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO NOTIFY THE POTENTIAL BUSINESS PARTNER

NEW BUSINESS

1. SEDS Grant Application (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Elizabeth Bohnee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Galileo Assessment 2016-2017 School Year (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
3. Komatke Area Drainage Master Study
Finalizing the Study and Presenting Results
(NRSC forwards to Council under New Business)

for discussion and action) Presenter: Seaver Fields

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Government & Management Standing
Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the
Community Council - (3) Council Seats (G&MSC
motioned to forward to Community Council to
declare (3) Council Seat Vacancies)
Presenters: Government & Management

Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCIES

Natural Resources Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council - (3) Council Seats (NRSC forwards to Council to Declare (3) Council Seat Vacancies)
 Presenters: Natural Resources Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCIES
 Health & Social Standing Committee

6. Health & Social Standing Committee
Declaration of Vacancies to the Community
Council – (2) Council Seats (H&SSC forwards to
Council to declare (2) Council Seat Vacancies)
Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
VACANCIES

7. Economic Development Standing Committee
Declaration of Vacancy to the Community
Council - (1) Council Seat (EDSC forwards to
Council to declare (1) Council Seat Vacancy)
Presenters: Economic Development Standing
Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY

8. Cultural Resource Standing Committee
Declaration of Vacancies to the Community
Council - (3) Council Seats (CRSC forwards to
Council to Declare (3) Council Seat Vacancies)
Presenters: Cultural Resources Standing
Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE VACANCIES

LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD ITEM #9 AIGA COUNCIL DELEGATION

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]
9. AIGA Council Delegation
Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AFFORD ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND AIGA AND TO UTILIZE THE DUES & DELEGATION LINE ITEM

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>G&MSC AND NRSC JOINT MEETING, CCSO CONFERENCE ROOMS B&C, THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016
>\$2 MILLION VETERANS REFUND INCLUDED IN THE

STATE'S BUDGET >CHIEF AZULE AWARDS FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

@ RAWHIDE

>DAY OF HOPE FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

>COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER ALLISON AND COUNCILWOMAN ANGELIA ALLISON ON TRAVEL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

>5 TRIBES PEACE TREATY SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:46PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Presenters discuss ways to be smart with social media at Sacaton Family Night

takes a lot of discipline in

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Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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what's going on at school

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She told students to

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if they saw it on Facebook.

the ASU gymnastics team

Corinne Belkoff from

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Corinne Belkoff (center) an ASU gymnast, signs autographs for students at the Sacaton Elementary School Family Night, May 12.

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Sacaton Elementary School ended the school year with a Family Night gathering before the summer break.

Representatives from Arizona State University and the Minnesota Vikings gave a special presentation about social media and life transitions to the families gathered at the SES gymnasium on May 12.

As social media becomes increasingly accessible to everyone there is a high probability that someone will see what you post on your Facebook or Twitter feed.

The Office of American Indian Initiatives Student Tribal Liaison, Sahmie Joshevama said in today's

"I think about what

I'm going to post, because it can open you up to ridicule or criticism if it's not in good taste," said Belkoff.

She said through social media it is an opportunity to lead others and that it can either improve or hurt your image when applying for a job or college program.

"I represent my community and I have a choice in how others view me, including how I can help post something crazy or inspire younger girls who want to go into gymnastics," she said.

Dealing with life tranitive role model for my sitions can be challenging when going from one stage of life to another.

The Minnesota Vikings She said today most Executive Director of Player Development/Legal, Les Pico, was on hand to share his take on self-development

He said, "You have to cise good judgment when begin with an open mind. posting a notice for others You shouldn't perceive yourself as a person based on what you do for a livthink about what they're ing."

Pico spoke from exto their family and friends, perience working with including the younger ones young players coming into the NFL looking to make a name for themselves.

"[We] start to encour-

said being a student athlete age players on choosing their mentors wisely, because some will tend to lead others astray," he said.

> He said you have to find somebody that represents what you want to become in whatever part of life that you want to build or improve on.

To wrap up the night, Don Patterson, the team clinician for the Vikings and Kansas City Chiefs, explained how his life experiences gave him the tools to help players cope with problems with addictions and behavior management.

"We have to be honest with ourselves and think

about what am [I] doing wrong," he said.

He said the problem arises when the weight of life gets heavy and individuals don't ask for help.

One suggestion he offered is to incorporate a family member or significant other into the discussion about how life's hardships will and can improve.

"It's important for us to recognize change, because it happens in many facets of our lives. The important part to know is how much we are willing to invest into [that] change," said Patter-

COURT DATE NOTICE

STATE OF ARIZONA

Defendant/Respondent.

CASE umber: CV-2005-0197

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/RE-

SPONSE HEARING regarding this mat-

ter on the following date and time at the

YOU may respond in writing. However,

Answer/Response Hearing is still re-

even if you do so, your presence at the

TO: MARIO PABLO

CIVIL SUMMONS

place set forth below:

[X] Sacaton Community Court

DATE: Tuesday, July 05, 2016

721 West Seed Farm Road

Sacaton, Arizona 85147

(520)562-9860

Time: 09:30 AM

HOLLY JACKSON

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

MARIO PABLO

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIA COMMUNI-

Public Notice on **Exceptional Events** within the Gila River **Indian Community** boundary

quired. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is

If you fail to appear and defend, judg-

ment by default will be entered against

you for the relief demanded in the com-

DATED this Monday, April 18, 2016

extended by order of the Court.

plaint or petition.

In 2005, Congress identified a need to account for events that result in exceedances of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are exceptional in nature (e.g., not expected to reoccur but caused by acts of nature beyond man-made controls.) In response, EPA promulgated the Exceptional Events Rule (EER) to address exceptional events in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51 on March 22, 2007. The EER allows for states and tribes to "flag" air quality monitoring data as an exceptional event. If flagged, these data can be excluded from consideration in air quality planning if EPA concurs with the demonstration submitted by the flagging agency documenting that all procedural and technical requirements have been met.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i), the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on these recorded events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 within the Gila River Indian Community boundary on June 27; August 11; August 29; and September 12, 2015. GRIC DEQ has decided to flag these episodes based on EER criteria. Interested parties can submit written comments to GRIC DEQ no later than June 17 2016 Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to FPA

Written comments should be addressed faxed or e-mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality ATTN: Ryan Eberle PO Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147

PHONE: (520) 562-2234 FAX: (520) 562-2245 E-mail: air@gric.nsn.us.

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIA COMMUNI-TY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA

Isella Manuel

Laveen Arizona 85339 (520)562-9862 DATE: Tuesday, June 16, 2016

Jaime Garcia Docket Number: CV-2016-0060 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered. Answer/Response-PAT Westend Judicial Center 4751 West Pecos Road

Time: 09:00 AM Petitioner: Isella Manuel Respondent: Jaime Garcia

MEMORIAL DAY **CLOSURE**

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016.

If you need medical assistance, visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital or call 911. Normal business hours will resume TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016.

(Clinics will be open Saturday, May 28, 2016.)

NEW SECURITY UNIFORMS

New uniforms now identify our security officers and identify them as employees of Gila River Health Care. This gives the Community a certain assurance that those wearing the uniform know what they are doing and that they will do their jobs in a safe, proficient

manner. GRHC Security officers wear uniforms as a statement of responsibility. A professional uniform serves as a quick "identifier." In an emergency, patients should readily be able to identify a GRHC Security officer. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Lantz Biles, Security Supervisor:

(520) 562-3321 ext. 1146.

2016 SUMMER **FAMILY HEALTH EVENT**

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10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 31 June 7 District 7 District 7 District 6 District 5 District 4 District 3 District 2 District 1 Ak-Chin June 14 June 21 June 16 June 23 June 28 July 5 July 12 July 19 June_30 July 7 July 14 July 21

For more information, please contact Robin Henry, FNP Community Outreach Mobile Unit (520) 610-2379

MENTAL HEALTH MO

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

A mental illness is a condition that impacts a person's thinking, feeling or mood and may affect his or her ability to relate to others and function on a daily basis. Early engagement and support are crucial to improving outcomes and increasing the promise of recovery.

If you are interested in learning more about services, please contact us for more information. If there is a mental health crisis, contact our 24-hour Community Crisis Line at 1-800-259-3449.

BHS has offices at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital: (520) 562-3321 ext. 7010 or 602-528-7100 OASIS: (520) 562-3323; District 5

(520) 796-3898

Shegoi Clinic: (520) 550-6008 Komatke Health Center - Shegoi Clinic: (520) 550-6008 Thwajik Ke RTC: 520-796-3800

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If you are accessing Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital from Seed Farm Road and parking in patient parking on the north, you must enter at the temporary entrance located at the east side of the hospital.

Walk-in patients must check in at the temporary registration desk located at the temporary entrance on the east side of the hospital.

Primary Care patients with appointments or who are visiting Medical Imaging and Lab should check in at the main registration

Patients visiting the Pharmacy may use any entrance and do not need to stop at either registration desk.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Bob Pablo, Cultural Customer Service Department at: (520) 562-3321 ext. 1424.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE Main Entrance to Hu Hu Kam Memorial HOSPITAL

Main Entrance and Lobby to close for one year (Summer 2016 – 2017) **BEGINNING JUNE 20,** 2016.

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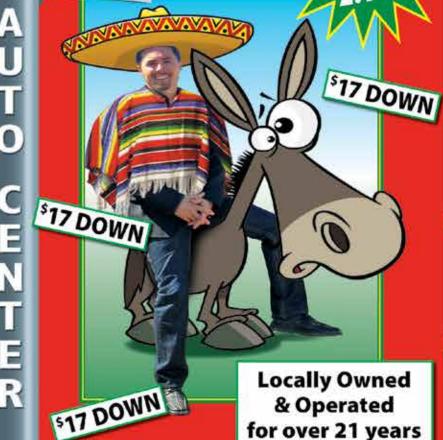
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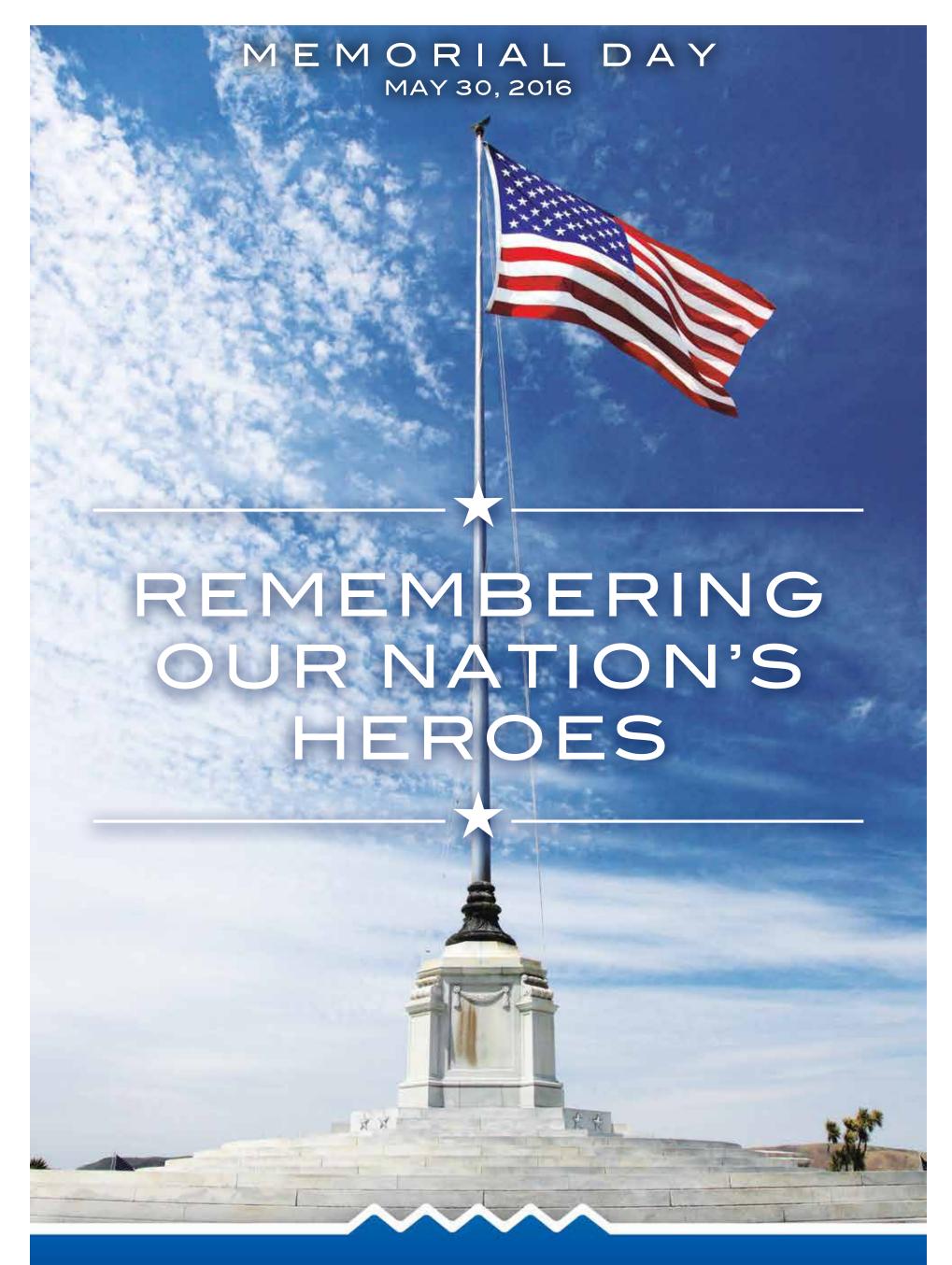


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