

GRIC disappointed by judge's ruling on Loop 202 freeway injunction

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The Gila River Indian Community and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis have expressed their deep disappointment at a ruling by U.S. District Judge Diane Humetwa, who rejected the Community's request for an injunction temporarily halting construction of an extension of the South Mountain/Loop 202 Freeway. The nearly \$2 billion construction project

would desecrate sacred lands on and around South Mountain – Muhadagi Doag – and permanently harm the Community's cultural resources and members' quality of life.

"This is a disturbing ruling for our Community and for all of us who love, respect and honor South Mountain," said Gov. Lewis. "This isn't about a road for our people. Destroying South Mountain is an attack on one of our most sacred resources. The

Loop 202 extension as currently planned will destroy Muhadagi Doag and its trails, shrines and archaeological treasures."

The Community's lawsuit – consolidated with a second lawsuit brought by other concerned individuals and groups, including some Community members – argues that federal and state agencies violated federal law by approving a freeway location that would desecrate South Mountain and by following a process that

did not give proper consideration to the Community's unique interests. The lawsuit alleges that the agencies ignored their obligations to avoid or mitigate harm to the environment and to the public health, safety, and welfare of Community members.

The Community is currently weighing its legal next steps, which could include seeking an injunction directly from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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Prayer Run unites women together in sisterhood

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With legs straining against rough desert terrain and throats parched from unseasonably warm October weather, over 80 women ran their way through the peaks and valleys of the Gila River Indian Community for a period of three days, from Oct. 21-23, for the 3rd Annual Women's Prayer Run (WPR).

The 70-mile run, which was founded by a group of like-minded Community women in 2014, was created for the purpose of uniting women and acknowledging their strengths.

This year the group of women, many of whom were meeting for the first time, began their journey at the confluence of the Gila River and Salt River in District 7. In the early morning hours of Oct. 21, the women blessed themselves with water from the two rivers



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Around 80 Community women participated in the Women's Prayer Run, a three-day spiritual run that wound its way from District 7 to District 1, Oct. 21-23.

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Youth Council Inauguration ushers in new members



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

The Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council inauguration was held on Oct. 22 at the Council Chambers in the Governance Center in Sacaton.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council ushered in new members at the Youth Council Inauguration Oct. 22.

Nathaniel Talamantez, the outgoing AOPPYC President, said the youth council offers opportunities for young people to grow like no other organization can.

"Be prepared for a lot of different challenges," he said. "I can tell already that you are a tremendous set of people and I have high hopes for what we can do throughout the next year."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the students on the youth council give hope to their peers. He called them role models and

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Red Ribbon Week teaches kids about healthy choices

Christopher Lomahquahu
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The students at Casa Blanca Community School in District 5 gathered for an annual tradition to support Red Ribbon Week on Oct. 26.

Red Ribbon Week is a school activity put on by the Gila River Police Department in partnership with Community schools in District 5 and 3.

At CBCS, the school's cafeteria was full of cheer and excitement as members from the Gila River Healthcare Prevention Coalition took center stage for a small puppet show that teaches children how to "Say No!" to harmful substances like alcohol and drugs.

When the show was over the students went outside to gather on the school's lawn to hear a few words from special guest speakers.

Afterwards the Red Ribbon walk began as students carried banners with messages like "Say No to Drugs," "I Have the Power to be Drug Free," and "March for a Drug Free Community."

Gary Anderson, former Army Green Beret, of Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 encouraged the children to build a strong foundation against drugs.

He likened the moral of building a strong foundation



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

On Oct. 23, Casa Blanca Community School students march with banners in support of Red Ribbon Week, which focuses on teaching kids about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

against drugs to the story of the "Three Little Pigs."

As the fairy tale goes, each house was built out of different materials, but the one that held firm against the Big Bad Wolf's breath, was the house made of brick, which Anderson said all the students need to do to be drug

free.

Gov. Lewis said, "Red Ribbon week is about telling [our] youth to be drug free and to make healthy choices."

On Oct. 28 a similar event was held at the Sacaton Elementary School where many students turned out to stand against drugs.

Before the walk ended basket dancers sent the students off with inspiration about who they are as an Akimel O'otham or Pee-Posh.

He said the schools educators along with cultural teachings are key components to instilling pride in their Community and heritage.

From the family of Sharon Shelde

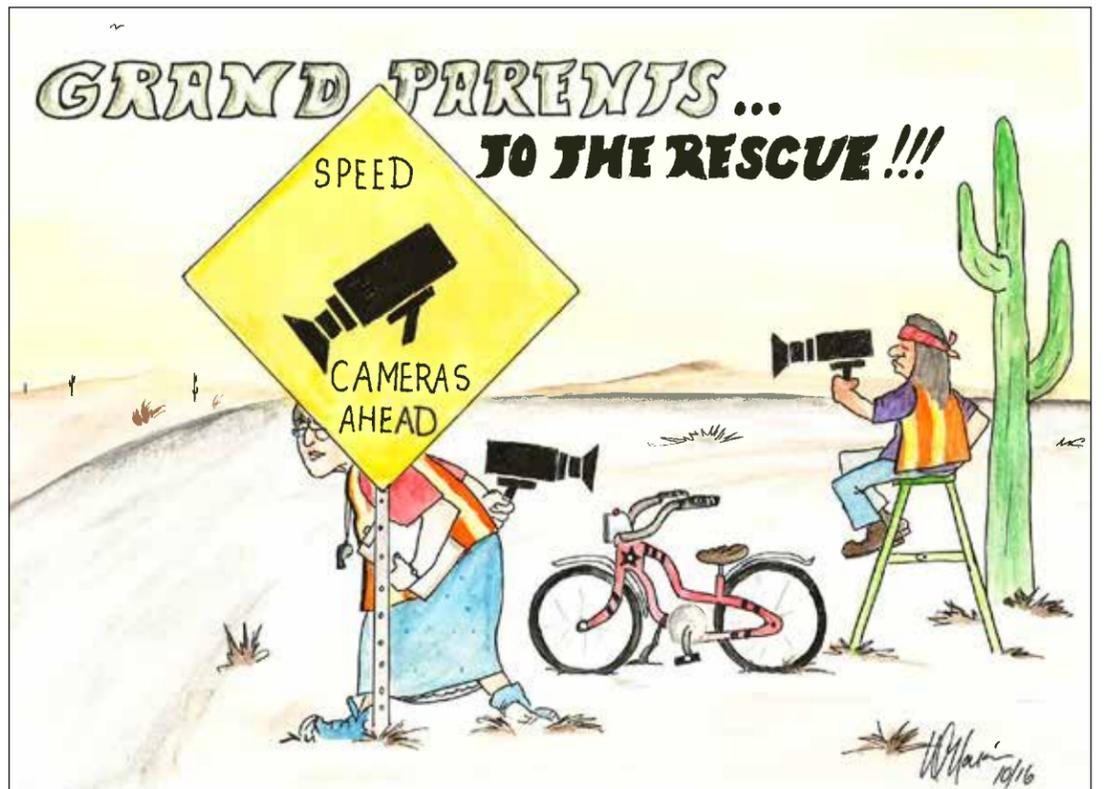
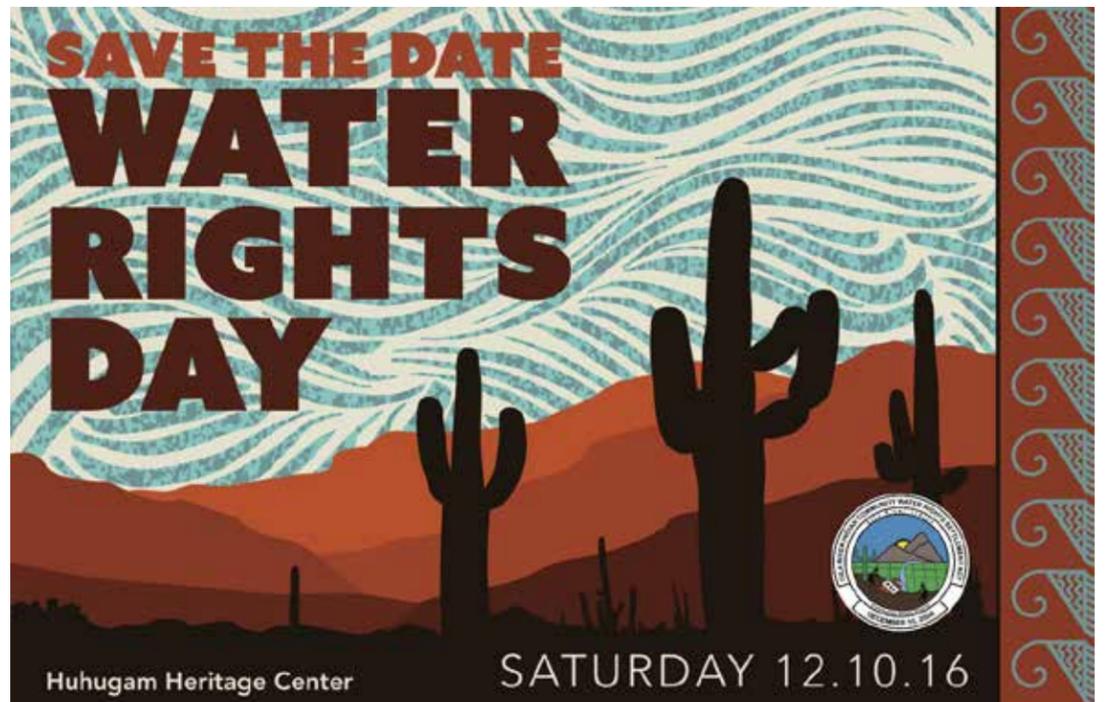


It has been over a month now that we lost our beloved daughter, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend. It hardly seems that long because we all still have her in our minds and hearts, as we know so many of you also still do.

And so we wanted to acknowledge all of you by thanking you for being there for us at this very hard time. Everyone was very supportive; the school where she worked, the cultural teachers that she worked with in our schools, the professors who taught her in higher education at South Mountain Community College and ASU. There are so many who she worked with and helped, who all paid respect.

The family wants to express our thanks for all the help and support that we received at this time. We know it will take a while to adjust to this loss but we are sure she would want us all to go on because we will see her again someday.

Thank you again,
From the family of Sharon K. Shelde



Gila River Indian Community joins Lake Mead conservation effort

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The Gila River Indian Community and the United States Bureau of Reclamation recently signed an agreement to help address the falling levels in Lake Mead caused by drought in the western United States.

Under this agreement the Community will be paid \$1,757,500 to not use 10,000 acre-feet of its Central Arizona Project

water that the Community planned to store and instead leave it in Lake Mead in 2016 as part of conservation program that is funded by the Bureau of Reclamation, as well as Arizona, California, Colorado, and Nevada municipalities and water districts. The money received under this agreement will be added to the Community's Permanent Water Fund.

This agreement came about after the Bureau of Reclamation and other Federal officials met with Community leaders

in March 2016 to discuss the drought conditions in Lake Mead. It was during this and subsequent meetings that the Community learned of the conservation program.

As a result of these meetings the Community Council approved the agreement to participate in the program on September 21, 2016. Other water users, including other Indian tribes like the Tohono O'odham Nation, have participated in this conservation program.

The persistent drought

in the region has caused water elevation at Lake Mead, one of the world's largest reservoirs, to drop drastically in recent years exposing a bathtub-like ring around its edges. Under current Bureau of Reclamation policies if the lake elevation falls below 1075 feet at year's end a shortage will be declared for the following year.

Lake Mead's elevation at the end of October 2016 was a slightly above 1076 feet. Due to the conservation program and other efforts the Bureau of

Reclamation projects that Lake Mead levels will stay above 1075 feet by the end of 2016 and no shortage will be declared in 2017.

The single most important renewable source of water for the Colorado River system, and its reservoirs like Lake Mead, is snowpack. Unfortunately forecasts do not expect snowpack to increase under the current drought conditions. Further, the Colorado River is over allocated – there is more demand than supply – and this imbalance makes it

difficult to address the Lake Mead levels without agreement among water users to reduce demand.

Water managers in Arizona, California and Nevada remain concerned that a shortage could be declared in later years and a long-term solution will probably require some voluntary reductions by water users and continued conservation programs that provide economic incentives to water users to keep some of their water in Lake Mead.

Growing the Legacy of Native American Leadership in Science and Technology

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gave a welcoming address to a group of representatives from Arizona State University and the Intel Corp., in Chandler, Ariz., on Oct. 5.

According to an Intel Corp., press release, "Intel hosted a Native American event in collaboration with the National Center for Women and Information Technology and Arizona State University American Indian Policy Institute on Oct., 5, which is aimed to engage key leaders in academia, government, tribal nations, non-profit organizations and students."

"As technology changes, our world changes," said Gov. Lewis, "Subjects like Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are important to [our] tribal nations to compete with the outside world and to protect our natural resources."

He said the Community is one example of the need to have qualified Community members in positions that will help manage its water resources, like hydrologists and water engineers, which rely on math and science.

The meeting helped establish relations with tribal communities to offer opportunities in partnering with ASU and Intel to pro-

mote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with Native American students.

"We aim to produce actionable steps for increasing Native American student participation and retention in science and technology," said the Intel press release.

In closing his remarks at the meeting Gov. Lewis, called upon the younger generation of Community members and Native Americans from other tribes to go into fields heavily based on STEM related subjects.

During a National Congress of American Indians workshop called the "STEM Initiative for Indian Country: Developing a Tribal Workforce for the

Future," leaders continued the discussion held at Intel about developing tribal workforces around science and technology.

Vice-Chairperson for Gila River Telecommunications Inc., and Gila River Utility Authority Chairman of the Board, John Lewis said, "These programs not only benefit the Gila River Indian Community, but other tribal communities, which may not have the resources to do these types of things in-house."

He emphasized the importance of working cooperatively with organizations like ASU, Intel and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona help expand opportunities for those tribes



Photo Courtesy of Intel
Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addressing representatives from ASU and Intel on Oct. 5. Gov. Lewis promoted the idea of having more Community members in STEM fields of work and education.

wanting to get STEM based fields.

John said there is a sense of motivation that comes from the problems that are faced in Indian

Country that influences the Native youth, because it fuels the interest on the technical aspects of an issue that impacts people and the environment.

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12:00pm	Crying Earth Rise Up <i>Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and impact on Great Plains</i>	Peyote Man	Amazonia Eterna <i>A critical analysis of how the world's largest tropical rainforest is understood</i>	Alaska Tribes - <i>The Story of the Federal Indian Law in Alaska</i>	The Madoc War <i>Modoc warriors and their families held off hundreds of U.S. Army soldiers.</i>	Deep Time <i>Casts the ongoing boom in the context of paleo-cycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.</i>	Choctaw Code Talkers <i>The empowering chronicle of Choctaw Soldiers, a story buried for 100 years.</i>	
12:30pm	Storytellers In Motion	Bound To Tradition	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Posonut - Baskets</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Paradox of Attribution</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Sacred Head Waters</i>		Seasoned with Spirit <i>Food Upon The Water</i>	
1:00pm	Native Report	Ravens and Eagles <i>Eagle of the Dawn Pt.2</i>	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Champions of the North	
1:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building <i>Rule of Law</i>	
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Food Upon The Water</i>	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building <i>Rule of Law</i>	
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Andy Everson</i>	From The Spirit <i>Lee Claremont</i>	From The Spirit <i>Artists</i>	From The Spirit <i>Roy Henry Vickers</i>	From The Spirit <i>George Littlechild</i>	People of the Pines <i>Contact to Colonization</i>	
3:00pm	Back to Pikangikum	Creative Native <i>Cree Eye for the White</i>	Creative Native <i>Collectible Dolls</i>	Creative Native <i>Home Sweet Home</i>	Creative Native <i>Walk A Mile In My Mukluks</i>	Creative Native <i>The Navajo</i>	Making Regalia	
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4:00pm	Dreamer	Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Indian Treaties/Sovereignty</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Myths & Real Truths</i>	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side <i>Harold?</i>	
4:30pm	California Indian: A Tribal Story <i>Suicide has brought down the communities happiness and cast a grief.</i>	Back in the Day <i>Performing</i>	Oskayak Down Under	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>The River That Heals</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens <i>Mabel Sam</i>	
5:00pm	Native Report	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus <i>Chickasaw Cultural Center</i>	
5:30pm	Native Report	Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Reservation and Survival</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Crossroads</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>Keeping It Real</i>	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Amazonia Eterna <i>A critical analysis of how the world's largest tropical rainforest is understood</i>	Alaska Tribes - <i>The Story of the Federal Indian Law in Alaska</i>	The Modoc War <i>Modoc Indian warriors held off hundreds of U.S. Army soldiers.</i>	Deep Time <i>Casts the ongoing boom in the context of paleo-cycles, climate change, and the dark ecology of the future.</i>	Choctaw Code Talkers <i>The empowering chronicle of Choctaw Soldiers, a story buried for 100 years.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>	
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Wapos Bay <i>Raiders of the Lost Art</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Hardest Lesson</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Dance, Monkey, Dance</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Patients</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Patients</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raiders of the Lost Art</i>	
7:00pm	Wapos Bay <i>Going for Gold</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raiders of the Lost Art</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Hardest Lesson</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Dance, Monkey, Dance</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Patients</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Patients</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raiders of the Lost Art</i>	
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Kawakanum Kennels</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>Cape Mudge Resort</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>Nations of the Grand River</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Algonquin Canoe & Kayak</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Kokomville Academy</i>	Fish Out Of Water <i>Birch Narrows Lodge</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Cape Mudge Resort</i>	
8:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
8:30pm	Native Shorts <i>Goodnight Irene</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Harry Snowboy</i>	Back in the Day <i>Halfway</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Bert Seabourn</i>	Rez Rides <i>Masters Humble The King</i>	Champions of the North <i>I Am Proud, I Am Young</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Well, What Do You Know?</i>	
9:00pm	Hand Game: The Native American Game of Power and Chance	Sacred Steps: <i>Remembering Sand Creek</i>	Irezumi, The Japanese Art of Tattooing	The Activist <i>Suspicious circumstances surround the arrest and imprisonment of two American Indian activists.</i>	Johnny Be Good	Kanie'kenha:Ka: Living The Language	Mohawk Girls <i>A surprising inside look at Native youth culture in the 21st century.</i>	
9:30pm					How To Trace Your Native American Heritage			
10:00pm	After The Gold Rush <i>What happens when a foreign mining company bails out of a big project?</i>	Nunavik: Land of Ice <i>Issues of respect and preservation of traditions and natural environment.</i>	The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves	Dakota 38 <i>The story of blizzards they endure, the Native and Non-Native communities that house and feed them, the dark history they are beginning to wipe away.</i>	Regaining Food Sovereignty	Kanie'kenha:Ka: Living The Language	Why Treaties <i>The differing world views that motivated tribal leaders, settlers, and US.</i>	
10:30pm	Grab <i>The evolution of this 300-year-old custom, from its introduction to its modern-day twists.</i>	First People Kumeyaay <i>13 reservations scattered across San Diego County and four in northern Baja California.</i>	Finding Refuge		Weaving Worlds	Spirits for Sale <i>The issue of spiritual exploiters and the harm they do towards Native cultures.</i>	Sculpting In Wood and Words <i>The Art of Kent</i>	
11:00pm								
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Campers ordered to vacate Moadag Thadiwa site following Council motion



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A sign at the Moadag Thadiwa site in District 6.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Campers at the site on Sept. 27.

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A group of Community members have been removed from a campsite in

District 6. The Community members described the camp, which they call Moadag Thadiwa, as a prayer camp, established in protest to the Loop 202

South Mountain freeway. They have been camped at the base of South Mountain since September.

The camp was located at the southwestern base of South Mountain in the

desert between Komatke and the western edge of Ahwatukee, just inside the GRIC border.

The campsite is on Community land, but the

Council said that the protesters did not follow proper procedure in establishing the campsite.

In an Oct. 19 decision, the Council passed a motion instructing the camp-

ers to “vacate the area, take down any structures and clean the area.” The motion was passed with 11 for, 1 abstention, and 5 absent.

Native Vote Election Protection promoting hotline for Native voters

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Native American voters denied the right to vote have a hotline to call on Election Day.

Patty Ferguson-Bohnee of the Native Vote Election Protection Project is urging voters who have been turned away at the polls to call the Native Vote Hotline at 1-888-777-3831 to request help from a trained volunteer.

“We have a Native Vote Hotline, and I encour-

age you to use it,” she said at the National Congress of American Indians Convention Oct. 10, “because we want to make sure that everyone votes, but also that the vote counts.”

Low voter turnout is a big problem in Indian Country. American Indians and Alaska Natives have the lowest voter turnout rate in the United States when compared to that of other ethnic groups, according to a June 2012 report by public policy organization Demos.

All the more reason to protect Native votes.

“With our vote we have a voice,” she said. “Native Vote has successfully impacted election results across the country. In order to participate, we have to register, we have to turn out, but then we also have to protect the vote.”

Other problems voters may encounter include a lack of language assistance, polling location confusion, and voter intimidation.

Volunteers from the Native Vote Election Pro-

tection Project will be outside polling locations in the Gila River Indian Community.

Ferguson-Bohnee said if you have questions about the voting process or run into trouble trying to receive or cast a ballot, ask the election protection volunteer near you or call the hotline. The phone number again is 1-888-777-3831.

Ferguson-Bohnee said, “There are continuing efforts to suppress the vote, so we must take active measures to enforce this

right.”

The Gila River Indian Community has land in two counties in Arizona: Pinal and Maricopa Counties. You can find your polling location with this online tool from the Arizona Office of the Secretary of State: <https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/Polling-PlaceSearch.do> but it does

require either your Voter ID number or a Driver’s Li-

cense number.

More information is also available at www.nativevote.org



GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT LOGS

Incident Log October 2, 2016 – October 8, 2016

Gila River Police Department reserves the right to restrict the release of certain reports which may not be available or are currently under investigation.

Gila River Police officers responded to 567 calls for service and made 67 arrests. District One:

No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Two: No incidents regarding Part I crime.

District Three: Aggravated Assault - Suspect strangled the victim to the point of unconsciousness. The Suspect also smashed her vehicle window with a rock.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported her cell phone was stolen after she had been assaulted.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported her bracelet and ring stolen from her purse while attending a community event at Ira Hayes Park.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – It was discovered, through the course of an inventory check, three

laptops were missing.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Sacaton Super Market reported a theft of baby formula by a male suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The victim reported his white Dodge truck was stolen from the person he lent it to. The vehicle had been left parked in front of a residence where it was taken by the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – Victim reported his white Chevy Cruze stolen by a male suspect while parked in front of the convenience store.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four: (Stotonic Area)

Aggravated Assault – Suspect choked and assaulted the victim.

Status: Suspect arrested.

Aggravated Assault – Suspect assaulted victim with a knife.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Theft – The victim reported money stolen from

his vehicle while it was parked at the Love’s Truck Stop.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft - Sheraton Resort staff reported a theft of an Ipad from a hotel room.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The Saks Fifth Ave store reported a shoplifter onsite with security.

Status: Suspect was issued an indefinite exclusion.

Shoplifting – Armani Exchange staff, at the PPO, reported a theft of clothing by a male and female suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Tommy Hilfiger store reported theft of a pair of boxer briefs by a male suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five: Aggravated Assault – Suspect assaulted the victim with an object and attempted to stab her with a knife.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Ramona Farms worker reported bales of hay stolen from their farm fields.

Status: Under Investi-

gation

District Six:

Weapons – Through the course of an investigation during a traffic stop a handgun was located within arm’s reach of a prohibited possessor.

Status: Subject was arrested.

District Seven: No incidents regarding Part I crime.

Incident Log **October 9, 2016 – October 15, 2016**

Calls for services this week: 533 Arrest made: 27

District One- (Blackwater)

No incidents regarding part I crime

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

Auto Theft - Victim reported his vehicle stolen after he left the residence and returned to find the vehicle missing.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – Victim reported two televisions and a DVD player were taken from her home.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three- (Sacaton)

No incidents regarding part I crime

District Four- (Stotonic Area)

Aggravated Assault – The victim stated she was assaulted and choked by the suspect, suspect was not contacted.

Status: Under investigation

Aggravated Assault – The victim was attacked with a handheld Taser; the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: Closed

Burglary – The victim’s residence was broken into and had a television, DVD/VCR combo, a satellite receiver and some food taken.

Status: Under Investigation

(Lone Butte Area)

Auto Theft – The victim was in the casino gambling when he came out his vehicle was missing.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported her wallet missing to casino employees; the suspect was observed picking up the wallet and leaving premises.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca)

No incidents regarding Part I crime

District Six – (Komatke)

Aggravated Assault– The victim stated that he was struck with a dangerous instrument which caused permanent disfigurement to his head.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – The victim was attacked and slashed on his forearm; no permanent damage was sustained.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – The suspect threw a dangerous instrument causing non-life threatening injuries to the victim.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Merchandise was taken from a vending machine at the casino

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A set of tires and rims were taken from the back of a pick-up truck while at the casino.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa)

No incidents regarding part I crime

Community recognized at Cardinals home game against Seattle



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona Cardinals wide receiver, interacts with a fan on the sideline before the game against the Seattle Seahawks.

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Arizona Cardinals fans had Oct. 23 marked on their calendars since the NFL regular season schedule was released. It was a divisional game against the Seattle Seahawks, plus it was a prime time game part

of NBC's Sunday Night Football lineup. While the sold-out crowd saw the two rivals slug it out to a 6-6 tie, they also saw a special presentation featuring tribal leadership.

Prior to the game Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community Council Representatives Arzie Hogg,

Nada Celaya, Brian Davis, Chris Mendoza, Frank Pablo, Carol Schurz, Charles Goldtooth, Marlin Dixon and Carolyn Williams filmed a segment on the field, which was played during the first quarter. "Our partnership with the Community is among the organization's most-valued and longest relationships. The game is a great way to showcase the Gila River Community and its strong leadership," said Mike Iaquina, Director, Business Development, Arizona Cardinals. Before kickoff, the Ira H. Hayes Post 84 served as the color guard for the unveiling of the U.S. flag and the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner by Grammy winning recording artist Richard Marx.

Not only was the Community represented before the game, but they were also representing in the stands with 240 tickets given to the Community, according to Manuel Hernandez with Gila River Casinos.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

From left, Carolyn Williams, Marlin Dixon, Charles Goldtooth (behind Dixon), Carol Schurz, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Frank Pablo, Chris Mendoza, Brian Davis, Nada Celaya and Arzie Hogg behind the south endzone during the filming of a video presentation on Oct. 23.



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with Ira H. Hayes Post 84 following the pre-game ceremonies. Post 84 posted the colors during the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

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Something to be told

By Billy Allen

An ancient name for November was S-oam or Yellow however Antonio Azul called it Vi-ihain-yik or Windy. An earlier and different name for our southern cousins was Papago. In a previous article, I had written how Pa:l Kino first drove livestock into present-day Arizona which prompted the first O'odham, probably Papago, to straddle a horse and be a vakial or vaquero or cowboy. Sala Hina, an elderly informant for Frank Russell in 1901-1902, stated her father and two Kohadk were responsible for

bringing the first cattle to Gila River around 1820. It did not take long to mix chili with beef and our culture was changed for the better! An O'otham holiday season without turkey, ham or tamales is unthinkable. Be thankful this holiday season for O'otham cultures being flexible, adopting from the surrounding cultures to make our lives better.

When the Bureau of Indian Affairs allowed tribal councils to be officially formed, one of the first actions the Papago Council enacted was to establish a

Rodeo and Fair Association in 1937 and soon with the Papago Cattlemen's Association the first rodeo was held in 1938. (The Papago Tribal Council officially changed their name back to Tohono O'odham in 1986. It was confusing to be known by two different names.) Some of the early events were football games and social dancing including an e:da vop po tham and a ke:hi-na, the skipping dance. Horse races ranging from a quarter to two miles and a pony express race; walking the horse for a quarter of a mile, trotting a quarter and finishing with a full quarter mile gallop. Foot racing was also popular. Races as short as 100 yards to a wui chu tha race which covered very long distances. Historically it was a run from village to

village. A unique event was a novelty dress race; a mounted cowboy raced his horse a quarter of a mile, dismounted, dressed in clothes placed on the ground and rode back to the finish. A few of these events still go on today such as women's to:ka, the wild horse and half-marathon races.

Another popular event was a special bareback riding contest, riders would put money down and whoever stayed on board for 8 seconds won all the money. Within the Indian circuit the deadly attraction was Black Widow. It was advertised as a "horse that could not be rode". Naturally this aroused the warrior spirit of the Native cowboy, for most of them felt they were "the cowboy who couldn't be thrown." On Memori-

al Day of 1956, at the Salt River InterTribal Round-up, a young vakial of Casa Blanca mounted Black Widow and wasn't "thrown." He collected \$15 in addition to the money won from the bareback completion. This twenty-three year old vakial was a working ranch hand with four children and quickly making a name for himself on the Arizona Indian rodeo circuit. Growing up on the Gila River Indian Community in the late 1930's, on the family dairy, he came to know horses and cattle from an early age. He and his twin sister spent time in Blackwater when they and their older brother were sent to help a grandfather run his small ranch. Upon the old man's death the entire family pitched-in to herd the livestock to Casa

Blanca. A few elders remember the Black Widow as a demon horse. Another elder remembers a relative asking the young vakial not to go to the rodeo. When this young Vakhi bareback rider arrived for the Papago Rodeo in November of 1956, the Black Widow was taking on all riders. This vakial figured "rode him hemako, ride him twice." Luck was not with Earl Thomas in 1956. He left behind a wife, Ethelyn and four children, children he would be proud of; Delphia Graves, Erwin Thomas, Glenda Fifer and Gwendolyn Thomas. Earl and twin sister Earline Manuel, who lives in Salt River and older brother Ralston Allen were raised in Casa Blanca by Arthur and Julia Thomas. Be thankful this holiday season for life is precious.

3rd Annual Women's Prayer Run from page 1

and began their three-day journey through the Community.

Throughout the run the women stopped at sites in each district to offer prayers: the Gila River and Salt River confluence in District 7, Moadag Do'ag in District 6, the "Vah ki" in District 5, Snaketown in District 4, the Caring House in District 3, through District 2 and ending their journey near Coolidge Mountain in District 1. This year's run was coordinated by Pam Thompson, Alie WalkingBadger and Shelly Hayes.

Renee Jackson, WPR founder, said the run was

created for women interested in promoting women's solidarity and providing supportive systems for one another. Because running had helped Jackson overcome some of her own hardships, she believes that the physical and spiritual nature of running could also benefit others.

"In times when we are running, the physical act of running, especially when it is hot and we have been running all day, the women need to encourage one another and that is what happens in our daily lives," said Jackson.

During the entirety of the run, a single wom-

an carried a staff, leading the group of runners, and eventually passing it from woman to woman until the group reached the end of their journey in District 1.

"The women's staff is a choikut, which is the walking stick (cane) used to prop-up the giho (burden basket) when the women [used to gather] wood to place in it," said Jackson. She said the staff represents the burdens women carry for their own families and communities.

"We all have our aunts, and our grandmothers, and our friends that we lean on in times of [need] and that is exactly what the

run does," said Jackson. "In fact, our choikut ... the stick that holds the giho, the burden basket, in place, is [what] we need to use... for support." That is why the women carry the stick, for support, Jackson said, and that is what women in the Community, need to do for one another, to support each other like the choikut supports the giho.

Each woman participating in the run joined the journey for their own reasons, some to help recover from domestic violence or addiction, others to help carry the burden of those in need.

For two Community women, mother Jennifer Blackwater and daughter Amber Namingha, the run was a way for them to connect with other Community women, create strong bonds, and help each other through their physical, emotional, and spiritual struggles.

"It is very enlightening and powerful for us that we will be completing our journey," said Blackwater.

"You have this bonding, this love, this connection, not only blood but spiritually and it is an attachment, as a mother and child would have when they are first born. That is the kind of bonding that we end up creating," she said.

"They may have been strangers last week but now they are sisters today and throughout the rest of [their lives]," she said.

For Celeste Jackson, the run's purpose wasn't apparent until she was well on her way journeying down the dusty pathways of the Community. While running with the group of women, she found that she had an inner strength and patience that she could utilize to help other women in the Community.

Celeste learned from one woman in particular, Sandra Jones, 74, the



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Celeste Jackson, left, and Sandra Jones hug one another at the Caring House. Jackson said that Jones helped keep the women motivated and running as one unit.

strength of an elder can be surprising, even surpassing those who are decades younger.

Celeste said, on the very first day of the run Jones was asked to carry the staff and lead the group of women because she was the eldest in the group. Everybody told her to take her time, to go slow, to go at an elder's pace. But, to the surprise of everyone, Jones took off at a high-speed and just kept on going, she said.

"She surprised us with her pace," laughed Celeste. "The crowd in the back, the women were like 'Whoa! Slow down!'"

"I didn't know that I was setting a fast pace," responded Jones. "I thought I was walking regular."

While the run's main purpose is to bring women together into one unified group of support and sisterhood, Jackson said Community men played a special role as well.

"They have provided our security, they have helped with our run routes, they are that support team behind us, because as O'otham people, we know that we have to maintain... [a] balance between men and women," she said.

One man and three boys in particular were helping clear the way ahead of the women runners, gathering firewood, and making sure the running

routes were safe.

Father, Jivik Siiki of Hashan Kehk and his three boys Jehgos Hendricks, Tash Hendricks and Hevelik Enos all piled into a red pickup truck driving around the Community to help the women runners throughout their three-day journey.

"They have always been there, supporting our men's runs," said Siiki. "So, when this run started there wasn't a question of helping or not, we just came out and did what we need to do," he said.

Siiki said it is important for the young boys to participate in helping with the event because he believes it teaches them at a young age to respect women.

"I think it is important that these young men and boys learn how to show respect right off the bat," Siiki said. "Usually through our himdag...it is the best way that they can learn that or else they start running into problems in the future with disrespecting women, bad relationships, or domestic violence. It is good that they come out and are willing to help," he said.

The group of women runners ended their journey in District 1, making their last prayer offering near Coolidge Mountain on the evening of Oct. 23.





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Governance Center gets in the Halloween spirit on Oct. 27

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Halloween spirit crept into the Governance Center Oct. 27, where students from

across the Community got in some early trick-or-treating.

GRIC employees got dressed up, decorated booths and handed out candy to the hundreds

of students, who came from local schools, Head Start programs, and Early Childhood Education centers.

The Executive Office and Office of the

Community Manager was transformed into a scary haunted corridor full of zombies, werewolves, and other creatures of the night.

In the lobby, stu-

dents from St. Peter Indian Mission School sang catchy Halloween songs.

Tiny super heroes, mutant turtles, and video game characters filled the halls and everyone

went home with a bag full of treats.

You can see more photos of the event on the Gila River Indian Community Facebook page.



Photos By CPAO

Hundreds of trick-or-treaters walked away with candy and a few chills on Oct. 27 at the Governance Center for the annual Halloween event held in Sacaton. GRIC employees shared in the fun by dressing up and handing out candy.

Halloween comes in all sizes in District 5

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Munchkin-sized ghosts, ghouls, and goblins sauntered their way across the playground of District 5's Head Start on Oct. 25, filling their bags with sweet treats provided by several departments from the Gila River Indian Community and Gila River Health Care.

Around fifty children, aged 2 to 4 years old, were dressed as their favorite comic book hero, Disney star, or cartoon character, stopping by each department's booths to collect as much candy as their bags could hold.

Several children were apprehensive to approach Gila River Wellness Center's booth, manned by Alvin Casoose and Kelly Whitman, as a large inflatable black cat loomed menacingly next to the recreation department's table, swinging its head from side to side in jerky mechanical motions.

A few brave youngsters, including fearless 2-year-old Michael Kisto, who was dressed-up as a monkey, made their way to the booth to collect the recreation department's much-prized bags of candy and Ray Ban-esque sunglasses.

On the other end of the playground, Ernie



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Children at the D5 Head Start packed their treat bags full of candy at the Halloween event on Oct. 25.

Miles of the GRIC Public Works Department handed out handfuls of packaged cheese puffs to a throng of excited children, who were looking to get their hands on a sample of the cheesy snack.

Doriann Pahona, Head Start and Early Head Start Family Services Advocate said that it was the second time District 5's Head Start has held the Halloween trick or treating event, and that it was put on in conjunction with many other tribal departments.

"It is a departmental event," said Pahona. "We asked different departments to come out and asked if they would like to participate and set up a booth." Pahona added that

each participating department handed out candy and played different games with the children. Several departments, including the Gila River Police Department, handed out pamphlets advising the little ones who to call if they are ever in trouble.

The departments who participated in District 5's Head Start event were the Gila River Police Department, Gila River Indian Community Youth Council, Communications & Public Affairs Office, Three Precious Miracles, Department of Public Works, the Genesis Program, Gila River Wellness Center, GRHC Baby Smarts Parent Education Program, GRHC Behavioral Health, GRHC



The Department of Community Housing (DCH), a 100% federally funded program, will start accepting applications for our Low rent housing.



All applications received during this opening period, will be placed on the DCH waiting list. Per **GR-153-13** Admission & Occupancy Policy, our waiting list will be capped at one hundred (100); however an overflow of applicants shall be placed on a waiting list.

To qualify:
All information must be no more than 90 days old

- Be 18 years old on the date the application is submitted.
- Picture ID for adult(s) being placed on the application. (Drivers License or State ID)
- Current CDIB (Certified Degree of Indian Blood) for Head of Household
- Tribal Id's for other member's in the household
- Social Security Cards for Individual(s) being placed on the application
- Birth Certificates for Individual(s) being placed on the application whom are under the age of 18 years. (Exceptions for newborns; will accept crib card/bracelet or immunization record until birth certificate is received)
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Closes: Wednesday, March 01, 2017

Only completed applications will be accepted no extensions will be given

Submit completed applications to:
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Dental Clinic, and Crime Victim Services.

As the Halloween event ended, many of the

children sat down together, tired after a hard-worked day of trick or treating, to sample a few of the tasty

morsels they gathered during their spooky escapades at District 5's Head Start Halloween event.

Robosaurus conquers WHP Motorsports Park at Mega Monster Madness

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park was swarming with activity when monster trucks and Robosaurus rolled into town for the Mega Monster Madness event on Oct. 15.

Drag racing funny cars and street rods burned rubber down the motorsports park drag strip to tide spectators over until the mechanized monsters came to center stage.

As the evening turned to darkness, the ferocious 30-ton Robosaurus breathed to life with fire streaming from his nostrils and smoke bellowing from the steel pit of his stomach. Like most people eat snacks, Robosaurus devours cars and planes to satisfy his destructive hunger.

At the Mega Monster

Madness, Robosaurus lived up to his brutal billing and by mesmerizing the large crowd with a mixture of wonder and dread. He stalked unlucky vehicles for annihilation and ripped them in half with his powerful claws.

When it was time to eat, the 40-foot tall power-driven T-Rex made quick work of the vehicles, demolishing them with his mammoth jaws. A full-sized car turned into an appetizer on a clear October day, and the crowd was hungry for more.

To top the night off, hulking monster trucks took center stage as their drivers managed to lift their trucks in the air over ramps and cars.

The next stop for Robosaurus is a show at the Texas Motor Speedway in Forth Worth on June 11.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The main attraction at the Mega Monster Madness show at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports was the 30-ton Robosaurus.

Families and children enjoy annual Trail of Doom in Sacaton

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Trail of Doom 2016 was a monster of a party. Hundreds of families haunted the Sacaton Wellness Center

Oct. 27, where the Gila River Indian Community hosted a 5K run, a 2-mile walk, games, prizes, music, and a haunted house.

The Tribal Recreation Department orga-

nizes the Trail of Doom every year for costumed Community members of all ages to share in the Halloween spirit.

A line of daring souls wrapped around the Wellness Center,

while shrieks could be heard from inside the haunted labyrinth.

The 5K runners picked up their Nike Trail of Doom T-shirts while sweat smeared their painted clown

faces or accentuated the blood on their costumes.

Children tossed beanbags at the plastic skeletons of undead creatures at one of the game booths and pinned

bowties on Mickey Mouse at another.

Well after darkness set in, the crowd took a stroll around Sacaton. The Trail of Doom proved scary for some, but fun for all.

Photos By Mikhail Sundust/GRIN



GRPD and Prevention Coalition collaborate for scary Halloween fun



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Tony McDaniel hands out prizes to trick-or-treaters at the carnival.



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Beetlejuice makes an appearance at the carnival to add to the scary fun.



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Children walked away with candy, snacks and prizes at the event hosted by GRPD and the Prevention Coalition.

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HUD Director Castro visits GRIC for conference at Sheraton Grand



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro visited the Gila River Indian Community on Oct. 24. He met with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone to discuss housing.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro made a visit to the National Conference on Domestic Violence hosted by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence held at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa on Oct. 23-25.

Castro spoke with GRIC tribal leadership and housing members on the second day of the conference about the Community's housing needs and what President Obama's Administration is doing to address domestic violence across the nation.

He said it is important to hear from tribal leadership about the needed improvements to housing in-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The National Conference on Domestic Violence started Sunday Oct. 23. Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, center, with the members of the Southwest Indigenous Women's Community and the NCADV, along with Chief Judge Victor Antone and Charisma Quiroz.

frastructure that will benefit under-served populations.

Tribal Leadership has face-to-face with Castro

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone spoke with Castro about the uniqueness of the Community in proximity to urban centers and what the Community is doing around critical issues.

Gov. Lewis highlighted a common issue that can be found in many tribal communities across the Nation, which is the need for affordable housing, because many Native families live multi-generational homes.

"Although housing for all Community members is a challenge, [we] are hopeful that we can find new

ways of using the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to address the needs of our Community," said Lewis

In response to Gov. Lewis's remarks, Castro said, "With three months left in the Obama Administration, we want to make sure that we get as much input as possible, so that when [we] have a new administration they have an accurate picture of what's happening across the Nation."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said the assistance from HUD/NAHASDA is important in creating permanent housing for families and victims of domestic violence, because it creates a stable environment for them to live in, without worry of moving from home-to-home.

Castro said his administration continues to push for securing funds for HUD

and NAHASDA programs, because they understand there is a high need for safe housing for victims and children of domestic violence.

He said NAHASDA is one of the important obligations the United States has established with tribes to address crucial issues through a nation-to-nation relationship.

National Domestic Violence Conference

After meeting with GRIC leadership Castro spoke at a lunch time session at the NCDV about domestic violence and how safe housing can help prevent the further endangerment of domestic violence victims.

"[We] see [you], we hear and we support you," said Castro, recognizing the victims of domestic vi

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Community members look for opportunities at E&T Career Fair

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

For individuals wanting a career or job, the Employment & Training Department hosted an annual job/career fair on Oct. 28.

Under rows of white tents representatives from local universities, colleges, trade schools and businesses met with the over 300 Community members that participated in the job/career fair looking to expand their horizons.

Gila River Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "There are great opportunities [here] today for [our] Community members that will put them in a good position to do great things."

He encouraged them to continue striving for a better quality of life and to find ways of preparing for college or a job by looking to financial advice from banks and credit unions.

"It is important that [we] understand how to manage our finances while [you] pursue a college education and in post-graduation when [you] are establishing your career," said Gov. Lewis.

E&T Director Lana Chanda said, "This year I think was a really good one. We have 21 job offers from one of the employers."

She said that a lot of colleges, universities, technical schools and departments came out to the

career fair and that an emphasis was placed on services for veterans looking to find a career post-military service.

"It's all about work readiness and getting people ready for the job or school, because we have 'dress for success,' we have plenty of schools that will give out information for students to apply for school," said Chanda.

Gov. Lewis said it is important to have job opportunities for veterans that will allow them to continue using the critical skills gained in the military and that there are organizations like the "Honoring, Hiring, Helping Our Heroes," who visit locations in the Com-

munity and Pinal County with their Eagle One mobile unit.

District 4 Community member Ofelia Gabaldon said, "I was curious to see how many representatives were going to be at the job fair, because I want to broaden my options for employment."

At one of the tables setup for attendees, Gabaldon filled applications and talked about her interest in attending Universal Technical Institutes to become a mechanic.

She said, "I am currently employed, but I really want to expand my options, because there are so many opportunities for Community members available



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

The Employment & Training Department hosted their annual Career Fair on Oct. 28.

[here]...it's empowering to know the Community is hiring and is able to help with financial assistance to attend school."

For individuals like Gabaldon, she said regard-

less if someone is a first timer or wanting to get back into school like herself, it is important to check out these kinds of events to get a "foot in the door."

DRS Luncheon celebrates retirement of three employees

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Three soon-to-be retiring Gila River Indian Community Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision (DRS) employees were honored at a luncheon held at the GRIC Juvenile Detention Center on Oct. 19.

The three DRS employees, who were recognized for their years of service and commitment to the Community, were Detention Officer Wilbert Cade, who served 20-plus years, Mental Health Liaison Janice Brown, who served nine years, and Detention Officer Dorene Davis, who served for 20 years.

The luncheon, which is

a part of DRS's employee appreciation program, was filled with DRS employees who catered the event with a potluck style buffet filled with their own homemade meals.

While employees dined on enchiladas, slices of pizza, red chili, and chumuth, Ron Lopez, DRS Chief Administrator said that while he was sad to see such good employees leaving their organization, he understood that everyone's career eventually comes to an end.

"We are sorry to see them go," said Lopez. "However, we understand that people come to the end of their career for different reasons, always good rea-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

DRS Chief Administrator Ron Lopez, left, with retired DRS Detention Officer, Wilbert Cade, who was recognized for his 20 years of service .

sons." "When we see them retire, [we] don't want them to go...we don't want our

good employees to leave us," said Lopez. But we understand that is the direction they need to go, he



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

DRS Mental Health Liaison Janice Brown was recognized for her nine years of service at the facility.

said. "So, we don't say goodbye to those employees, we say, see you later,

God bless, and we wish you all the success in the world," Lopez said.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • October 19, 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 October 19, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:14 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 (9:30); D2-Carol Schurz;

D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Barney Enos,

Jr., Christopher Mendoza; D5-Franklin Pablo, Sr., Bri-

an Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone; D6-, Sandra

Nasewytewa; Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth;

Council Members Absent:

D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Introduction of Dr. Gregory Sackos

Presenter: Priscilla Antone

MS. PRISCILLA ANTONE INTRODUCED DR. GREGORY SACKOS. DR. SACKOS PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

*1. Travel Report 3rd Quarter-Fiscal Year 2016

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD

*2. Family Advocacy Center Update

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. Skyline Gila River School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

REPORT HEARD

4. Sacaton Elementary School Annual Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

REPORT HEARD

5. Employee Educational Support Procedure

Presenter: Melissa Madrid

REPORT HEARD

6. Head Start September Monthly Report 2016

Presenter: Jaime James

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment No. 1 To The October 1, 2015 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Towers Watson Delaware, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier-Lewis

APPROVED

*2. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Casa Blanca Canal On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian 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

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The

Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of

Easement For Gila River Indian Community

Department Of Transportation Project No.

ROW_0058.D7.09 Crossing Allotted Land Parcels or

The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing

And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 7 And As Shown In Drawing Number 40712-0494-EA, Page 1 And 2 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Warren Wiltshire

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The

Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And

Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To

Certain Beneficiaries (ESC forwards to Community

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Neomi

Martinez

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. GRTI Board Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RESCIND

THE MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

MS. CONTRA NELSON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

MR. ABRAHAM JACKSON TO THE

UNEXPIRED TERM

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. District Six Community Concern Prayer Camp

Presenters: District Six Council Representatives

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-

MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING

RECONVENED AT 12:23 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AFFIRM

THE DISTRICT SIX MOTIONS; FURTHER, THE

PRAYER CAMP GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS

HAVE 24 HOURS TO VACATE THE AREA,

TAKE DOWN ANY STRUCTURES AND

CLEAN THE AREA; NONCOMPLIANCE TO

RESULT IN THE GOVERNOR TO PROCEED

WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED

IN THE LEGAL OPINION

2. Placard Issues and Concerns

Presenter: Councilwoman Carol Schurz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CEASE AND

DESIST ANY FURTHER USAGE OF THE

"PROTECT MOAHDAK DO'AG, NO LOOP 202",

PLACE CARDS OR STICKERS; IF THE TRIBAL

GOVERNMENT SO FURTHER DESIRES TO

DESIGN FURTHER SIGNAGE FOR USE, THE

REQUEST MUST FOLLOW THE

APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT PROCESS OF

APPROVAL

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>FREELAND JACKSON'S SERVICES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016, DISTRICT 6

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE JUAN FAMILY

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR RONALD SETOYANT'S FAMILY

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR TONY COOPER'S FAMILY

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR GARY JOHNSON'S FAMILY

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CLARENCE BAPTISTO'S FAMILY

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:26 p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)



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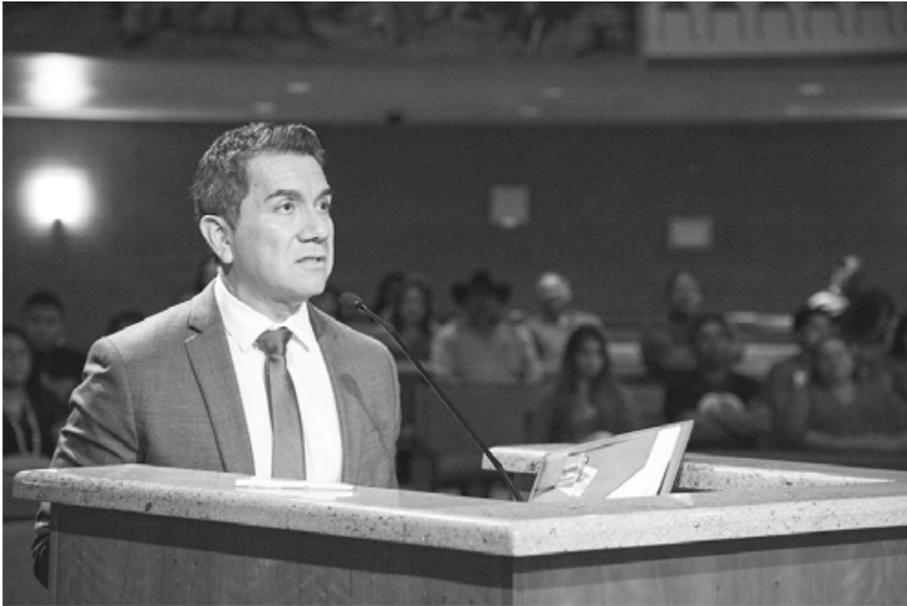
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Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Kenneth Manuel, GRGE, was the keynote speaker.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Autumn Cooper, the newly elected AOPPYC President, takes the oath of office, officiated by Judge Jay Pedro.

Youth Council Inauguration from page 11

leaders in the Community.

“They are leaders of tomorrow, but they are leaders now,” he said. “The youth look up to them, their peers look up to them. They represent all of the good things of our youth, of becoming an adult, becoming a future leader.”

Lt. Gov. Monica An-

tone said the youth are thoughtful and hard working.

She is grateful that the Community invests in its youth and thanked the parents for supporting them too.

“Each one of you has your uniqueness. Some of you bring a lot of talent, your songs, your prayers,

and I know a lot of you deep down have your goals that you’re going to achieve in college and then you’re going to come back and bring that forward,” she said.

Keynote speaker Kenneth Manuel, the Gila River Gaming Enterprise Assistant CEO, shared loads of advice for the up-and-comers.

“Each one of us here today has our story of strife, resilience, and triumphs,” said the Stotonic native.

“Don’t hold back,” he

told the students. “It makes me feel proud to see the kids today in the community because I know you have so much to offer.”

Judge Jay Pedro performed the swearing-in ceremony. Pedro, the GRIC Children’s Court Judge has been working with youth for a long time.

“To give you an idea, I swore in Michael Preston when he first became a member [of the youth council],” he said.

Michael Preston is

the Youth Coordinator and director of the AOPPYC. Preston recognized outgoing members with farewell gifts and thanked the parents for investing the time, money and energy into the AOPPYC students. He said the students continually make him proud.

In her first presidential address, the newly elected 2016-2017 AOPPYC President Autumn Cooper thanked the past and outgoing members.

“This youth council

has made such a huge impact on me and has given me many opportunities such as getting involved in my community, learning traditional songs and dances, and traveling to places I thought I probably wouldn’t go to,” she said.

The 2016-2017 AOPPYC Executive Officers are Autumn Cooper, President; Amber Pablo, Vice-President; Alexis Flores, Treasurer; and Nathaniel Talamantez, Secretary.

Castro visits GRIC from page 11

olence and sexual assault.

He said the theme for this year’s conference “Voices United,” is an appropriate way to advocate for the victims of domestic violence, who seek safety away from their abuser.

“You are joining your unique voice to the ever growing chorus of people that are standing up and saying enough, enough to anyone who turns a blind

eye to the violence against women and children,” said Castro.

He said that it is important to have safe housing for victims of domestic violence as an alternative to being homeless or continue living in an unsafe home.

Castro highlighted the fact that domestic violence is not only a criminal justice issue, but also a cultural issue that spans across different minorities.

“HUD has established core protections among families in need of public housing through many of our public programs,” he said, “We have developed a whole host of protections in place for anyone who lives on assisted housing and becomes the victim of domestic violence.”

He said data, the personal stories, and the drive and the passion to get it done are there and that together social service professionals and advocates can put an end to domestic violence.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re Case: Ashli Joe vs. Elleno Bandin Sr.

Docket Number: CV-2016-0227-RO
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 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
AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seedfarm Road,
Sacaton, AZ 85147

14th day of December, 2016 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Lucinda Nez

Issued by: Cooper Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Elleno Bandin Sr.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the matter of the Estate of
Janice Stewart Cooper

DOD: May 31, 2015

DOCKET#CV-2015-0133

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO: Michelle Osife

P.O.Box 2201

Sacaton, AZ 85247

P.O.Box 1882

Sacaton, AZ 85147

WHEREAS in the above matter, you were to appear for the Review/OTSC Hearings scheduled on October 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., August 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., June 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. and April 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. IT HAS COME to the attention of the Court that you failed to appear as ordered for the above matter.

THEREFORE: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you appear on the 6th day of December, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom I before the Honorable Lucinda Nez
AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seedfarm Road,
Sacaton, AZ 85147 And there and then show cause, if any you have, why this Court should not find you in contempt. FAILURE TO APPEAR without good cause may subject you to prosecution or other penalties.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the state of Arizona.
October 31, 2016.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Casa Blanca Community School

3455 W. Casa Blanca Road

Bapchule, AZ 85121

Vacancy Announcement

Principal

Transportation Coordinator

Math Interventionist

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Instructional Assistant
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NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

Parents & Guardians: The Casa Blanca Community School is pleased to announce that it will be holding an election on

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 to fill one (1) seat on its Board of Trustees.

The polling station will be held at Casa Blanca Community School. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CBCS’s Board meets at least once per month. Board members are expected to attend a School Board Orientation for New Members, which consists of a detailed overview of



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Julian Castro speaking at the domestic violence conference.

Casa Blanca Community School’s day to day operations; attend periodic work sessions (usually held over a two day period on the weekend); attend various out-of-state trainings and conferences; have reliable transportation; be available to reach by phone; and be available to meet when given short notice. If you are interested in running in the election, you must meet the following member qualifications: Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age as of November 23, 2016 (the date of election); Be a Community member; Reside in District 3, 4, or 5 and have lived in the District in which you are running for at least one year prior to November 23, 2016; Have a high school diploma, or GED; Successfully undergo a background check and drug/alcohol screen; Obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card; and Submit a timely petition signed by seven eligible voters from your District. To obtain a petition to get on the ballot, please contact Ms. Flo Long at CBCS, (520) 315-3489.

Petitions must be returned to Casa Blanca Community School no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

The following persons are eligible to vote in the election (and sign petitions for Board candidates):

Enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community who are at least eighteen (18) and who reside within District 3, 4, or 5 as of November 23, 2016 OR Parent, grandparent, or legal guardian whose name is on file as the responsible party for a child currently attending

Casa Blanca Community School.

Any questions regarding the election should be directed to Ms. Flo Long at the above number.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
RICHARD PERRY

Plaintiff/Petitioner, vs. SHEILA TERRY
Defendant/Respondent. CASE Number: CV-2016-0184 CIVIL SUMMONS TO: SHEILA TERRY YOU ARE

HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on the following date and time at the place set forth below:
Sacaton Community Court
721 West Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520)562-9860 DATE: Monday, November 7, 2016 Time: 10:00 AM YOU may respond in writing. However,

even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.

If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COM-

MUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
COURTNEY MCDANIEL,
Petitioner
Vs.

ESTEVAN WACUNA,
Respondent
TO: ESTEVAN WACUNA
4911 W. ARROWWEED
BLACKWATER, AZ
P.O. BOX 322
COOLIDGE, AZ 85128
CASE Number: CV-2016-0206
CIVIL SUMMONS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:

Monday, December 5, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seedfarm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona. DATED this 2nd day of November, 2016



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Ginger Fligger Named New CEO of GRHC

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She began her career with Gila River Health Care in 2002 and was hired as the Chief Financial Officer in 2011. She has worked in various healthcare settings, which include outreach programs, behavioral health, and inpatient ambulatory care, and has served on numerous committees with the state Medicaid AHCCCS program. She is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and has worked with Catholic Social Services in their Domestic Violence Shelter program.

Joslin Vision Network Program

The Joslin Network is a photo imaging program for diabetic patients that allows the health of your eyes to be assessed in a fast and pain-free manner without dilating drops.

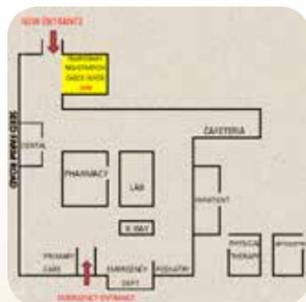
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- This procedure is safe, simple, quick, and comfortable.
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We are located within the Temporary Registration Lobby at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

**Sunday, November 13th
12:00 Noon-10:00 pm
(our regular Sunday hours)**

If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.



"I GOT MINE, DID YOU GET YOURS?"

**IT TAKES A TEAM,
IT TAKES A COMMUNITY**

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital will be holding flu clinics in the Temporary Lobby of the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

DATES HAVE BEEN CANCELED

November 7, 2016 9:00 am - 12 Noon & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
November 14, 2016 9:00 am - 12 Noon & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

JOB FAIR

**November 17, 2016
Thursday
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**November 19, 2016
Saturday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

JOB FAIR LOCATION:
Viola L. Johnson Building
534 West Gu U Ki St.
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

Bring a resume, apply on-site, apply online at www.grhc.org/jobfair prior to fair.
For any additional questions, contact Human Resources (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1342

VETERAN'S DAY
Closure

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital • Komatke Health Center • Ak-Chin Clinic

CLOSED

**Friday, November 11, 2016
Saturday, November 12, 2016**

There will be no Saturday clinics on November 12, 2016
Normal business hours will resume Monday, November 14, 2016

Pharmacy Hours
Friday, November 11th - CLOSED
Saturday, November 12th - OPEN 12:00 Noon-8:00 pm
Sunday, November 13th - OPEN 12:00 Noon-10:00 pm

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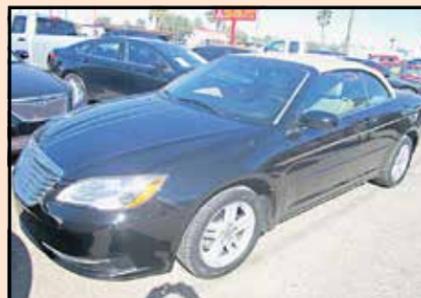
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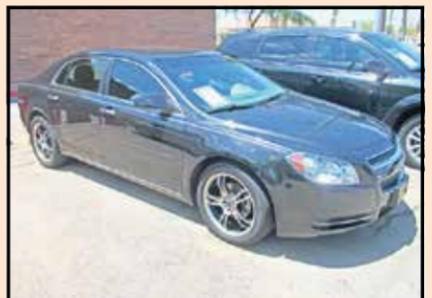
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November 1st-December 9th, 2016**

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Sacaton Fire Station 423 - 599 E. Seedfarm Rd.

Blackwater Fire Station 421 - 829 Blackwater School Rd.

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All gifts collected as part of the Gila River Indian Community Toy Drive will directly benefit the youth of Gila River Indian Community.

For more information please contact:

Alie Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator at 520-562-9713/520-610-3754 or special.events@gric.nsn.us



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