

Court allows GRIC to intervene in Goldwater lawsuit against ICWA

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SACATON, AZ. – A federal court in Phoenix late Thursday decided to allow the Gila River Indian Community to intervene in a high-profile lawsuit attacking the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

The permissive intervention granted to both the Community and the Navajo Nation by U.S. District Court Judge Neil Wake comes only a day after oral arguments made by attorneys for the Community in the civil case, a class action filed last year by



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A coalition from the Gila River Indian Community at the federal courthouse in Phoenix to hear oral arguments made by attorneys for the Community against the Goldwater Institute.

the anti-tribe Goldwater Institute. The Goldwater lawsuit seeks to invalidate as unconstitutional certain key aspects of ICWA, which has served to protect Native American children and families since its passage in 1978.

"The Community is pleased that Judge Wake has given our people a voice in this case to advocate for the best interests of our children," said Gila River Gov. Stephen R. Lewis. "We will continue whenever and wherever possible to protect the best interests of Indian families while working to protect ICWA."

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Moadag Thadiwa group denied entry at ADOT meeting

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The Arizona Department of Transportation has already begun work on the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway in Ahwatukee, but some groups opposed to the project say ADOT is acting prematurely, and want to prevent the freeway from being built.

Tensions briefly came to a head at a recent public meeting hosted by ADOT, where police officers stopped freeway opponents from entering with cultural items. Now, according to a Tempe Union High School District representative, reasons given by ADOT and the police for blocking the protesters' entry appear to be unfounded.

Prayer Run for Moadag Doak

A group of independently active Gila River Indian Community members opposed to the freeway extension project held a prayer run on Sept. 27. Along the way, runners said they were praying for the protection of the mountain and the stoppage of construction.

The group has set up a campsite, which they have named Moadag Thadiwa, at the base of Moadag Doak (South Mountain) in GRIC's District 6. The campsite lies near a segment of the freeway's planned construction route that would slice through land the group says is sacred to the O'otham.

The prayer run consisted of about 20 people, including



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Gila River Indian Community members protested the construction of the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway at a public meeting hosted by ADOT. The protesters were barred from entry by police officers, who cited a school policy that the Tempe Unified High School District says doesn't exist.

non-Native opponents of the freeway, plus support vehicles

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O'otham Veterans Celebration held in District 5



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Members of the Veterans Planning Committee take a moment to pose for a picture at the O'otham Veterans Celebration on Sept. 24.

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Even though they fought in different wars or conflicts and the uniforms may have changed, veterans came together for the O'otham Veterans Celebration Committee on Sept. 24 in District 5.

The event was attended by veterans from the O'otham sister tribes and surrounding organizations and American Legion posts.

In a pre-recorded video message Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who could not be present at the event, expressed his administration's initiative to establish the Gila River Veterans and Family

Services program in the Community.

"One of the things that we've looked at and a commitment we have yet to make to our veterans is to have a veterans services entity as a department or within our Community government," said Lewis.

He said a task force of veterans and representatives from his administration have met on several occasions to get the department ready for next year.

Issues discussed at the planning sessions have been on meeting the needs of the Community's veterans on Veterans Affairs services to health care, behavioral health and employment opportunities.

Lewis said, "This is such an exciting moment within our Community, where [we] are actually going to create a veterans affairs office."

The event focused on veteran's services and who to contact for different types of health

needs.

OVCC member Doug Juan, said the event is about connecting veterans to the services they need and to remember them for their service in the military.

He also talked about his work with the AmeriCorps office, and the work they are doing to connect veterans with services.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Representative Pacer Reina talked about the importance of the veteran's celebrations and the things that are being done to connect them with services at each event.

"Each event is different... each event has its separate organizations and vendors that come together to help raise awareness around veterans services," said Reina.

Reina pointed out the fact that the veterans celebration has been going on for six years and growing ever since its first event.

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New TED Asst. Director: From Turtle Mountain to Gila River



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New Tribal Education Department Assistant Director Fredrick Poitra.

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The Tribal Education Department's new assistant director was formally introduced during the presentations/introductions portion of the Community Council meeting on Sept. 21. Fredrick Poitra, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, is the newest addition to the Tribal Education Department and he said he's been very impressed with what his department has already established. "The existing TED programs are a solid foundational framework for adding to the continued success already experienced by the programs and the department," Poitra said.

The assistant director has many duties in the oversight of the department. Poitra has been extremely busy learning the position. In addition to assisting with the development of a Community-wide culture curriculum for GRIC, Poitra will be working closely with K-12 education and its programs, including the

school Tribal Allocation grant, off-reservation boarding schools, the Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) program, and student behavior specialists.

Poitra is looking forward to working with all the stakeholders in education to assist GRIC students. "I firmly believe that under a structured framework and with ample supports, Native children are just as apt to academic success as anyone else. My motto has always been: Accountability equals Results," Poitra said.

Although Poitra is new to the Community, he's been working in education for 17 years. He's been a teacher's aide all the way up to a school administrator, in addition to working for Tribal Grant schools as well as federally operated Bureau of Indian Education schools.

Working in Sacaton is also a change of scenery for Poitra and his wife and three children. He is from Belcourt, N.D. and has spent his entire career in education on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation where he was raised.

Not only is Poitra passionate about education, he's also passionate about his favorite NFL team, the Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles are

off to a fast start this year thanks to fellow North Dakotan Carson Wentz. Poitra and Wentz are both looking to make a splash in their new surroundings. "I espe-

cially look forward to learning about the history and traditions of GRIC and meeting members of the Community."

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Thank you letter from Gila River Stands With Standing Rock

On behalf of the Organizers of the Gila River Stands with Standing Rock Donation Drive and Rally, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks and appreciation to first and foremost the People of the Gila River Indian Community and everyone that made donations to the Standing Rock Sioux Nation. The donation drive and rally that was held was a huge success and we are grateful and proud to be a part of a Community that is willing to Stand up together and help our Sisters and Brothers of Standing Rock during their struggle to protect their water. The strength of our Community shined and showed everyone what great things can be accomplished by coming together as a Community. We would like to recognize and thank Elisia Manuel of the Three Precious Miracles Non-Profit Organization. Her compassion to help others and quick response to support this effort by organizing and opening up TPM doors for donations made this drive a success, this would not have been possible without her support. Thank you to our

local Band Two Rivers who donated their talent and time to provide entertainment during the Rally. Thank you to the Rhodes Family who donated the first U-haul truck and the Executive Office who donated the 2nd truck that was needed to haul the donations to North Dakota. Thanks to Diane Lewis and Family for providing coverage at the donation, popcorn and snow cone tables throughout the Rally. Thank you to Sunna Family who was able to donate water and provide food at a short notice. We would like to also thank those that came out and helped sort and organize donations, unload vehicles that were dropping donations off and those that loaded, unloaded, and reloaded the uhaul truck. This was proven to be the most difficult and strenuous tasks of the night but with the dedication and man-

power of those that were there that night it was completed. To all those workers a big THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts we appreciate each and every one of you that came out to help. We are currently in the process of getting everyone that helped out at the rally and those that donated water a tshirt but due

to the overwhelming response we have had to place additional orders. Please contact TPM Office at (520) 562-1078 if you have any questions on tshirts. Much love, thanks, and appreciation to each and every one of you that helped because without you this would have not been possible!!



CORRECTIONS

The GRIN failed to mention the involvement of Three Precious Miracles in the "GRIC sends donations to Standing Rock" article. TPM volunteered their time and office space in Sacaton as a donation center to receive and store supplies. In the "Arizona State University hosts water-energy conference," article, Jacob Moore was erroneously referred to as a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. He is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. 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

What Is A + Reclaimed Water and What Is It Used For?

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Under the Community's water settlement the Community can receive over 45,000 acre-feet of Mesa and Chandler A+ reclaimed water at no cost to the Community. Under exchange agreements, for every 4 acre-feet of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water the Community exchanges, it receives 5 acre-feet of A+ reclaimed water at no costs. This exchange reduces the Community's overall water costs associated with on-reservation

farming. CAP water comes from the Colorado River and contains reclaimed water also – most notably Las Vegas, Nevada's wastewater that is treated and then discharged into the Colorado River. Because CAP water has to be delivered over such a long distance it is very expensive to use this water. The Community only uses CAP water for irrigating farms and groundwater recharge. The Community does not use any of its CAP water for drinking but instead uses groundwater from specific areas within the Community.

A+ reclaimed water is the highest quality recycled wastewater that has been highly treated and can be safely discharged into streams or directly used for irrigation. Like any other renewable water source—including CAP, Salt River, and Gila River surface water—reclaimed water cannot be used as drinking water without further treatment and testing. Phoenix metropolitan cities are using much of their reclaimed water to irrigate parks, golf courses, and other public facilities.

Under the water settlement Chandler and Mesa are required to comply

with strict standards to insure that the Community receives the highest quality reclaimed water. In addition, the Community's Department of Environmental Quality tests the reclaimed water the Community receives. Chandler and Mesa are also required to report documentation of testing and monitoring of the water to both the Community's and Arizona's Departments of Environmental Quality.

The treatment process for reclaimed water is highly engineered and the water is treated for safety and reliability so that the quality of the water is much more predictable than many ex-

isting surface water sources, including the CAP, Gila River, and Salt River water. A recent agreement with Chandler increases the amount of water being exchanged under the existing agreement but the same water quality standards must be satisfied.

In theory, the reclaimed water can be used anywhere in the Community. However, since the water comes into the Community on the north side of the Gila River in the middle of District 4, it can only be used in Districts 4 and 6 where reclaimed water has already been used for several years. Reclaimed

water provided under the water settlement has been used in District 4 Santan Ranches since 2009 and in District 6 (Broadacres) since 2010.

The Community's agreements with Chandler and Mesa are important in sustaining the Community's agricultural economy. CAP water is very expensive and costs more each year. By exchanging some of its expensive CAP water for no cost reclaimed water, the Community can meet the irrigation demands of Community growers and keep overall water costs lower.

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"For nearly 40 years, ICWA has helped to keep Indian families whole and to allow Indian children to retain their culture, as opposed to being torn away

from their families and their people. ICWA benefits the Community and every federally recognized Indian tribe. That's why we see upholding this law as right and necessary."

The Goldwater Institute constructed the case (captioned Carter et al v.

Washburn et al, 2:15-cv-01259-NVW) by naming two young members of the Community and one young Navajo child as putative plaintiffs in an attempt to bring a class action. In the case, the Goldwater Institute purports to speak for these young Native Amer-

icans. The lawsuit underscores Goldwater's aggressive attacks against the interests of Indian children and Indian tribes in favor of the non-Indian adoption industry, which thrives on Native American youngsters.

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Community and the Navajo Nation have been joined in their efforts to protect ICWA by a number of tribal and national children's rights groups who filed amicus briefs supportive of the Community's position, including: the National Congress of American In-

dians; the Association on American Indian Affairs; the National Child Welfare Association; the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds; the Annie E. Casey Foundation; and the Child Welfare League of America.

O'otham Veterans Gathering from page 1

The goal of the celebrations focused on connecting veterans to much needed services.

Arizona Department of Veterans Services Director Ret. Col., Wanda Wright talked about her service in

the United States Air Force, as well as her family's service in the military

Wright talked about the similarities between her family and the Community. She said each story is different, but connected to

serving in the armed forces, generation upon generation.

Wright said, "Our department's initiative is to make sure that we advocate for all veterans."

She said, "It's so im-

portant that we keep our outreach and our support to our Native American veterans, so that we can help you understand what services and benefits are available."

Wright recognized that among the veterans population there are women who served during war time that need to be recognized for

their service and it is important not to forget their sacrifices while in uniform.

She said that her department is committed to working with tribal communities around veterans issues that, in the case of the Community, can be even more beneficial through the GRVFS department.

After the speakers con-

cluded their speeches a distribution of Department of Defense gear was given to all of the veterans who attended the event.

The distribution included sleeping bags, jackets and boots and a whole kit of gear that could be used on a camping trip.

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GRIC among 17 tribes to receive \$492 million settlement from U.S. government

Thomas R. Throssell
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The United States government has agreed to pay 17 tribal governments, including the Gila River Indian Community, a total of \$492.8 million for mis-managing natural resources and monetary assets held in trust for the benefit of those tribes.

The 17 tribes claimed they potentially lost years of income because the Department of the Interior and Department of the Treasury did not manage the land, money, and resources well

and, in effect, did not meet the initial agreements made to make sure tribes received proper compensation.

While most of the 17 settlements have yet to receive final court approval, documents were released identifying several of the tribes involved.

According to reports from the Washington Post and National Public Radio, several of the tribal governments named in the settlement are the Gila River Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribes, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Earth Nation, Confederated

Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, and the Muscogee Creek Nation.

The Washington Post reported the settlements have a wide margin of variation, ranging from \$25,000 to \$45 million. Money from the settlements will be directly transferred to tribal governments from the U.S. Treasury and have no stipulations on how funds are to be used.

In 2012, the U.S. government made similar agreements with 41 tribes to the tune of \$1 billion, which included the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indi-

an Community and Tohono O'odham Nation.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewel announced in a recent news release that the settlement is part of the Obama Administration's commitment to reconciliation and empowerment of Indian Country.

The news release said that with the recent agreement, the Obama Administration has resolved most of Indian Country's outstanding claims, some of which are over 100 years old, in-

clude over 100 tribes, and totals \$3.3 billion in settlements between the U.S., American Indian individuals and tribal governments.

Lynch said in the news release, "These historical grievances were a barrier to our shared progress toward a brighter future. With today's announcement, those barriers have been removed and decades of contention have been ended honorably and fairly."

Secretary Jewell added, "As we turn the page on past challenges in our government-to-government relationship with tribes,

we're moving forward with tribal governments to ensure proper management of tribal trust assets. I commend the Department of Justice, our Interior Solicitors, tribal leaders and other key officials for recognizing the importance of communication and mutual respect, opening a new era of trust between the United States Government and tribal governments."

The Department of Interior manages over 100,000 leases on 56 million acres of trust lands on behalf of over 250 federally recognized tribes.

Loop 202 public information meeting held at Desert Vista High School from page 1

and personnel. It began at the campsite, ran eastward along Pecos Road for nearly 10 miles, and ended at Desert Vista High School, where ADOT was hosting a public information meeting on the design of the project.

"With running, we deliver our messages," said Andrew Pedro, one of the runners. "We came and we delivered that message by telling [ADOT] we're not going to let them build this. And we won't let them build it by any means necessary."

Barred from Entry

But when they got to the meeting, the protesters were not allowed to enter with their prayer staffs and gourds.

"ADOT and the Phoenix Police have kicked us out of the meeting because they wouldn't allow our staffs in here," said Pedro. "They considered it a dangerous weapon, but it's what we use to carry our prayers."

The group faced off with police officers for several minutes, arguing that their prayer staffs are spiritual items meant for good, not harm. The police, however, said the items could be construed as weapons and said they were enforcing policies of the school district to not allow signs, religious items or objects that could be viewed as weapons into the building.

ADOT officials also said it was the school district's policy not to allow any protest signs or weapons on campus. A "Free Speech Zone" was fenced off beyond the school entrance, but remained vacant.

Later in the week, Tempe Union High School District spokesperson Jill Hanks responded to the claims by the PPD and ADOT that TUHSD prohibited certain items in public meetings on campus.

"We wanted the community to know we have no such policies and had nothing to do with Tuesday's meeting other than we

simply provided meeting space to an organization who rented it," said Hanks. "In fact, I made it very clear the day before the meeting to the representative who rented our facility, that we have no such policies or restrictions. And that even if we did, they would not apply to their meeting."

ADOT did not return comments in response to TUHSD claims by the GRIN print deadline.

Hanks pointed out, "It is state law that deadly weapons can't be possessed on school grounds. It would be up to the police to determine what qualifies as a deadly weapon."

After a terse, but subdued standoff with police officers outside the school cafeteria, the protesters decided not to enter. Instead, they formed a circle, sang a couple of O'odham songs and eventually chose to leave.

Early in the meeting, a slide in the meeting's slideshow presentation read, "For public safety: meeting disruptions will not be permitted due to limited time for use of meeting venue (facility available until 8 p.m.); disruptors may be escorted from the meeting facility." But the GRIC protesters were not allowed to enter the meeting and never saw the slide.

The police didn't expressly prohibit the protesters from entering the building; they said they couldn't enter with the cultural items. It was recommended they leave the staff and gourds outside to be allowed to enter the meeting.

When asked if it was an option for the members of the group to leave the cultural items outside the building and then enter, Pedro said, "No, we can't. These are our protection. These are our forms of prayer. It is a violation of religious freedom for them to deny that to us."

Linda Allen, another member of the group, said, "They did tell people, as long as we left them (the

staff and gourds) in our vehicles we could come in, but people didn't want to do that because by doing that [it] would have been giving credence to the [idea that] it was some sort of weapon, and it's not. It's a peaceful thing."

The Design Meeting

ADOT's first of three Preliminary Design Public Input Meetings was held at Desert Vista High School on 32nd Street, just north of Pecos Road in Ahwatukee from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The agenda stated the meeting's purpose was "to obtain public input on the preliminary design plans for the Loop 202 Project," and "not to debate project alignment and 'build or no build' options." The hosts estimate about 400 attend-

The meeting focused intently on design elements of the project regarding traffic interchanges, the height of sound barriers, aesthetic motifs and landscaping choices.

ADOT has moved past the conversation of whether or not the freeway should be built.

Dustin Krugel, an ADOT public information officer, said, "We understand that not everyone is 100 percent behind this project, but there are thousands and thousands of motorists that are looking for additional travel options," and support the project.

He said, "This is one of the biggest regional transportation needs in the Phoenix area. ... What's really driven this need is the population growth and the economic growth in the Valley."

When asked about claims made by some GRIC members that South Mountain is considered sacred ground, Krugel said, "The Arizona Department of Transportation is sensitive to the concerns from all tribal communities about South Mountain. ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

An audience of nearly 400 attended the ADOT public information meeting at Desert Vista High School Sept. 27, where GRIC protesters were prevented from entering with objects used for prayer.

worked closely with the Gila River Indian Community throughout the 13-year environmental analysis of the Loop 202 Project, including the evaluation of alternatives to avoid and minimize impacts on South Mountain and other cultural resource sites.

Krugel said ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration tried to develop an alternative route for the freeway, which would set it on GRIC land and avoid impacts to South Mountain, "but the Community did not support it in a February 2012 tribal vote."

One concessionary measure ADOT has taken, he said, is "ADOT will build elements along with the freeway that allow for continued access to South Mountain and sites used for traditional cultural practices."

ADOT has begun pre-construction activities in preparation for the build-out of the freeway.

"This project has evolved to the point where now we can start construction," said Krugel. "We had 13 years of public input that kind of shaped these current plans. ... We're scheduled to start mainline construction on the freeway in early 2017."

Opposition to the Free-

way Continues

The Moadag Thadiwa group does not represent the views of all GRIC members, and does not represent the GRIC government, but the Gila River Indian Community is one of the main organizations fighting the freeway in the courts, the other being the Ahwatukee-based group Protecting Arizona's Resources and Children (PARC).

Both have sued ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration for violations of federal statutes during the development of the project. In August, a federal judge ruled there was no basis for such claims.

Krugel said, "The United States District Court concluded that ADOT and Federal Highway Administration complied with the National Environmental Policy Act and the other federal environmental and cultural resource laws in their approval of the South Mountain Project."

On Aug. 26, the GRIC Council moved to challenge the decision in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. PARC is also appealing.

At the design meeting, PARC board member Jim Jochim said ADOT views the construction of the freeway as a foregone conclu-

sion, and that's a mistake.

"I feel ADOT is premature in what they did tonight," he said. "They are basically anticipating a very positive ruling out of the Ninth Circuit Court [of Appeals.] They should wait, and it's going to be painfully obvious when they have to back up and stop some of the things they're doing...if the court rules in favor of PARC, which we expect."

With the first phases of construction underway, the chances of stopping the freeway altogether are looking slimmer and slimmer.

Long-time Ahwatukee resident and PARC supporter Bill Ramsey said, "It does seem like it's fait accompli. It's a done deal. They do have federal approval. They won the recent court case. So from that standpoint, they are legally on solid ground to continue with the project."

But, he said, he is still hopeful that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals will hear GRIC's and PARC's case against the freeway.

"I am very hopeful that the Justices will hear [that] case soon, and hopefully we ultimately get the Justices' approval and then stop the project."

Owens Valley Water Commission visits GRIC and tour canals

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Representatives from a tribal commission met with Gila River Indian Community officials to discuss water history and use.

The Owens Valley Indian Water Commission is comprised of three tribes; the Bishop, Big Pine, and the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone nations that reside in the Owens Valley of central Calif.

Like the Community, the Commission has been involved in a decades long water rights claim with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Representatives from the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project and past members of the Community's litigation team discussed many issues around water rights claims with the local

and federal government at the Governance Center on Sept. 24.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis thanked the Commission for making the trip to the Community to share how the tribe is moving forward with its water rights settlement.

"We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish, because it has been something many have dedicated their lives to," said Lewis.

Gov. Lewis took the opportunity to discuss the importance of cultural and agricultural preservation through the use of the water rights settlement and how that will need to be maintained as drought conditions continue in the Southwest.

"I am proud that the Community is in a position to really move things for-

ward to implement our water settlement for the benefit of Gila River," he said.

He emphasized the importance of having a voice at the table when states and municipalities start to talk about how they are going to address drought conditions.

The Commission talked about how the tribes current land base was created through a land exchange between the LADWP and the Department of Interior in 1939, which included water as part of the deal.

Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Director David DeJong provided an overview on the impacts to the tribe that were caused by the damming and diversion of the Gila River.

The presentation looked back at the periods of prosperity as one of the leading agricultural centers in the state of Arizona, to

the struggles the Community endured as the water became scarce.

Former GRIC General Counsel Rodney Lewis talked about the years of litigation that he was a part of to get the Community's water rights through the 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act.

Rodney said it was a demonstration of the Community's ability to exercise self-governance and that it included enlisting the help of firms and analysts to build a sound case for obtaining water rights.

Members of the Commission expressed interest in the culture of the people and how that has been influenced by the diversion of the Gila River.

They also were curious to learn about how the Community is exercising its water rights and build-



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and tribal representatives meet with members of the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission on Sept. 23 in the Law Library at the Office of General Counsel.

ing infrastructure to manage the water.

After the commission's visit DeJong said, "They are talking about how they might be able to apply the same principals to their own water situation."

On the afternoon of the visit, the commission

packed into vehicles and took a tour of sections of the PMIP canal system beginning in District 1 and ending in District 4

One of the stops was of the Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR 5) located in District 2.

DEQ hosts workshop on climate change and its affect on the world and GRIC



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Althea Walker, left, plays an environmental timeline game with Community members, including Aaliyah Antone.

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The Gila River Indian Community's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) hosted a climate change workshop called "What is Climate Change and How Might It Affect Us?" at the Head Start Sacaton Center on Sept. 23 and 24.

The event, which is part 1 of DEQ's climate change workshop series, was held to teach the basics of climate change, how it will affect Gila River in the future, and to discuss strategies that could help the Community adapt to a changing climate.

Climate scientists from the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, and the Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) presented on what climate change is and how it will affect the world, and more locally, how it will affect the Gila River Indian Community within the next 100 years.

Karen Cozzetto, ITEP, said that climate change is occurring and that CO₂ levels recorded by the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii and ice core samples taken at the Vostok Station and Law Dome sites, both lo-

cated in Antarctica, show that CO₂ levels have gone up from 300 parts-per-million (ppm) to 400 ppm.

Cozzetto emphasized that this level of CO₂ in the atmosphere was unusual.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as of this summer, CO₂ levels in the Earth's atmosphere are at levels that have not existed for millions of years. For the first time since before the Ice Age, this year's CO₂ levels will not fall below 400 ppm.

The last time CO₂ levels were this high, said the NOAA, was during the mid-Pliocene warm period about three million years ago. During that time the sea level was 65 feet higher than today's sea levels.

While much of the workshop was on what climate change is and how it is affecting and will affect the world, the event also focused on how the Gila River Indian Community and its people may be affected in the future.

University of Arizona's Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions staff scientist, Alison Meadow, said that she worked with DEQ to get local information on GRIC's

climate and put together a climate profile for the area.

She said that according to future climate models there are four possible temperature pathway scenarios: the very low emissions pathway scenario is an increase of 2.6 Fahrenheit in the worldwide average temperature, the medium scenario is an increase of 4.5 °F, medium-high scenario is an increase of 6 °F, and the high scenario is an increase of 8.5 °F.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, this means that by 2100, the average worldwide temperature is projected to increase between 3 °F and 12 °F. This will mean more frequent and intense heat waves, larger storms and environmental disasters, an increase in the number of days above 90 °F, drought, and fires.

But what can Community members do to help with climate change?

No matter which scenario is used, the local environment is expected to become hotter, which is why DEQ is hosting the climate change workshops to educate the Community.

Althea Walker, DEQ Environmental Education and Outreach Specialist, said that climate literacy in the Community is important.

"We went over the basics of what climate change is and from multiple perspectives, not only globally but regionally," said Walker. "More [specific] to the Community, we brought in scientists...[who] provided an in-depth understanding of what climate change is and as a Community how we should be looking at it and the impacts of it."

"The main concern

[is] to make this personal to everybody," said Walker. "It is going to affect our health...whether it is heat stress, air pollution...food insecurity. It is going to affect us and our comfortable way of living."

Walker is asking Community members to make small changes in their lives to reduce their own carbon footprint by recycling, using renewable energy sources, and using public transportation.

"We can start having... more sustainable behaviors [like] conserving energy, conserving water, introducing renewable energy into the Community and ultimately it is about our CO₂ emissions and [how] as a Community, to reduce those," Walker said.

Walker said that it's crucial for the Community to recognize this as an important issue and actively participate in protecting the environment.

"For all of us to come together and address this global issue and bring it down to a local perspective, we will all learn something...everybody will benefit from it," said Walker.

The next DEQ climate change workshop will be held in the first week of November. For more information about the workshop series or if you are interested in attending an upcoming workshop, call Althea Walker at (520) 562-2234.

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Something to be told

By Billy Allen

A highlight for older GRICsters in Sepijig Masad, or Gleaning Month, is the World Series.

In our time, every summer holiday or feast celebration had a baseball and or softball game. Prior generations learned and played the game at school and O'otham and Piipaash culture was changed.

You can still see the old baseball/softball diamonds where our "boys and girls of summer" played around the communities. The fields aren't as old as the Huhugam ballcourts, but revered just as much.

How did Natives get so wrapped up in "America's pastime?"

In 1819 Congress established a "Civilization Fund" to help religious schools provide an education for Natives, but it wasn't very successful. At the end of the Civil War,

the Indian Peace Commission wanted Natives to enter mainstream America.

The gun would be replaced with a book.

Sacaton had a boarding school in 1881 which sent promising students onto Carlisle (of Jim Thorpe and Lewis Tewanima fame) and Hampton which was mainly an African-American school but some Natives did attend too.

GRIC students were sent to learn a trade and a basic education at industrial training schools in Albuquerque and Nebraska.

Americans, or milghan, recognized the O'otham and Piipaash farmer-warriors' friendliness to all travelers within our lands. They also saw our desire for education.

When Phoenix Indian School opened in 1891 the first class had thirty-one O'otham and ten Piipaash

boys. The O'otham staff was teacher Hugh Patton, assisted by two older boys Charles Blackwater and Oldham Easchief.

Competition was seen as a way to build character and physical well-being, so within a couple of years Phoenix Indian School had football and baseball clubs. By the 1930's, Phoenix Indian had an all Native coaching staff for all the major sports.

When Phoenix Indian students returned to their communities, they took the new sports home with them.

In the mid 1960's, my sister played softball and I remember attending games with my entire family.

One of the better fast-ball pitchers was Wilma Marrietta. Her son, Robert Thurman, recalls his mother playing with the Phoenix Reds and Conquistadors, traveling with the latter to an ASA tournament in Las Vegas.

He remembers weekends at San Carlos, Parker, Yuma, Tohono O'odham and Salt River for softball tournaments. Elders

who remember his mother tell him his mother could "throw that softball!" Another relative remembers Wilma loved the game so much, she played during her pregnancy. That's a gamer!

Vera Marrietta grew up in Stotonic, home of the Rebelettes and recalls watching Wilma rule the diamond.

All of the districts had at least one team, some had two or three with team names and colors that continued for many years. Names such as the Chargers, Falcons, Reds, Roadrunners, Cardinals and many others echo in our memories.

Since a lot of the girls went to boarding school, softball wrapped up before September. Salt River held a "standing room only" tournament at this time.

Another GRIC elder recalled at least eleven softball teams playing a set schedule. Entire families would go, prepared with food and drink to spend the whole day. The Sacaton fields had trees, picnic tables just north of the ca-

nal and most important—lights.

Vera Marrietta and a tribal elder recall a similar memory of how important the game was to our communities.

At the old Bapchule dirt field, with one inning left, the sun went down. The umpire told the coaches he couldn't see the ball very well and wanted to stop the game. One of the coaches announced to the families that the game was going to be stopped due to darkness.

Quiet disappointment set in, then coaches and players heard car engines rev up as cars were driven out beyond the outfield and with their headlights turned on so the game could be finished. Gamers!

Allow us elders to watch the World Series, after all we bat (and occasionally walk) in two worlds.

Information was taken from The Phoenix Indian School, Forced Assimilation in Arizona, 1891-1935 by Robert Trenner, Jr.; To Show What an Indian Can Do by John Bloom and per-

sonal interviews.

Rita Ventura, set highest point average per game for a high school girl in 1976 with 26.2. Ranked 12 on all time list. Rita is a Tohono O'odham who had the record in 1975, 22.5. 45 against Apache Junction, tied for 14th on list. 671 points in 1975-76 season, ranked 20th after 36 years.

Also there was a girls softball league in Casa Grande, with the pitcher by the name of Eula Enos. Sacaton had a team in this league.

In 1976, according to *Arizona Prep Magazine*, *Special Bicentennial Issue*, these were athletes of the year at their schools; Florenda Peters, Maricopa VB, Bsk, Soft Rita Ventura, Phoenix Indian VB, Bsk, Track Magie Lopez, St. Johns VB, Bsk, Soft

The first Miss Pima title-holder was Wilma Marrietta. The name was later changed to Miss Gila River to better represent our entire community. A Gila River Royalty website offers background on the pageant.

Huhugam Heritage Center plans expansion project to spotlight history

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Huhugam Heritage Center is in the pro-

cess of opening up space to exhibit more information about the history of the Community with the contributions of tribal mem-

bers. It is not the only thing coming to the HHC, the layout of the current exhibit hall will open up space to

stream visitors in as they take their historical journey through the museum.

The space is currently used as a storage area and will offer a whole new experience to patrons.

"Visitors will go through where the current exhibits are and will start off by seeing the origins of the Community," said HHC Director Shirley Jackson.

She said that it is going to tell how the Huhugam and Patayan cultures thrived near the Gila River and of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh people.

"[We] are trying to think of how we can link modern O'otham to the Huhugam through historical pieces to make the link," said Jackson.

Leland Thomas, Museum Technician II, said exhibits are going to come

together with information gathered from the Community's elders.

He said, instead of filling cases with all sorts of objects and artifacts, they are going to make exhibits more engaging.

Jackson said, "We want it to be story driven, because we want the O'otham and Pee Posh perspective to speak for itself."

Thomas added that it will require a lot of time to gather information and that it needs Community members to complete the exhibits.

Adding to the visitors experience includes a narrative about the river that will be projected onto a screen.

As Thomas guided the way through the lengthy storage area he said that a lot of work will be needed

to make the area ready to receive the new exhibits.

One exhibit that visitors can expect to see are displays of O'otham baskets and Pee Posh pottery, which will showcase the talent of some of the Community's artisans.

There will also be an interpretation of the saguaro harvest, information about the men and women's role in society and how the environment changed with the diversion of the Gila River.

"Lee is working on the interpretive portion of the exhibits, so he will provide a better visual of how it will all flow together," said Jackson.

According to Thomas

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Currently used as a storage area the HuHuGam Heritage Center plans to use the existing space to house new exhibits that will tell the story of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh.

Every Native Vote Counts: 2016 National Election right around the corner



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The countdown to Election Day is ticking away with every passing minute. Voting booths will be waiting for every registered voter to cast ballots in the presidential race, as well as for statewide can-

didates, legislative candidates, judges and two ballot measures for the Nov. 8 general election.

Native American voters will be counted on to make an impact come November and that is why programs like "Native Vote" are looking to increase the number of American Indians participating in the po-

litical process.

"Native Vote," is an initiative coordinated by the National Congress of American Indians to register Native voters and to provide information regarding the upcoming election.

This election is extremely important, but if this were the 1940s and not the 2010s, then millions of

eligible voters would be on the sidelines, because Native Americans were not always allowed to participate in the electoral process.

"As Native Americans, we have struggled to make our voices heard," said Pamela Pasqual, District 4.

It wasn't until 1924 when Native Americans born in the U.S. were granted citizenship. However many states shunned Native Americans from the polls since the Constitution still allowed the states to dictate who could register to vote.

In 1928 Gila River Indian Community members Peter Porter and Rudolph Johnson were denied the right to vote in Pinal County and a legal battle ensued to get their names on the voting register. Although the case (Porter v. Hall) lost in the Arizona Supreme Court, it was still an important moment in the fight for Native Americans to gain suffrage.

In 1947 Frank Harrison and Harry Austin, from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, attempted to vote in Maricopa County but they were denied by the Recorder's Office. In 1948, thanks to a suit filed by Harrison and Austin, the Arizona State Supreme Court overturned Porter v. Hall and Arizona Natives could vote in state elections.

However, many obstacles remained.

Native voting numbers remained low for many years due, in large part, to Arizona's English literacy requirement, which kept many Natives from voting at a time when there was high illiteracy rates among the American Indian population in Arizona. These tests were eventually

banned in the 1970s.

Yet with the long legal history designed to exclude Native Americans from voting, approximately 1 million eligible Native American voters are still not registered to vote according to the National Congress of American Indians. "Our quality of life can improve by voting," said Pasqual

According to the National Congress of American Indians, with 23 tribes in Arizona, American Indians and Alaska Natives comprise of 5.5 percent of the overall state population and 4.9 percent of Arizonians who are 18 and over.

"I think that today is the most vital and crucial time for Native Americans to vote," said Sylvia McCabe, District 6.

When you arrive at the polls, bring sufficient photo ID, which includes a valid Arizona driver's license, valid Arizona non-operating identification card, tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal ID or a valid U.S. federal, state, or local government issued ID.

If you don't have a sufficient photo ID you'll need two forms of sufficient ID without a photograph that bears your name and address. These may include an Indian census card, valid Arizona vehicle registration among others. The full list can be viewed at www.azcleanelections.gov.

Upcoming Election Candidates

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Trump, Donald J.
Candidate for Vice President (REP)
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Clinton, Hillary
Candidate for Vice President (DEM)

Kaine, Tim
Candidate for President (LBT)

Johnson, Gary
Candidate for Vice President (LBT)

Weld, Bill
Candidate for President (GRN)

Stein, Jill
Candidate for Vice President (GRN)

Baraka, Ajamu
U.S. Senator

McCain, John (REP)
Kirkpatrick, Ann (DEM)

Swing, Gary (GRN)
U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 1

Babeu, Paul (REP)
O'Halleran, Tom (DEM)

Parrish, Ray (GRN)
U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 2

McSally, Martha (REP)
Heinz, Matt (DEM)

U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 3

Grijalva, Raúl (DEM)
U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 4

Gosar, Paul (REP)
Weisser, Mikel (DEM)

U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 5

Biggs, Andy (REP)
Fuentes, Talia (DEM)

U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 6

Schweikert, David (REP)
Williamson, W. John (DEM)

U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 7

Nunez, Eve (REP)
Gallego, Ruben (DEM)

U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 8

Franks, Trent (REP)
Salazar, Mark (GRN)

U.S. Representative in Congress - District No. 9

Giles, Dave (REP)
Sinema, Kyrsten (DEM)

St. Anthony's Catholic Indian Mission to host fund raiser for church

Submitted by Ashley Pasqual

Right on the curve of Sacaton Road sits a tan steel building that most people would think is a big metal warehouse. But to all parishioners, it is a place to share God's word.

St. Anthony's Catholic Indian Mission was built in the 1920's and many gathered to attend church service and celebrate religious milestones of the Catholic faith.

Under the Diocese of Phoenix, St. Anthony's has a congregation of over 250 parishioners within the Community. They have been working very hard donating their time, supplies and income in an effort to raise enough funds to build what was once their place of worship.

Several years ago, in January 2000, the historical St. Anthony's Catholic Indian Mission was destroyed by arson. It was a great loss to the Catholic community, but through sweat and tears, parishioners began to clean up and salvage what they could from the burned remains.

One of the few things that survived the fire was the big brass church bell which currently is located at the Consolata Missionary Sisters residence in Sacaton. The bell is waiting to be placed back in its home.

Many believe it was important to continue to move forward and keep the congregation together. So they continued to have mass outside under a tree until the Arizona heat finally caused the parish to seek shelter indoors.



The old St. Anthony's Catholic Indian Mission before it burned down.

St. Anthony's Indian Mission was loaned a steel multipurpose building from the Diocese of Phoenix which was placed on Sacaton Road. To this day it is currently being used for church services and fundraising to repay the Diocese.

The St. Anthony Catholic Mission board is currently in the next phase of rebuilding the church. Their goals include providing religious classrooms, more parking areas, and the continued effort to teach God's word and care for the spiritual, social and

emotional needs of its community.

Coordinator of Fundraising, Regina Antone-Smith said, "We are really going to push the advertising and create a big event this year."

"We have some big donors attending the event

and a special presentation will be done for them. They are very interested in Ira H. Hayes so they are eager to donate to a Native Catholic church."

Every Fall, St. Anthony's invites the Community and surrounding cities to join in on their biggest fund raiser of the year, called the Annual October Bazaar. The fund raiser will be held Oct. 15 and will feature a mush ball tournament, horseshoe tournament, raffle, vendors, a dance, children's games and more.

For more information or if you would like to make a donation in rebuilding St. Anthony's Catholic Indian Mission contact Fundraising Coordinator Regina Antone-Smith at (480) 296-1256 or email RP5859@msn.com.

Youth Council kicks off fiscal year with valuable work session

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The unofficial slogan of the Akimel O’otham/ Pee Posh Youth Council could be “Work Hard, Play Hard,” a motto its students lived out at the group’s annual get-to-know-you weekend last month.

The orientation work session, held from Sept. 23-25 at the District 2 Multipurpose Building, brought together experienced youth council members and incoming members to develop relationships and help them work together better going into the new year.

“The work session is a couple of different things,” said Michael Preston, Youth Council Coordinator. “We work on team-building because half of the members are new, so we need to pull them into the fold with the current and on-going members.”

The first night of the work session consisted primarily of icebreakers, games, and laughter to help students get comfortable with one another. Students shared traditional O’otham songs, roasted marshmallows, and raced around the basketball court.

But the weekend wasn’t all fun and games.

Preston said the orientation also asks the students “to start thinking in a sense larger than themselves. For them to see...their importance to their family, and definitely their importance to the Community, and how they can contribute.”

In orientation, the new members learned what it takes to be on the Youth Council.

The orientation covers the purpose and functions of the AOPPYC, the histo-



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

New and current Akimel O’otham Pee-Posh Youth Council members went through leadership training with Pearl Yellowman (second from left) during the 2016 Youth Council Work Session.

ry of the program, policies and procedures, parliamentary order, ethics and expectations, the youth council constitution and bylaws, and other necessary information for all members.

Shortly after orientation, the current members convened for an official AOPPYC meeting as the soon-to-be members watched on.

Youth Council members are expected to attend two regular AOPPYC meetings a month, plus district meetings in the district they represent. Members also regularly volunteer to set up, serve or facilitate at various Community events throughout the year, and they must complete one community service project that they create and organize.

The council members also learn a lot about GRIC culture and history, and share what they have learned with youth from other tribes.

On Saturday afternoon, the students visited the Youth Council chambers in Sacaton and learned from national youth leadership trainer Pearl Yellowman, Ph.D. (Navajo).

She asked the students to start thinking long-term

by having them craft mission statements and practice setting goals. She also ran a critical thinking activity where students worked on listening and understanding the perspectives of others by having the group contribute different thoughts on a single photo.

“This weekend what I really liked was the whole team-building, and our guest speaker, and just learning how Youth Council works and what we’re expected to do [as representatives],” said Shantell Terrazas, 17.

Terrazas said she views herself as a leader and is seeking ways to grow in that area. The new District 3 representative said by joining the youth council, “I hope to be able to meet new people, meet elders, meet people on [Community] Council, to get a feel of what our reservation, what our whole Community is about, and to be able to learn more about how we run our own Community.”

Randel Curran is also a new AOPPYC member. “I joined Youth Council to gain opportunities to learn about my culture,” he said.

Curran is engaged in several clubs and athletics groups at Coolidge High School.

“I hope to gain leadership skills and communication skills that I can use later on in life,” he said. “I’d like to give back to the Community. I’d like to see the youth more involved in wanting to revive our language.”

Elleno Bandin, District 5, said, “I joined Youth Council because...I’ve been through a lot, but the youth out there, there are some that aren’t in school...and I wanted to be a good role model.” Bandin is working on getting his GED and plans on attending Arizona State University in the near

future.

Bandin said he sees the struggles his peers go through, “And it makes me feel like I need to make a change.” He said, “I’m hoping to...show my community that I can be a better person than what I was [in the past] and they’ve seen the improvement...and that’s making them happy, by showing them I care for my community.”

Being on youth council can be a life-changing experience.

Preston said, “When I was a teenager, when I got on Youth Council, it helped

me to develop into the person I am today. It challenged me to think bigger than myself. ... So I want that same opportunity for the young people I work with.”

The youth council year begins in October with the induction of new members and the election of new executive officers. The Youth Council voted in new members at the Gila River Youth Conference in July, and elected new executive officers at a meeting on Oct. 1. They will be inducted into office at an inauguration ceremony on Oct. 22.

**U’ uf ah Ho’i gi’tha Mul Chu Tha
Synch’aak Chukyev Matxalthal**

3RD ANNUAL WOMEN’S PRAYER RUN

A prayer journey across the Gila River Indian Community

All Women Welcome - Elders and Young Women
Runners - Walkers
Volunteers needed for Support Crew

OCTOBER 21-23, 2016
Oct 21, Campsite – District #7 Service Center
Oct 22, Run begins at sunrise from the Gila River & Salt River Confluence

All Donations Welcome
Traditional protocols will be followed

Contacts:
Pam Thompson 480-721-0939
Alie Walking Badger 520-610-3754
Shelly Hayes 480-238-3076

“Honoring the generations of women of our past. Praying for the women of our present and future.”

GRIC presents “Years of Service Awards” to longtime workers

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Human Resources Department held a “Years of Service Awards” ceremony in honor of the tribe’s longest serving employees at the Italian restaurant Bucca di Beppo in Chandler, on Sept. 26.

Over thirty GRIC employees attended the event and were treated to an Italian lunch and a variety of entertainment provided by Human Resources Employee Assistance/Training Specialist, Richard Weschrob and Training Specialist, Phillip Morris.

As GRIC employees dined, the sounds of Dean Martin singing “That’s Amore” played through the restaurant’s sound system while Weschrob played an interactive game called “Re-

member When?”

The game involved music trivia and items from the 80’s, 90’s, 00’s decades in which many of the long serving tribal employees first began working for the Community.

Holding up several packages of oddly shaped padding, Weschrob asked GRIC employees what they were.

Amid laughs from the crowd, a woman exclaimed, “Shoulder pads!”

Weschrob nodded in agreement and explained to the diners that shoulder pads were popular in the 80’s and inadvertently made everyone look like football players.

Many of the employees present at the “Years of Service Awards” had worked for the Community for at least 20 years. However,



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

From left, Alan Blackwater, 34 years, Ann Lucas-Stewart, over 20 years, and Carleton Giff, 31 years.

there were a few individuals who had breached the three-decade mark. Danielle Jackson and Ernest Lucero were two such employees, each having worked for the Community for the past 35 years.

Department and Rehabilitation Services Corrections Officer, Dorene Davis, received a special award from Lt. Gov. Antone for reaching the 20-year mark of working for the Commu-

nity. Lt. Gov. Antone closed the awards presentation by thanking the GRIC employees for their hard work and commitment to the Community.

Below is a list of those honored at the GRIC Years of Service Awards:

20 Years of Service - Jacqueline Allison, Clyde Antone, Christopher Bauer, Maria Daley, Larry Gene, Cynthia Harris, Jay Holtz, Andrea



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Danielle Jackson accepts an award from Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, in honor of 35 years of working for the Community.

Johnson, Ann Lucas-Stewart, Keith McDonald, Deanna Mendoza, Susan Morago, Viva Quintero, Diana Sangster, Evangeline Shelde, Raymond Soto, Leslie Stovall, Laurie Thomas, Eugenia Webb, Robert Wilkerson, Michael Woodson

30 Years of Service - Jay Pedro
31 Years of Service - Leslie Manuel, Cheryl Pablo
32 Years of Service - Laurie Juan
34 Years of Service - Alan Blackwater, Abigail Thomas
35 Years of Service - Danielle Jackson, Ernest Lucero.

25 Years of Service - Lanadine Allen, Eugenia Franklin, Carleton Giff, Glenn Stark, Marie Stewart

The Community Garden Project has given out over ninety garden boxes

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The Community Garden Project is giving out raised garden beds at no charge to Community members to encourage agriculture education and healthy eating. The program is also offering classes for new or hopeful gardeners in coming weeks. Sonny Nieto, who

helps run the Community Garden Project, said the program has already handed out nearly 90 garden boxes, and plans to order more next month.

The raised garden beds are approximately 3-feet wide by 4-feet long. They stand about 3-feet tall and the bed is 10-inches deep, holding almost 9-cubic feet of potting soil. The

best part is, they are easy to assemble and require no tools.

Raised garden beds are great for someone who wants to learn to garden, but does not have a lot of open land. They are also useful for the elderly or those who have trouble getting down and back up again.

Bob Sotomayor is a

life-long agriculturalist and volunteer with the Community Garden Project. According to him, crops planted in the winter need a full day's sunlight, so be sure to place your garden box on the southern side of your house, or an open area where the vegetables can see the sun from dawn till dusk.

In a new video for GRTV News, Nieto, Sotomayor and Project Manager Norman Wellington dish out gardening advice for anyone with a new garden box. View it online at www.gricnews.org or www.vimeo.com/gric.

Nieto said the garden boxes are on back-order for now, but more will be

available soon.

In the meantime, the team is leading a gardening training series over three weekends, each at different district service centers: District 6 on Oct. 22, District 5 on Nov. 5, and District 2 on Nov. 12. All classes are 8 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to come learn.



Community Notice

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP Summer Assistance Program- Summer Intake will begin **JULY 1, 2016**

Priority List		
July 1, 2016	July 18, 2016	July 25, 2016
Elderly/Disabled	Families with Children 17 years & younger	All other members

LIHEAP offers summer funding paid directly to your utility company.

LIHEAP Crisis Assistance Program

Energy Crisis Assistance is designed to provide financial assistance to households with a disconnection, shut off, or other verifiable documentation of energy crisis.

YOU MAY APPLY AT YOUR DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER.

Any question please call your District Service Center

District One	(520) 215-2110	District Four	(520) 418-3661
District Two	(520) 562-3450	District Five	(520) 315-3441
District Three	(520) 562-3334	District Six	(520) 550-3805
	District Seven (520) 430-4780		

The District Service Center staff is responsible for the protection of your personal records and bound by confidentiality; we are here to serve you.



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

From left, Bob Sotomayor, Sonny Nieto and Norman Wellington apply soil to a raised garden bed. The garden boxes are given free to Community members as part of the Community Garden Project.

Sacaton Area Drainage Master Study

Seen flooding? REPORT IT!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SacatonFlooding

Or send the location, date, and description of the flooding, as well as photos or video if available, to:

Seaver Fields, III, Project Manager
seaver.fieldsiii@gric.nsn.us

GRIC, Dept. of Land Use Planning & Zoning Flood Control Engineering
291 West Casa Blanca Rd - P.O. Box E, Sacaton, AZ 85147

Tribes interested in Gila River Farms olive groves

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Farm managers, researchers, and representatives from different tribes made their way to the largest Native olive farm in the United States, Sept. 14, to monitor the progress of Gila River Farms' (GRF) 217,000 super high-density olive trees and discuss the future of olive production in tribal agriculture.

Representatives from the Tule River Tribe, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, and Intertribal Agriculture Council of Arizona gathered at GRF and were given a tour of the farm's olive trees.

During the tour, Charo Olive Oil Company CEO, Jeffrey Charo, whose company has provided consultation to GRF, explained the ins-and-outs of growing the trees and discussed with tribal representatives how olives are a long-term sustainable crop.

Charo said that GRF could become the olive

growing, olive oil producing and olive-pressing hub of Arizona so that nearby tribes have a central place to grow, mill, and press their olives.

This would allow tribes who don't have a background in growing and maintaining the trees and the ability to enter the olive market without the prohibitive costs associated with starting a new crop from scratch.

One benefit of having a nearby olive production hub, said Charo, is that olives can be quickly transported to the mill, which is imperative when making quality olive oil.

Olives quickly deteriorate after being picked and will begin to ferment after just 48-hours, affecting oil quality and flavor. Within that 48-hour time frame the olives must be milled and pressed, Charo said.

While two days may seem like more than enough time to transport, mill, and press the olives; a flat-tire or traffic jam during transport may have the potential to cause hundreds of tons of

olives to go to waste.

Which is one reason why GRF is looking to build a one-stop shop for olive production in one central location, where tribes can grow their own olive trees on leased land, employ GRF to properly maintain the trees, and have their olives milled and pressed.

"It's a revenue center for the farm," said Horne. "It doesn't make sense for there to be an olive press in [Colorado River Indian Tribes], [the Tohono O'odham Nation], and at [the Ak-Chin Indian Community], since we have the largest super high density olive grove in Arizona and we are the largest super high density [olive] grower of any Native farm in the country."

"Once the olive oil mill and press is constructed, the farm will be able to press oil for other tribal farms should they decide to pursue olive growing," said Horne.

"There is also opportunity for tribes to [possibly] lease ground at Gila

River Farms and grow their trees here, especially for the tribes who cannot grow them due to climate, land, and water issues," said Horne.

Over the past six months the Tohono O'odham Nation, Ak Chin Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, and Soboba Band of Lu-

iseño Indians have shown interest in the farm's trees.

Next month the farm will host another gathering made up of representatives from the Yakama Nation, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, and the Bishop Paiute Tribe.

"We have thus far been the central meeting place for both olive production and other tribal agricultural discussion and would like to continue to work with other tribes. This experience has created some great relationship for Gila River Farms, and the meetings have been beneficial to all," said Horne.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Gila River Farms hosts representatives from various tribes interested in cultivated olive trees. From left, Barney Compton, Tiffany Horne, Teresa Honga, Roy Talker, Reagan Wytalucy and her son, Fred Wesley, Don Manuel, Harold Payne, Darrin Patterson, Priscilla Santos and Jeffrey Charo.

GRPD host carwash to help family of fallen Navajo Officer



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRPD Commander Raymond Soto (right) helps clean a jeep with a youth during the fund raiser to help the family of the late Leander Frank.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Police Department hosted a fundraiser to help the family of a fallen Navajo Nation Police Department Officer.

Weeks after the loss of NNPD Officer Leander Frank, a car wash fundraiser was held at Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel on Sept. 24.

Officer Frank was a 12-year veteran of the department who lost his life in a head-on collision with a pickup truck along a section of Navajo Route 64 while responding to a call near Tsaile Ariz., on Aug. 30.

With buckets of soapy water and washcloths the gathering of volunteers joined the family of Officer Frank as a token of appreciation for his years of service in law enforcement.

The event was coordinated by the GRPD along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office Justice Services.

Gila River Fire Department and other public safety agencies spent their time scrubbing and rinsing cars as they came through the washing stations that were setup in the casino parking lot.

Alice Yellowhair, who is the mother of Officer Frank, traveled to the Community from Chinle, on the Navajo Nation, to be at the car wash to thank the many volunteers who spent their Saturday helping out.

"It's just overwhelming what I am seeing [today]. Just seeing how helpful everyone has been from the little ones, all the way up to the adults," she said.

Yellowhair said the whole family appreciates the outpouring of support during their time of healing to remember her son.

According to a GRPD press release, Officer Frank served as a member of the Navajo Nation Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics team, Drug & Gang Unit, an active shooter instructor, and served in the United States Marine Corp

for four years before joining the police department.

GRPD Public Information Officer Caroline Brown said the idea behind the car wash was to help for Officer Frank's services.

"[We] wanted to give back in some way, so we decided that putting on a benefit car wash was the best way to help the family of Officer Frank out," said Brown.

She said that even though many of the officers who volunteered may not work together they are still a family.

Yellowhair said that it has been a difficult time for her and her family, but support from law enforcement across the state, has been uplifting and shows how much her son was part of an even bigger family of committed individuals.

"[They] came together as a whole to help one of their fallen. That is what [I] really like about [our] law enforcement and members of public safety," she said.

NNPD Sergeant Emmett Yazzie was Officer Frank's trainer at the Navajo Nation Police Academy in Toyey, Ariz., in 2004.

He was a trainer at the academy, who took extra pride in the class of police recruits he trained, because it was his responsibility to make sure they received the necessary training before they become officers.

"When you gave him an assignment, he didn't ask why, he just knew what had to get done. That was

just [his] character and as a Marine, that discipline came from his experience in the Corp," said Yazzie.

The proceeds from the event will go to the family of Officer Frank, who are appreciative of the volunteers for lending their time and support for the event.

As Yellowhair looked on at the bustling activity going on around her, she found strength in knowing that the car wash will benefit her grandchildren.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • September 21, 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 September 21, 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 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr.

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Executive Officers Absent:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4-Christopher Mendoza; D5-Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon; D6-, Sandra Nasewytewa; Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr.; D5-Robert Stone

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES)

1. Introduction of Fredrick Poitra, Tribal Education Department Assistant Director
Presenters: Isaac Salcido

MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MR. FREDRICK POITRA. MR. POITRA PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME

REPORTS
*1. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 3 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Elda Diaz
REPORT HEARD

2. Travel Report 3rd Quarter-Fiscal Year 2016
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. St. Peters Indian Mission School Quarter 3 Report SY 2015-2016

Presenter: Sister Martha
REPORT HEARD

4. Key Educational Policies Impact on the Gila River Indian Community
Presenter: Senator Carlyle Begay
REPORT HEARD

[LT. GOVERNOR CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:39 A.M.]

5. Head Start August Monthly Report 2016
Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela
REPORT HEARD

6. GRICUA FY16 3rd Quarter Report
Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold
MOTION MADE AND SECOND to accept reports #6 & #9

7. Family Advocacy Center Update
Presenter: Thomas Murphy
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

8. Gaming Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2016 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending August 31, 2016 And August 2016 Capital Project Analysis (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Pamela Thompson, Mike Jacobs
ACCEPTED AT REPORT #6

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving A System Conservation Implementation Agreement Between The United States Bureau Of Reclamation And The Gila River Indian Community To Implement A Pilot System Conservation Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)
Presenters: Linus Everling, Jason Hauter
APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of Ivana Valdez into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.
APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of robyn Lisa Rhodes into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.
APPROVED

ORDINANCES UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. GRICUA Board Of Directors Appointment Of One (1) Vacant Position
Presenters: Reviewing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT ELIZABETH ANTONE

2.Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Loan To Gila River Farms Of Revolving Credit Line (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business in Executive Session)
Presenter: Elizabeth Bohnee
MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
NEW BUSINESS

1. FY2015 Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business)
Presenters: Elizabeth Bohnee, Corrine Wilson
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

2. Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Notice Of Expiration Of Board Term (G&MSC forwards Council to declare for Vacancy for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)
Presenter: Dale Gutenson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE (1) VACANCY
3. FY2015 Gila River Farms Financial Audit (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenters: Tiffany Horne, Anthony Gerlach
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Loan To Gila River Farms Of Revolving Credit Line (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business in Executive Session)
Presenter: Elizabeth Bohnee

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

5. NCAI Annual Conference
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY COUNCIL MEMBER INTERESTED TO ATTEND

MINUTES

1. July 6, 2016 (Regular)
APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS
>WORK SESSION WITH INVESTMENT MANAGERS, LONE BUTTE CASINO, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016
>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR SHARON SHELDE'S FAMILY
> HOGG ON TRAVEL, NIEA, RENO, NV
>BRIAN DAVIS, SR. ON TRAVEL
>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE TORRASA FAMILY
>SANDRA NASEWYTEWA ON TRAVEL
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:52 p.m.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

DEFAULT NOTICE

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court
ANDRIA MARIE KISTO ,
V

MARCUS MICHAEL SCHURZ,
To: Marcus Michael Schurz, RESPONDENT
10005 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
(480) 362-6315
Petitioner,
Case No. C-14-0045
Respondent.

DEFAULT NOTICE
1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer , motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment

against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing , no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing , the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands.
(Section 5-16.1 , Judgment by Default)
DATED this 2nd of August, 2016 .
CLERK OF COURT
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT
SEAL

DEFAULT NOTICE

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court
10005 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
(480)362-6315
JULIA ANN RAY,
V
DONALDA MARIE JOHNSON KING,
Petitioner,

Respondent.
Case No. CFCS-16-0013
DEFAULT NOTICE
To: Donalda Marie Johnson King, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

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HELP WANTED

Attendance Secretary – Blackwater Community School
Position requires a minimum of a High School Diploma or equivalent and six months to one year related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and

experience. This position assists in all aspects of maintaining a professional front office. Duties include but are not limited to: Obtain and compile attendance for each classroom and input in the school approved student management software (currently NASIS and School-Master); Create and manage staff access in the student manage-

ment software applications; Collect and organize data, prepare required attendance and enrollment related reports for entire school for all funding authorities; Process new student enrollments, transfers, and withdrawals; Answer inquiries from parents and administration; Prepare and distribute news bulletins for staff and parents

including student/parent handbooks; Assists with planning and coordination of student events, i.e. parent nights, promotions, parent-teacher conferences, publishes special event related fliers, yearbooks etc.; Covers front desk, when needed.
Other duties include filing, copying and faxing of sensitive information.

Ability to multi-task, work accurately, maintain confidentiality and communicate effectively both orally and in writing are required. Must have a valid AZ Fingerprint Clearance Card. Starting pay \$13.19 to \$13.86 per hour.
To apply: Internally – write a letter of interest to Peggy Huff
Externally – Mail resume to: Peggy

Huff
Blackwater Community School
3652 E. Blackwater School Rd.
Coolidge, AZ 85128
OR E-mail to:
Peggy.Huff@bwcs.k12.az.us
Posted: 10/4/16
Posting close date: 10/11/16

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.
GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
DATED this Thursday, September 22, 2016

CASA BLANCA SCHOOL

Casa Blanca Community School
Post Office Box 10940
Bapchule, Arizona 85121
School Office: 520-315-3489 Fax: 520-315-3504 Administration: 520-315-1868 Fax: 520-315-3938
Dear CBCS Partners: Casa Blanca Community School (CBCS) would like to extend an invitation to become a community partner for our Superhero

Fun Run event. This fun family event will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016 from 3:00-5:00pm at Casa Blanca Community School.

The fun run is an excellent opportunity for community organizations to promote health and fitness to our after-school program students and families. Our two partners last year provided health information, physical fitness activities and prizes.

We had over 125 participants last year for our Turkey Trot and expect to have an excellent response again this year. Our goal this year is to have 7 community partners, 200 participants and provide sports equipment and family activity baskets for our winning participants.

Please contact Mr. Grass or Ms. Harrison, if you have further questions.
Contact Info: Mr. Grass ggrass@cbc-schools.com ext 2214

Ms. Harrison vharrison@cbc-schools.com ext 2212

Please let us know by October 3rd, if your organization would like to participate and/or make a donation to the Superhero Fun Run. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you.
Sincerely,
Mr. Grass & Ms. Harrison

CASA BLANCA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Casa Blanca Community School
Post Office Box 10940
Bapchule, Arizona 85121
NOTICE OF CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

Parents & Guardians: VOTE
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 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 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 School Office : 520-315-3489

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Office of the United States Attorney, John S. Leonardo
District of Arizona
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday, September 12, 2016

COOLIDGE MAN SENTENCED TO 40 MONTHS FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING MINOR VICTIM ON GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

PHOENIX – Today, Kenneth Xavier Francisco, 37, of Coolidge, Ariz., an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John J. Tuchi to 40 months' imprisonment for sexually abusing a 12-year-old girl. Francisco had previously pleaded guilty to one count of sexual abuse of a minor.

The investigation revealed that Francisco sexually abused the minor victim, who was also a member of the Gila River Indian Community, on the reservation in 1999. Judge Tuchi lowered Francisco's sentence to 40 months' incarceration to give Francisco credit for time already spent in tribal custody.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Christine Ducat Keller, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

Pima-Maricopa Presbyterian Elders and Deacons Association

110th ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

Yah-Ki Presbyterian Church Arbor † Bapchule, Az.

When: October 13-16, 2016

Thurs.	Fri. & Sat.	Sun.
7PM	10AM 2PM	10AM 2PM

Preprayer 30 minutes before each service

SPEAKERS

Rev. Sharon Selestewa	Elder, Arturo Anton
Rev. Cecil Corbett	Elder, Loretta Blackwater
Rev. Irvin Porter	Elder, Charlotte Fajard
Rev. Martha Sedongi	Elder Alma Johns

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Everyone Welcome

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Office of the United States Attorney, John S. Leonardo
District of Arizona
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Thursday, September 22, 2016
GILA RIVER WOMAN SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS FOR DRUG TRAF-

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PHOENIX – On Sept. 21, 2016, Vanessa Crystal Anderson, 44, of Sacaton, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to 96 months in prison. Anderson had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute more

than 58 grams of methamphetamine. At the time of the offense, Anderson possessed three firearms. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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the whole exhibit will rely on the use of multi-media to tell the story of both cultures and history.

One example of this is the contact with Spanish missionaries in the late 1600's.

Thomas said, "multi-media fits better where we are able to combine various media as a supplement to actual media."

The expansion will also include information about the Japanese Reloca-

tion Camp that was located in District 5.

Thomas said the history of the camp has never been told from the perspective of Community members and that it will include stories from elders who were children when the "boom town" sprung up literally overnight in 1942.

What makes this period of time more striking was the fact that the relocation camp had electricity and water while the GRIC side was still without these necessities.

"So you can imagine it being dark and then all of a sudden you have this glow in the middle of the dark-

ness [when] everyone else in the Community was still without power and running water," said Thomas.

Other plans for the new space will focus on the impact of the upstream diversion and damming of the Gila River on the people and how it was the life force of the Community.

Even though work on the space is still in the planning and development stage, staff at the HHC are already getting to work on the research behind each of the exhibits that will be on display once it is completed.

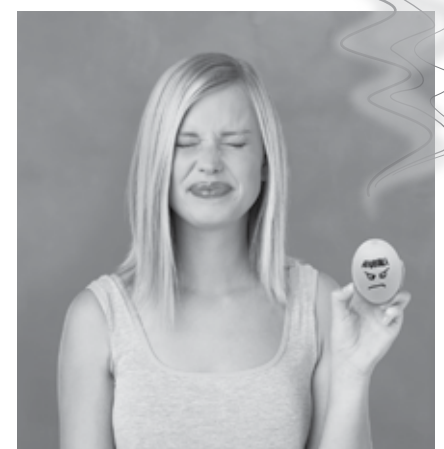
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Gila River HEALTH CARE



Parking Lot Sealing Projects Happening at GRHC

Five GRHC locations will be undergoing asphalt parking lot sealing projects.

Location	Dates
HHKMH	10/1 - 10/2 • 10/8 - 10/9 • 10/15 - 10/16
West Dialysis	9/29 - 30 • 10/1 - 10/2
East Dialysis	10/8 - 10/9 • 10/15 - 10/16
RTC	10/1 - 10/2
Shegoi	9/29 - 9/30 • 10/1 - 10/2

If you have any questions, please contact Keleto Sili at 520-562-3321 ext. 1057 or visit GRHC.ORG/COMMUNITYINFORMATION. Please note that dates are subject to change due to inclement weather.



Patient Notice – Implementation of New Electronic Health Record Software Effective Late October 2016

WE WORK FOR YOU!

In an effort to positively enhance your experience at Gila River Health Care, we are continuing to make improvements by introducing new software. This new software will help your provider team keep your electronic health records (digital version of a patient's paper chart) safe and accurate. We will start slow, involving only a few clinics at a time, eventually getting all the hospital clinics online by May 2017.

During this time, we respectfully request your patience and understanding while we transition to the new software.

Why New Software?

- Your provider teams across all of our locations are dedicated to keeping your health records safe and accurate. Once GRHC transitions to the new software, your authorized providers will be able to access your electronic health records instantly.
- Beginning October, 2016, some GRHC departments (Dental, Optometry, and Physical Therapy) provider teams will begin their transition to the new software.

How Will This Affect My Patient Care?

- In some cases, you may experience longer than expected wait times while providers transition your files to the new software.

How Long Will This Transition Last?

- We will make every effort to make this time period as brief as possible. We anticipate weeks, not months.

Thanks again for your understanding. Should you have questions, please contact the Cultural Customer Service Department at: (602) 528-1453 or visit GRHC.ORG/NEW-EHR.

Dr. Gregory Gessay Retirement

Gila River Health Care thanks Dr. Gregory Gessay for his 20 plus years of service. Though he will be truly missed, we wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.



Thank you, Dr. Gessay!

Farewell, Renee Manda



It is with sadness and a big thank you that we bid farewell to Renee Manda, Chief Nursing Officer. She has been faithfully serving Gila River Health Care and the Community for 7 years (2009-2016). She will be greatly missed for her many years of dedicated, compassionate service!

October Observances And Events

- National Diabetes Month - 5th Annual Just Move It! 2016 Community Wide Run/Walk Series kicks off October 1st in District 4. Please visit GRHC.ORG/COMMUNITYINFORMATION.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month

IT TAKES A TEAM, IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital will be holding flu clinics in the Temporary Lobby on the dates below:

- October 17, 2016**
9am - 12noon & 1-3pm
- October 24, 2016**
9am - 12noon & 1-3pm
- November 7, 2016**
9am - 12noon & 1-3pm
- November 14, 2016**
9am - 12noon & 1-3pm

NEW HHKMH Café Updates!

Beginning **October 3, 2016**, the café will have a third cashier station available during peak times for Grab N Go items. To see more menu items and pricing updates, please visit: GRHC.ORG/CAFE.

Gila River Indian Community Crisis Line
1-800-259-3449

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Main Number
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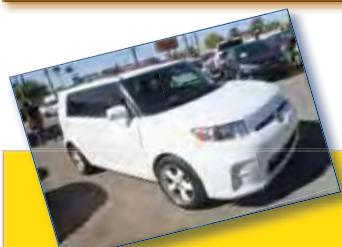
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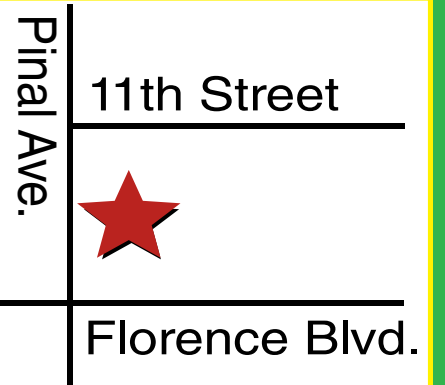
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HURTS US ALL

Most domestic violence incidents are never reported. Domestic violence thrives when we are silent. But if we take a stand and work together, we can help to prevent and end domestic violence. Throughout the month of October, join in our efforts to raise awareness and end domestic violence.

Domestic violence is not just physical violence; it is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation. It often involves the threat or use of violence. Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, or income.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU KNOW A VICTIM:

- Ask them if they want to talk about it.
- Be supportive
- Be non-judgmental. Respect their decisions.
- Encourage them to talk to people who can provide help and guidance.
- Know the resources available in the community.

If you wish to discuss your case with a
Gila River Police Department detective, please call
(520) 562-7115

or contact a detective at 663 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton
Sacaton "On Eagle's Wings" Domestic Violence Shelter
1-855-203-5849

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