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Students recognized at 2017 Chief Azul Scholar & Citizenship Award Banquet



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Thirty-seven Gila River Indian Community students were recognized for their academic achievements at the 2017 Chief Azul Scholar & Citizenship Award Banquet held on May 5 at the Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino's Event Center.

Thomas R. Throssell
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Around 200 family, friends, and Gila River Indian Community dignitaries filled Vee Quiva Hotel and Casino's Event Center, on the evening of May 5, to recognize the academic achievements of 37

Community students at the 2017 Chief Azul Scholar & Citizenship Award Banquet.

The event, which was hosted by GRIC's Tribal Education Department, began with a welcoming speech from TED Director Isaac Salcido followed by a blessing per-

formed by Priscilla Antone.

The evening was filled with speeches from tribal dignitaries Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt Gov. Monica Antone, District 1 Council Representative Arzie Hogg, and special guest speaker Ginger Martin, who each applauded the

students' hard work and congratulated them on their achievement.

Also in attendance were a number of GRIC Council Representatives including Rodney Jackson of District 3, Carol Schurz

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers take public comment at Loop 202 hearing

The Corps must consider the direct and indirect impacts of freeway to waterways says Gov. Lewis



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addresses the audience at a public hearing hosted by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 9.

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Gila River Indian Community members came out to voice their concerns at a public hearing hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers at the District 6 Komatke Boys & Girls Club on May 9.

Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers listened to a myriad of comments regarding the construction of the South Mountain Freeway project. Present at the meeting was the

Arizona Department of Transportation, which has applied under the Clean Water Act for a permit from the Corp to continue with construction of the freeway project.

When an agency proposes building infrastructure that will cross any waterways, it is necessary for them to obtain a permit from the Corps, as described in Section 404(b)1 of the CWA review process.

According to GRIC Communications & Public Affairs Office press release, Section 404(b)1 prohibits the discharge of "dredged or fill materials," from flowing into waters of the United States, which includes rivers, streams and washes.

Col. Kirk Gibbs of the Los Angeles District of the United State Corp of Engineers was present to address the concerns at the public hearing.

Gibbs said the Corp evaluates every potential impact the proposed project poses before issuing a permit.

"[We] undertake a public interest in our determination that involves a weighing of all factors relevant to the project," said Gibbs, "In meeting our regulatory responsibility the Corp is neither a project proponent nor a project opponent."

The public hearing came at the response of the Community's Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning, which has voiced its concerns with the Corps over the potential runoff of water from South Mountain that may mix with freeway runoff and flow onto Community lands.

According to the Community press release Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "The Corps must con-

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On Memorial Day we all come together to remember the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. As Americans and Community members, we will never forget the sacrifice they made to defend our liberties. Freedom has a price and those men and women handed Uncle Sam a blank check and paid with their lives. It's a beautiful thing when we can all unite in the memory of our country's bravest and brightest. They live forever in the spirit of independence and we will be eternally grateful.

★ In the great tradition of Native American soldiers, those heroes from the Gila River Indian Community stand among the most valiant. We remember Matthew B. Juan who died in Europe during World War I. He was the first Arizonan to die in the war and one of the men we honor today. The list of fallen soldiers from Gila River continued through World War II, Vietnam, and recent conflicts. We think of Billy Farris and Joe Jackson, two soldiers linked by bravery and sacrifice. The entire Community felt their passing, and we think of their families and the families of other fallen soldiers.

★ Each of our families has its stories: A son who went off to war and served with distinction. A daughter for whom service meant more than self. A relative we never got the chance to know well, but who we regard with deep pride every single time we hear the name. In my family, that man is Corporal Richard Lewis. I never met my grandfather's brother, but he has inspired me all the same. Corporal Lewis also was a friend of Ira Hayes. He served as a member of the First Marine Division Reinforced. My grandad's brother enlisted in World War II and fought in battles at Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida and Guadalcanal. Richard Lewis fought until a mid-January day in 1943, when he was killed in action. His death marked the first time a Pima Indian was killed in the Pacific theater in World War II. A few months later, in a letter home to his family, Ira Hayes spoke of being moved to tears by his friend's willingness to give his life to protect our freedom.

On this day, be proud of our Community members serving in the military and for those who never made it back home. Thank a soldier and support our veteran groups, because they are our courageous protectors and the champions of freedom. Thank you very much for your service and have a blessed Memorial Day.

★ Governor, Stephen Roe Lewis

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Dist. 5 • June 6th and June 8th

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Dist. 3 • June 20th and June 22nd
Dist. 2 • June 27th and June 29th

Dist. 1 • July 11th and July 13th
Ak-Chin • July 18th and July 20th

For more information, contact Robin Henry, FNP Community Outreach Mobile Unit 520.610.2379.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



May is Mental Health Awareness Month and was first observed 68 years ago by Mental Health America to raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of good mental health for everyone. Mental Health America's theme for Mental Health Month 2017 is "Risky Business." Questions to ask yourself, "Is this particular behavior a risky behavior for me or someone I love? If it is, what can I do about it before it harms me or someone else?" Information on the "Risky Business" of marijuana use, prescription drug misuse, internet addiction, compulsive buying, and other topics can be found at the Mental Health America website at nami.org.

GRIC MEMBER EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of April 2017, several Community members were hired into the GRHC team and welcomed into GRHC's Security, Medical Transportation, Food Services, Environmental Services, Patient Registration, and Customer Service departments.

Many more positions are available for Community members! Visit us online at grhc.org/careers, and apply today, or you can email us hireme@grhc.org. Prefer to speak to someone? Call us at (520) 562-3321 ext. 1342 to speak with a Human Resource Recruiter today.





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Tribal Education Department congratulates Culture and Language Cohort



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The Culture and Language Cohort, from left to right: Priscilla Espinoza, Arlanna Jackson, Marcella Hoover, Starleen Somegustava, Hudunig Antone, Donovan Kyyitan, Nina Allison, and Edwardine Thomas.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Eight college graduates carried their O'otham heritage with pride as they crossed the graduation platform this month.

With the turn of a tassel, students of the Gila River Culture and Language Cohort became graduates of Arizona State University, thanks to a unique program that brought college classes to the reservation.

At a special recognition ceremony May 4, the GRIC Tribal Education Department congratulated the students for their years of dedication and hard work.

"We're honored...to be in your presence and see you complete this program," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the recognition luncheon.

The cohort comprises Gila River Indian Community members Nina Allison, Hudunig Antone, Marcella Hall, Arlanna Jackson, Donovan Kyyitan, Starleen Somegustava, Edwardine Thomas, and Priscilla Espinoza.

Graduates earned a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Indian Education. The goal of the cohort is to develop O'otham culture and language teachers for schools on the reservation.

"I think you guys have set history for our community," said Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. "You guys now are going to give back to those young children that we talk about, using our language."

Gov. Lewis said, "You're going to help all these other students find themselves, who they are as O'otham and Pee Posh people, through education."

Participants in the cohort spent years earning their degree – many while working full time jobs – taking classes in the evenings and studying on the weekends or late into the night.

What made the program special was the tight bond formed between the Community and ASU. An agreement brought the college campus to Community

classrooms. Students took some elective classes at ASU, but core classes were taught at various convenient locations within the Gila River Indian Community such as St. Peter Indian Mission School or the District 3 Head Start.

"This was the first of its kind program that ASU has ever done, holding classes on an Indian reservation," said Gov. Lewis. "We knew that this meant so much and

is going to mean so much to our community in the future."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said, "I'm really proud of all of you that stuck it out. No matter what, you guys stuck it out and attended your classes to make it happen."

The program took considerable effort and sacrifice on the part of the ASU instructors, who traveled from their offices in Phoenix or Tempe to the rural towns of Sacaton and Casa Blan-

ca.

Dr. Marlene Tromp is the dean of the ASU New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, which administered the GRIC cohort program.

"I am so honored to be here today," she said. "Of all the things that I have had the pleasure to work on at ASU, this is one of the things of which I am most proud. ... The people who lived on this land before the institution was even here deserve to have the commitment of the institution and deserve to have the institution give back to them."

Dr. Bryan Brayboy, the director of the ASU Center for Indian Education, gave the program legs and set it on a course to success. Congratulating the graduates at the celebratory luncheon, he said, "Commencement is not the end, commencement means to begin, and it's the beginning of something really important for your community and ASU is so proud to be a part of what you all have built and continue to build."



Gila River students grab top placings at robotics tournament



GRIC Photo

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis greeted the Gila River Indian Community students at the RoboRAVE competition.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Around 50 students, hailing from different schools in the Gila River Indian Community, were up bright and early on May 4, loading their luggage onto charter buses in preparation for a lengthy 8-hour journey to one of the most competitive robotics competitions in the country, the 2017 U.S. RoboRAVE held in Albuquerque, N.M.

Before students from Sacaton Elementary School (SES), Sacaton Middle School (SMS), and St. Peter Indian Mission School climbed on board their bus and hit the road, they received a blessing from Jason Enos and farewell from family, friends, and tribal leadership. Inside SMS's library, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone congratulated the students on their hard work and wished them luck in the competition.

Angelica Munguia, mother of Adrian, who is a seventh grade student at St. Peter's, said that while she was excited for her son's opportunity to participate in the RoboRAVE, she was still nervous about him traveling so far from home.

"I am very nervous actually," said Munguia. "I really want him to keep going with this and experience all of the things that he can do because his mind is impressive. He is really good at math and I feel that helps him a lot and sometimes he talks to me about robotics and I really don't understand what he is talking about. But he is so excited about it, so I feel very proud of him," she said.

Adrian, whose dream is to become a NASA engineer, said he was also feeling nervous about the competition because he would be facing some of the smartest students across the country.

"Think about how

many smart people can be in one state," said Adrian. "And then you think about [how] many other states [there are], and then once you think outside of the country, you are going against so many different people that could match [you] and go above you, and it is just really exciting," he said.

From May 5 – 6, students from SES, SMS, Gila Crossing Community School, St. Peter's, Cesar Chavez High School, and Betty Fairfax High School battled it out against 358 other teams inside the Albuquerque Event Center, attempting to beat their opponents in the robot jousting, mazing, and lighter than air vehicle categories.

The competition began with qualifying events. In the mazing category, students attempted to navigate their robot vehicle through a series of twists and turns where teams had to calculate the angles at which their robot must turn. In the jousting category, students battled their robotic knights against one another, with the last robot standing the victor. In the LAV category, students built a lighter than air robot that had to float to a specific height, stop, and come back down without touching the ground.

SMS Science Teacher and founder of the school's Robotics STEM Club, JoEllen Kinnamon, said during the qualifying competition, three students in particular were within reach of 1st place.

SES fifth graders, Maya Randall, Makayla Antone, and Alyana Mark, "they took 2nd place in mazing, then they turned around and took 2nd place in jousting, well, that put them in the [jousting] tournament," said Kinnamon.

The three girls moved up to the single-elimination tournament round, and while surrounded by fellow school teammates, they battled their jousting

robots against their first opponent and won. Shortly after they faced their second opponent and lost, which bumped them out of the tournament and into 5th place.

"Oh those girls, they were just dying because they were [so happy], then the next team comes in... and they got bumped out,"

said Kinnamon. "[They were just] elated that they placed and you know, it didn't matter what place you got, they are just happy that they finished, that was the key."

In the LAV category, two SMS teams were able to grab 1st and 2nd place in the tournament. First place went to Quincy Randall, Jacob Ochoa, and Josiah Ochoa. Second place went to Jayce Makil and Darrius Ameelyehah.

On the afternoon of May 6, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis made a surprise visit to RoboRAVE's awards assembly, to visit the Community students and share a meal with them.

"He let the kids know that they are important," said Kinnamon. "That was an awesome moment."

The students headed back home on May 7 and are already looking forward towards the next competition.

"We are going on our fifth year," said Kinnamon. "It is just getting better and better."



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Lt. Gov. Monica Antone congratulated students on their hard work and wished them luck at the tournament.



Photo Courtesy Sacaton Middle School

Students competed in the 2017 U.S. RoboRAVE in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Fund Provides Recourse to Native American Veterans Improperly Taxed

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Last year, the state of Arizona created a new fund to reimburse Native American veterans who were improperly taxed. This year, an amendment expands the reach of that fund and extends the deadline for making claims.

“The Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund (NASF) was established on July 1, 2016 to refund Arizona income tax erroneously withheld from Native Americans who served in the military while claiming tribal land as their domicile,” said the Arizona Department of Revenue (DOR) and Department of Veterans’ Services (DVS) in a joint publication from December 2016.

From 1977 through the end of 2005, the United States withheld state income taxes from active duty military pay, regardless of a military member’s tribal status or claims to a reservation domicile, and those tax monies were distributed to the states.

The DOR and DVS explain, “On November 22, 2000 the United States Justice Department issued a memo declaring that the taxation and withholding of state income taxes from active duty military pay of Native Americans domiciled on their reservation was impermissible.” The income of Native Americans living on their reservation is generally not taxed by states.

They said, “Beginning January 1, 2006 Arizona no longer taxed active duty military pay and therefore discontinued state income tax withholding of this type of income.”

However, veterans who had been taxed previously may have not been reimbursed for those income tax withholdings.

The 1977 to 2005 tax years have closed by the statutes of limitations, so the NASF was created last year in an effort to refund Native American veterans improperly taxed.

On April 28, 2017, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey signed into law House Bill

2158, which amended the law enacted last year that created the NASF.

The amendments allow for more veterans to file claims for the NASF.

According to attorney Thomas Murphy with the GRIC Office of General Counsel, “The legislation enacted last month...now allows veterans whose taxes were withheld from 1977 through 2006 to seek reimbursement. It also moves the latest date which claims can be made from December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2019.”

“The enactment of the Native American Veteran Income Tax Settlement is welcomed by the Community and other Arizona tribes,” said Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, “and the Community appreciates the support of Governor Ducey on this issue.”

The law outlines the requirements for a Native veteran to be eligible, or for his or her estate in the event the veteran has passed away. The program will be administered through



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit for the following facility:

Facility Name: **Uhs Kehk Market**
 Facility Address: 4401 W. Arizona State Route 87, Coolidge, AZ 85228
 Owner Name: Wild Horse Pass Development Authority
 Owner Address: 5350 N. 48th St., Chandler, AZ 85226
 Air Contaminants Emitted: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
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 Public Notice Start Date: **May 19, 2017**
 Public Notice End Date: **June 19, 2017**

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review at the DEQ Sacaton office (during normal business hours) and on the DEQ website at:

<http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notice>.

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

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Arizona’s Department of Revenue. Information and forms can be found at <https://www.azdor.gov/> NativeAmericanVeteranIncomeTaxSettlement.aspx. More information is available at [dvs.az.gov](https://www.azdor.gov/) search for NASF. *The Office of General Counsel contributed to this article.*

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	Sunday 5/21	Monday 5/22	Tuesday 5/23	Wednesday 5/24	Thursday 5/25	Friday 5/26	Saturday 5/27	
12:00pm	Mirando Desde Nuestras Raices-Looking from Our Roots	MUL-CHU-THA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Cousins Across The Sea <i>Legends, hidden histories and evidence that verifies people of the Pacific.</i>	Kvcarts <i>Drezus</i>	Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures in recent historic times.</i>	The Ball <i>Each culture celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games.</i>	Tending The Wild <i>How humans are necessary to live in balance with nature.</i>	
12:30pm	Ku Pojx / Lalaxtopelik			Finding Refuge				
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Part 1</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Fish Lake Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>From Hand to Hand Part 2</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Fish Lake Part 2</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>New Collectors-Pepatration</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>	
1:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening <i>The Northern Harvest</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Harvest Feast</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The End of the Season</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>The Spring Fest</i>	Vitality Gardening <i>Fertilizer</i>	Working It Out Together	
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>	Vitality Health <i>Fitness Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Diabetes Management Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Spirituality Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Nutrition Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Stress Mgmt Day</i>	Sivummut	
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>John Farcy</i>	From The Spirit <i>Rocky Barstad</i>	From The Spirit <i>Daniel Crane</i>	From The Spirit <i>Fred McDonald</i>	From The Spirit <i>Terry McCue</i>	People of the Pines <i>Origin of Yuhaviatam</i>	
3:00pm	Ghosts Riders	Creative Native <i>Domestic Face Lift</i>	Creative Native <i>We Are What We Eat Part 1</i>	Creative Native <i>We Are What We Eat Part 2</i>	Creative Native <i>Smithsonian Institute</i>	Creative Native <i>Masks of Big House</i>	Making Regalia	
3:30pm	The youth of Lakota ride 300 miles through cold winter of SD to honor ancestors massacred at Wounded Knee by the U.S.	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
4:00pm	Working It Out Together	Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Tribal Relations w/US Gov't</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Culture, Traditions & One Less River</i>	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side <i>Give Us A Sign, Please?</i>	
4:30pm	IWO JIMA PARADE Sacaton, AZ	Sivummut	Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indians and Aliens <i>Sandy Mastly</i>	
5:00pm		First Talk <i>Dating</i>	First Talk <i>Blind Date</i>	First Talk <i>Murray Porter</i>	First Talk <i>Buffy St. Marie Part 2</i>	First Talk <i>Mother Earth</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>God's Acre/Survival</i>	
5:30pm		Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Assimilation</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>San Manuel Indians</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>First Steps</i>	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV	Cousins Across The Sea <i>Legends, hidden histories and evidence that verifies people of the Pacific.</i>	Kvcarts <i>Drezus</i>	Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures in recent historic times.</i>	The Ball <i>Each culture celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games.</i>	Tending The Wild <i>How humans are necessary to live in balance with nature.</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>	
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report		Finding Refuge					
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures	Wapos Bay <i>Patients</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Time for Pride</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Breakin Too</i>	Wapos Bay <i>It Came From Out There</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Time Management</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Not A Pro Yet</i>	
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>White Mountain Apache</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Bear River First Nation</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Red Bank First Nation</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Oconaluftee Indian Village</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fish Out of Water <i>Haida Gwaii</i>	
8:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	The Aux <i>Music videos featuring talents of Natives & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
8:30pm	The Aux <i>Diverse talents of Native American & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	Indians and Aliens <i>Matthew Mukash</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Not A Pro Yet</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>God's Acre/Survival</i>	Rez Rides <i>Lifts Kits & Blingn Dodge</i>	Whaledreamers <i>The heartfelt story of the return of an aboriginal whale dreaming tribe from the edge of extinction.</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Soap Opera</i>	
9:00pm	Spirit In Glass: Plateau Native Beadwork	Hawaii: A Voice for Sovereignty <i>Issues that threaten their ancient and environmentally sustainable culture.</i>	Circus Without Borders <i>At the opposite ends of the world, 2 figures committed to change, with the talent</i>	Bound To Tradition	Still Tibet <i>Those fighting to preserve their spiritual and national identity.</i>		The Lesser Blessed <i>A teen (Joel Nathan Evans) from Canada's Ticho tribe tries to rise above the drugs and violence that threaten to pull him down.</i>	
9:30pm	Maina <i>In order to fulfill a promise made to her friend Matsii as she lay on her deathbed,</i>	A Man Called Ishi	MUL-CHA-THA ACTIVITIES & SAC CITY	How To Trace Your Native American Heritage	Back In Time <i>State of Sequoyah</i>			
10:00pm			THROWDOWN Sacaton, AZ	Finding My Talk <i>The tireless efforts reviving and preserving the use of Aboriginal languages.</i>	Animal Songs	Oreland C. Joe	Gold Fever <i>A powerful look at the reality of what it means when gold miners dig into the 3rd world.</i>	
10:30pm		Behind The Blue Veil <i>The crisis in the Sahara and exposes the government corruption and neglect of an</i>	Rising Voices/Hothaninpi <i>How languages die - and how speaking them again can spark cultural and community restoration.</i>	Incas Remembered <i>Built modern irrigation canals, made agricultural discoveries and were master builders.</i>	The Ball <i>Each culture celebrates the beauty and history of traditional games.</i>	SACATON SCHOOL ROBOTICS COMPETITION Sacaton, AZ		
11:00pm	<i>MAINA has to follow the trail of her enemies to retrieve Nipki, Matsii's 11-year-old son who has been captured by the Inuit.</i>							
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Elderly Services Program hosts caregiver training



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Dorothy Kelly provides tips on how to properly support patients at the Personal Care Training on April 28.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

For individuals in need of in-home care, the services of a caregiver are their lifeline, often requiring round-the-clock care to restore the comforts of

normal living within their home, but what is equally important is to have qualified and well trained caregivers to manage the jobs requirements.

A one-day training co-hosted by the Gila River Indian Community Elderly Services Program, the

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona and the Foundation of Senior Living focused on training caregiver's on the safest ways to care for those in need, at the District 5 Multipurpose building on April 28.

Basic actions like moving a client from their

bed to a chair or the bathroom are things most people take for granted, but are often a chore that can only be accomplished with the help of a caregiver.

Homemaker Services Coordinator Crystal Nish-Wright said the caregiver training is beneficial to

individuals that are homemakers, elderly service staff.

The workshop covered information reducing the individual's risk of accidents in the home related to inaccessibility and hazards.

One of the presenters, Dorothy Kelly, went over some of the techniques and equipment caregivers can use to transfer a patient from one position to another for tasks that include showering, going to the restroom and moving positions.

Kelly presented some scenarios that caregivers need to plan for in case of an emergency such as a house fire, when it is good to know where all the safety exits are.

Among other topics covered were on diabetic and nutrition education, working with challenging behavior that covers dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

One of the most effective ways that was impressed upon the caregivers was being aware of patients at early, middle and late

stage Alzheimer's and the behaviors associated with each phase.

One part of caregiving that often overlooked, is the caregiver.

It is an all too common symptom that affects caregivers that they will put off self-care in order to meet the job's tasks.

If it is a family member that is being cared for, it is even more emotionally straining to see them go through their stages of change.

A couple of symptoms described in caregiver burnout are feeling tired, sleeping too much, gaining or losing weight in a small amount of time or alcohol or drugs.

In order to address or prevent those symptoms from manifesting or getting worse, a few strategies were provided to the caregivers.

The tips included accepting help for their symptoms, setting realistic goals, joining a support group and setting personal health goals.

Daily prizes incentivize good behavior in SMS students



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, right awards, SMS student Elena Lopez \$5 for good behavior as part of the SMS Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports system.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Keeping children well behaved and focused, especially while performing complex tasks, can be a challenge for even the most patient teachers. In an effort to reinforce good behavior and create positive relationships between students and teachers, Sacaton Middle School (SMS) has implemented the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) system for the past five years, and according to school officials, it is working.

On the morning of May 4, while SMS students were working hard on their Galileo assessment test,

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone stopped by, and in a show of support, took part in the school's PBIS system by awarding \$5 for their good behavior.

Sandra Gallegos, SMS technology educator, said the school incorporates the PBIS system into their assessment testing, which is held three times a year, in order to promote three key behaviors: responsibility, respect, and safety.

"We have our 'brave expectations' of being responsible, being respectful, and being safe," said Gallegos. "During testing, if the students were showing that they are being respectful by listening and following adult directions, being responsible by being on

task, being safe [by] keepings hands, feet and objects to themselves, [and] entering and exiting in an orderly fashion, during testing, they were rewarded 'brave bucks' for an incentive which went into the drawing."

Phillip Bonds, SMS Principal, said once the students' "brave bucks" went into the drawing, eight students a day were chosen through a raffle to win a cash prize.

"We gave away about \$40 per-grade to the students," said Bonds. "They were able to win the raffle by doing a good job putting effort into their assessment testing."

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essment testing, the school also holds daily prize giveaways. But while students typically receive money during test drawings, they are more likely to receive items from the school's student council store for the daily giveaways.

Whether it is cash incentives or student council store prizes the students receive, Bonds says they real-

ly appreciate being awarded for their efforts.

The PBIS system is not only working well within the school, SMS has been recognized for its utilization of the system, receiving awards every year since they began the program five years ago.

"It is an entire system that is designed to reward kids for positive behav-

ior and actually encourage them to engage in meeting those three expectations: be respectful, be responsible, be safe," Bonds said. "If you look around our school you see that just about everywhere you look, we've got posters and banners, the kids learn the system really well, some of the kids learn the system better than the adults do."



As the weather begins to get hotter outside it is important for us to stay hydrated. In O’otham one way to ask if someone has had any water to drink is by saying *Napth hekiu i: heg shu:thag?* This question is called a yes/no question because it is the type that can be answered simply by saying *ha’o/no:* ‘yes/no’ (although there are also other ways to answer this question, for example *koi’shai* ‘not yet’). Yes/no type questions are recognizable from the initial “n” sound that starts the question and that attaches to the auxiliary verb. This question also makes use of the O’otham verb *i:’i* which means “to drink something” and which appears in different forms depending on the type of action described in the sentence. Verbs in O’otham will often change slightly based on whether the action has been completed or is ongoing and recognizing the different forms that verbs have is important for O’otham learners.

If you had more than water to offer and wanted to ask someone what they want to drink you can do this in O’otham by using the question *Sha:chu aptho i:?* This question is a way of asking “What do you want to drink?” or “What are you going to drink?” and is used when you have different options available to the person you’re talking to. This type of question differs from the yes/no type in that it cannot be answered with only *ha’o/no:* but has to be answered with a specific item, like *shu:thag* ‘water’, *nalas vadag* ‘orange juice’ *so:la* ‘soda’ and so on. One way to respond is by just saying your selected choice in O’otham (*shu:thag, nalas vadag, so:-la*). Another way to answer this is by using the phrase *Vantho i: heg _____* along with adding the drink of your choice. For example you can say *Vantho i: heg shu:thag* which is a way of saying “I’m going to drink water” or “I’ll have some water”. Some speakers may prefer a slightly different answer where you state your choice first and then follow it by the phrase *antho i:*. In this case you would say *Shu:thag antho i:* to state “I’m going to drink water” and both phrases are understood by

speakers. Notice that these examples all use the form of the verb “to drink something” that is pronounced *i:*. That is because all of these examples are talking about an action that will be completed sometime in the future. The part of the sentence that tells the listener that you are talking about an event that will happen at some point in the future is the future marker *o* that is found at the end of the words *vantho/antho*.

But say you wanted to ask someone what they had to drink that morning. This is done in O’otham using the question *Sha:chu apth i: sialim?* This question asks about an event that has already happened, or has been completed in the past. Because the event is already seen as “completed” or “finished” we use the same *i:* form of the verb ‘to drink’ that was seen in the first example. Answering this question would also use the same form of the verb, in this case we would say *Vanth i: heg kovi:* to say “I drank coffee”. Once again, some speakers may prefer to use a slightly different phrase where you answer with your choice of drink first. These speakers would say *Kovi: anth i:* to mean “I drank coffee” and both answers are readily understood by speakers.

Finally, let’s change the situation slightly and say you wanted to ask someone what they were drinking at the moment. To ask this question you would change the question slightly to *Sha:chu ap i:’e?* which states “What are you drinking (right now)?” Notice that the form of the verb *i:’i* “to drink” has changed in this example to *i:’e*. That is because the verb is describing an action that is ongoing at the present moment and has not been completed (the person you are asking is in the process of drinking and hasn’t finished his/her drink). Just like in the previous examples you can answer this question simply by saying the type of drink in O’otham (*kovi:, vi:p, thi:*) or you can use a full phrase. The appropriate full phrase in this case would have to use the same form of the verb as in the question. For example if you wanted to say I’m drinking tea you can say *Vañ i:’e heg*

_____. And as we have seen before some speakers may prefer a slightly different phrase where the choice of drink is said first. To answer in this manner you would say *Thi: añ i:’e* and be understood as saying the same phrase.

It is important to understand that speakers can and will vary in how they say each of these phrases depending on where they’re from and how they learned to speak O’otham. All of these variations are understood and contribute to the richness of our O’otham *neo’ok*. This month’s word match will give you more practice on how to say the phrase I’m going to drink _____ in O’otham. Say each version of the phrase

Sha:chu aptho i:? Say the phrases and match each phrase to your drink of choice!

Vantho i: heg nalas vadag./Nalas vadag antho i:

Vantho i: heg so:la./So:la antho i:

Vantho i: heg kovi:./Kovi: antho i:

Vantho i: heg shu:thag./Shu:thag antho i:

Vantho i: heg vi:p./Vi:p antho i:

Vantho i: heg thi:./Thi: antho i:



to yourself and try to understand what it is that you are selecting. Then match the phrase with the appropriate

picture that you’ve selected. Try using these phrases with your friends and families and ask speakers in

your area how do they answer “*Sha:chu aptho i:?*” in O’otham.

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Food distributors recognized at Huhugam Heritage Center

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Food distribution program workers got a taste of O’otham and Pee Posh culture during an annual conference culture night.

The Western Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations is an organization that unites the 35 commodity food distribution programs in the western region.

(The group goes by WAFDPIR, for short. The acronym is a mouthful, but it’s fitting for programs designed to make sure their clients’ plates are filled and no one goes to bed with an empty stomach.)

The WAFDPIR 26th Annual Conference was held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel, but on May 2, guests visited the Huhugam Heritage Center, where they examined artifacts and enjoyed a meal of red chili stew and tepary beans. Performers from the Gila River Indian Community sang bird songs and performed basket dances to reflect the uniqueness of the two tribes.

“Commodity Foods kind of has a bad rap from back in the day, but it’s



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

From left, Mary Dixon, A.C. Sanchez (Coeur d’Alene), Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Howard Hook (San Carlos Apache). Sanchez and Hook were honored at the WAFDPIR Annual Conference for their years of service.

really changed over the years,” said Mary Dixon, the Community Nutrition Program manager with Gila River. The Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service.

“They wanted it to be a program that really is about

nutrition,” said Dixon. “Everything used to be canned and white labeled, and now we have fresh produce, we have fresh fruit, juices, frozen meat, and there’s also a move to [provide] more traditional food.”

At the culture dinner, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone presented three food distributors with O’otham

works of art in recognition of their long-time service to the reservation food distribution industry.

Ray Caponman is Quinault from Washington. He’s been working in food distribution for 36 years. Howard Hook has been working in food distribution for 34 years. He is San Carlos Apache. Finally, the

association recognized A.C. Sanchez, the WAFDPIR Board President.

The WAFDPIR Annual Conference used to be held regularly in Reno, NV. But Sanchez, Coeur d’Alene, said when he joined the WAFDPIR board, he recommended they rotate the annual conference among the homelands of the peo-

ple they serve.

“We need to support the tribal programs that are involved in this,” he said. “So three out of the last four years, we have been, and it’s been wonderful. People are loving it. Participation rates are increasing every year.”

The WAFDPIR represents 35 agencies that operate in seven states and serve many more tribes with one distribution program potentially serving several neighboring tribes.

Two years ago the conference was held in the land of the Lummi in Washington. Last year it was in Coeur d’Alene in Idaho. This year, Sanchez was happy to visit the homeland of the O’otham and Pee Posh.

He said, “After the conferences though, we try to learn and experience as much as we can from the community that we’re in.” The Huhugam Heritage Center is the go-to destination for guests to learn about the O’otham and Pee Posh.

“It’s just a way of showing Gila River off because we probably won’t have another conference here in quite a while,” said Dixon.

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District 3 Elder Complex upgraded with weatherization improvements



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Contractors installed carbon monoxide alarms in the homes, as well as transfer grills on doors to allow for better airflow from room to room.



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Fourteen homes in the District 3 Elder Complex received upgrades from a federal weatherization grant to improve energy efficiency going into the summer months.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Elders in Sacaton recently received some much-needed home upgrades in preparation for the hot summer months.

Fourteen homes in the District 3 Elder Complex have undergone weatherization improvements thanks to a federal grant administered by the Inter

Tribal Council of Arizona. “The program is specifically for low-income folks, for elderly, families with children,” and those with disabilities, said Bruce Robinson, ITCA Water and Energy Program Manager.

“Low-income folks,” he said, “historically have paid an inordinate amount of their income for utilities. So electricity is a huge consumer of their income, so

what we’re trying to do is offset that and make it easier.”

Weatherization means the home is modified for optimal energy efficiency, which should lead to reduced power use and lower utility bills. First, homes are identified and verified that they qualify for the grant, then houses are assessed for air leakage and insulation problems, and

finally weatherized for energy efficiency.

“[We] really just make it as energy efficient as it can be, especially in the summer months,” said Bonnie Dekavallas with Arizona Renewable Energy Measures, the contractor ITCA works with to complete the weatherization. “We’re keeping the conditioned space of our home separate from the uncondi-

tioned space, lowering utility bills, and making their homes more comfortable.”

“We do a whole home energy audit,” said Dekavallas. “We go up into the attic, we look at insulation quality, level, any air barrier issues up within the attic. We do a blower door test, we depressurize the house and we check...for the amount of [air] leakage.”

After a series of tests, the results are analyzed and the company determines which upgrades are needed to make the house as energy efficient as possible.

In many homes, ducts are sealed up, insulation is added or replaced, windows are sealed, piping insulation is added to water heaters, and any necessary work on the HVAC system.

“A lot of times we can just install 90% Solar Screens,” said Dekavallas, “which actually keeps out 90 percent of the heat.” The screens are super dark when viewed from the exterior and prevent sunlight from entering the house.

“It’s amazing,” said Dekavallas. “When you put them on, instantly, if that heat’s coming in, you feel it stop. And so now you’re cooling down the inside of your house because that heat’s not coming in from the outside.”

To help with air flow, the contractor will install new exhaust fans in the restroom and transfer grills on the bottoms of the doors, which allow air to flow from room to room even when doors are closed.

“And they aren’t the ones that are just one speed. They’re variable speeds and they’re on a lot and they’re very quiet,” said Dekavallas.

Robinson said, “Your ductwork is something that the homeowner never sees. The assumption that they have is that it’s connected and performing as it was intended when the home was built.”

But, he said, in older homes they often discover “they’re disconnected or there’s a leak or they’re crimped and there’s not adequate flow, or they might not have been designed with energy efficiency in mind to begin with.”

The weatherization grant pays for repairs to the air ducts to be completely sealed, allowing no cool air to escape or hot air to invade.

One resident named Teresa said she expects to see a lower electric bill and appreciates the increased power to the A/C. “I feel a lot of air coming through the vents,” she said. “In here it’s real cool.”

Another, Margarita, said, “Yes, [the upgrades] are very much needed.” She said she expects to breathe better too, with her house sealed up better and keeping the indoor air clean and the outdoor allergens outside. “It will be much better. It’ll be easier to breathe.”

The ITCA administers the Weatherization Grant, a product of the U.S. Department of Energy. The cost of renovations on this project ranged between \$4 thousand and \$6 thousand per home.

“It supplements our maintenance budget,” said Laurie Thomas, Deputy Director of the GRIC Department of Community Housing.

The grant covers 14 homes in the District 3 Elder Complex, but DCH is working to complete comparable weatherization work on the remaining six units of the complex.

“This is just an opportunity to leverage the... funding that we receive on an annual basis,” said Thomas. “So our plan is to complete the same – or near the same – assessments that Arizona Renewable Energy has done, to the remaining units,” with DCH funding, Thomas said.

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Lt. Gov. Monica Antone takes a moment to thank USACE Col. Gibbs and Project Manager Jesse Rice for coming out the Community on May 9.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
Representatives from the Connect 202 organization and concerned citizens go over the proposed freeway designs on May 9 at the Komatke Boys & Girls Club.

consider the direct and indirect impacts resulting from the portions of the project that the Corps controls and regulates, which include waterways and washes that the freeway will cross.”

Gov. Lewis gave his testimony at the public hearing, stating the importance of the Corps to consider the negative impacts of the freeway before issuing a permit to ADOT.

He appealed to the representatives from the Corps to deny ADOT the permit that would allow them to move on with the construction of the freeway.

ADOT and its partners presented on the different types of infrastructure that will be built to mitigate the flow of water by incorporating culverts along certain sections of the freeway where water normally flows and two bridges that will cross the Salt River, including a Lavean Area conveyance channel to continue the flow of water under the freeway near Baseline Road and 59th Avenue.

The items that were outlined by LUPZ as potentially being influenced by the flow of water from the freeway are the diminished quality of water into Community lands and identified possible flooding in the Vee Quiva and Komatke area.

Other factors outlined include a change in velocity/flow of water entering Community lands that impact existing drainage patterns and adverse impacts on GRIC drainage projects.

Before opening the public hearing to comments, all attendees were provided options on how they could provide their

comments, if they did not want to speak openly.

The options included submitting a written testimony, or speaking directly to the court recorder that was present at the public hearing.

Representatives from ADOT were also on hand to hear from Community members and non-members from neighboring communities about the fears around the freeway’s construction and potential impact on the environment, which includes possible flooding near structures in District 6.

Since ADOT’s decision to construct the South Mountain Freeway, which will cut through sections of South Mountain, the Community has been in opposition to the project, because of the harmful impact on the cultural property of the mountain and environment.

In addition to Gov. Lewis’s comments, several individuals came up to voice their concerns about the possible flooding of contaminated water onto Community lands.

The general concern over the freeway project is the runoff of contaminants from the freeway that may have a drastic impact on the surrounding environment and the water table in the area.

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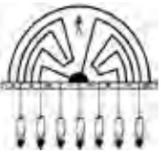
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29th Annual Gila River Youth Conference
June 23-24, 2017 Hilton Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona
 1011 W Holmes Ave, Mesa, AZ 85210

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

Friday June 23, 2017 (Registration opens at 9:45am, closes at 2:00pm)

Districts	Arrive @ Service Center	Depart Service Center	Arrive @ Hilton Phx/Mesa	Depart Hilton Phx/Mesa	Arrive @ Service Center
#1 (Bus 1)	8:45am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00pm	12:00am
#2 (Bus 1)	9:00 am	9:10am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:45pm
#3 (Bus 2)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#4 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#5 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#6 (Bus 4)	8:45am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:45pm
#7 (Van)	9:00am	9:10am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:50am

Saturday June 24, 2017 (Registration opens at 9:45am, closes at 1:00pm)

Districts	Arrive @ Service Center	Depart Service Center	Arrive @ Hilton Phx/Mesa	Depart Hilton Phx/Mesa	Arrive @ Service Center
#1 (Bus 1)	8:45am	9:00am	10:00am	12:00am	1:00am
#2 (Bus 1)	9:00 am	9:10am	10:00am	12:00am	12:45am
#3 (Bus 2)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	12:00am	12:30am
#4 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	12:00am	12:30am
#5 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	12:00am	12:30am
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May Charters is the official transportation carrier for the Gila River Youth Conference. Transportation is provided daily to GRIC youth only. Charter bus will only transport youth **after** conference if they were transported **to** the conference on the charter bus. Please respect the transportation driver, chaperone, & passengers. All backpacks, bags, luggage, will be subject to **inspection** by Youth Conference staff, chaperones, and/or police escorts for the safety of conference participants. Transportation times are subject to change. Sign up at your local District Service Center. **Please fill out registration** forms prior to arriving at conference with all required signatures. If you have any questions, please contact youth council office at (520) 562-1866 or youthcouncil@gric.nsn.us.

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Chief Azul Scholar & Citizenship Award continued from page 1

of District 2, Jennifer Allison of District 4, Sandra Nasewytewa of District 6, Nada Celaya of District 4, and Marlin Dixon of District 5

Lewis commented on the show of support from tribal leaders, emphasizing that it demonstrated how important education is to the Community.

"It's really good to see everyone here, to see our Chief Azul Scholars and their families," he said. "It really shows the support that we have from our leaders here, how important this night is to recognize educational excellence and community service, those bedrock principles [that] are the foundation for what

[the] awards stand for," he said.

He said the namesake of the Chief Azul Scholar Award was based on the Community's last traditional chief, Antonio Azul, who embodied the award's meaning of leadership, pursuit of education, and stewardship over the Community and its culture.

"It's in that spirit that we are gathered here, that we see this new generation of leaders [who] will be taking over council [positions], [who] will be taking over our judges, lieutenant governor, [and] the governor positions," Lewis said. "They are going to be better educated, they are going to be strong in their O'otham

language and culture, they are going to be the ones [who] are going to move our people forward and not forget our past, that is what we are recognizing tonight."

Guest speaker, Ginger Martin, talked about how the students should learn from people they encounter in their lives by taking something away from each meeting, whether good or bad. In doing so, they will continue to grow as individuals.

While talking about the qualities that embody leadership, Martin said that titles and positions do not make a true leader, it is the ability to be your most authentic self.

"Everything about who

you are, your character, your reputation, your personality, your style, your values and even your sense of humor; these all shape the message your audience hears when you speak."

She ended her speech saying, "I would like to leave you with my favorite quote from an unknown author, 'Small people talk about other people, average people talk about things, great people talk about ideas,'" said Martin. "With that said, my Antonio Azul academic warriors, I look forward to speaking with you about ideas."

The Chief Azul Scholar Award recognizes academic achievements of students from the fourth through



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

SES fourth grader, Bannon Blackwater, receives a Chief Azul Scholar Award from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

twelfth grades, and undergraduate students. The Citizenship Award recognizes well performing GRIC high school seniors who possess a positive attitude and rep-

resent the ideal Community member. Winners of the Citizenship Award receive an all-expenses paid one-week trip to Washington D.C.

Gila River Police Department issues body cams to officers



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

GRPD Officer Jose Vargas displays the Axon Body 2 camera that will be worn by field officers.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In the field of law enforcement a police officer's ability to assess and collect information has been the foundation for effective police work.

As technology becomes more efficient and compact, equipment like body cameras are becoming common sights in police departments across the country.

The Gila River Police Department is becoming the latest law enforcement organization to integrate body cameras in its police force.

GRPD is currently issuing the units to all field officers and is going through an assessment period to see how they can best utilize the cameras, which will be used to record a police officers interactions with the public during such events as a home dispute or traffic stop.

GRPD Officer Jeff Hunter, described the two types of cameras that will

be worn by officers that can either be worn over the shoulder or in a front facing configuration and can be operated with the touch of a button to start recording video.

Manufactured by Axon, formerly Taser International, there are two offerings of body cameras.

The first model is called the Axon Body 2 and can record and stream video in high definition according the company's website.

The second model is called the Axon Flex 2 and can be placed on any part of the officers uniform or on sunglasses and visors to provide a point of view perspective of everything the wearer sees.

"It's about building trust and keeps a balance of honesty," said GRPD Chief Kathleen Elliot, discussing the decision to integrate body cams into the department.

"Sometimes there's different perceptions of what happened, but when you play [it] back and see [this] is what happened...I

think its one of the reasons that we are looking into [this]," said Elliot.

The idea is, that body cameras can help resolve public complaints against police officers by accurately depicting what happened from the video and then address the issue appropriately.

"They are very beneficial to law enforcement and to the public, and are quickly becoming a part of officer's uniform equipment," said Hunter.

He said the body cams are also about creating officer safety and can be used for training purposes.

"So many times in the past we've had situations where we have gotten citizen complaints, but we don't have any evidence to back the citizen's complaint or the officers statement, so this will give us an opportunity to have that evidence, because it will be video recorded," said Hunter.

Across the country other police departments have used body cams to document their interactions with the public and in

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some cases have provided an un-altered look at what happens on patrol.

Elliot said, "[We] see it nationwide now, technology has improved and every citizen that has a smart phone is out there recording their interactions and you post a short clip on YouTube and that's what people see, but there is a lot leading up to that...so this is a way to record the entire interaction."

GRPD's adoption of

body cams is representative of the over 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide that are phasing them into service.

Hunter said officers are being trained on how to use the body cameras before going out on deployment, so they are ready during such activities like a traffic stop, calls for service and the countless other calls they respond to.

Although the body cams provide an extra set

of eyes, a benefit to that convenience is being able to review and assess what can be done differently the next time an officer goes back out on their next deployment.

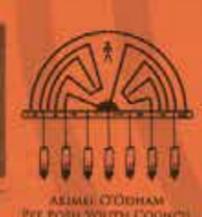
"We have what is called the Field Officer Training Program. The field training officer can actually sit down with their trainee and look over their actions and identify what may need to be corrected," said Hunter.



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GRIC remembers the late David Perkins

AmeriCorps Program Gila River Indian Community

David Drake Perkins, U.S. Army Private First Class, was killed in action during the Vietnam War in 1966. For 50 years, his grave has gone without an official grave marker, or any other emblem to show the sacrifice that David made for our nation. Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51, with the assistance of Gila River AmeriCorps, is working to right this wrong.

Across the Gila River Indian Community, there are more than 800 veteran gravesites. Although Native Americans did not receive official citizenship as U.S. citizens until 1924, there has been a long history of military service officially dating back to the first Arizona National Guard in 1877, and there is history of Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh service to the American military and settlers before that. Many of these service members have given their lives in service for our country, but their sacrifice was not recognized.

The lack of a grave marker for David Perkins was first noticed during a visit to a veteran, Dennis Perkins, by Post 51 mem-

ber Darrell Whitman and AmeriCorps member Andrew Antone. Dennis was recalling the Veterans in his family and mentioned David Perkins. Dennis remembered when the National Guard brought David home and performed military honors for his funeral, but in all that time David was not able to get a proper headstone to honor his loss.

Regularly, to request a headstone from the Veteran Affairs Administration (VA) for a deceased veteran, there is a simple form to complete. The form requires a DD-214 and proof of death to be attached. For David Perkins these items were not easily available, Post 51 and the AmeriCorps program are still working to request both pieces of paperwork from the VA and other sources. Once those items are received, a headstone will be



Photo Courtesy of AmeriCorps
David Drake Perkins.

requested and delivered to David's gravesite.

In the meantime, because we are not able to order David's headstone yet, he will be honored for the 50th Anniversary of his sacrifice on Memorial Day May 29th, 2017 at Blackwater, District 1.

There are still dozens of graves in Gila River that are without an official headstone from the VA. If you, or any family members you know, would like to request a headstone for a deceased Veteran, please give us a call at (520) 562-6221. We look forward to seeing you out there on the 29th!

Keep Community children safe by obeying school bus laws



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When buses extend their stop signs and exhibit flashing red lights, they are loading or unloading children, and motorists must stop.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

For many children sitting in a school bus is one of the safest places they can be on the road, however, it's when they are being picked-up or dropped-off when tragedy can strike.

Motorists who illegally pass school buses can hit children, causing injury or even death. According to a 2017 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration report, 301 school-age children were killed in school-transportation-related crashes between 2006 and 2015, with 35 of those deaths being school-age pedestrians between the ages of 8 and 13-years-old.

Which is why Gila River Police Department School Resource Officer, James Milano, wants to remind local drivers, by obeying school bus laws they are helping keep Gila River Indian Community children safe.

According to reports from local bus drivers, Milano said, there are incidences of motorists ignoring school bus laws and illegally driving past buses that are actively loading and unloading children in the Community.

"From Sacaton School District, Blackwater [Community School], and St. Peter, every day, four to five times a day there are several cars passing the school buses with their signs out when they are loading and unloading," said Milano. The intention of the law is to prevent motorists from hitting children who may dart out from behind the school bus, he said.

"You may think [the children] all unload on the east side of the road, but one kid [may] live on the west side of the road, so [they are] going to run [from] the front of the bus where you can't see [them] and then you impact [them], and nobody wants to see a kid hurt," he said.

So what can parents do to keep their children safe?

According to the NHT-

SA, it is important drivers are aware of their surroundings when approaching a stopped school bus because students may dart into the street without paying attention to traffic.

The NHTSA also asks drivers to learn and obey their state's school bus laws, which according to the State of Arizona Traffic Law ARS 28-857 are:

"A. On meeting or overtaking from either direction a school bus that has stopped on the highway, the driver of a vehicle on a highway shall:

1. Stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus, if the school bus is displaying the signal...and if alternately flashing lights are in use.

2. Not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the signal and alternately flashing lights are no longer displayed."

Milano said that school buses will have yellow flashing lights that indicate the bus is getting ready to stop to pick-up or drop-off children. When drivers see these yellow flashing lights, they should slow down and get ready to stop.

When the school bus exhibits red flashing lights and extends its stop sign, children are actively getting on or off the bus, and motorists must stop. Drivers must wait until the bus's red lights stop flashing, the stop sign retracts, and the bus begins moving again.

On undivided roadways traffic must stop in both directions when students are entering or exiting the school bus, however, on a roadway divided by a median only traffic behind the stopped school bus must stop.

The NHTSA asks parents to teach their children to arrive five minutes before the school bus is scheduled to arrive or depart, which will keep them from darting across the road to get to their school bus on time.

It is also important to teach children that the bus stop is not a playground, and if they must cross the road, that they walk ten-feet

in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver, then carefully proceed to cross the road.

Milano added that even if you have made the dangerous mistake of passing a school bus while it is loading or unloading children, it's important to learn from that mistake, to not do it again, and share what you know about school bus laws.

"We all do things that are incorrect, but when we have knowledge, we can share it with our friends and make [the Community] safer."



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday May 3, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman LT. Governor Monica Antone at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (11:16)

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williams; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr. (9:13), Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis, Sr. (9:40), Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:40), Sandra Nasewytewa (9:20); D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent: D3- Rodney Jackson; D5- Robert Stone; D6-Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

REPORTS

1. Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report January 2017-March 2017

Presenters: Rebecca Martinez, Jason Jones

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report March 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For March 2017 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:16 A.M.]

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving A Contract Between The Gila River Indian Community Police Department And LD Consulting, LLC (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Office Of General Counsel

APPROVED

*2. A Resolution Approving the Retail Supply Agreement for the Blackwater Convenience Store and Gas Station Between the Gila River Indian Community and PacWest Energy, LLC (EDSC motions to concur with WHPDA to approve and forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Jason Croxton, Dale Gutenson

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Baptist Indian Chapel For Religious Worship And Related Uses Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Lease Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Tribal Health Department To Submit A Grant Application To The

United States Department Of The Interior, Bureau Of Indian Affairs, FY 2018 BIA Indian Highway Safety Program, Child Passenger Safety Seat Program (H&SSC forwards corrected resolution to Council with recommendation for approval)Presenters:

Pamela Thompson, Pamela Dallas, Christina Floyd

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Johnny Randall McBath AKA Kevin Loveless From The Gila River Indian Community

Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Mario Anthony Molina From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson, Jr.

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving The Attached Consulting Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Arizona State University (EDSC forwards with Attachment D to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Dale Gutenson

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving The Attached Confidentiality-Nondisclosure Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The American Indian Policy Institute At Arizona State University (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Dale Gutenson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*1. Standard Home Design Review (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Pamela Thompson, Monica L. Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Farms Budget Request 2018 (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Gila River Farm Board, Cletus Shirley

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH AMENDMENTS

2. Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District Interim Board Members Resignation (G&MSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval and not accept the resignations; and to declare the (7) vacancies for the Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS AND DECLARE (7) VACANCIES

3. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Lease for Sacaton Peak (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. Government & Management Standing Committee Declaration Of Vacancy To The Community Council - (1) Council Seat (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare (1) Council Seat Vacancy)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

(1) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

5. Natural Resources Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council - (2) Council Seats (NRSC forwards to Council to

Declare (2) Council Seat Vacancies)

Presenters: Natural Resources Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
(2) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES

6. Health & Social Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council-(2) Council Seats (H&SSC forwards to Council to declare (2) Council Seat vacancies)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
(2) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES

7. Legislative Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council - (2) Council Seats (LSC forwards to Council to declare (2) Council Seat Vacancies)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
(2) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES

8. Education Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council - (3) Council Seats (ESC forwards to Council to declare (3) Council Seat Vacancies)

Presenters: Education Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
(3) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES

9. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council - (2) Council Seats (CRSC forwards to Council to Declare (2) Council Seat Vacancies)

Presenters: Cultural Resource Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
(2) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES

10. Economic Development Standing Committee Declaration of Vacancies to the Community Council- (2) Council Seats (EDSC forwards to Council to declare (2) Council Seat vacancies)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE
(2) COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES

11. HHS Region IX 2017 Tribal Consultation At UNLV, Las Vegas, NV May 16-17, 2017 (H&SSC forwards to Council to open to any interested Council Member to attend through Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN TO INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

MINUTES

1. April 5, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. April 19, 2017 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

> CULTURAL & LANGUAGE TEACHER COHORT GRADUATION CELEBRATION, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017, 1-3PM, VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO
>JOINT MEETING G&M AND LSC, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017, 9AM

>SPECIAL H&SSC MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017, 9AM

>CHIEF AZULE SCHOLAR & CITIZEN BANQUET, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017, 6PM, VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO
>LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017, 9AM

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ENOS-LEWIS FAMILY
>INTERIM OVERSIGHT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017, 10AM VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ANNETTE TSOSIE FAMILY

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:49 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Department of Public Works Annual Water Quality Report 2016

IS MY WATER SAFE?

This report is a snapshot of your water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

WHY ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN MY DRINKING WATER?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity including:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses;

organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

WATER QUALITY TABLE

The tables in the report list all of the drinking water contaminants detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED

Please feel free to contact the number provided below for more information or for a translated copy of the report if you need it

in another language. For more information please contact: Department of Public Works, Chris Huang, Acting Water/Wastewater Plant O&M Supervisor, PO Box G,

Sacaton, Arizona 85147 - Phone: (520) 796-4532 Fax: (520) 796-4539.

Public Water System #090400047 Sacaton - 2016 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Districts 1, 2 & 3.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Product:									
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	9.5	N/A	N/A	2016	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	4	N/A	4	2014-2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.061	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	3.4	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	1.4	0.55	1.4	2014-2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	7.2	3.5	7.2	2016	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			200	140	200	2014-2016	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Radioactive Contaminants:									
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	18.6	N/A	N/A	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.336	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.48	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:				
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.				
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
6 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400096 Stotonic - 2016 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community District served is District 4.									
The two ground water sources are from Public Water System #090400047 & #090400092.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	6	N/A	6	2014-2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.061	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	3.4	N/A	N/A	2013	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	1.4	0.55	1.4	2014-2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	8.15	1.2	9.1	2016	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			200	140	200	2014-2016	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Radioactive Contaminants:									
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	3.5	N/A	3.5	2012-2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	9	N/A	9	2012-2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.342	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.82	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:				
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.				
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400691 Aerodyne - 2016 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 1 ground water source which served the Aerodyne Subdivision.									
The ground water source is from Public Water System #090400345 (Lone Butte Industrial Park).									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Products:									
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	3.04	N/A	N/A	2016	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	4.6	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.071	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	12	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	2.4	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			170	N/A	N/A	2016	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.0912	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	

Microbiological Testing:				
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.				
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
1 Sample due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400092 Casa Blanca/Bapchule - 2016 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 2 ground water sources. Community District served is District 5.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Product:									
Five Haloacetic Acids (THHAs) Units: ppb	N/A	60	1.1	N/A	N/A	2016	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	5	N/A	N/A	2016	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	6	4.8	6	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronic production wastes	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	1.3	0.94	1.3	2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	9.1	1.2	9.1	2016	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			190	160	190	2014	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.157	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1.89	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:				
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.				
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
2 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

Public Water System #090400692 Wild Horse Pass - 2016 Water Quality Table									
Your water comes from 4 ground water sources. Community Districts served are Wild Horse Pass, Districts 6 and 7.									
Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Disinfection By-Products:									
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Units: ppb	N/A	80	2.8	ND	2.8	2016	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Inorganic Contaminants:									
Arsenic Units: ppb	0	10	7.6	4.6	7.6	2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronic production wastes	
Barium Units: ppm	2	2	0.046	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium Units: ppb	100	100	17	N/A	N/A	2016	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride Units: ppm	4	4	0.99	0.51	0.99	2015-2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [reported as Nitrogen] Units: ppm	10	10	0.92	0.75	0.92	2016	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium Units: ppm			240	130	240	2015-2016	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion	
Radioactive Contaminants:									
Adjusted Alpha (Excl. Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	3.5	N/A	3.5	2012-2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium (combined) Units: ppb	0	30	9	N/A	9	2012-2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead and Copper Rule:									
Copper Units: ppm-90 th Percentile	1.3	1.3	0.167	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Lead Units: ppb-90 th Percentile	0	15	1	0 site over action level		2014	No	Corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits	

Microbiological Testing:				
We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.				
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E.Coli Positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted
25 Samples due monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
 The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancies:
 Board/Committee: Gila River Indian Irrigation & Drainage District Board of Directors
 Number of Vacancies: Seven (7)
 Deadline July 3, 2017
 12:00 noon
 Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District Board

of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

 Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: All

individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council from time to time and an affidavit attesting that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed

to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions. The GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, application, financial disclosure, and affidavit can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

 Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide. A copy of

the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

 Pursuant to GRIC 2010 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.G. Duties of Community Enterprise Boards: Community enterprise boards and their members shall follow a standard of care requiring that any decision of, or action taken by, the Community enterprise board members shall be one that would be made with the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent and competent

person seeking a reasonable return on investment and preservation of financial resources. A copy of the specified board position description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
 The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following Board vacancies:
 Board/Committee: Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors
 Number of Vacancies: Two (2)
 Deadline
 Deadline Extended
 May 22, 2017
 12:00 noon
 Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application, the Financial Disclosure and an Affidavit to the Community Council Secretary's Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). Community Council Secretary's Office is located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.C.4: All individuals who apply for a vacancy shall submit to the Community Council Secretary a letter of interest, resume, an application and financial disclosure statement in a form as may be prescribed by the Community Council from time to time and an affidavit attesting that he/she has not been or is not: a) convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in Title 1, chapter 2, Section 1.201.B., in the preceding five years; b) removed from office pursuant to this title in any of the preceding five years; c) currently delinquent with respect to a debt owed to the Community; d) able to meet any other condition imposed by the office in questions. The GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct application/affidavit and financial disclosure can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

Pursuant to GRIC 2011 Code of Conduct, Chapter 6, Section 1.601.F. Community Employees: A Community Employee may sit on a Community enterprise board subject to the Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reference Guide. A copy of the specified job description can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary's Office.

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Unit Description:	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or microgram per liter (ug/L)
positives samples	positive samples/yr.: the number of positive samples taken that year
% positive samples/month	% positive samples/month: % of samples taken monthly that were positive
N/A	N/A: Not Applicable
ND	ND: Not Detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet a MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.	
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
mrem/yr	mrem/yr: Millirem per year

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Vantho i: heg vi:p./Vi:p antho i:. → 

Vantho i: heg thi:./Thi: antho i:. → 

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 2017



The Gila River Indian Community in conjunction with Indian Youth of America Camp will be offering a free summer camp to boys and girls ages 10-14.

Location of camp: Whispering Pines Camp — Prescott, AZ
Dates: June 14-23, 2017 (9 nights, 10 days)

The camp goal is to provide opportunities and experiences that will aid Native American children in their educational, career, cultural, and personal growth while fostering a positive sense of self and heritage.

Camp Packets can be printed online at mygilariver.org, requested via email at special.events@gric.nsn.us, or packets can be picked up at the C.P.A.O. office located at the Governance Center, Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm.

Spots are limited to GRIC enrolled members, must be in good standing with GRIC Tribal Programs, must complete all requirements of camp registration, and must attend orientation prior to camp.

Deadline to turn in packet is Monday, June 5, 2017 by 5:00 P.M.

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IN THE COURT OF THE
 GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
 COURT DATE NOTICE
 In Re Case: Alyshia C Enas vs. Alex Curtis Santos
 DocketNumber: CV-2013-0165-ZPT
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered. Order to Show Cause & Motion Hearing AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
 12th day of June, 2017 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Donna Kisto-Jones

HOME PLATE FROM JAPANESE-AMERICAN CONCENTRATION CAMP ON DISPLAY IN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Submitted by Bill Staples
Nisei Baseball Research Project

(FRESNO, CA) – The Nisei Baseball Research Project (NBRP), a non-profit organization founded to preserve the history of Japanese American baseball, is pleased to announce that the wooden home plate from the WWII Japanese American Concentration Camp at Gila River, Arizona, is now on exhibit at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

In partnership with the NBRP and the Arizona Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the National Baseball Hall of Fame added the wartime relic to its second floor exhibit “The Game.” The addition of the home plate coincides with May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and 2017 as the 75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which led to the forced removal and incarceration of some 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during WWII.

According to a recent Hall of Fame article titled “A Field of Dreams in an Arizona Desert,” the home plate serves as an important symbol of hope for people of all nationalities.

“This wooden home plate was much more than a corner of a dusty baseball diamond, or the shape that helped define a batter’s strike zone,” said Hall of Fame senior curator Tom Shieber. “It was (and is) a vibrant symbol of hope for those who were denied their freedom, and an expression of what it meant to be an American for those who were stripped of their civil rights. It is an important artifact in the history of our country, not just the history of our National Pastime.”

According to Hall of Fame officials, as “visitors learn about the home plate, with all of its rusty nails and splintered pieces of wood, so too will they understand the legacy of Kenichi Zenimura, the man who created a fountain of hope in the Pima Indian desert of Arizona.” Zenimura is recognized by historians as “The Father of Japanese American Baseball”.

“Japanese Americans kept the all-American pastime alive behind barbed wire, despite the fact that their civil liberties were being violated by the country that they loved,” said Kerry Yo Nakagawa, NBRP founder and Project Director. Long before WWII, Japanese Americans embraced the game of baseball, not only to display their sense

of belonging in America, but because of their love for the game itself.

“Japanese Americans played in leagues of their own due to bigotry of the time, and they also competed against barnstorming major league players and teams from the Pacific Coast League, Negro Leagues and Japan,” said Nakagawa. “They not only held their own, in many cases they were the victors.”

Japanese Americans also played a key role as international baseball ambassadors, helping to build a bridge to the Pacific. “If African Americans integrated the game of baseball, then Japanese Americans internationalized it,” said Bill Staples, Jr., author of Kenichi Zenimura, Japanese American Baseball Pioneer.

Between 1900 and 1940, Japanese Americans did more than any other group to help export the American style of play to Asia with numerous goodwill tours to Japan, China and Korea. And when Nikkei teams weren’t directly involved in tours, because they knew the language and customs of both countries, they helped facilitate the tours behind the scenes, as was the case with the Negro League Philadelphia Royal Giants who toured Asia in 1927, and the major league tours of 1931 and 1934. These American ambassadors planted the seeds so that professional baseball in Japan could begin in 1936.

“Timing is key in the game of baseball,” says Staples. “Players like Masanori Murakami, Hideo Nomo, Ichiro, Hideki Matsui and Masahiro Tanaka, were born at the right time. They all are indebted to the Japanese American pioneers who helped elevate the level of play in Japan before the war by building baseball’s bridge to the Pacific. Hopefully the wooden home plate will spark a greater appreciation for the pre-war impact and legacy of Japanese American baseball pioneers,” Staples added.

“Since the inception of the NBRP, our mission has been to have the National Baseball Hall of Fame consider a permanent exhibition for Japanese Americans,” said Nakagawa. “All great journeys in the game of baseball begin at home plate. Hopefully Zenimura’s wooden home plate is just the beginning for Cooperstown to recognize, honor and celebrate the important legacy of Asian Americans in our National Pastime, much like the All-American Girls, Latinos and the Negro Leagues.”



Courtesy of the Nisei Baseball Research Project

Kenichi Zenimura’s homeplate from the Japanese Internment Camp located in the Gila River Indian Community will be on display at the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the GRIC DEQ Earth Day Art Contest Winners!



Shoshauna Vanhardenberg
Sacaton Elementary School
Division: K- 4th Grade



Seth Enos and Ayla Pino
Blackwater School
Division: K - 4th Grade



Elena Lopez
Sacaton Middle School
Division: 5th - 8th Grade



Adrian Valenzuela
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2014 Toyota Tacoma



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2011 Ford Expedition
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2015 Toyota Corolla



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Leather, Moon Roof



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2012 Nissan Titan



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Leather, Loaded



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Fully Loaded



\$16,999

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