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CRIT Food Distribution Program Director Wilma Marquez retires after 23 years of service

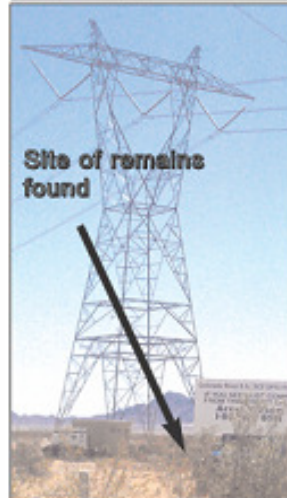
On Thursday, March 22, 2012, the Department of Health & Social Services, held a brunch in honor of CRIT Food Distribution Program Director Wilma Marquez who retired after 23 years.

She was surrounded by friends and co-workers where she was described as a valuable asset to the Food Distribution Program; where she gave 23-years of service ensuring the community members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. And La Paz County received their full distribution of benefits, working along with her staff, who were by her side for the brunch.

"We will miss her as a team member of the Department of Health & Social Services. But we wish her the best of luck and our many prayers and best wishes for her future endeavors in her personal life."

CRIT Councilwoman and CRIT Health Board liaison, Amanda Barrera, stated, "The Colorado River Indian Tribes recognizes the dedicated service of Wilma Marquez. And we thank her for her loyalty and 23 year commitment."

Pictured at left is Wilma Marquez FDP Director, Ramona Jones, Certifier, (Back) Jessie Fisher III, Warehouse Supervisor.



Week starts with frustrating Solar meeting and ends with burial of ancient remains at Solar Site

On Monday, March 26, 2012, a meeting took place in the Mohave I Conference room at Blue Water Resort & Casino with BLM officials regarding the fast-tracked pace and timelines of the Genesis Solar Project. In attendance were a small number of CRIT tribal members who were able to attend by short notice. Also in attendance were CRIT Tribal Council members Edward Yava, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Amanda Barrera, CRIT Attorney General Eric Shepard and Fort Yuma Cultural Preservation representatives.

BLM Director James G. Kenna came to report that the project is moving forward; to tell us the deadline is April 2012, and that an amended plan first-draft can be expected in mid September. A decision will be made in May 2013, and that the Genesis Solar Project is one of over 40 projects, over a five-state plan, to move into Indian Country. Fort Yuma Cultural Preservation representative John Bathke stated they stand with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and CRIT Councilwoman Valerie Welsh-Tahbo addressed the people: We are now faced with this situation. We have two black eyes right now. We are lagging behind. Amanda Barrera told BLM officials, "We don't look at this in terms of dollars lost, the way that you do. We look at it in terms of a cultural loss, and that's what we need to correct." John Bathke also told BLM officials, "This is an issue of politics of who is going to win a national election, and we as native people are aware of this fact. And we are here to remind you that there are wealthy tribes here in Arizona that can use their money to fight you, just like the California tribes did on Prop 70."

On April 3rd, 2012, the reburial of ancient remains found at the Devers Colorado Power grid, eight miles west of Blythe, CA, took place. The Colorado River Indian Tribes, WITH ONLY 7 DAYS NOTICE, were given "ONE" morning by this Solar Company to relocate the remains of an ancestor found seven feet from Powerline Road, off of Wiley exit, outside of Blythe. Upon removal of the bones by former EPO Director David Harper, another body of remains was found next to the removed body; at which time officials were notified. They immediately said, "These remains have to be left untouched, so they can be cataloged and recorded. In attendance were a small group of Mohave elders, including Mamie Harper, Priscilla Eswonina, Stacia Bailey, Lolita Schofield, CRIT Museum officials, acting director Ginger Swick-Scott, former acting Museum Director Lisa Swick, CRIT Cemetery official Gilford Amador and CRIT Fire, Mamie Harper also said, "We are here to make it right. We don't know who this person was, but we believe that he is one of our own." An initial examination upon its discovery, determined that the body lay in a southerly direction, which is indigenous to the Mohave people. A future story expounding on this event will be in next month's issue. Fort Yuma tribal members and singers also attended the cremation, with the constant sound of semi-trucks passing; curious passersbys slowing down to watch; the sound of a generator at a security building, ten feet away, and with a solar project employee sleeping in his car nearby, as well as all of us standing under the constant hum of a giant powerline. At the end of the ceremony, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo told those in attendance, "I thank everyone for coming. Under these circumstances we are here trying to make some aspect of this disheartening situation, right. We were notified seven days ago. We realized the remains must be moved to be kept safe. We came here and did what had to be done. It's upsetting that we are standing here like this, doing this, only to be told later that we are standing in the way of progress. For us to find another body directly next to the one we came to move, is devastating and only goes to show the complexity and the profound effect these solar projects are having in our territory.... More details will be in next month's Manataba Messenger. At press time, the Colorado River Indian Tribes reacted by hiring Southwest Archeologist Lyle Balenquah, a CRIT tribal member. His introduction and agenda will be outlined in next month's Manataba Messenger.

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To:





Colorado River Indian Tribes
Councilman Mervyn Scott Sr.
RESPONSE TO RECALL PETITION

This is an open letter to the Tribal Members of CRIT

I have again been slandered and verbally attacked by an opposition that continually voices half truths or rumors in an effort to convince you to remove me from office. I have kept quiet but have decided to address the accusations made against me. It seems that the group behind this recall does not want your government to flourish but to continue to dwell in the past. This cannot be allowed to continue, it is time CRIT moved forward for the betterment of its people as a whole and not a select few.

First to address the claims that I received a twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollar raise is false, its ironic that I have been attacked without any type of evidence being provided. If you check yourself as a Tribal Member you will find out that I actually received a raise of five thousand eight hundred sixty five dollars and sixty cents ((\$5,865.60) not the twenty thousand (\$20,000) that this group claimed I did. Myself and the Treasurer both received the same raise, this was another false statement that was made against Mr. Welsh also. If anyone had checked they would have discovered the TRUTH.

Part of their recall is based on this raise, its funny how the only ones who did receive the twenty thousand (\$20,000) raise are not a part of the recall this clearly shows the prejudice and favoritism that this group has for certain council members. The Council members that received the full amount were, new Council member Ed Yava (\$20,000.68), Council Member Amanda Barrera (\$20,000.68), Council Member Valerie Welsh Tahbo (\$20,000.68), and Council Member Johnny Hill Jr. (\$20,000.68).

Second the statement that I don't care about the children of this community is another attempt to reach you emotionally so you can side with this group. They only tell you what they want and not the TRUTH, in the past year I have been searching for a investment firm that handles childrens per capita. The reason for this is that we have had many adult children come into the office and ask why they did not receive any of the per capita that was issued in the past. When I brought the idea forward the Council said that we would not be giving out any per capita so we did not need to pursue the idea.

When the motion was made it came as a shock to me, I explained that due to the time frame we would not be able to set up a plan for the children of the Tribe. After a lengthy discussion the vote was then taken and the favoritism and prejudice is again evident, the vote was unanimous but only four of the voters are attempted to be recalled.

The issue with the lawyers is also an attempt by the ringleader of this group to have the lawyers removed so he can try and win his legal action against the Tribe. You must ask why does this group support someone who is attempting to take over one million dollars from the Tribe with his legal action. If the Tribe loses, this is money taken away from your children, but this group are also ones that wasted twenty two million dollars on proposition 200. Where was this group when this occurred, if you ask they cant answer only because they received money from this venture.

This group has been behind every recall but one, this clearly shows the attempt to control the Tribal Council. Don't let this group continue to harass the government and keep progress at a standstill. Be aware that if they win they will gain complete control of the Tribal Council, you can only guess what will happen. Remember the past and see what they have done before you support this group, are they really speaking for the Tribal Members or only for their personal gain.

I count on my actions that I have taken in doing my job for you the Members of this Tribe. I may not write an article in the messenger every issue but that doesn't mean I am not working to improve this Tribe for the betterment of every Tribal Member. I ask you to vote NO on April 28, until then I will continue to do my job.

If you think different, then that is your choice but vote on what you think not who your family is, I will close with the thought that you need to decide if employees are to be allowed to steal and not be punished. Also are employees allowed to continue after serious misconduct without any penalties. This is your government for all Tribal Members not a select few.

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This beautiful mural depicting our mountain is located in the CRIT Library and available for view from 9am - 5pm M-F. The artist is Fred Nelson.

CURRENT LOCATIONS:

BWC, Safeway, Terrible Herbst I & II, Basha's, Oasis Mini Mart, Earp, CA, MO-CHEM-HO-NA Senior Citizen Center, Woody's II in Poston, AZ, CRIT Utilities Payment Window, CRIT Executive Bldg., CRIT Library, OHHS, Main Housing Office, Moovalya Plaza Mall (north & south ends), 16th Street Laundromat, IHS (rack on left side of entrance), CRIT Museum, Cocopah Tribal Building, Cocopah Museum, Quechan Tribal Building, Senior Center, Chemehuevi Tribal Building, Chemehuevi Housing, Fort Mohave Tribal Building, Fort Mohave Senior Center.

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Colorado River Indian Tribes
Councilwoman Valerie Tabbo
MONTHLY REPORT

Colorado River Indian Tribal Members may this issue find you and your family well.

Getting straight to the Tribal Council actions to date may also include Resolution items (res.) and omitting the Personnel and/or Legal sensitive items:

JANUARY:

*Parker Indian Rodeo Association request tabled for more pertinent paperwork, i.e. budget, coordinated through the office of the Secretary. *McMahons RV & Display Vendor Agreement extended (res.). *Colorado River Building Materials Manager G. Roach's contract approved for two-years. *Bill of Sales for GSA Military Equipment and for Av Gas Truck (res.) approved. *University of Colorado Law Offices S. Krakoff, Professor's research request denied. *Accepted C. Esquerra's, Revolving Credit Officer's resignation. *Approved transfer of \$674,117.32 from the Children's Residential Center's account for operating expenses, Nov. 2010-Dec. 2011. *Direct Word Processing for verbatim transcript of the Tribal Council and Bureau of Land Management discussions. *Financial Assistance to Tribal Member approved, Jan. 13th.

Approved \$5,000 of Parker Indian Rodeo Association's 2012 budget for the Arizona High School Rodeo: Jan 21-22. *Authorize CRIT Tribal Gaming Agency to exchange and receive criminal history records and other criminal justice information with and from the Arizona Department of Public Safety for licensing and employment purposes, (res.) *Five tribal members approved to the Senior/Disability Utility Assistance program. *\$6,120.00 approved for twenty (20) elders to attend the 24th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference coordinated through MoChemHoNa Senior Center. Establish a new position for an Agricultural Manager in the 2012 Realty Services budget at annual salary of \$60,000.00; further action to advertise for thirty (30) days. *Tribal member funeral assistance in the amount of \$600.00, Jan 20th. Approved Real Estate & Agricultural Services Contract budget totaling \$133,938. *Approved the FY 2012 Victim Advocacy Program grant at \$143,886. *Approved the FY 2012 Indian Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program (Deterrence Program) budget at \$206,808. *Approved the FY 2012 DES Adult WIA contract budget totaling \$7,599. *Approved the FY 2012 DES Youth contract budget totaling \$64,135. *Approved the FY 2012 DES Dislocated Worker WIA contract budget totaling \$6,649. *Approved the FY 2012 DES Adult WIA Contract budget totaling \$53,145. *Approved the DES Dislocated Worker WIA contract budget totaling \$1,987. *Converted employment status of Deputy Attorney Generals (4), from contract employees to tribal employees. *Adopted the CRIT's formal position in regard to consideration for needed funding increase of the Indian Health Services General and the Priorities of the Parker Indian Health Center specifically, (res.), to the US Department of Health & Human Services 2014 Budget Hearings. *Authorize CRIT Farms to release vehicles for possible trade-ins. *Authorized CRIT Farms to sell half of the 2012 Cotton Production, approximately 8,000 bales. *Direct Fleet Manager Flores to research a possible establishment of a towing/wrecker service. *Approved the Colorado River Housing Improvement Program Contract budget, \$426,910.53. *Approved the FY 2012 APHIS Contract Budget, \$10,000 Fish & Game. *Approved the FY 2012 Fish & Wildlife Service budget totaling \$3,301, (res.) *Approved the Arizona Dept. of Economic Security and the CRIT for grant funding for the Family Support Preservation and Reunification, (res.) *Approved the FY 2012 Colorado River Building Materials Operating Budget, (res.) *Tabled the FY 2012 CRIT Cinemas Operating Budget. *Aha Quin Resort-increase Acting Manager's salary and table the FY 2012 Operating Budget. *Big River Development Enterprise and Water Wheel Resort's budget require revisions. *Tabled the FY 2012 CRIT Airport Budget, Tribal Council to tour the Airport to look over the condition of the facilities and then prioritize the renovations in an attempt to reduce the proposed expenses. *Directed Accounting to research a tribal loan, after Tribal Member requested to write-off the bal-

ance. *Fish & Game: Amendment to Land Code: Section 4-301; authorize the US Fish & Wildlife Services to stock two native fish species, Bonytail and Razorback Sucker over a two (2) year period; deny request to waive 3-day hunting permit for non-tribal member; accepted designated Hunter Closure Area one-quarter mile around F. Martinez Jr.'s corral in accordance to the Natural Resources Code, Chapter 2, Sec. 1-205. *Approve the 2012 Resident Game Hunter Regulations; and approved the 2012 Fish Regulations. *Authorized submission of US Dept. of Interior for a Native American Technical Assistance Program application, (res).

FEBRUARY:

*Directed all Tribal Department employees to connect to Tribes network domain, if not done so already. Computer Use Policies are/will be applied. *Directed Attorney General's Office to prepare a draft policy for Tribal Council's review/consideration addressing the possibility of making emails and official form of communication for the CRIT, administration only. *Re-advertisement of Museum Director via Administrative Committee. *Proposed CRIT Utility Water Rate increases effective July 2012-Base per 10,000 Gallons from \$34 to \$35 (raised by \$1.00) over 10,000, raised from .75 to \$1.00 (raised by .25). *Approved Professional Services Contract with Northern Arizona Council of Governments to conduct and Environmental Assessment for the New Head Start facility, (res.). *Fire Department-authorized to submit the FY 2012 SAFER Grant to the US Dept. of Homeland Security, FEMA, (res.). Accepted Native Plants Nursery Director C. Land's (Acting Project Administrator) resignation. *Appointed Tribal Council members to the California Nations Indian Gaming Association with annual membership due of \$5,000.00, (res). *Thirteen (13) Residential/Finance Agreements approved for the Western Boundary. *Accepted Chief Judge Flores' resignation effective March 25, 2012., best regards to Neil.

BOARD & COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Council has yet to appoint members to the Ethics Review Board (ERB); HUMAN AND CULTURAL RESEARCH CODE, enacted Ordinance February, 2010. The scope or purpose of the ERB are to assure the research and publication activities: A) Are consistent with the cultural, health and education goals and objectives of CRIT. B) Do not endanger the well-being of individuals or communities or aesthetics of the Reservation. C) Require informed consent of all affected individuals or their legal representatives and D) Are culturally relevant to the extent possible and are appropriate clinically, technically epidemiologically and statistically.

Therefore those interested please apply if you feel you fit the following criteria, those who've already applied, your application will be considered. One legal expert; one tribal member who is local practicing physician or researcher; four tribal members that have thorough knowledge of CRIT's four (4) tribes; one member of the Tribal council, totaling a seven (7) member composition.

The other entity the Tribes' is having trouble with appointing due to lack of interest is the Pesticide Committee. At one point the Council was going to consider doing away with this committee, however Chairman Enas feels its vital to our government. If there isn't any interest then chances are the Council may have to re-think this group and assign its tasks to maybe the Irrigation Committee or other Committee/Boards depending on the issue at hand. The Pesticide Control ordinance states that "pesticides also may jeopardize the public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, it is the intent of the Tribal Council to provide for the safe production, processing, transportation, handling, storage, application and other use, and disposal of pesticides within the Reservation by the enactment of the ordinance; by the creation of the Pesticide Control Committee; and by the authorization hereby delegated to the Committee to adopt a pesticide control program and rules and regulation, and to enforce this ordinance, that program and those rules and regulations."

There is also a vacancy announced for the Board of Education, therefore, if your interested to sit on this Board, please apply. All other vacancies have been run in previous issues of the Manataba Messenger.

Should you have any questions or would like more detailed information from what has been presented, please do not hesitate to give me a call, 928-669-1235 or email me at valeriewt@hotmail.com. Be blessed during this Holy Season everyone, Happy Easter.



COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES



CIRCULATION OF RECALL PETITION:

Currently there is a Recall Petition being circulated to the tribal membership voters. The name of the tribal official to be recalled is: Dennis Welsh, Jr. The deadline date for the Recall petitions with the requisite number of valid signatures for Dennis Welsh, Jr. is April 30, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. The required number of signatures needed for each petition is 299.

First Hand Account of Tribal Council Certification:

On Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 3:45 pm in chambers the Colorado River Indian Tribal Council certified the results of the petitions to remove Merving Scott, Jr., Sylvia "Cindy" Homer and Edward Yava, Sr.

At this time CRIT Enrollment reported that 395 signatures were collected, 28 were not verified and 367 were verified on the petition to recall Merving Scott Sr.

Councilwoman Valerie Welsh-Tahbo reciting the constitution, made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Amanda Barrera seconded her motion, the "affirmative" was given by the Enrollment Officer validating his recall. The vote was 6 for (Dennis Welsh, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Edward Yava, Sr., Sylvia (Cindy) Homer, Amanda Barrera and Johnny Hill) 0 Abstaining, 0 against.

Enrollment then reported that 389 signatures were collected, 26 not verified and 363 were verified on the petition to recall Sylvia "Cindy" Homer.

Councilwoman Valerie Welsh-Tahbo reciting the constitution, made the motion to approve and Vice-Chairwoman Sylvia "Cindy" Homer seconded her motion, the "affirmative" was given by the Enrollment Officer validating her recall. Sylvia "Cindy" Homer at this time addressed those in attendance, explaining that she seconded the motion to certify the results not because she agrees with what it says in the petition against her, but because she believes in the people's right to petition their leaders and believes in their right to do so as tribal members. The vote was 5 for (Dennis Welsh, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Edward Yava, Sr., Amanda Barrera and Johnny Hill), 1 abstaining (Sylvia "Cindy" Homer), 0 against.

Enrollment lastly reported that 400 signatures were collected, 34 not verified and 366 were verified on the petition to recall Edward Yava Sr.

Councilwoman Valerie Welsh-Tahbo reciting the constitution, made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Amanda Barrera seconded her motion, the "affirmative" was given by the Enrollment Officer validating his recall. The vote was 5 for, 1 abstaining (Edward Yava, Sr.), 0 against. -MMSG

CRIT Enrollment announced that there will be a SPECIAL ELECTION ON APRIL 28TH, 2012. PLEASE REFER TO THE 2012 ELECTION SCHEDULE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL THE CRIT ENROLLMENT OFFICE AT (928) 669-1240 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2012 SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012

Special Tribal Council meeting to certify, by Resolution, the Election Ordinance, Election Schedule, Eligible Voters List, Election Budget, Attention Tribal Membership and Notice of Special Election an Absentee Ballot Request Form.

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

Posting of Notice of Special Election, Election Ordinance and Voters Eligible List in the designated areas:

Tribal Administrative Center, PHS Indian Hospital, Irataba Hall, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Parker Post Office, Poston Post Office.

Mailing of Notice of Special Election and Absentee Ballot Request forms to non-resident Tribal Members.

Mailing of Notice of Special Election to resident Tribal members residing on the reservation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

Deadline for Tribal Members who are residents of the reservation absentee ballots request forms due by 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012

Deadline date for Tribal Members who are not residents of the Reservation Absentee Ballot request forms due by 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

Absentee Ballots mail-out to Tribal members.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012

Election Board meeting-Counting of ballots and sealing of ballot boxes. Review duties of each position.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012

Special Recall Election- 6:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

TWO LOCATIONS:

DISTRICT I- Tribal Administrative Center

DISTRICT II- Head Start Valley School

Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012

Special Tribal Council Meeting-Certification of Election Results at 9:00 a.m. in Tribal Council Chambers

2012 ENROLLMENT DEADLINE/ QUARTERLY MEETING DATES:

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012 - 30 DAY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012 - ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2012 - 30 DAY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012 -

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 - 30 DAY DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2012 - ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND

GET YOUR KIDS ENROLLED TODAY ITS VITAL

IN PRESERVING OUR TRIBE

The Enrollment Dept. is continuously updating current addresses on all tribal members. Any change includes; address change, name change, divorced, marriage and adoption records. A copy of your legal documents such as divorce decree, adoption order, marriage license will need to be submitted to the Enrollment department. No changes will take place until the required documents have been received. Currently there are 3,890 tribal members enrolled with the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

If you have a family member or know of someone, relative or friend and you believe he or she may be eligible for enrollment with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, please encourage them to stop by and pick up an application. It is important that parents understand the importance of enrolling his/her child and preserving their tribal identity and benefits to tribal programs, Federal Health, Education, Social Services and participation in our tribal government functions. This will be very important to your child in the future and to their children's future enrollment. Many unmarried mothers are enrolling their children with only half of their blood. We encourage all mothers that it is vitally important to your child that the father's Indian blood be documented and included on the child's blood degree quantum. For further information in obtaining an Order of Paternity seek legal services through the CRIT Legal Aid department at (928) 669-1268.

TRIBAL DISBURSEMENTS- CALL (928) 669-1240 8AM-5PM

For those individuals living on/off the reservation, in military service, or incarcerated who have not received or picked up their tribal disbursement checks a required notarized statement is to be submitted to the Enrollment Department. This would apply to requests to have their payment picked up by another individual. The notarized statement must provide the accurate mailing address or specify the name of the individual who will be picking up your disbursement check on your behalf. For further information please contact our office at (928) 669-1240.

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS- CALL (928) 669-1240 8AM- 5PM

If you have not received a new tribal identification card stop by the office or contact our department and we will be happy to assist you in obtaining a new card free of charge for the first one. Those tribal members who request a duplicate Tribal Identification Card such as any lost, stolen, change of name, change of address, photo or any vital statistics changes will be charged \$12.00.



Colorado River Indian Tribes
Vice Chairwoman Cindy Homer
RESPONSE TO RECALL PETITION

To the CRIT Membership:

How short are our memories? How soon we forget the suffering caused by certain past Tribal Council members.

This tribe has come out of the most devastating financial crisis in our history and it all began with Proposition 200 in 2002. The Tribe was 22 million plus in debt. The Tribe was cash poor because of five controlling members of the Tribal Council, who at that time depleted and wiped out all Enterprise cash reserves and the Tribes savings funds and accounts. Because of this debt, they used government grant and contract funds to cover the daily tribal administrative expenses. Doing this caused the BIA to stop the Tribe from drawing down federal funds.

This is just one example of what the Tribe has had to endure. The CRIT Coalition took on a serious mission of seeking change in the tribal leadership and was successful in bringing in new leadership who gave their pledge to make changes. These pledges were upheld by enough of those elected to bring about the changes which were needed.

In the last eight years, the Tribal Councils have successfully brought the spending under control, created a budget, and shared this information with all tribal members. Establishing the transparency in tribal government to which the Coalition and tribal members are entitled.

The work of a Tribal Council member takes hours of research, preparation, reading, listening, boring at times, frustrating, offensive, and discouraging. Some are not always satisfied by the decisions that we make, but as elected officials we all deal with the majority rules' guideline. Since 1936 there have been approximately 361 elected Tribal Council members and there are many more to be elected. How did they do their job? You need to look around you to judge. This was not accomplished by one individual, because there have always been nine members of the Tribal Council. But the key is that five members are a majority.


One accusation by the Recall petitioners is that I don't follow the Constitution, because I refused to let a referendum go to a special election. The reason for not voting to have a special election was because the resolutions that the referendums referred to had already been rescinded. The wellbeing and success of the tribe as a whole is dependent on the stability of the tribal government, the economy, the natural resources, human resources, administrative resources and the downright common sense decisions of the Tribal Council. The difficulty of these decisions are challenging enough without the interference of referendums which are intended to make the decisions of the elected tribal officials ineffective by questioning the powers of the tribal council: powers which are clearly outlined in the Tribal constitution. I do not think our former Tribal Leaders' intent for the referendum process was to have Tribal members trying to run the Tribal government by taking out a referendum petition challenging every decision they make. Such an action would place every decision in the hands of a few irate tribal members who have nothing better to do except question every decision the Tribal Council makes, and make a mockery or joke out of the process.

There have been several terminations of staff, which has been questioned by the individuals behind the Recall, or by family members of those terminated individuals. This has led to me being called a Witch Hunter, which is not true. When any employee does something that is morally, ethically or criminally wrong, it is our duty as the governing body for our Tribe and Tribal members to make sure that employee is held responsible for their actions. This is what happened in two recent cases dealing with two of our Department Heads: documentation of misconduct was brought forward to me as the acting Chairperson and I acted accordingly, following our procedure. Ethically, we cannot share information with the family members unless the individual allows us to release such information as it is considered confidential. I can honestly say that the information that has been passed on to Tribal members by those involved in the Recall is not completely accurate and some information is based on half-truths and misinformation. Those terminated were found to be involved in definite wrongdoing or failing to perform their jobs. Terminations in most cases are handled by the immediate supervisor, but some offenses are more serious and require independent investigations, which the tribe contracts out. In the case of the EPO Director, the administrative investigation led to his termination and the matter has been turned over to Law Enforcement. The Preserve financial audit investigation is ongoing at this time.

There is strength in unity, and developing and maintaining that unity is of great importance to the tribe. It would also be good to have the support of the tribal members. We all know that we have differences in opinion, but those differences should not be used to weaken our tribal council through constant division and disruptive actions which interferes with accomplishing what is in the best interest of the tribe.

I was personally very saddened to see many of the names on the Petition for Removal. I also understand that sometimes people cannot say no to family or friends. However, be assured that I will never publicly or privately seek or state any kind of retaliatory action to those individuals who signed it is your right as a member of the Tribe. I have witnessed the threat of retaliation first-hand to me and my family, as well as in Tribal Council meetings and would never stoop to that level.

If you have any questions about the accusations against me, please come and ask me. I respectfully request that you vote NO on this recall.



CRIT Human Resources Department Announces Job Openings

For a complete description of duties, qualifications and physical requirements, please contact the Colorado River Indian Tribes Human Resources Department at 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, Arizona 85344 or visit <http://www.crit-nsn.gov>.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dispatcher- (2) Positions 2. ICWA Case Manager 3. Construction Project Mgr. 4. Finance Technician 5. Grant/ Contract Specialist 6. Gin Stand Walker (1- Day and 1- Night Position) 7. Ginmer (1- Day and 1- Night Position) 8. Secretary/ Bookkeeper/ Scale Operator 9. Project Engineer- Irrigation 10. Enterprise Accountant 11. Director -Environmental Protection Agency 12. Museum Director 13. Social Services Manager 14. Patrol Officer - Law & Order 15. Juvenile Corrections / Activities Officer - 16. Law Enforcement Services - Juvenile Corrections 17. Deputy Attorney General 18. Swather Operator - CRIT Farms 19. Rake Operator - CRIT Farms 20. Irrigator (3 Positions) - CRIT Farms 21. Teacher Assistant/Bus Monitor - Head Start Program 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. Native Plant Nursery Director - Ahakhav Tribal Preserve 23. Certified Peer Specialist - Dept. of Health Services - Alcohol/Substance Abuse/ Behavioral Health Service 24. Child in Need of Care (CNC) Case Worker - Department of Health & Social Services 25. Secretary - Department of Health & Social Services 26. Adult Caseworker - Department of Health & Social Services 27. Deputy Director - Department of Health & Social Services 28. Manager - Department of Health Services Food Distribution Program 29. Controller 30. Associate Judge 31. Chief Judge 32. Judicial Clerk of the Court 33. Probation Officer 34. Director - Department of Revenue & Finance 35. Junior Victim Advocate 36. Case Manager 37. Revolving Credit Officer
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Colorado River Indian Tribes
Councilman Edward Yava Sr.
RESPONSE TO RECALL PETITION

My response to the petition

The resolutions for Eric Shepard and Uyen Le were rescinded in a special tribal council meeting, which cancelled their contracts. This was done after utilizing independent outside professional services, which determined that Tribal council was not jeopardizing the Constitution. With this action resolved, the Tribal Council approved Eric Shepard and Uyen Le as regular employees.

Since the first passage of giving Tribal Council salaries, I took the action of rereading the Constitution. There it states, according to Article IV, section 9, which states, The members of the tribal council including the chairman and vice-chairman shall receive such compensation as designated by tribal council resolution. Accordingly, Mrs. Mamie Harper stated that we gave ourselves a \$ 20,000 raise. That is true and beneficiaries to this raise also were, Councilwoman Amanda Barrera, Councilwoman Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Councilman Johnny Hill Jr. and the Executive Officers all received some kind of increase, with the exception of Councilman Herman TJ Laffoon. With this mindset, shouldn't we all have been petitioned? And all for the same stated reasons? What is being implied is that it's okay for these three members of the Tribal council to receive this money and not any others. In fact it began when these same three Council members came into office, and by virtue of a tie vote, were given the first of any compensation to a Colorado River Indian Tribes council member. It has been passed by resolution and we, you and I, opposed or not, have to live with the fact that these Tribal Council members are being compensated.

Denying our children the right to share in the past 2011, profit distribution, is ridiculous. When the question was asked if we should include the children, I argued that we should, and after deliberation the council determined that to include everyone, would have delayed the distribution that council was looking towards dispersal. When prior budgeting was occurring, I placed my vote along with the other members of the council to set aside the amount of \$777,000 for membership disbursement. This was based on a given amount of \$200.00 per person. As we know this was changed and \$500.00 was disbursed to the membership. Mrs. Harper is wrong. Why would I deny my grandchildren a right to share in something like this? I had to answer to them and justify why this action was taken and thankfully, unlike some adults, understood the Tribal Councils reasons.

We as a Council strive to pursue what would be in the best interest for our membership; strive to make economic decisions that would enhance employment, and strive to best conserve our valuable resources, mainly water. My personal thought is to find and work towards those ideas that will work, and we as a Tribe will benefit from them, not to look for ideas that will not work. There are those who wish to discourage the tribal council and prefer to establish a different mindset which would only serve those who are thinking only of themselves. This tribal council is not a perfect council and we are learning from our shortcomings and mistakes. How else can we do a better job if we don't learn from our mistakes? This council is not perfect, unlike those who profess their perfection and wishfully impose it on the membership. In return, those who are followers are left behind, because once those who use people tend to forget about whom they used, to fuel the fires of discontent.

We, those of us being petitioned for recall, to the best of my knowledge have not (a) committed an act of malfeasance so far while in office, (b) violated our oath of office, (c) committed any act of misconduct as council members, (c) are guilty of failure to perform duties prescribed by law, (d) willfully misused, converted, or misappropriated, without authority tribal property or tribal funds entrusted to or associated with the elective office to which we were elected or appointed. Unlike some petitioners who utilize their positions to benefit themselves. Remember this, discretionary performance of a lawful act, or a prescribed duty, shall not constitute a ground for recall of an elected tribal official. Yes, I have done my homework.

In conclusion, the cotton gin is operating and insuring tribal members a job and income for themselves and families. We are looking for ways to make new ideas work, not reasons they won't. As tribal council, and I refer this to all of us, success stops when we do and we pursue that which would make this council and tribe successful.

We, as a tribal council, are elected officials in an elected government and our primary mission is to protect, provide and enhance the Tribes, Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo as a whole Nation for coming generations and not become manipulated by any group, persons or entities for their own agendas. A recall would take approximately \$72,000 for one day, from the tribal budget, which could be utilized for other resources. But of course, petitioners only want their agendas taken care of before the people's. Thank you and God Bless the Colorado River Indian Tribes and Its Membership.

Respectfully, Edward Yava Sr., Tribal Councilman



I felt impelled to write a short note about the use of child restraints and seat belts and how beneficial they are in preventing serious injuries and even death.

Recently, my family and I were involved in a three-car accident in Lake Havasu City, on returning from a trip to Las Vegas.

As you can see from the newspaper clipping posted in this edition of the Manatapa Messenger, that is what happened to me and my family. Things would have been much more serious, aside from the multiple bruises, minor injuries and lacerations, had we not been wearing our seat belts and travelling at the posted speed.

Some of us are guilty of failing to put on our seat belts, making sure our children are in child restraints, or buckled in, and not obeying speed signs or traffic signals.

Luckily we were all using our seat belts, and our year-and-a-half old grandson was in a certified child restraint. If we had not put him in a child restraint, his injuries would have been much more devastating. Had we ignored using these devices, I am more than sure our injuries would have been far worse and critical. These injuries may have resulted in far more than just scrapes and bruises, but in the loss of limb or life.

I would agree with our safety programs provided by our Tribe on injury prevention. Take notice, be prepared to make sure your children are buckled up or in child restraints and lastly, make sure YOU are wearing a seat belt. Remember, children learn from watching their parents. Be a safe and good parent or adult.

Our vehicles were a total loss. And I am grateful to a power much greater than man that our lives were spared. Automobiles can be replaced. Limbs, children and lives are not replaceable. Please use your seat belts and child restraints BEFORE you start your car and begin to drive.

Edward K. Yava Sr., Tribal Councilman



CRIT Councilwoman
Amanda Barrera
MONTHLY REPORT

It seems that it was just yesterday that I was writing my report for the Messenger for the month of February and here we are already in April.

March has proven to be somewhat of a challenging month for me: things needing to happen at a drop of a pin.

During the week of March 18-22, I attended the Women & Wellness Conference. While attending the conference I was able to attend workshops. And the one that has stood out for me was the presentation from the Minnesota tribes in regards to the Senior programs which motivated the elder population to become active and a personal advocate in their own health care.

The program goals were to increase the participation of the elder population, strengthen interaction between the elders and their youth, increase their physical activity, increase their participation in monitoring their health progress and the importance of yearly medical visits and understanding their medical report card and also to increase interaction and visitation between them. It was very informational in regards to the activities that the programs were implementing and with little financial cost. During this conference I was also able to take in 4 sweats, FYI we have one scheduled behind the ASAP program on April 6th., just before sundown. Everyone is welcome.

On Friday, March 23, 2012, I attended the InterTribal Council of Arizona Tribal Leaders meeting. These meetings are filled with an array of information of what are the hot topics that leaders need to be updated on or items in which need tribal action and or recommendation. Some of those topics dealt with the Round Table discussion on Renewable Energy, and an update on the information that was discussed at that meeting in DC. As you will remember the letter that was signed by Chairman Enas was on the front page of last month's Manatoba Messenger in regards to the concerns that the Colorado River Indian Tribes have in this regards and the fast track that the Projects have taken.

Our lands, and those outside of what is considered lands indigenous to us, are directly in line of what is being considered the Beltway of the Renewable Energy Projects. These developments are already occurring just past Blythe, heading west on I-10. They are presently known as the Genesis Project and the Devers Project. During these projects there have been many archaeological finds stating that these lands were impacted by our people, who are indigenous to this area. Well hello! It is like ABC prior to non Indians entering and settling in these areas. And prior to the creation of reservation boundaries, these lands were inhabited by those who were indigenous to the area. Tribal people traveled these areas in search of medicines, plants, food, water: or for the fact, even visitation was a purpose to these areas. Just as we as Native Americans have a connection to these lands, so do the animals that are related to us, have a tie to the lands. Along with our historical history being impacted, so has their existence been altered or impacted.

I must admit that there is much more information that I must learn in regards to all our historical information: our stories where we traveled and the reasons for these travels, but also looking and researching where our boundary lines ONCE existed, and where they are today.

I had an opportunity to meet with Alfredo Acosta Figueroa, La Cuna De Aztlan/Cradle of Aztlan, and speak with him in regards to historical information that he has in regards to our area and the Chemehuevi s. I must share with you that many bulbs came on and fell into place for me in regards to the information that has been shared with me from my elders and of those who have gone on. I am planning on making more trips to Blythe, to meet further with Mr. Figueroa to learn more. He is a walking historian and has a way of breaking down the information so that it is easy to follow.

We also need to be very conscious of the full impact that these projects have in regards to the environment, which impacts the animals, plants and even the utilization of water, etc.

On April 26, 2012 the AHCCCS/IHS Technical working group meet to discuss the alternatives to CMS/AHCCCS waiver exemption request that has been accepted. In concept, this was in preparation for the Thursday, March 29, 2012 AHCCCS/Tribes meeting. These meetings were held to discuss the implementation of the AHCCCS Waiver Exemption for Indian Health

Services and tribal health facilities for Medicaid benefits and services that have been cut or reduced since October 2010. I was unable to attend the Technical working meeting, but our Executive Director of DHS attended and a working meeting was held on Wednesday, March 28, with Health Board, DHS, BHS and myself in attendance, to look at the recommendations that were presented by the working group, and to decide which approach that CRIT would take in this process.

At the March 29, 2012 meeting, the third option was deleted due to the fact that Option 1 & 2 were amended to reflect changes in regards to issues that were voiced by those tribal leaders and or representatives that were present at the meeting. Initially, this meeting was to be a consultation meeting with decision by the tribes, but due to the discussion and changes that were made, the tribes were acceptable to what was presented and have an option to select either 1 or 2 based on their billing number. For example, CRIT could select Option 1 & Indian Health Services could select Option 2. Option 1 would allow CRIT the opportunity to bill back six months.

I will keep you posted on which Option that CRIT selects, but keep in mind there will be a drive for those of you who are eligible for AHCCCS and have been dropped and or denied. You will be eligible to reapply for services.

What this will mean is that when you make a visit to the health center, that your visit and services will be eligible for billing and reimbursement to Indian Health Services, but AHCCCS will not pay for services outside of the health center. Those expenses will be incurred by Contract Health Services. The outside health providers is an area that we will continue to look at, especially through the budgeting process.

On March 14, I attended the 8th. Annual Mega Throw. As has been in the past, it was an awesome experience to see this gathering along the river. To sit back and enjoy all of the participants as they share their bird songs and dances. The attendance was approximately 500. But I say there was even more. If you haven't had the opportunity to partake in this yearly event I strongly encourage that you take the time-out for some traditional sharing, and an opportunity for visiting. Great job Val, and to all the individuals who participate each year, and especially for those who volunteer each and every year.

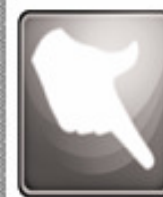
As I state in my monthly reports, I am always available to sit down and discuss any issues that you may have. My direct line is 928-669-1287. Emails are nuwuvi@yahoo.com or Amanda.barrera@crit-nsn.gov. If I am unable to answer your topics questions or concerns I will find you resources to what is out there, or for that fact who to speak to.

Have a safe and Happy Easter. Don't eat too many boiled eggs and Happy Birthday to all my fellow Aries, Rena V, Kim S., Debbie H., Jon V, Alton P, John C, David M, Randy T and my grandson in Maricopa Randy. We are only one year better, not older. Enjoy your day.



The Colorado River Indian Tribes, Employment Development & Training (ED&T) WILL BE RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

programs through the Department of Labor, Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.



LOOK HERE

The YOUTH PROGRAM begins now, April 2012, and the ADULT PROGRAM begins in July 2012.

So get your application in and don't wait for the program to start! Each program will begin at the earliest date of the application completed, so try and get your application in before the program begins. Come in and talk to Don Eddy or Kim Booth for assistance or call for more information to (928) 669-8555.



Colorado River Indian Tribes
Councilman Dennis Welsh Sr.
MONTHLY REPORT

The Financial Past & Future of CRIT One Tribe, One Future

By Dennis Welsh, Treasurer

I was sitting in my office after work the other day, looking through old emails and financial data from 2008 when I first became treasurer. I sat there and reflected about how far we have come in the last four years. In September 2008, I remember after the tribal council removed the previous treasurer for misuse of funds, no one wanted to be the treasurer. As a matter of fact, the council tried to force me three times by nomination to be the treasurer but I refused. The reason I didn't want the position was because I didn't want to incur the headache of fixing a financially broken government and all the struggling business enterprises. This critical assessment was done without even beginning to assess the polarized political climate of CRIT, compounded by the fact that we were in the midst of one of the worst recessions in the history of the United States.

After finally conceding to the council, I had three conditions upon taking the position: 1) No paycheck because of my campaign promise to the people; 2) Complete authority over all accounting, banking & finances; and 3) No council member interference in the accounting department. To my surprise, the majority of the council agreed. Of course, you always had the naysayers on council who said that we could not fix the problems with our accounting and finances. Some of my political opposition even called the council's absolute trust in me as the treasurer a dictatorship.

Regardless of what anyone wanted to call the council's faith and trust in me, it worked out great because we moved fast and we got things done! In my first week as treasurer, we finally got email set up for every employee (within 4 days), and we also sent letters to every single bank in the Southwest to see if CRIT held any bank accounts with them. To our surprise, we found approximately 65 bank accounts with large sums of money in some of them that the council and the accounting department didn't even know about!

Within the first three months of being treasurer, we also implemented an entirely new accounting system with centralized financial reporting, completed our inventory of bank accounts and most importantly started making major headway on our long overdue audits. We also set the foundation to begin the long overdue task of fixing our grants & contracts system, which we were unable to draw down any federal funds because of the lack of internal controls that led to the Tribes being non-compliant. This was due to the past administration's failure to complete timely audits and ensure timely reporting to the various federal agencies. We made a lot of headway at that time because we had a united, supportive council during 2009 & 2010.

I share our past with the tribal member readers because it's important to remind ourselves how far we come within the last few years. Now today, our accounting and financial systems run like clockwork (as long as politics is kept out). All of these accomplishments and efficiencies in the accounting and finance department has given many of us the opportunity to travel to various essential meetings and conferences to meet other tribal leaders, finance and business experts so we can gain knowledge and explore new business opportunities for our tribe so we can advance (socially & economically) like many other tribes have done within the last 20 years.

The reality is there are so many business opportunities that available to increase the quality of life of our people while generating revenue to increase the over economic well being of our tribe. For instance, our reservation sits on some of the most pristine land for the generation of solar energy in the world. By simply leasing land to a solar energy developer, we can generate anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500 per acre. For example, by leasing 2,000 acres at \$1,500 per acre, we could easily generate \$3 million per year without lifting a finger. We have plenty of unused, non-farmable land that exists on both sides of the river. So what are waiting for?

Other opportunities include developing a utility authority that would allow us to control and generate revenue from all the existing hydro-electric and future solar energy on the reservation. This would make CRIT one of the largest tribal powerbrokers in the West. We also have the ability to capitalize on the building of large fuel distribution centers that would enable us to supply our own gas stations or truck stops, which we could also house our own large wholesale cigarette operations like other tribes are successfully doing. We could even put class 2 gaming machines in our truck stops so that our customers can enjoy their visit while contributing to our local, tribal economy.

We could even capitalize on the latest trend in Indian gaming, which is the upcoming tidal wave of online gaming. We recently attended the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) annual conference, and heard testimony on the need for tribes to prepare for online gaming from tribal leaders, attorneys and members of congress. For a small rural tribe like ours, online gaming could positively change our entire financial future for us as a people.

As your treasurer, in order to prepare us for all these opportunities, I have already begun meeting with groups to begin the due diligence in setting up our Minors Trust Accounts for our children's future. Because I have absolutely no doubt that we will be able to give profit distributions every year if we can continue to maintain the current size of the government and control our spending like we have been doing. The only question I have as your treasurer is, **Are we ready as a tribe to quit the infighting, recalls etc and make a choice to finally move forward with some of the investments I have mentioned above?** I know I have been ready and waiting for the day that we have the financial resources to begin looking into investing our funds for our people's future. That day is now **One Tribe, One Future.**

Your Treasurer & Brother,
Dennis Welsh

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES



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WHO: CRIT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
WHAT: IS OFFERING VACANT LOTS WITH SOME REPOSSESSED DWELLINGS THAT NEED WORK TO CRIT TRIBAL MEMBERS FOR LEASE
WHERE: PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED SOUTH OF AGNES WILSON & NORTH OF BLYTHE, CA 25-30 MINUTES SOUTH OF PARKER.
WHEN AVAILABLE: SPRING 2012
 For more information or a list of what is available please contact Andrea Vernoy at (928) 669-1271 M-F 8 am - 5 pm.



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Can Help!

The LIHEAP program provides Cooling Assistance and Crisis Assistance for enrolled Colorado River Indian Tribal Members who meet the Federal Poverty Income guidelines and who reside within the service area of Bouse, Ehrenburg, Parker, Salome & Wenden. Applications are available at the Department of Health Services, Office of Social Services at 12302 Kennedy Drive. For further information contact the Office of Social Services at (928) 669-8187.

ATTENTION LOW INCOME TRIBAL MEMBERS:



We at housing are pleased to announce we have secured a grant program for a limited amount of money for limited-weatherization home improvements.

These improvements are limited to:

- Insulating the attic, water heaters and exposed pipes.
- Repairing and if necessary replacing the A/C and heater.
- Providing ventilation fans: attic, ceiling or whole house fans.
- Stopping air infiltration by weather-stripping and caulking around doors, windows and replacing broken glass-panes.

TIME IS LIMITED FOR FUNDING, SO ACT NOW

Stop by the Housing office located at 27250 16th. Street to see if you qualify, or call Josh Openshaw, Home Ownership Counselor for the Colorado River Residential Management Corporation (CRRMC) at (928) 669-2293 x102 for an appointment- NO DROP INS.



LANDS AVAILABLE



The Colorado River Indian Tribes has developed agricultural lands available for lease January 1, 2013. Tribal agricultural leases are negotiated through the Resources Development Committee and:

1. Are written for a term of five (5) calendar years
2. Are flood irrigated with system operation and maintenance by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
3. The Operation & Maintenance assessment is \$54.00 per acre for initial allotment of 5.75 acre feet
4. Excess water is \$17.00 per acre foot
5. The Operation & Maintenance assessment is due semi-annually, January 1 and July 1
6. Lease rental is due annually January 1


Offers to lease Tribal lands must be submitted in writing, in a sealed envelope to:

Colorado River Indian Tribes
 Attn: Vice-Chairwoman
 26600 Mohave Road
 Parker, Arizona 85344

Please mark the outside of the envelope Offer to lease Tribal Lands for 2013 .

Offers submitted by April 27, 2012 (Friday) will be opened for review by the Resources Development Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting, of May 15, 2012.

You may contact the Colorado River Indian Tribes Realty Services at 669-6800 for a map and / or additional information.



Happy Birthday to JEREMY CARTER!
 Wish You the Best & Asking God to Bless You with Many More Birthdays Ahead!
 Love Mahke, Marley & Erin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday
A BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUT FOR MARCH 21ST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MUNCHIE! **Happy Birthday**
 aka "Francisca Wilson"

From Andy, Abrianna & Lorena Jimenez

Would like to send a Related Birthday Wish to

Sergio Camacho Briseno
A CRIT FARM EMPLOYEE FOR OVER 30 YEARS!

We hope you have a Happy 60th Birthday!
 From Family & Friends



Happy Birthday
 on March 11th to **Marley Mar**

Be the happiest girl on earth & love the Pandas


HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthdays
 on April 21st to **Christy Antone**

We love you alot!
 From Robin, Timi & Ryan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday
 on March 6th to **MADOLYN MADDAWGZ BRENNER**

We all Love you & Miss you!
 Love, Grandma Iris, Great Grandma Lenora, Uncle B Family, Mom & Family, Auntie Lea, Willie, Jr & X




Happy 12th Wedding Anniversary
 on March 18th to **Tonia & Anthony Stone Jr.**

HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY!
 Love, Mom & the whole family



Happy Birthday Mum!

I'm very thankful to have such a blessed mother like you. I'M ALWAYS ASKING GOD & HIS GUARDIAN ANGELS TO CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER YOU & PROTECT YOU ALWAYS.
 Love Your Daughter & Jannah.



Happy Birthday
 on March 20th to **Auntie Annie**

From: Nohemia & Vanessa

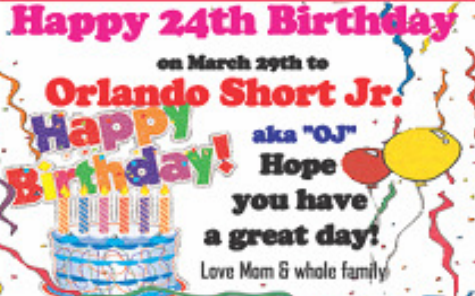


We joyfully announce the birth of **Lillie Nicole Miller**
 @5:58p.m. in LHC, AZ. 8lbs., 14 ounces & 19 inches
 Parents: Talisa Miller & Kevin Toledo of Parker, Arizona.
 Grandparents: Timothy & Suzzette Miller
 Aunts: Ava, Olivia, & Cassandra Miller



Happy 24th Birthday
 on March 29th to **Orlando Short Jr.**
 aka "OJ" **Hope you have a great day!**
 Love Mom & whole family


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to Amaya Simone

HOPE YOU HAVE A FANTASTIC DAY!
 Love, Mommy & Sister

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



WOULD LIKE TO SEND A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUT TO **Rena Van Fleet**
 on April 8, 2012
Hope you had a good one!
 From: The Pandas



7lbs. 6 ozs. is when you came into our lives...21 years went too fast.

Happy Birthday Rain SE!!
 Love, Mom, Ruahke, Tehya, Grandma & Papa, and the rest of the family.



Happy 4th Birthday
 on April 9th to my Grandson **Isalah Reed Pinton!**

You are the Cherry on my Sundae!
 Love, Sooh



Wishing you a day filled with... **Love & Fun Times**

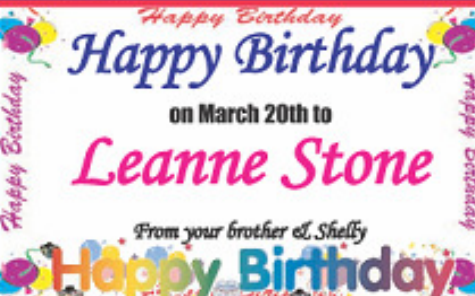
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Happy Birthday on April 10th to my Sister-in-law **Geneva Hazel Humeuptewa-Moore!**
 Another year younger & wiser! Love, Norma



Happy Birthday Leanne Stone
 on March 20th to **Leanne Stone**

From your brother & Shelly


HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy 40th Birthday Jeremy!

Love, Family & Friends

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





Happy Birthday
To The Baddest
Mama Jama
Grandma
Rena!
You're the Best &
I LOVE You!
Love your
granddaughter
Marley



Happy 17th Birthday
Duckie!
We love you & are asking God
to continue blessing you with
many more years ahead :)
You Have Stomped
Up Too Fast!
Love, your family

Happy Birthday
on April 29th to
Leyla Anderson
Happy 8th Birthday
"naughty girl" ...
Love, Auntie Robin & Christy,
Sister & Ryan



Happy 2nd
Birthday
Lil' Leif!
May God Bless
You With Many
More Years :)
Love, your cousins, Marley,
OoCho & Makke



Happy 9th
Birthday
Cheyenne!
Love, Uncle
Makke, Marley
& Erin

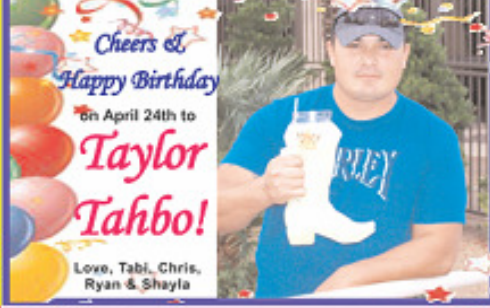


Happy Birthday
Terry!
From the
band
William,
Jef,
John &
your
brother's
Emery &
Fredd



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
on April 23rd to
MY MAN & THE BEST
GRAMPA IN THE WHOLE
WIDE WORLD!
LORENZO
RANDY
you're the bomb-diggity!

Happy Birthday
To a wonderful sister!
Lahoma Laffoon
April 7th
Wishing you the treasure of happy yesterdays
and the gift of bright tomorrows.
Love your Brother and Sisters



Cheers &
Happy Birthday
on April 24th to
Taylor
Tahbo!
Love, Tabi, Chris,
Ryan & Shayla



Happy Birthday
on March 17th to
Hanna Bo
Tiger!
We hoope you have a great
year.
From: The Pandas, Mick,
Andy, Tris & The Beys

Happy 23rd birthday on April 12th to
DOMINIQUE CHATORA KIRK
Happy 5th birthday on April 29th to
BEAU MARK LEE
Happy 1 Year Anniversary
on April 16th to my Husband
RICHARD DILLON
ESQUERRA
Happy Easter to all our grandchildren,
Beau, Harmony, William, Monica, Kylana, Kitawna & Zaniyah!
Love your Tata and Nana



Happy 4th Birthday
on May 7th, 2012 to
Daniqa
Esquerra!
LOVE YOU
MOM,
DAD,
KALEE,
TREVANI &
JORDAN
wishing you
the **BEST**
birthday
ever!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
would like to wish by baby girl
Winnie Scott
A HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY,
WE LOVE YOU
From Mom, Bernice, Grandpa,
Grandma, Auntie Lisa, Gary's, Tamara,
Dany and Andrew

Happy Anniversary!
To my loving Husband, Raymond Paddock
April 7th
Here's to 9 years of wedded bliss!
Time flies when you're having fun, ha!
and
thank you for my beautiful baby!
Love, Thalia

Happy Birthday
Jennifer L. Carter
You're the best thing to come into our lives. You've
given us many laughs. And we've watched you turn
into a beautiful & intelligent young woman. I wish you
the best on your special day.
Love you always and forever.
Love, Mom & Dad

Hoppy Easter
to my Nephew Ant
Love, Auntie Rob

Happy Birthday
on April 26th
to my nephew
Carl Roger
Moore Jr.
Have a wonderful day & many more!
Love: your Aunt Norma



Happy Birthday!
Happy Birthday to
Martin Sholl
We love you and
hope you had a
great day!
Love, your family



The Honoring of Mr. Delano Carter

The Honoring of Ms. Viola (Kornis) Stone





Mega Throw VIII,

March 24, 2012- RESULTS

We couldn't have had better weather on Saturday with the AhaKhav Park Preserve serving as our back-drop.

The day opened up with the return of former members of AseS maav who originally united as boys and some as young teens in January of 2005. What emerged from that year-long pilgrimage in 2005 was constant learning about traditional etiquette and songs taught by all the Bird Singers listed on the day's agenda. This has truly become a celebration and appreciation for what seemed to be a suffering tradition-Bird Singing.

THE RESULTS OF THE CONTESTS ARE:

GIRLS DANCE 10-13: Fourth place, Regan Goforth; Third, Miya Burns; Second, Tawnee Barrackman and First place, Sonwai Jackson.

BOYS INDIVIDUAL SINGING 10-13: Fourth place, Vinton Tahbo; Third, Dylan Tahbo; Second, Jerryn Goforth and First place, Reno Tapija.

GIRLS DANCE 14-17: Fourth place, Kaelene Whatoname, Third, Sara Valencia, Second, Deleane Benson and First place, Talia Chavez.

TEEN BOYS INDIVIDUAL SINGING 14-17: Second place, Andrew Scott and First place Ryan Cooper.

ADULT WOMEN, DANCE 18-29: Fourth place, Mary Walema, Third, Amanda Parker; Second, Christa Carter and First place Robin Anderson.

ADULT MEN DANCE, 18-29: Fourth place, Ernie Enas; Third, Bo Bullchild; Second, Lorenzo Sun-Sun, Tahbo, Jr.; First place Coyote Auclair.

ADULT WOMEN DANCE 30-54: Fourth place, Monique Alvarez; Third, Elaina Talayumptewa; Second, Corrine Shaffer and First place, Verna Parker.

ADULT MEN DANCE 30-54: Third place, Chris Emerson; Second, Arlie Emerson and First place, Levi Evanston.

WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE DANCE:

Fourth place, Carrie Imus; Third, Neva Eddy, Second, Eileen Valenzuela and First place, Wiletta Wilder.

MEN'S GOLDEN AGE DANCE: Tie to all, Benny Shrum, Malcolm W., and Roland Golding

HORSE SHOE WINNERS: Second place, These Guys, Ernie Enas & Adam, from CRIT, First place, Mojave Boys, Joseph Knox & Leonard McCord, Ft. Mojave.

SPECIAL TRIBUTES:
For the unwavering youth work and cultural sharing that these people have and continue to have in name of the Mohave culture, Ms. Viola (Korms) Stone and Mr. Delano Carter were honored. Ms. Stone can no longer do the work that invigorated her by teaching the Mohave language and dancing. Time was taken out of the day to pay tribute for her efforts. Her family was in attendance to support her and arranged for her presence to the honoring, as they too dressed in traditional fashion. Mr. Carter was brought front and center, along with his family, as he was recognized as an artist, the making of the Bird Singing instrument, the gourd rattle and for forming youth-dance groups to help perpetuate the culture.

FEMALE YOUTH/S ALL AROUND: Artima Anderson and Alexis Servantes were chosen. As these two little beauties were the first ones out on the first song sung, ready to dance, and for their participation throughout the day.

MALE YOUTH ALL AROUND: Andrew Scott was observed grabbing his gourd, ready to sing, sporting his ribbon shirt, being respectful, ready to dance and participated throughout the day as well.

The All Around awards pay tribute to not only the individual recipients, but to their family that come from fostering such worthy young individuals in our community.

FURTHEST ELDER TRAVELED: Mr. Ralph Pete, Cedar City, Utah

BIRTHDAY BOY HONORED: Justin Howard, who was surprised with a special birthday Bird Song sung for him, and celebrants danced. His family donated two chocolate cakes and everybody had a slice. Justin, too, is known

for his Bird Sing efforts at social gatherings and funerals. He turned 18 yrs. old that day. All laughed when his description was read, and final statement made to turn in the house keys.

Cultural events like this cannot happen without the endearing passion the Bird Singers have for their songs. Special appreciation is given to the following singers: Mike Mirelez, Cahuilla, lead singer for Spit Fire; Larry Hammond and his crew, Mojave of Ft. Mojave; Wayne Nelson and his crew; Roland Golding; Lynwood Vest, singers and dancers and Chris Emerson, Quechan, Pipa Songs, Ft. Yuma and AseS maav for coming together, once again demonstrating that you guys are still around and sound, and so beautiful and powerful when you all are united.

Donors and sponsors to help off-set the day's activities are the Colorado River Indian Tribal Council, BlueWater Resort & Casino; CRIT Farms; Colorado River Residential Management Corporation Board; Dept. of Health Services (printing); Aha Quinn; Big River Development; Sand & Rock; Sparkletts Bottled Water; Parker Ice; Colorado River Building Materials, CRIT Museum, CRIT Maintenance, AHA KHAV Park Preserve, Pot-Luck supplies of stews/beans, tortillas & fry-bread. Food vendors & Arts & Crafts vendors.

A special thank you to Miss Indian Arizona and the NAU Nizhoni Organization.

A big thank you to my staff: Stephanie Enas, L. Randy Tahbo, Sr. & Family, Sharon Burton, Joanna Laffoon, Omosai Pastores, George Wong, Steve Eddy and Susan Welsh. Your volunteerism has been unbelievable. Thank you.

If there is anyone or anything I may have forgotten to recognize, it is purely not intentional and I ask for utmost forgiveness.

Thank you all for your attendance and participation. We will see you once again down the BIRD trail, or next year at one of the biggest BIRD celebrations of the southwest, March 2013.



Colorado River Indian Tribes Special Diabetes Project

April 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 ZUMBA FITNESS 12:00 P.M. ARMS/ABS STRENGTH At 5:30 P.M. ZUMBA 6:15 P.M.	3 ARMS/STEP/AEROBICS 12:00P.M. ZUMBA 5:30 P.M. ARMS/ABS STRENGTH 6:15 P.M.	4 ZUMBA FITNESS 12:00 P.M. FULL BODY STRENGTH At 5:30 P.M. ZUMBA 6:15 P.M.	5 STEP/AEROBICS 12:00P.M. ZUMBA FITNESS 5:30 P.M. LEGS/ABS STRENGTH 6:15 P.M.	6 ZUMBA FITNESS 12:00 P.M. LEGS/ABS STRENGTH At 5:30 P.M. ZUMBA 6:15 P.M.	7
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27	28	29	30			



SDP Hours:
Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Questions/Info:
669-2825

FLOOR/STEP
AEROBICS
12:00P.M.
TUESDAY - THURSDAY

ARM/LEGS/ABS
STRENGTH TRAINING
12:00P.M.
5:30 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY - FRIDAY

ZUMBA FITNESS
12:00P.M. & 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY - FRIDAY

ALL CLASSES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



Steak Fajitas

Serves 4; serving size: 1/4 recipe

Ingredients
1/2 Tbsp olive oil
2 Tbsp lime juice
1 Tbsp chopped red pepper
4 cloves garlic, chopped
3/4 lb lean skirt steak, thinly sliced

Preparation
Combine 1/2 Tbsp oil with lime juice, red pepper, and garlic; mix well. Add steak to marinade, and refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight.

With a slotted spoon, remove steak from marinade.

In a small pan, heat the marinade.

Cook steak in a large sauté pan over high heat for 2 minutes. Add onion and green pepper; cook for 2 minutes more. Add heated marinade.

Place steak mixture in tortillas. Serve with sour cream, refried beans, and salsa.

Nutrition Information
Exchange/Choices
1 1/2 Starch

2 Vegetables
2 Lean Meat
2 Fat

Calories: 345
Calories from Fat: 135
Total Fat: 15.0 g
Saturated Fat: 4.8 g
Polyunsaturated Fat:
Monounsaturated Fat:
Cholesterol: 35 mg
Sodium: 595 mg
Total Carbohydrate: 33 g
Dietary Fiber: 5 g
Sugars: 6 g
Protein: 21 g

*Recipe provided by the American Diabetes Association.



Ab-Wood Chopper Exercise

Preparation:

- hold and grip medicine ball with both hands at side, legs standing shoulder width apart

Execution:

-raise ball upwards towards ceiling on the opposite side of body, then bring ball back and repeat.

Body Parts: - Abdominal, Core, Serratus Anterior



Colorado River Indian Tribes Special Diabetes Project Now offers Instructor led courses

Prerequisite for all instructional classes

The first steps to a healthier you start with Posture, Balance, Flexibility and Breathing. This program helps you adapt to using proper form not only in the gym but in everyday life as well. Using the simplest strategies that will improve the above listed. Every session can be modified to fit individual needs. This prerequisite can be rotation over and techniques will be reused in each session.

AEROBICS (FLOOR-STEP)

Beginning Aerobics. A 30-minute quick stretch then incorporating a choreographed floor step routine that will get your legs and arms moving to pick up your aerobic heart rate and keep up cardio to burn calories and increase your levels of fitness.

Intermediate Aerobics 1. A continuation of Beginning Aerobics cardio floor routine into a 10-minute session where you alternate days of arms using free weights to your strength capacity and the standing leg strengthening routines to continue toning and increasing cardio.

Intermediate Aerobics 2. An advanced continuing 40-minute cardio alternating arms and leg strength routines using resistant exercise bands. The exercise bands have various resistant strengths to suit your level but produce advancement for improvement in strength, toning, balance and stability.

Step Aerobics. Using aerobic steps, the levels differ on the amount of calories burned depends on the speed of movements, step height, and length of exercise time. Step aerobics will help improve coordination, stability and joint movement.

CARDIO AND STRENGTH TRAINING

Beginners. If cardio and strength is a focus, developing the proper technique to dumbbell exercises and resistant exercise bands starting posture, balance, flexibility and breathing (pre-requisite session) will help you prepare your advancement and beginning to cardio and strength for a full body workout.

Intermediate. A step up from beginner level cardio and strength has more exercises and heavier weights. Like the previous workout, this one focuses on the major muscles in the body including hips, glutes, thighs, chest, back, shoulders, arms and abs. This simple straightforward workout uses various weighted dumbbells, a barbell (optional dumbbells is needed), a step or weight bench, an exercise stability ball and a resistance band. This is a great way to target the entire body while building lean muscle tissue and strength.

Advanced. Circuit Interval Training is an intense workout you've been looking for! Circuit interval is a workout which means everyone's level of fitness no matter if you are just beginning or at a higher level of fitness. Workouts range from 10-20 minutes of non-stop exercise. Minimal to no free weight use is necessary. Modifications can be made to suit everyone's physical capability.

ZUMBA FITNESS

Feel free and enjoy dancing in step with Zumba Fitness. Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Fun and easy for all ages, requires No heavy lifting of weights or equipment and steps are demonstrated before fitness routine.

CHAIR EXERCISES

Can't get away from your desk, restricted to a chair. A recommended exercise at least 30 minutes a day 2 to 3 times a week, great for all ages young to senior chair exercises can increase your strength, balance and vitality all while sitting down. They create movement, stretching, and help increase your heart rate. Each exercise involves a series of slow to moderate movements and use resistant bands and free weights. Exercise is an important part of the health and wellness as it helps increase your metabolism, energy levels and alertness even if it is while sitting in a chair at the office; being restricted to a chair shouldn't interfere with your cardio exercises.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Highly recommended by Neulife the express strength training workouts are a great for time limits and a beginning workout routine. With two great time workouts that go through a short instruction of proper sitting, posture, movement rotations and speed for each stretch and weight machine. Get a full body arms, legs and incorporating abdominals for both the "25-minute Strength and Stretch" and the "45-minute Cardio, Strength and Stretch" workouts.

FOR QUESTIONS AND SCHEDULES PLEASE CONTACT AN SDP FITNESS INSTRUCTOR, 669-2825



Phone: 928-662-4283 Fax: 928-662-0044

MO-CHEM-HO-NA CRIT SENIOR CITIZENS

21074 Mohave Road, Parker, AZ 85344

Striving to enhance the lives of our native elders.

Congregate Meals: USDA approved meals served from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

Transportation: Scheduled transportation for program participants provided locally for congregating meals, assistance in shopping, paying utility bills, field trips and delivery to place of residence.

Homemaker Services: General housekeeping provided for persons who meet specific eligibility criteria.

Socialization/Recreation:

Age appropriate activities such as but not limited to: field trips (local/out of town), arts and crafts, health/well-being promotion, bingo, cakewalks and holiday parties.

Caregiver Outreach:

Provide/Assist with Information, methods for providing support to caregivers.



Colorado River
Indian Tribes



Senior Citizens

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	Check Mail	3	4	Check Mail Shopping	5 Quechan Senior Games Practice 9 am @ Irataba Hall	6 Check Mail
8 Happy Easter!	9 Check Mail	10 Elders Luncheon at Bluewater Casino 11:00 am Bingo Hall <i>← ITCA/AICOA Quarterly Meeting Yuma, Az →</i>	11	12	13 Quechan Senior Games Practice 9 am @ Irataba Hall	14 Tribal Council Meeting 9:00 AM
15 	16 APISMELLIS BINGO	17 MOVIE DAY At BlueWater Cinema	18 Check Mail Shopping	19 Quechan Senior Games Practice 9 am @ Irataba Hall	20 Check Mail	21
22 	23 Check Mail	24 Blood Pressure Glucose Check Exercise 11 am	25 Check Mail Shopping	26 Quechan Senior Games Practice 9 am @ Irataba Hall	27 Check Mail	28
29 	30 BIRTHDAY LUNCH POTLUCK	Happy Birthday				

- 3 Orville Holmes
- 5 Beverly Miller
- 6 Darlene Fernandez
Deborah Du Bray
- 7 James Leivas
- 8 Joyce Dick
- 9 Debra Allen
Lois Lewis

- 9 Rifton Holmes
Thomas Gonzales
- 10 Christina Yazzie
Geneva Moore
- 11 Charles Miller Jr.
Loretta Anderson
- 12 Agnes Bow
Domingo Esquerria Jr.



- 12 Richanda Patch
- 13 Shirley Brenner
- 14 Joan Esquerria
- 15 Leonard Hill
- 16 Leo Dick
Theo De La Rosa
- 18 Angie Eddy
Anna Scott
- 20 Charlotte Byestewa

- 21 Donna Stanley
- 22 Inez Hunter
Walter Hogan
- 23 Calvin Laffoon
- 24 Ronald Dock
- 26 Elisa Leivas
- 27 Marvel Goodman
- 28 Anne Bruderval
- 29 Irma Harris-Stewart
- 30 Edward Yava Sr.

CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Grilled Ham & Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Beets Peaches Coffee/Punch (Center)	3 Pig in a Blanket Baked Beans Macaroni Salad Fruit Cocktail Coffee/Tea (Center)	4 Chili Beans Waldorf Salad Cornbread Fruited Jell-O Coffee/Punch (Center)	5 Fish Tater Tots Cole Slaw Pears WW Bread Coffee/Tea (Center)	6 Roast Beef Boiled Potatoes w/Gravy Mixed Vegetables Tossed Salad (Center) Cake Dinner Roll Coffee/Punch (Center)	7
11	12 Cheeseburger Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions Fries Pears Coffee/Punch (Center)	13 Tacos Lettuce, Tomatoes, & Onions, & Cheese Spanish Rice Refried Beans Peaches Coffee/Tea (Center)	14 Beef Stew Tossed Salad (Center) Fry bread Fruited Jell-O Coffee/Punch (Center)	15 Hoagie Sandwich Ham & Turkey Macaroni Salad Chips Oatmeal Cookie Coffee/Tea (Center)	16 Spaghetti Salad Peas & Carrots Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail Coffee/Punch (Center)	17
18 	19 Tostadas w/cheese Lettuce, Onion, Tomatoes Corn Spanish Rice Pears Coffee/Punch (Center)	20 Liver & Onions Rice Peas Tossed Salad (Center) Pineapple Rings WW Bread Coffee/Tea (Center)	21 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Green Beans Tossed Salad (Center) Biscuit Fruited Jell-O Coffee/Punch (Center)	22 Egg Salad Sandwich Cole Slaw Chips Peanut Butter Cookie Coffee/Tea (Center)	23 Bean & Cheese Burrito Spanish Rice Corn Tossed Salad (Center) Peaches Coffee/Punch (Center)	24
25	26 Enchilada Casserole Tossed Salad Spanish Rice Refried Beans Corn Peaches Coffee/Punch (Center)	27 Indian Taco Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Onions Corn Fruited Jell-O Coffee/Tea (Center)	28 Hominy Stew w/refd Chili Dinner Roll Tossed Salad (Center) Chocolate Chip Cookie Coffee/Punch (Center)	29 Tuna Sandwich Carrot Raisin Salad Chips Fruit Cocktail Coffee/Tea (Center)	30 Hamburger & Potatoes Green Beans Tossed Salad (Center) Banana Pudding Tortillas Coffee/Punch (Center)	31
32	33 BBQ Ribs Baked Potatoes Broccoli Salad (Center) Cake Dinner Roll Coffee/Punch (Center)	Happy Easter from Mo-Chem-Ho-Na Senior Citizens Center!				

CRIT Law Enforcement Services Office & Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention



**You Know What You're Wearing.
You Know Where You're Going.
Don't DUI It.**

The Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program (TMVIPP) and Colorado River Indian Tribes Law Enforcement Services (LES) will be out in force to promote traffic safety on the roadways through enforcing the current traffic control and operations of vehicles laws of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (Title 16 Law and Order Code, Article VI, §16-6704) by conducting a DUI Saturation Patrol on Prom Night, Saturday, April 21, 2012. This enhanced enforcement comes as a comprehensive measure to the current traffic safety initiative of a supplemental grant, to reduce the number of TEEN injuries and fatalities occurring from motor vehicle crashes, due to impaired driving/riding.

*We're working hard to protect & educate
the community we should not lose
ONE person to drunk driving in 2012!*

This message brought to you by: the Colorado River Indian Tribes Law Enforcement Services Office and Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention.



The CRIT Law Enforcement Services (LES) and Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention (TMVIPP) participated in the Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Fair at Parker High School on Friday, February 24, 2012. The Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter hosted the event for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February), and invited community programs to participate and provide the student attendees with information on various services for teens.

Hundreds of teens attended the outdoor event and were able to participate in a DUI simulation experience, set up by CRIT LES and TMVIPP, to give the teens a brief distorted view by using simulation glasses and performing a standard field sobriety test. This event provided the officers and staff members an opportunity to explain the effects and dangers that drinking and driving can cause.



Our Traffic Safety Initiative for 2012 is Here!!

If you drink and drive, you will get caught.
Don't DUI It.
We will be conducting multiple checkpoints and saturation patrol throughout the year for your safety.

Children four (4) years of age and younger MUST be in a carseat.
Buckle Your Kids Up... It's The Law.
If you are stopped for a traffic violation, seatbelt citations can also then be issued for all vehicle occupants who are not buckled as well.
Title 16, Law and Order Code, Article VI, Sec. 16-6702

CRIT Environmental Protection Office



CRIT EPO receives calls every year to pick up out of date electronic equipment. If it is sent to the landfill, it takes up huge amounts of valuable landfill space. When electronics are dumped in the desert, toxic metals from e-waste can leach into the soil and groundwater. All equipment that was collected at this event was recycled or disposed of legally.

Since August 2009, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has sponsored 50 recycling events throughout the state and collected nearly 1.3 million pounds of recyclable material. This was the first event for Parker.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document. E-Waste Harvesters will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations. This event was co-sponsored by AZDEQ, CRIT EPO, the Town of Parker, and the U of A Extension Office. Call CRIT EPO for more information (928) 662-4336.

WIC...A Healthy Part of Your Family

CALL THE OFFICE TODAY @ 928-669-5588.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR COME BY AS A WALK-IN!

Who is eligible for WIC?

Any of the following who meet the income guidelines below are eligible:

- Pregnant Women
- Breastfeeding Women until the baby turns one year
- Women who have a baby less than six months old
- Infants and Children up to five years old

Household size

1	\$ 1,679
2	\$ 2,268
3	\$ 2,857
4	\$ 3,446
5	\$ 4,035
6	\$ 4,624
7	\$ 5,213



You are automatically income eligible for WIC if you currently receive TANF, SNAP (Food Stamps), or Medicaid (AHCCCS).



Breastfeeding

It's a Bond Beyond Belief.

All women should feel supported when they breastfeed. We are here to help you give the gift only you can give. Your friendly WIC staff can answer all of your breastfeeding questions.

Of course, WIC gives you much more than healthy food!



Fit WIC Classes – Monthly Fit WIC classes are held for 2-4 year old Children that are participating in the WIC Program. Children and their caregivers learn about healthy snack preparation, simple physical activities and caregivers learn about their Child's growth and development. The classes are held at the WIC office and in collaboration with the CRIT Special Diabetes Project Fitness Instructors.

Call 669-5588 to make a WIC appointment or for more information on Fit WIC. Walk-ins are welcome!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes WIC (Women, Infant & Children's) Program under the CRIT Department of Health & Social Services is located at 13350 1st Avenue in Parker, Az. The program serves eligible Pregnant, Breastfeeding and Postpartum Women, Infants & Children 0-5 years old. The purpose of the WIC Program is to help improve the health of clients through better nutrition and to help prevent health problems during critical times of growth and development. There is found to be insufficient nutrition during pregnancy, infancy and early childhood. The Program provides supplemental healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding education and referrals to other health & social services. WIC is committed to help clients improve their health status through better nutrition.

CALL TODAY @ 928-669-5588, FOR MORE INFO, OR COME BY AS A WALK-IN!

Pregnancy

Make a BIG Difference in Your Baby's Health.

We'll help you learn about better eating habits and being healthy during your pregnancy to give your baby the best start in life.

Healthy Foods

Eat Healthy, Be Healthy.

You'll get checks for healthy foods that are good for you and your children. Foods like milk, cheese, eggs, cereal, 100% fruit juice, peanut butter, beans, whole grains and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Referrals

Get the Help You Need and Deserve.

There's a world of services waiting to help you & your family! Receive referrals to health service programs.

Nutrition Education

Learn How to Create Healthy, Affordable, Easy Meals.

Eating right is key to the health of your family. Learn how to eat better with tips and healthy recipes. Create happy mealtimes with your children.

Need a help with that grocery bill every month? Sign up today!







We hope you had a Happy Easter. We've hidden some eggs on this page for our contest this month. Submit the total amount of eggs on this page either in person at the theater or on our Facebook page to enter a drawing for a pass for 2 people and a Combo #2! Contest ends on the last day of April! Good Luck!!



www.bluewatercinemas.com

\$6.00 Matinees before 3 pm	
ADULTS:	\$8.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12:	\$6.50
SENIORS 60 AND OVER:	\$5.00



Every Tuesday of the month is **TIGHT WAD TUESDAY!**

Selected Movies are \$6 a ticket all day long!

ARCADE AND FAMILY FUN ZONE



Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:

CLOSED

Thursday: 1pm to 8 pm

Friday & Saturday:

1pm to Midnight





CRIT Behavioral Health Services



CRIT Behavioral Health Services
ASAP Minute Assistance

Relapse Justification

Justification is when we defend our reason to use. It is not that difficult to find an excuse to use.

There are five relapse justifications; Matrix Handbook

1. People have no choice but to use, a situation seemingly arises without warning. (Arguments, laid off a job)
2. People use to accomplish a goal or specific purposes. (Weight loss, relax, anxieties)
3. People use to test their sobriety. (Try controlling drinking)
4. People use due to an emotional state, that substance is a legitimate response to counter them. (Boredom, celebration, depression)
5. People use in some mysterious or inexplicable way. (Automatically pulling into a liquor window, finding an old stash)

We are told how important balance is in recovery.

Balance sleep; enough sleep according to your body. Too little and we will be tired and make wrong choices. Too much sleep and we will become dependent on a substance to help us sleep.

Balance leisure time; leisure is not lazy time, but freedom time. It is getting away from the demands of the week. It is taking a walk, a drive, a different route home.

Balance relationships; balancing time with family. I have been hearing a lot about Family nights. A special time with family, this is great balance.

Balance in Recovery Activities; Remember to not overwhelm yourself, Recovery is about living, not work.

Balance in Work; Society has allowed us five days of work and two days off. Take advantage of our days off. Everyone needs time off, even if you are unemployed. We are allowed Annual leave to take care of ourselves.

Balance is the ability to weigh-out our lives. The serenity prayer ends with And the wisdom to know the difference. Wisdom is the ability to weigh-out our issues before reacting. When we are still using, we usually react without thinking, and we rationalized why we must take that first drink, or hit. We are told, This too shall pass. Weigh it out, do you REALLY need that drink or that hit?

Every third Thursday of each month, the Colorado River Indian Tribes Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and Behavioral Health Programs, hold a Community Awareness Dinner at the Bluewater Casino, to honor participants who completed the Intensive 4 month Matrix Program. Come join us as our community honors and supports these individuals on their accomplishment.



CRIT Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program
12033 Agency Road # 730
Parker, Arizona 85344

Phone: (928) 669-5342 or Behavioral Health @ (928) 669-3256



Tribal Warm Line

Monday - Friday 7pm-11pm & Monday - Thursday 12 pm-5pm

Tribal members served by Cenpatico have a new telephone support service specifically for tribal members. The tribal warm line is answered by tribal support partners and is toll-free and confidential. Community members can call for emotional support, inter-personal relationship issues, anxiety, depression, etc. And referrals to community resources.

Care. Right. Now.
1-855-728-8630

Serving Counties: La Paz, Yuma, Pinal, Graham, Greenlee and Gila.

Serving Nations: Ak-Chin, Tohono O'odham, San Carlos, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Quechan, Cocopah and Tonto Apache.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

in the Parker, AZ Area

SUNDAY @ 3:30pm at Parker Senior Center/12th & Laguna -12/12 Study

MONDAY @ 7:00pm at Parker Senior Center/ 12th & Laguna -BB Study CD

TUESDAY @ 7:00pm at Big River Club House Big River, CA- O/D

WEDNESDAY @ 7:00pm- Parker Senior Center 12th & Laguna -O/D

THURSDAY @ 7:00pm- Christ Church on River, Up River -O/D

FRIDAY @ 7:00pm- Parker Senior Center 12th & Laguna Speaker -O/S

SATURDAY @ 7:00pm- Parker Presbyterian Church (2nd & Mohave Rd.)

1-1/4 mile west of Parker -O/D

*"If God brings you to it,
God will bring you through it."*



Colorado River Indian Tribes

TRIBAL COURT

Phone (928) 669-1355

Business Hours: Monday - Friday

8am - 5pm Closed for lunch hour.

P.O. Box 3428, Parker, AZ 85344

Email: crittc@redrivernet.com

PROBATION OFFICE

Chief Probation Officer

Fernando Paredes

Phone (928) 669-1289 / Phone (928) 669-1258

Phone (928) 669-1259 / Fax (928) 669-9601

Business Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm



New Native American Support Group SOBRIETY OVER SUBSTANCE

Meets every Friday at 7pm at
2nd Avenue & Mohave Road

(Underneath the Tin Shed)

For more info, contact:

Freeman (928) 287-0375 or Becky (928) 916-4135.



National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-4-A-CHILD

National Sexual Assault Hotline

1-800-656-HOPE

Dear Manatoba Messenger, CRIT Tribal Council and Town of Parker Council:

I am addressing this letter to the public to express what happened during "The Talent Show" which was held on Friday, February 24th, 2012 at the Parker Senior Center.

I called numerous times in January-February 2012, to enter my group "New Generation for Christ". The group is young girls, ages 4, 6, 8 and 11 yrs. of age. These girls were willing to help out "Meals on Wheels". They sing in their native language and play the hand drum, a circle healing song, and others in the crowd could join in to participate.

We had outfits made especially for the talent show. The girls practiced everyday to reach perfection.

It was February 24th, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. I called Darla Tilley to make sure it was a sure go. No one answered. So I went to talk to Darla face-to-face, and she had the secretary get our names and our talent.

I came home and started laying out the girls' dresses and matching rubber bands, hair ties, hand drums, bells, etc., which we need to perform.

About 4:20 p.m. Darla calls and tells me we are the 24th contestant. I said, "Okay, that will be fine."

About 4:35 p.m. Darla calls back and says we need to pay \$35.00 to enter.

I made a few calls and got a sponsor, who told Darla she'll be there with a check.

So we were good to go or so, I thought.

We got to the Center at 5:00 p.m. and we had dinner. It was 15 min. before the Talent Show began. We were approached at our table by Sandy Pierce, and she mentioned that the show was basically for adults only.

Mind you—we were sitting, bothering no one, patiently waiting for Darla or Sandy, who were responsible for the talent show, to tell us what to do. Instead Sandy Pierce said, for adults only.

I then looked at her puzzled: What? Why? We were going to perform then leave. That was my plan. So I held my tears and breath and we got in my vehicle. And as we were leaving, the girls seen all the little kids lining up at the back entrance...(If you could have seen the look on my group's face). I told them it's ok. God has a bigger plan for us.

Sandy Pierce, you showed me your true colors and Darla: shame on you.

Remember that the event was to raise money for your "Meals on Wheels". We saw a need and reacted out of our hearts. We didn't benefit from it. I personally was humiliated, not as a tribal member, but as a human being.

Sandy and Darla and the Town of Parker: We would like a big apology!

These two ladies, Sandy and Darla, represent you wrong and did "us" wrong. Especially the kids. They could say another story. But when you ask the children, children speak the truth, especially if they are rejected for no reason.

Sandy could have asked us to go outside and line up. But she straight-out said, "We will refund your money."

What would this tell you people of Parker? Or what would this mean?

God Bless.

Sincerely Yours,
Phyllis Rayes Robledo

The New Generation for Christ Dance Group

Dear Manatoba Messenger,

Thank you for publishing the E-Waste Recycling Event information in the paper. Nearly 10,000 pounds of electronic waste were shipped out of town. When asked where they heard of the event, the answer came back "I read about it in the paper."

All the toxic metals in TVs and other equipment will be properly disposed of, and many metals will be recovered to be reused elsewhere. Thanks to a group of teenage volunteers, The Vanguard, the event went smoothly. These teens gave up their vacation time to direct vehicles, collect data, sort and unload vehicles, without any thought of personal reward.

To Samantha and Analicia Shirley, Shelby and Austin Allen, Brie Miller and Evan Whiteley, CRIT EPO says "Thank You!" A special thank you also goes to Tim Edwards, of the Town of Parker, who provided a loader and driver. And Mr. Frank Vanegas to assist.

Terry Dock
Acting Director, CRIT EPO

To: Letter to the Editor:

From: Daphne Hill-Poolaw, Mohave Elders Chairperson, Mohave Elders Committee

Date: March 8, 2012

Subject: 147th. Anniversary- CRIT Recognition Days (aka- Mohave Days)

The Mohave Elders Committee would like to thank all those who participated, volunteered and donated the traditional foods for our dinner, and gifts for our raffle at the CRIT Day Celebration. The Mohave Elders would especially like to thank Elder Stacia Baillie for the beautiful, traditional beaded cape she made; Curtis "CJ's Smoke Shop" Martin, Jr., who donated the Wii Game; Fascinating Things: Orville and Colleen Paddock; Parker Pizza Hut and Dominos Pizza gift certificates; CRIT Fire Department and Staff; CRIT Education; CRIT Recreation; CRIT Maintenance Department and Staff; Traditional Bird Singer Mahke Welsh and his group who led the march with traditional bird songs. Also Francine Stewart, Neucha Ruiz, Ruby Patch, Janice Patch, Rayford Patch, Tina Evans, Misty and Eric Poolaw; Alvora Welsh, Johnson "JD" Fisher, Anisa Patch, Miss CRIT Ava Miller and Royalties present; Mohave Bird Dancers; Rayes Robledo and her beautiful daughters who sang a traditional gospel song in the Mohave language and the special speakers Elder Mamie Harper, Dr. Michael Tsosie and David Harper, Councilmembers Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Amanda Barrera and Johnny Hill, Jr., CRIT Demonstrators were Jesse "JJ" Garza, Jessica Garza, Mohave Elder Agnes Swick-Bow and Charisa Sam, and thanks to all the vendors.

Lastly, thanks to the Mohave Elders Committee who worked diligently to make this special event a successful one. The celebration was a huge success and would not have been possible without everyone's participation. Everyone made a positive difference to the community by supporting your elders and our youth. The Mohave Elders are very proud in carrying on the traditional ways and passing it on to the next generation. Our celebration was a huge success and again thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered.

Thank you so much on behalf of the Mohave Elder's Committee.

APRIL 2012

Colorado River Indian Tribes Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. <i>Thank You Most Calendar</i>	2. "DEADLINES"	3. "Utility/Irrigation Cemetery/Rez. Credit" 4PM- Mohave Elders	4.	5.	6.	7.
If you would like your event on the Community Calendar email the event to: manatobamessenger@gmail.com						
8. <i>Happy Easter</i>	9. 9:00AM-Special Tribal Council 5:15PM- Parks & Recreation	10. "RDC" 9AM- Utility 10AM- Irrigation 1PM-Cemetery 1:30PM-Revolving Credit	11. "Admin. Reports" 9AM- Health	12. "Admin./TTRC" 9AM- Special Tribal Council	13. <i>Cake & Ice Cream @ CRIT Library.</i> "Liquor Control" 9AM Special Tribal Council	14. The People's Meeting 9:00 AM
15.	16. 9AM-Special Tribal Council Food Handler Training 1pm-4pm Navajo Room	17. "CRRMC" 9AM- RDC	18. "Education" 9AM-Special Administration	19. CRIT EPO/Community Dinner 4pm 9AM- Regular Administration 3PM- TTRC Headstart Health Screening 9am-12pm	20. 9AM- Liquor Control ASU 26th Annual Pow	21. Wow 20,21,22, 2012
22. ASU Pow Wow final day.	23. 9AM- Special Tribal Council Navajo Dance Class @ CRIT Library	24. 9AM- CRRMC	25. "Manatoba Messenger Deadline" 9AM- Education	26. 9AM Special Tribal Council Headstart's Volunteers/ Community Awards Dinner @ 5:30pm	27. 3:30PM Staff Meeting	28. Special Recall Election 6am-6pm
29.	30.	Headstart's Week of the Young Child April 23rd- April 27th				

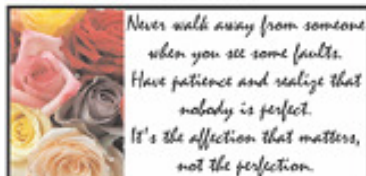
Have a wonderful month everyone!

Obituaries



In Loving Memory of
Charlcia N. McCowan
September 16, 1964 -
March 28, 2012

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 5:00pm - 6:00pm at Parker Funeral Home, Parker, Arizona. Services will be Wednesday, April 11, 2012 from 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm at Parker Funeral Home in Parker, AZ. Tribal Rites of Cremation will take place Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 5:00 am at the Colorado River Indian Tribes Cemetery at 2nd Avenue & Laffoon Road.



In Loving Memory of
Hipkoe Sakiestewa
January 6, 1934 - April 3, 2012

Services took place on Saturday, April 7th, 2012 from 9:00am-12:00pm at Parker Funeral Home.

Burial immediately followed at Parker Cemetery. Refreshments were served at the Freeman Sharp Building following the funeral.

He was honored in 2004 by the U.S. Army's 187th Infantry Regiment as a "Distinguished Member" for his service in the Korean War and for his public service since leaving the Regiment.

He earned several medals and honors during his time in service, including Parachutist's Wings, Combat Infantry's Badge, National Defense Medal, United Nations Campaign Ribbon (with two battle stars), the Korean War Medal from the South Korean Government, and the Good Conduct Medal.



Remembering our Mother,
Grandmother and Aunt

*Katherine
Martin Patch*

taken from us 80 years ago on April 23rd. Gone but never, ever forgotten. Your goodness will always be with us.
The Families of Luke Patch Sr.

The Enas Family

would like to express a BIG SINCERE THANK YOU to those who donated food, sent sympathy cards, flowers, prayers and condolences for the loss of our family members, brother, uncle, friend Gordan Enas and daughter, sister, aunt, friend, Karlyn M. Enas:
Big River Enterprises Blue Water RV Park & Residence
Blue Water Casino-Food & Beverage & Banquet Staff
CRIT Department of Health & Social Services & Staff
CRIT Farms CRIT Tribal Council
Mak-Haaf Cemetery & Staff Parker Funeral Home & Staff
Parker Indian Health Center- Social Services Staff
Also, thank you to ALL the individuals who we failed to mention. Thank you to our Creator, Heavenly Father, who blessed us with lots of support and friends in this time of need. Words cannot express how much we appreciate each and every one of you.
ASQUALI - Thank you in Hopi - Thank you, Thank you.

Happy Memorial Birthday on
April 6th to our Auntie & Sister

Louella Patch Hill

"Noogie"

Life has been hard to get used to without you here. Not a day goes by that we don't think of you & miss you.
Your nieces, nephews,
brothers, sisters & all your 'boms'



Town of Parker

1314 11th Street
Parker, AZ 85344
Phone (928) 669-9265
Fax: (928) 669-5247

SPRING CLEANING NOTICE

THE TOWN OF PARKER CEMETERY SPRING CLEANING WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND UNTIL SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR MOMENTOS, VASES, PICTURES, TOYS, CARS, STUFFED ANIMALS, ANGELS, LIGHTS, CANDLES, ETC. FROM YOUR LOVED ONES HEADSTONES IN THE GRASSY SECTIONS OF THE CEMETERY BEFORE APRIL 20TH, 2012.

On April 23rd, the Town will pickup and remove all items from the tops of the headstones, those items will be placed in the Town's mini storage unit located at the end of the cemetery.

We apologize for what might be perceived as a lack of thoughtfulness; we are just trying to keep the areas neat and tidy for our loved ones.

We estimate by May 9, 2012, staff will have finished with the Cemetery's Spring Cleaning and you can once again replace your momentos.

If you have any questions pertaining this notice, please call Public Works at (928) 669-9265 during normal business hours.

Thank you, Candy Cockbill, Town Clerk

AMERICAN INDIAN CHURCH

Burns Road
Rev. Sheldon Swick 928-669-8299
Sunday school: 10 am
Sunday Service: 11am
Wednesday Service: 7pm
Saturday Service: 7 pm

HARVEST MISSION
Pastor David Hill 928-575-7487
Sunday school: 10 am
Sunday Service: 11am
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

PARKER CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

928-669-4718
Sunday school: 10 am
Sunday Service: 11am
Call for additional services.

PARKER VALLEY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mohave Road (928) 669-8310

VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Jerry Rafter
Sunday school: 10 am
Sunday Service: 11am
Monday Prayer Service: 6pm
Tuesday Womens Ministry: 6pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

916 11TH ST., POSTON, AZ 85871
(928) 669-2502

SACRED HEART

916 11th Street, Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-2502

CHRIST'S CHURCH ON THE RIVER

9098 Riverside Drive, Parker, AZ 85344
928-667-3891

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1821 S. Navajo Ave, Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-8465

LILY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH

812 S Eagle Ave, Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-8919

CHURCH OF CHRIST

800 S Kofa Ave., Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-2132

LUTHERAN MESSIAH CHURCH

800 S Mohave Ave., Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-8964

"IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP HERE, AND WOULD LIKE IT LISTED, PLEASE CALL 800-898-2669 TO HAVE IT ADDED TO THE LIST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE."

CRIT Victim Advocacy Program



CRIT Victim Advocate
Honor Fisher, BA, Psy.

Silence

Silence is the absence of sound, stillness, muteness. To me it holds many meanings. As an advocate it is what happens when a victim does not want to talk about what is happening. It is what happens when a family refuses to acknowledge the abuse that is occurring. It is what happens when a community refuses to admit that there is a problem, whether that problem is domestic violence, alcoholism, bullying, or any of the other things that are considered issues.

As Indian people, our culture taught us that we are not individuals, we are a community; a community that stands together. That cares for our elders and our children. There is a saying that it takes a village to raise a child, I believe that saying came from a tribe.

Our culture in the past has shown us that to thrive we must respect our heritage, where we come from, who we are and where we are going. I would like to thank CRIT Tribal Council for their continued support of the program and the donation of the vehicle for the raffle that we are doing this month. Were it not for their continued support, we would not be where we are today.

I would also like to ask all parents of children who are having issues with bullying in the schools to please contact me. I would like to address this issue

with the parents in front of the school board.

We are seeing an increase in the number of bullying issues in the schools and need to be able to address them. Thank you for your continued support of the program.

BULLYING INCLUDES:

1. Harassment

- Intimidation
- Bullying
- Hazing
- Harmful Gossip

2. Threats

- Intent to Harm
- Fear in the Victim
- Capability of Bully Acting on Threat

If your child is a victim of bullying
CALL ME AT (928) 669-2906

CRIT Alcohol & Substance Abuse
Deterrence Program
Present
Dog and the Dangers of Prescription Drugs
Illustrated by Rain Fisher

Hey, are you okay?

My stomach hurts. I think I might head home...

I think I have something...

Here! Take these!

Some of these aren't labeled...

It's cool.

I don't know.

Did you know?
In 2007, prescription pain medications were involved in more overdose deaths than heroin and cocaine combined.

Safeguard your medications!
There is a correct and safe way to dispose of your prescription medications.
Find out how by contacting: Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Department OR LA Pac County Sheriff's Office

Safeguard your household products like spray paint, paint thinner, and glue. Remember to keep track of your prescription and over-the-counter medication!

Keep our kids safe!

For more info, go to:
teens.drugabuse.gov
drugabuse.gov

The Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the United States. In honor of the victims and survivors of sexual assault, The Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter is proud to present the Annual Denim Day USA 2012, a campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about rape and sexual assault. With support from the Colorado River Indian Tribes' Victim Advocacy Program together we will spread the word and educate our community on the importance of this issue. In 1998, an Italian Supreme Court decision overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans, reasoning she must have helped her attacker remove them. People all over the world were outraged. Wearing jeans became an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. This day we unite against the sexual assault of girls, women, boys and men. We stand in support of survivors. We break the silence to end sexual violence. On Denim Day, wear your jeans as a visible sign of protest against the myths that still surround sexual assault!
We are asking employers to allow their staff to break the dress code and the silence by wearing jeans on Denim Day, Wednesday April 25th.

For further information contact: The Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter 928-669-8527 or 928-669-8620.

Colorado River Indian Tribes
Victim Advocate Program
(928) 669-2906
24 Hour Crisis Hotline
1-888-499-0911

Physical Violence, Sexual Violence, Intimidation, Emotional Abuse, Using the Children, Coercion & Threats, Male Privilege, Blaming & Lying, Cultural & Ritual Abuse

We provide the following services:
Domestic Violence Resources, Advocacy Support, Education and Outreach, Group Support Informational Training

CRIT Library/Archives



All events advertised are held at the library, and staff encourages everyone in the community to participate!

**OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00 A.M.- 5 P.M.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP FOR EVENTS VISIT US AT 26600 MOHAVE ROAD
PHONE (928) 669-1332 OR GO TO WWW.CRITLIBRARY.COM & DON'T FORGET WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!



Early Literacy Skills

The National Research Council recommends that children enter school with specific early literacy skills that serve as the foundation for learning to read and write. In other words, children entering school who have a grasp of these skills are better to benefit from the reading instruction when they are in the classroom. The CRIT Library encourages all parents to make the choice to invest in your child. Here are some simple tips to help you.

***Print Motivation** - Find books that speak to your child's interest and share them often.

***Vocabulary** - Teach your child the specific names of things, like vegetables, the next time you are at the store.

***Print Awareness** - Help your child discover how to hold a book and turn the pages.

***Narrative Skills** - Tell stories together, encourage pretend play, and let your child be a storyteller.

***Phonological Awareness** - Sing songs, play games and share rhymes to help your child play with the smaller sounds in words.

***Letter Knowledge** - Help your child identify the first letter in his/her name and find it in books, on street signs, license plates, and package labels.

APRIL EVENTS

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*In celebration of National Library Week, the CRIT Library will be giving away free t-shirts commemorating the event! Starting April 9th-30th, 2012, you must sign up for a library card, enroll in a computer class or check out a book. *Join us for cake and ice cream in honor of National Library Week on Friday, April 13, 2012 from 1:30pm-4:30pm at the library. There will be give-aways! It's free. All are welcome. *CRIT Library presents NAVAJO DANCE CLASS on April 23rd & 24th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the CRIT Library. Instructor will be Mary McCabe. All ages are welcome. Come in or call to sign up today!!



Meet and Greet with Artist Bryan Huna Smith

On the evening of March 13th a group of 25 community members attended the "Meet and Greet" Library program.

Participants listened to Tribal Member, Ryan 'Huna' Smith who shared about his life and artistic skills. As a co-author of It's Up To You Comic Book Mr. Smith gave insight into his ideas of incorporating his art into his diabetes comic book. He also spoke to the younger audience and told them to stay in school, keep up their grades and dream big. Copies of the comic book were handed out to the participants and autographed by Ryan.



Thank you to all our Navajo Bird Dancing Participants and Instructor Robin Anderson for your commitment!



CRIT Museum



THE COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT 1007 ARIZONA AVENUE, PARKER, AZ 85344
PHONE: (928) 669-8970
OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 AM-5PM.
MUSEUM ACTING DIRECTOR:
GINGER SWICK-SCOTT

"Come in and see the many unique and authentic items we sell. everyone is welcome!"



The Annual CRIT Museum Easter Coloring Contest winners announced

On Thursday, April 5th., the Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum announced the winners of the Easter Coloring Contest. An annual event open to the public. This year's event had over 24 participants in five age groups!

The CRIT Museum would like to thank all those that participated, and to the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to help out: Library Director Amelia Flores, Auto Shop Secretary Jonna Esquerra and Commercial Specialist /CRIT Realty Department Cyndie Gonzalez.

A special thank you to Blue Water Cinemas for donating the movie passes and combos for prizes. We appreciate your support!



Alicia Cervantes -Age 5

Won a large easter basket, an egg coloring set and a large chocolate bunny!



Leo Scott Jr. -Age 7

Won a large easter basket, an egg coloring set and a large chocolate bunny!



Malia Marie Johnson - Age 13

Won \$15 cash & a free set of movie passes & combo!



Kendra Moore - Age 18

Won \$50 cash & a free set of movie passes & combo!



Childbirth & Prenatal Classes



Designed to cover all aspects of
Early Pregnancy: 1st trimester
Preparation for Child Birth: 2nd-3rd trimester,
Postpartum care and
Birth Certificate information

Recommended for mothers
at any stage of their pregnancy.

One-day classes, 2-4 pm, scheduled for:

Tuesday, April 10

Tuesday, May 8

Tuesday, June 12

(Classes are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month)

Class will be held at the
Parker Indian Health Center in the
Large Conference Room.

Class given by PHN Department

For more information call 928-669-3363

For Transportation: Please call CHR @ 669-6093



Open to boys and girls ages 7-14

PARTICIPATION IS FREE

4 LEVELS OF COMPETITION

*Including Team Championships at Major League Ballparks and
the PHR National Finals at the 2012 MLB All-Star Game*

PITCH Throw strikes to a designated target

HIT Hit from a stationary batting tee for distance and accuracy

RUN Sprint from 2nd base to home plate for time

Hosted by the Colorado River Girls Youth Softball Club

Saturday April 14th at Manataba Park

CRIT Victim Advocacy Program 4X4 RAFFLE

Proceeds are to help buy necessities for victims utilizing the program.



2001 FORD F-150 SUPER CAB XLT 4x4

(Kelley Blue Book \$6,408)

Tickets \$20.00 each

Only 300 tickets will be sold

Tickets Available for Purchase: April 2, 2012 – April 30, 2012

Drawing held at the CRIT Attorney General's Office on Monday, April 30, 2012 @ 9:00a.m.
located on Mohave Road and Second Avenue. Winner need not be present.

Please contact Honor Fisher at 669-2906 for more ticket information.



The CRIT VAP services Native Americans and their spouses and partners,
victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Sign Up Today

Attention Parents & Guardians

CRIT HEAD START WILL BE ACCEPTING ALL
NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2012-2013
SCHOOL YEAR, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2012.

CHILDREN MUST BE 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD

BY AUGUST 31, 2012.

**All returning children DO NOT need to complete an
application, a letter will be sent out regarding
returning students in the later months.**

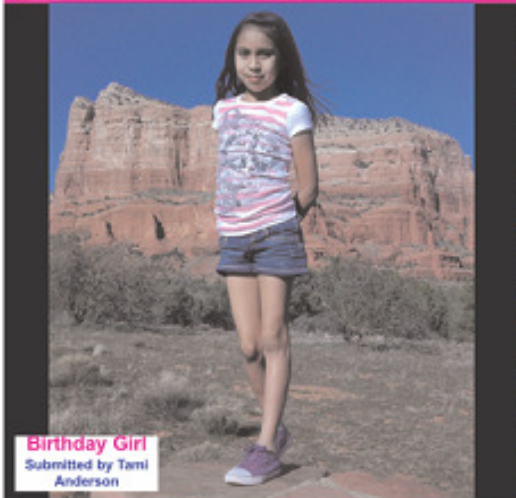
PLEASE submit the following DOCUMENTS:

- APPLICATION**
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- INCOME (W-2 (2011), IRS 1040, Recent Check Stub within 2012 year,
--TANF/AFDC letter with Cash Assistance amount)**
- Current IMMUNIZATION RECORD, including
--TB SKIN TEST and BLOOD LEAD LEVEL**

Tribal Enrollment Letter or Pending membership letter. If you have any
questions PLEASE CONTACT ME and I will gladly
help you with the application 928-662-4311 EXT. 227-

Thanks, Cheryl A. McCabe, ERSEA/Data Specialist

Photo Contest*Photo Contest*Photo Contest*Photo Contest



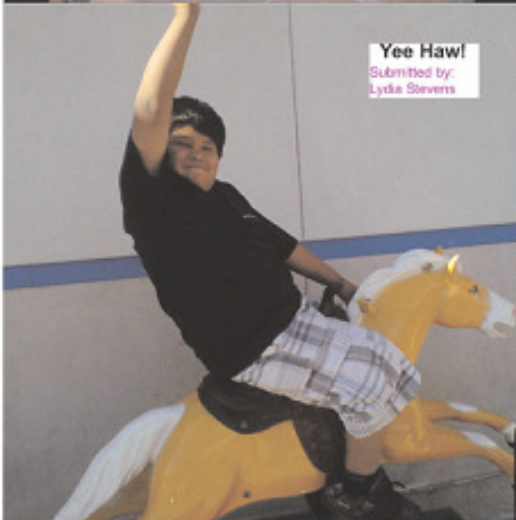
Birthday Girl
Submitted by Taml Anderson



Enjoying the Parker weather...
Submitted by: Francine Ruiz



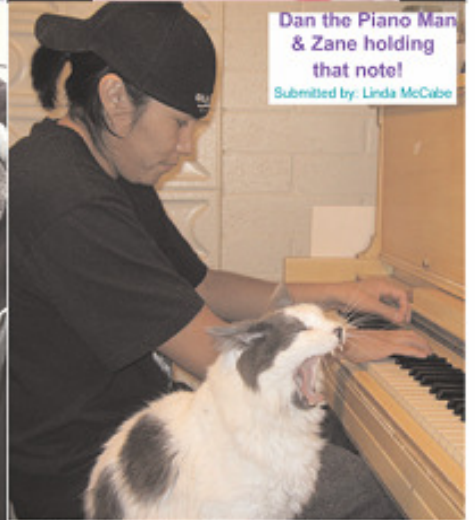
Flower Power
Submitted by: Talisa Miller



Yee Haw!
Submitted by: Lydia Stivers



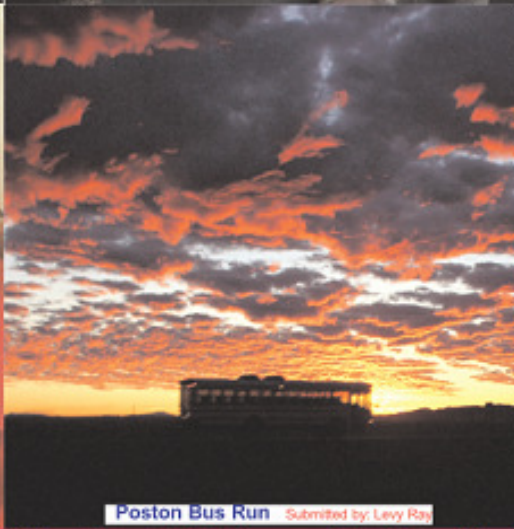
Texting on the way back from Parker.
Submitted by Franchesca Short



Dan the Piano Man & Zane holding that note!
Submitted by: Linda McCabe



Sleepy Basket Girl
Submitted by: Gabriel Naranjo



Poston Bus Run Submitted by: Levy Ray



"I'm so innocent..."
Submitted by Meagon Fisher

1st Prize: \$100 2nd Prize: \$50 3rd Prize: \$25

CORRECTION IN FEB. ISSUE: Baby Arty should have been Baby Ant as a title on his photo, Keep them coming for your chance to win!!!

To enter, simply mail it to: Manataba Messenger, 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, AZ 85344. Or email it to: manatabamessenger@gmail.com

Make sure and include your name, phone number and address, and a small description of the photo. Title them for fun!

You can submit your photo and description on the CRIT Manataba Messenger facebook site also: just LIKE-CRIT Manataba Messenger!

And then you can either email it or facebook it from the convenience of your cell phone! **DEADLINE FOR PHOTOS IS THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH.**

The following rules apply: **1. Only pictures taken by active tribal members are accepted. 2. No professional photographers or photographs are allowed.**

3. No photoshop technology used on photographs is allowed. 4. Must submit full contact information: name, address, phone, tribal i.d....each time you enter.

APRIL WINNER'S: 1ST: I see you NOW Mommy! 2ND: Oh my Gosh...WOW. 3RD: Shijay and Shiyazh! Congratulations!

