

# Wa:k Newsletter



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## San Xavier Road Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalks Construction Project at the Santa Cruz River

January 14, 2015 Michael Bends, SXD Planning Administrator

The Bridge/Pathway project is currently on schedule. Workers are busy in the river bed this week drilling the pier shafts and completing the rebar cages for pier concrete. Shaft drilling will be on-going for at least the next 4 weeks. Along the pathway, grading is to be finished this week and concrete is to be poured next week for the pathway. This work will take at least 3 weeks. On the east side of the interstate asphalt taken out of the pedestrian island. This material will be removed by the end of the week or early next week.

San Xavier District monitors, managed by David Tenario in the SXD Natural Resources Department, continue to be employed on the site to safeguard any property or cultural resources. A vehicle was reported to the TOPD last week when it came down the river bed and exited through the project on the west end. The project access, on both sides of the river, is now being signed "Keep Out" and caution taped is stretched across the access at the end of each day's work. So far we have not had any additional reports of pedestrians walking through the project and into the river bed.

This is a dangerous construction site. Pedestrians should not enter the site nor should they cross the river bed. Pedestrians should continue to use the existing vehicular bridge for access until the project is completed and certified open. Any unauthorized vehicle entering the construction site or the river bed is doing so illegally and will be reported to the TOPD.

On the administrative side of the project, the contractors are having difficulty getting their sub-contractors approved through the TON TERO Office. I have offered to assist the contractor (Ashton) by contacting TERO to see what I might be able to do to speed up the approval process. Otherwise, sub-contracted job tasks do not have laborers to complete the tasks and this holds up other job tasks that would come after their completion.

The construction phase of this project is a joint effort between ADOT and the Ashton Construction Company but, If you have questions regarding this project please feel free to call me, Michael Bends, Planning Administrator for the SXD at 573-4071. In the meantime, **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION and DO NOT ENTER THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OR THE RIVER BED WITHOUT PERMISSION.**

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The deadline for the March issue of the Wa:k Newsletter is Friday, February 13, 2015. Please submit your articles to [newsletter@waknet.org](mailto:newsletter@waknet.org)

Wa:k Newsletter



*Hello to the Work Community & Friends!!*

**Health & Safety:**

As you are all aware that a pedestrian bridge and sidewalk is being built along San Xavier Road and the Santa Cruz River please stay away from the area until it is completed. This is a dangerous area. Anyone caught in this area without authorization will be reported to police.

**Animal Control:**

Last month there were several dogs in the church area fighting with one dog. Some of the dogs had collars which mean they belong to someone. Again the department will be cracking down on the dogs around the church. Please fence, tie or teach your dog to stay home. All dogs that are captured will be taken to animal control.

**Stats for the month of December 2014**

Community Assist – 4, Public Assist – 1, Animal Control – 5, Property Damage – 4, Special Detail – 4, Security/Welfare Check – 1, Suspicious Person – 4, Department Assist – 1, Environmental Nuisance - 1.

**Important Telephone numbers:**

Emergency 911  
Tohono O’Odham Police 622-1587, 879-8900  
Ranger Department 807-8499  
Ranger Supervisor 807-8484  
Ranger cellphone 471-8092  
Ranger Supervisor cell - 349-1359

**Environmental:**

Take a look at the road side as you driver home tonight does it need to be cleaned? The Ranger Staff will assist you in cleaning your road side, you just need to get people who live in the same area to come out and help. If you are interested please contact the Ranger Department at (520) 807-8499. One of the department goals is to assist community members who would like to host a neighborhood cleanup. The department will provide trash bags, grabbers, and dispose of the trash. We will not clean any yards.

**CHILD SAFETY:**

**"Stranger Danger", tips and strategies.**

Additionally, the following are important tips and strategies for children to protect themselves:

- Know your name, address, and phone number.
- Use the buddy system – avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Trust your instincts – if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- If a stranger approaches you, you do not have to speak to him or her. Never approach a stranger in a motor vehicle. Just keep walking. Do not accept candy or any other items from a stranger. Never walk off with a stranger no matter what he or she tells you.
- If someone is following you try to remember the license plate of his or her vehicle and immediately tell a trusted adult.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away or dragging you into his or her car. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."

*The staff sends their prayers and thoughts to all the families who have lost a loved one in the past year, May the Creator be with you during this time.*

**Hiring Laborers & Drivers/Operators**



The San Xavier District Ranger Department will be coordinating the Annual Bulky Waste Collection Event on March 27 & 28, 2015. The Ranger Department is looking to hire 8 laborers and 4 heavy equipment operators/drivers. The requirements for the 2 positions are:

**Laborer**

- Must be in good physical condition
- Must be able to perform heavy physical work in all types of weather
- Must follow safety standards and prevention.
- Must be on time to safety meeting and both working days
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aide and CPR a plus, but not required

**Heavy Equipment Operator/Driver**

- Must be in good physical condition
- Knowledge of hauling methods including heavy, bulky items and loose materials.
- Must observe all safety precautions to prevent injury to personnel or damage to vehicles and other property.
- Must have six months driving experience on construction projects.
- Must have current CDL (commercial driver's license)
- Must be on time to safety meeting and both working days
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aide and CPR a plus, but not required

**DEPENDABILITY A PLUS!!!! We require all laborers to work both days and attend the safety meeting. Hardhats, safety vest, and gloves will be provided.**

\*Consumption of alcohol or drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs during working hours will not be tolerated. Suspicion that any employee is reporting to work under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance will result in termination and being excluded from future District projects.

\*\*No gang attire, gang activities, or baggy clothing will be tolerated during your temp-employment status for San Xavier District.\*\*

\*\*\*No items collected during the Bulky Waste Event will be allowed to be taken for personal gain.\*\*\*

If you are interested in working these two days please contact Denise Begay in the Human Resource Office @ 520-573-4016. And, a modified application will need to be filled out.

Deadline to submit your name and modified application is Friday, March 6, 2015 before 4pm.

# Bulky Waste Collection

**BULK WASTE  
ONLY**  
FURNITURE, APPLIANCES  
CARPET, ALL LARGE ITEMS  
**NO GARBAGE!**

## March 27 & 28, 2015

This list is to give Wa:k Community residents an idea of what items will be picked up during the Bulky Waste collection. This event is not collecting household waste or green waste! If you have any questions regarding items please feel free to contact the Ranger Department at 520-807-8499.

### **Hazardous materials:**

consisting of paints, grease, oil, batteries, televisions, etc. please place in a separate pile for these items require to be disposed of properly. If you have a large amount of hazardous materials please give the Ranger Department a call so that special arrangements can be made to collect such materials.

Use caution around unknown hazardous material. DO NOT open or place with other bulky waste.

**Bulky waste:** such as wood, building materials, beds, mattress, old furniture are to be separated from the hazardous materials and appliances. Wa:k residents make sure you place items away from your home to ensure easy access to collect the waste.

**SAN XAVIER DISTRICT  
NOR IT'S PARTNERS WILL  
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY  
DAMAGES OR FOR ITEMS  
TAKEN BY MISTAKE! SO  
MAKE SURE YOU KNOW  
WHAT WASTE YOU WANT  
COLLECTED.**

**Appliances:** such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, or scrap metal. Please call the Ranger Department. This is to ensure that non-tribal and tribal members don't take these items for personal gain. These items will be recycled and will aid in off setting the cost for dumping fees for the waste to be dumped at the appropriate facilities and for fuel.



# *Wa:k Senior Services*

Greetings to our community members, hope all is well with you and your families. I hope the holiday's celebrations were good to you.

Just some thoughts for this year: please respect our elders in the community, they are not strong and need assistance from family members to care for them. This is an ongoing issue that we hear about throughout the Tohono O'odham Nation. Please help out at home by checking on them if they are hungry, cook something for them. Clean the house, pick up objects on the floor so they won't trip and fall. If they need clothes washed, wash them. Take them to the store, if you have a vehicle. Keep them warm during the cold season. These are just a few thoughts, but there are many more elders concerns. Just remember you're going to be an elder someday.

Our enrolled clients have been busy this month with activities:

January 8, 2015 Bingo & Potluck. Presentation by the Finance Director on taxes.

January 11, 2015 Elder Choir sang for the 9:30 mass at the church, and they were a hit!

January 12, 2015: Mass at the congregate. Vice Chairman Carlyle and elders hosted a special visit from the Buddhist Rinpoche in the council chambers. Elder Advisory Council Representatives Irene Begay and Eleanor Hunter attended the EAC meeting at the Schuk Toak District Office.

January 14 & 15, 2015 Senior Service Department Assisted in the A'atha.

## Upcoming Presentations

January 22, 2015 Caregivers training by TON Senior Services.

January 26, 2015 Ebola presentation by the TON Health & Human Services.

January 29, 2015 Fall Prevention Presentation by Indian Health Services.

We are still recruiting for any community members that are 55 years of age or older and the "special needs" individual(s) to join our program, if you know of anybody let them know. Please feel free to call our office at 520-578-4067 or stop by for more information.



Until next time

*Dennis Ramon*

## The Probate Staff

will be at San Xavier District office  
*the 1st Wednesday of each month*

**From 9:00am to 3:00pm**

The Staff will be available to answer any questions you may regarding probate matters.

If you have a recent death in your family, please stop by and find out if a probate is needed for the decedent.

If the decedent needs to be probated, the following documents are needed for decedent and their family.

1. Original death certificate
  2. Birth certificates for all
  3. Tribal enrollment documents for all.
- There may be other documents required.

We hope to see you there.

## WA:K POW COMMITTEE

There will be a Pow Wow committee meeting to discuss the upcoming Wa:k Pow Wow to be held March 14 & 15, 2015.

All Feast committees representatives are urged to attend and any interested parties.

The following meetings will be held on February 2, 9, 16, 23 2015 at the San Xavier District Center beginning at 6:30pm. Please try and attend these meetings.

Thank you,  
Chairperson Wa:k Pow Wow Committee

*Philbert Bailey*

**OST STAFF WILL BE AT  
THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT OFFICE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2015  
FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM**

**TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR  
IIM ACCOUNT  
OR TO ASSIST IN UPDATING YOUR  
IIM ACCOUNT.**

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# Marketing Workshop

**DATE:** *February 18, 2015*  
**PLACE:** *San Xavier Recreation Center Multipurpose Rm.*  
**TIME:** *9:00 am to 12:00*



Call (520) 383-3253 to register by February 13, 2015  
Presented by the Credit & Finance Staff  
Light refreshments provided



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual San Xavier District HOME EXPO FEBRUARY 28, 2015



**When:** Saturday, February 28, 2015  
**Where:** San Xavier Recreation Center; 8549 S. J Mayor Drive – 85746  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- You will have opportunity to meet and talk with home repair contractors, insurance representatives and various types of vendors.
- Demonstrations on various home repairs are being scheduled.
- Nation's and District departments will be present to provide you with helpful information.
- Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Contact Tina at SXD Housing for more information at 573-4044 or 573-4042

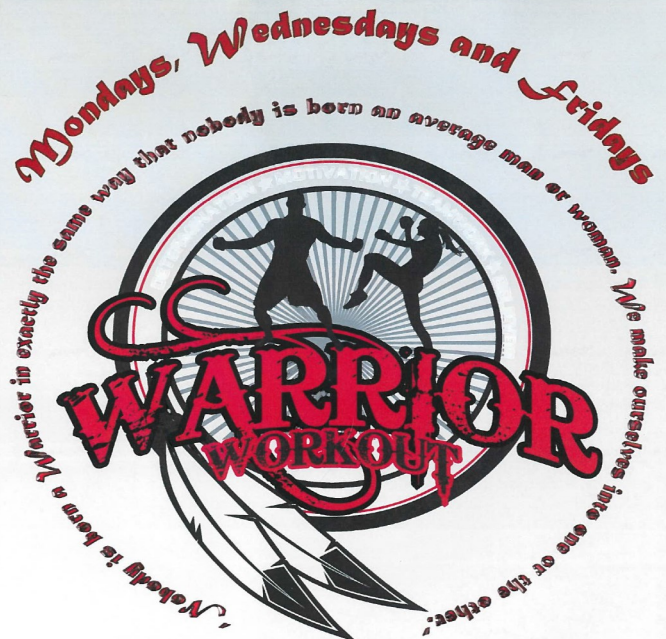
**Are you bored at home and want to get out of the house?  
Do you want to meet new people?  
Would you like to travel to new places?**

If you are a SXD youth, 13-18 years of age, Come join the Wa:k Youth Council.

Share your ideas, help plan events and possibly travel to this year's UNITY Conference in Washington DC.

The next meeting is Friday, February 6, 2015 @ the SX Recreation Center

For more information:  
Contact Brianna @ [briannaro0912@students.susd12.org](mailto:briannaro0912@students.susd12.org)  
or Sebastian @ [sebastianjpreston@gmail.com](mailto:sebastianjpreston@gmail.com)



**6:30pm**  
**San Xavier Recreation Center  
Multi Purpose Room**

# Royalty Royalty Royalty

S-keig Tas Wa:k! My name is Mia Gonzales Francisco. I am 5 years old. I attend San Xavier Mission School. I am 1st attendant to Lil Miss Wa:k Ceksan 2014-15. I am very happy to be representing our beautiful district of Wa:k. I had a great time getting ready for the pageant. I've since then learned a lot about myself, my family and my Wa:k community.

The pageants we had in October was hosted by Miss Indian AZ. 1st attendant, she is very nice. I had great time our first parade right here at home followed by battle of the bands "Go Miss Gertie" The Wa:k Ceksan royalty was asked to present the trophy's at the 1st annual car show. Our 1st trip was to San Carlos AZ for the pageant and parade. We got to meet Miss Indian Arizona for the pageant and parade. It was a beautiful place with lots of horses. I met Snowball the horse. We got to go to the GuVu pageant it was cold, after that we took a long cruise to stay in Casa Grande for Orme Dam Victory Day parade in Fort McDowell. Miss Gila River greeted us on our way in to lunch. In November we spent the morning at the elementary school in Sells we did our presentations and had lunch it was food to the children. Our last event in November, we were blessed to spend the day with my great grandpa Pat Franco We celebrated Veterans Day and grandpas birthday. It was a good day filled with dancing, singing, drumming and good food. THANX GRANDPA!...

December we had the lights parade in Sells and the lights parade the next day here at home. Both events were nice. The Ak Chin pageant. I liked when Mikey Enos sang the frog song. We were asked to greet at the Christmas dinner. We chose someone to dance with I got to dance with Mr. Carlyle and I got Mr. Islas the principal of Santa Clara to do the Macarena. It was fun. So that's what Wa:k Ceksan royalty has been doing so far and lots and lots of fundraising with lots of help from family and community. Thanks everyone for your support.

*Mia Gonzales*

Hello Everyone,

My name is Celest Delphina Ortega-Juan. I am 7 years old. I attend San Xavier Mission School as a 1st grader. My mothers name is Evangeline Ortega. My grandmothers name is Jennifer Ortega & Cynthia Chico. I am Lil Miss Wa:k Ceksan 2014-15. I have traveled to:

San Carlos pageant & parade

GuVo District pageant

Fort Mc Dowell parade

Topawa for Youth Council Inauguration

Sells light parade

Ak-chin pageant

I had a lot of fun attending these events. I like to see all the people. I like to see the girls do there talents at the pageants. I like to like at the mountains when were driving to where we go. I am looking forward to our upcoming events we are going to be attending. Thank you!

*Celeste Juan*

## Skeg Tas! Good Day!

My name is Sereleia Preston and I am 1st attendant to Miss Wa:k Ceksan 2014-2015. At this time I would like to inform the Wa:k Community about some of the events that we participated in to represent our district.

In the month of October I ran for Miss Wa:k Ceksan along with some of the other girls running for the younger titles. I was scared at first but I did it. I got the award for best traditional talent and the title, 1st attendant to Miss Wa:k Ceksan 2014-2015. We attended the Wa:k Ceksan days such as the parade, the car show, and the battle of the bands. On November 7th and 8th we traveled to San Carlos for their pageant and parade. When we were waiting in the line for the parade, I would say that was the longest wait we had to wait about two hours or so but it was ok. On November 11, 2014 we attended the TON Veteran's Day service in Sells. On November 14, 2014 we attended the pageant in Gu'Vo. The next day we got up early and we headed out to Fort McDowell for their parade and Pow Wow. For the month of December, we participated in the light parade in Sells as well as the light parade and winter carnival here in Wa:k On December 12th we attended the Miss Ak-Chin pageant in Maricopa, AZ. The next day we attended the community holiday gathering here in Wa:k We were asked to do entertainment so we decided to do some dances such as the Cha-Cha slide, the Cupid shuffle, and the Macarena. We got the audience involved with the dances, both young and old. We have been selling and doing fundraising when we're not traveling. Or we have breakfast sales during the week. All the fundraising is to cover our travel expenses. I would like to say THANK YOU to the Wa:k Community for supporting us. The Wa:k Ceksan Royalty in everyway you can. It is greatly appreciated. And Thank you for allowing me to represent our District to the best of my ability. THANK YOU!

*Sereleia S Preston, Miss Wa:k Ceksan 1st Attendant*

Hello Wa:k Comminuty,

My name is Savannah Helen Vasquez, Jr. Miss Wa:k Ceksan 2014-2015. It's been exciting and an honor representing my community. So far my trips with the royalty has been fun and interesting. I like going to pageant because I like to find out who's going to win the crown because I learn a lot about different cultures. It is funny because when we are in the parades and they announce us they say our names funny. The places I gone to through out the year are San Carlos, TO Nation Veterans service, GuVo pageant, Fort McDowell parade and PowWow, Christmas light parade in Sells and San Xavier. I'm looking forward to the rest of my year. I like to send out a big thank you for all who have supported us throughout our fundraisers you are greatly appreciated & respected. May you all be safe & enjoy your year Xoxo's~

*Savannah Vasquez 2014-2015 Jr. Miss Wa:k Ceksan*

# Royalty Royalty Royalty

Good day, my name is Iris Antone. My O'odham name is Saguaro Fruit Flower. I am fourteen years old, attending Pima Partnership Academy as an eight grader. I am also the daughter of Ulna and Russell Antone. My maternal grandmother is Karen Canner from San Xavier. My maternal grandfather is Stanley Darrell from Santan. My paternal grandfather is Francis Antone from Big Fields, my paternal grandfather is the late Joseph "Joe" Antone from Cold Fields. I am Miss Wa:k Ceksan 2014-2015. I am proud and honored to represent our community. Since I've been crowned I've been busy making appearances and doing presentations within our nation. I also got to be an MC for my first time, but I think I did a good job. I really appreciate those who come out to encourage us with kind words and those who support us when we have our fundraisers.

These are the places we attended so far.

Nov 7	Miss San Carlos Pageant
Nov 8	San Carlos Parade
Nov 11	TON Veterans Service
Nov 14-16	Orme Dam Victory Days/Parade
Nov 14	GuVo Pageant
Nov 21	Youth Council Inauguration
Nov 26	Indian Oasis Elementary School
Nov 29	Pat Franko's Birthday Celebration
Dec 5	Headstart Light Parade
Dec 6	CVC Light Parade & Winter carnival
Dec 12	Miss Ak Chin Pageant
Dec 13	Community Christmas Luncheon
Dec 20	Christmas Social Pow Wow
Jan 18	Miss TON Pageant
Jan 29	Arizona Indian Festival Scottsdale Civic Center Park
Jan 31	77th Annual TON Parade Rodeo Fair

These are my upcoming events to attend:

Feb 21	Iwo Jima Flag Raising Commemoration Parade
Feb 26	Tucson Rodeo Parade

*Iris Antone*



My name is Jashawna Jose. I am 11 years old and my parents are Maxine Pablo and Joseph Jose. I am 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant to Jr. Miss Wa:k Ceksan 2014-2015.

Since I got into the royalty, we have been very busy doing fundraising and traveling. Our first appearance was at San Carlos pageant and parade. Then we went to Gu Vo pageant, Fort McDowell Orme Dam Victory Days, Veterans Day in Sells, Pat Franco's birthday and Veterans day celebration and Youth Council Inauguration in Sells. We did a presentation at Indian Oasis School and attended their celebration. We also were in the Headstart Light Parade in Sells and the CVC Light Parade. We had fun helping at District Community Christmas Party and did entertainment. I also attended the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation pageant.

I met alot of people from different tribes. And I am glad to represent the San Xavier District. I would like to thank the district for letting us use the trailer for the parades.

Thank you,  
Jashawna Jose  
Jr. Miss Wa:k Ceksan 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant.

Dear Wa:k Community,  
S-ke:g Tas, I'm Denise L.F. Enos 2nd Attendant to Jr. Miss Wa:k Ceksan. I hope everyone had a nice and wonderful holiday season. Also my prayers to everyone who have lost a loved one. Since our pageant in October, I've been to San Carlos for their pageant and parade. To Sells for Nations Veterans services. To GuVo for their pageant; Fort McDowell for their parade and pow-wow. To the Youth Council Inauguration held in Topawa. Native American Day celebrations at Santa Clara Elementary School in Tucson and at Indian Oasis Elementary school in Sells. I've attended Mr. Pat Franko's Veteran's and birthday celebration. The Headstart Light parade in Sells. The CVC Light parade and Winter Carnival here in Wa:k. The Miss Ak Chin Pageant. Out community Christmas luncheon. The Miss Tohono O'odham pageant. Arizona Indian Festival in Scottsdale. The Nations Rodeo and parade. These were int eh months of November, December and January. Between appearances we've been doing fundraisers. I would like top thank everyone that comes out and supports us. All that we raise goes to our travels for gas , food, and hotel stays. I'm having fun and learning a lot. I pray that our Creator keeps watch and blesses each and everyone. Thank you

*Denise Little Feather Enos*  
2nd Attendant Jr. Miss Wa:k Ceksan

# Wapkiál Tás Tianda Indian Arts & Crafts Market



*Saturday & Sunday,  
February 21 & 22 2015  
9am - 5pm*

**Located across from the historic San Xavier Mission Del Bac  
Take I-19 get off on Exit 92.  
Head West towards the historic Mission San Xavier Del Bac.**

**The market will feature  
Native American Arts & Crafts & Native American foods  
SX Arts & Crafts Plaza Shops Open for business  
Wiwpul Duag ~ Reservation Creations ~ CR Arts & Crafts  
Cool Rain Snack Shop**

**Open to the Public - No Entry Fee  
Contact Kim Encinas for more information at (520) 573-4007.**

*Proceeds to benefit the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation*

## 33rd Annual **Wa:k Pow Wow** March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015



**Tucson's Largest Gathering of Native American  
Arts, Crafts, Food & Dancing!**

**Located behind the San Xavier Mission Church, Tucson, Az**

**For more information Contact us at:**

**WakPowWow@gmail.com**

**Like us at [www.facebook.com/wakpowwow](http://www.facebook.com/wakpowwow)**



**DESERT DIAMOND  
CASINO HOTEL**  
An Enterprise of the Tohono O'odham Nation

**Host Hotel**



**San Xavier District Council**  
**Meeting of February 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Location Council Chambers**

**AGENDA – Tentative**

January 27<sup>th</sup> is deadline date to submit items to the agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Accepting nominations to the San Xavier District Council and Legislative Council District Representative for the TON May Elections 2015.
5. New Business:
  - a. Mr. Paul Andrews, TON Election Board – To present an update on upcoming Tohono O’odham Nation 2015 May Elections.
  - b. Letters of interest to SXDC Recommending Committees:
    - Linda Preston – Planning & Housing Committee
    - Elliott Ortega – Health & Education Committee
  6. Chairman’s report:
  7. Vice Chairman’s Activity Report:
  8. Minutes:
  9. Announcements:
    - ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on February 14, 2015 at 9 a.m.
    - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on February 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.
    - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on March 3, 2015 at 7 p.m.
    - ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on March 7, 2015 at 9 a.m.
    - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on March 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.

All Council/Community meetings will be held in the Council Chambers

10. Adjournment:



**San Xavier District Community**  
**Meeting of February 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.**  
**Location Council Chamber**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
  2. Invocation:
  3. Call to the Audience:
  4. Accepting nominations to the San Xavier District Council and Legislative Council District Representative for the TON May Elections 2015.
  5. Mr. Michael Bends, SXD Planning Administrator and Mr. Mark Pugh, SXD Principle Planner – Presenting 1) Los Reales/Mission Roads Intersection improvements, 2) Little Nogales Road in reference to the study session on maintenance and drainage ditch maintenance, 3) To present a power point presentation of the District Planning Department.
  6. Sgt. Aaron Brown, Tohono Police Department San Xavier Sub-Station To present the Districts quarterly statistics report.
  7. Mr. James Marino, Arizona Department of Transportation – To share information on pending trees removal project along interstate 19, includes a portion that passes through the San Xavier District.
  8. Kristen Bitsuie, Benefit Coordinator, Indian Health Services – Presenting the Affordable Care Act and Native American Exemption.
  9. Michelle Davis, SXDC Election Committee Chair – Submitting new voter applications for support to be added to the San Xavier District list.
  10. TOLC Reports:
  11. SXDC Reports:
  12. Announcement:
    - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on February 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.
    - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on March 3, 2015 at 7 p.m.
    - ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on March 7, 2015 at 9 a.m.
    - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on March 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers

13. Adjournment:

**San Xavier District Council**  
**Meeting of February 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Location Council Chambers**

**AGENDA – Tentative**

February 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline date to submit items to the agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Accepting nominations to the San Xavier District Council and Legislative Council District Council Representative for the TON May Elections 2015.
5. New Business:
  - a. Mr. Wesley Rothermel, SXD Finance Manager – To present the District monthly finances report in closed session.
6. Michelle Davis, SXDC Election Committee Chair – Present new voter applications to be added to the San Xavier District Voter list.
7. Chairman’s Activity report:
8. Vice Chairman’s Activity Report:
9. Minutes:
10. Announcements:
  - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on March 3, 2015 at 7 p.m.
  - ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on March 7, 2015 at 9 a.m.
  - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on March 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.

All Council/Community meetings will be held in the Council Chambers

11. Adjournment:



## San Xavier District Council Resolutions adopted for the month of January 2015

Date	Res. No.	Title
01/06/15	01-15-01	<p>“Supporting the San Xavier District SAWRSA Water Management Plan”</p> <p>Motion made by Michael D. Enis and second by Dennis Ramon, tally results; 4 for, 1 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
01/06/15	01-15-02	<p>“Supporting the Culture and Natural Resources Committee’s request for the Districts Annual A’atha”</p> <p>Motion made by Philbert Bailey and second by Michael D. Enis, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
01/20/15	01-15-03	<p>“Agreeing to Conduct a Closed Session for the District’s financial monthly report”</p> <p>Motion made by Brandon Havier and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 2 absent. Motion carried.</p>
01/20/15	01-15-04	<p>“Approving the Routing of Water and Electric service at 1510 W. San Xavier Road for the Tohono O’odham Fire Department”</p> <p>Motion made by Brandon Havier and second by Dennis Ramon, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 0 Not voting, 2 absent. Motion carried.</p>
01/20/15	01-15-05	<p>“Approval of Applicant to be transferred to the San Xavier Voter List for Madeline M. Lopez”</p> <p>Motion made by Brandon Havier and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 2 absent. Motion carried.</p>
01/20/15	01-15-06	<p>“”Approving the Men’s Ministry to Conduct a Manda (Spiritual Pilgrimage) Walk on February 14, 2015”</p> <p>Motion made by Brandon Havier and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 2 absent. Motion carried.</p>

**Copies of resolutions and related information can be obtained at the San Xavier District Council office, upon proper request**

### **“Vacant positions & Terms up to the San Xavier District Council Recommending Committees, and the District Council Alternate positions from the Community at large”**

Finance Committee – (1) vacant position from the Community at large  
 Election Committee – (3) terms are up for; Sally Pablo, Linda Pablo-Liston, Geraldine Antone, and open to the Community at large  
 Planning & Housing Committee – (1) terms up for Linda Preston, (1) vacant position.  
 Health & Education Committee – (1) vacant position, (2) terms up for Cheryl Conde, Cyle Burrell  
 Culture and Natural Resources Committee – term up for Elias Joaquin

District Council Alternates – (2) vacant positions for Dennis Ramon and Brandon Havier.

Interested individuals from the community at large may submit a letter of interest to the San Xavier District Council department. The Council staff will notify you to be present at a future Council meeting for appointment to fill in the vacant positions by a Council resolution. All vacant positions are being advertised in the monthly Wa:k Newsletter to the community at large may apply for more than one committee and are entitled to receive stipends payments based on their attendance, the District Council and Alternates may represent one committee, and are entitled to receive stipend payment for Council meetings only. You may call the Council department for questions at (520) 573.4026, 573.4028 and 573.4006.



## San Xavier Mission News

San Xavier Mission School is currently enrolling students for the 2015-2016 school year. The Mission School is a K-8 Catholic School that teaches Tohono O'odham as a second language. The school has small class sizes and certified teachers. It has a hot lunch program as well as fruit and vegetable snacks every day. Financial aide is available for all students. Please stop by or call 294-0628 for a tour of the campus.

San Xavier Mission School will have an accreditation team on campus on February 9-11. SXMS is currently accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association. There is a need for the school parents to volunteer to help with the meals during those three days. Please pray for the school that it will receive the highest accreditation of six years, just like it did last time.

Blessings,

Shirley Kalinowski  
Principal, San Xavier Mission School  
1980 W. San Xavier Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85746

4<sup>th</sup> Year Death Anniversary  
For

Dolores "Dee" McCabe  
October 15, 1948 - March 03, 2011

When:  
Saturday, March 07, 2015

Mass at 10:00 am  
Rosary to follow Mass

Where:  
San Xavier District Center  
All Choirs Welcome

4<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
for  
Ofelia Patricia Campos

Saturday, February 14, 2015  
Mariachi: 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
Rosary: 1:00pm - 5:00pm  
8209 S. Sudugi Wog  
Tucson, Arizona

Rosanna  
R. Carlyle

1<sup>st</sup> Year Death Anniversary  
Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
San Xavier District Center  
12:00pm - 6:00pm

Mass at 12:00 pm  
Al Pablo Band 1:00-3:00  
Rosary at 4:00 pm  
All Choirs and Musicians Welcome

1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
DEAN ANTHONY LOPEZ  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

10:00AM - MASS AND BLESSING OF  
HEADSTONE AT SAN XAVIER MISSION  
CHURCH

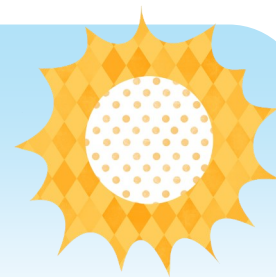
11:00AM - 4:30PM - ROSARY AT SAN  
XAVIER COMMUNITY CENTER

5:00PM - PLACEMENT OF HEADSTONE

ALL CHOIRS AND BANDS WELCOME

# U'walig Masad

**Deer Mating Moon  
February**



## Recognition Wall

Santa Clara Elementary  
Student of the Month



Alaina Galez-2nd grade



Angel Contreras- 5th grade



### **NEW EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR!**

Hello! My name is Sandra Alvarez. My grandmother is Mildred Blaine Hernandez from Schuk Toak District, Santa Rosa Ranch. I've been married for 20 years and have 4 wonderful children.

I am beyond thrilled to be the Education Administrator for the Education Center. I have spent the last 14 years working for Sunnyside School District as a classroom teacher, Reading Interventionist, Technology Facilitator, and Instructional Technology Coach. I have my Masters in Educational Leadership and principal endorsement.

I come with many ideas on how to maintain and improve the programs we have at the center. I have an open-door policy and your comments, concerns, and ideas are always welcomed.

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

- Nelson Mandela



## Carmen Martinez, Tribal Youth Project Facilitator

Greetings Wa:k Community,

January has now passed and now only 4 months left of the 2014-2015 school year! For SUSD parents/guardians, be on the look out for progress reports and parent/teacher conferences. Please review these progress reports with your son/daughter and set goals for improvement if needed or celebrate the success. Follow up with your son/daughter's teacher immediately if you have any concerns. Now is the time to plan and work with your child to create a plan for improvement before the March report cards are issued.

Our Voice of Our Youth program has been going strong. In January, we took a field trip to Harkins Theatres to watch an educational historical depiction movie know as SELMA. This movie took the youth on a ride of emotions and a look at the task of assuming the right to vote. Although the movie is a historical depiction, it offered the youth a contemporary look at today's racial tension, especially in Ferguson, Missouri.

**REMINDER:** Would like to remind SXD

community members that a couple of resources are available for families with children in difficult times. To assist with processing through these struggles, please call Carmen H. Martinez, at 807.8681 to inquire about the counseling services with our therapist. These services are free of charge and is highly confidential. We will do all we can to accommodate the needs of the family.

As always, thank you for your commitment and supporting your child's education. Look forward to serving you and everyone else as you continue your education.

## Learning Center

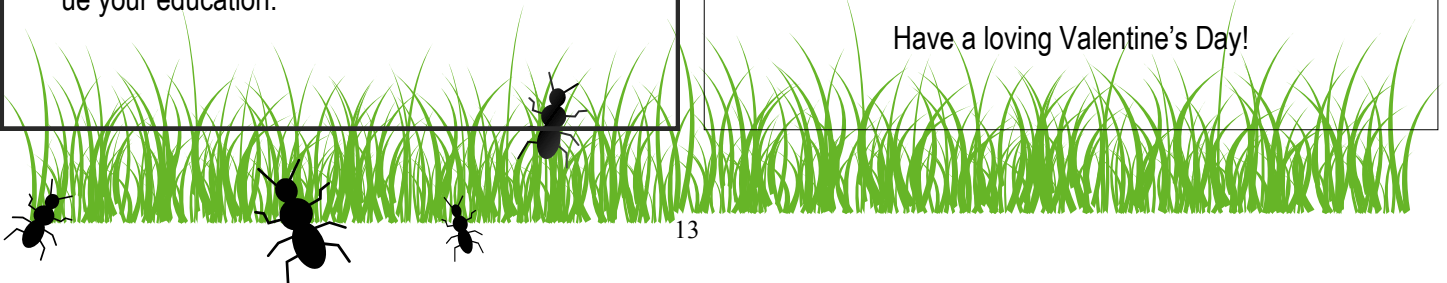
February Greetings to you all from the San Xavier Learning Center Library. We have been extremely busy with starting up all our programs for the year 2015. Along with our other programs the Library will be teaching a basic computer class every Wednesday in February from 10:00 to 11:00. We have six computers available so please call or contact Gertie Lopez or Therese McCarthy at 520-807-8621 or come by the library and talk with us. If you know nothing about computers and have always wanted to learn this class is for you. One of our successful programs is the Elderly Library time. As all library time programs music plays a big part of our agenda. I would like to introduce the San Xavier Elderly program Choir. I congratulate the Elders for singing so beautiful for their own Thanksgiving and Christmas Mass. The Elders also sang for a Sunday Mass at the San Xavier Mission Church. It is with great honor for the Library to lead the Elders with our library time. They have also been reading books and faithfully turning in their book reports. Lots of fun going on here in the library so stop on by read some books, use our computers or just relax. Gertrude Lopez—Learning Resource Coordinator. Therese McCarthy—Learning Center Aide.

## Celina Mesa, Community Liaison

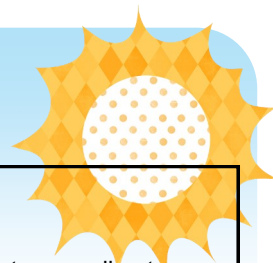
S-kegi Ko:magi Masad!

Wa:k Community I'm pleased to have After School Program back and getting back into the flow of school. This month we will continue to complete homework as well as activities. Due to Winter break, students are having a little difficulty getting into the habit of following directions or completing homework and given assignments. Parents it would be greatly appreciated to speak to them about why they come to our program and being respectful is important. Not only with us but for everything else in the near future. Remember to keep up on checking their backpacks for unfinished homework and other items that need to be attended to. Overall students are adjusting and doing well.

Have a loving Valentine's Day!



## Stacy Hernandez, Community Liaison



Column Happy February Wa:k Community,  
I hope you have all adjusted to your daily routines and are doing well in all your endeavors. Students I hope you are taking the time to listen and ask for help when it is needed. Don't fall behind, keep moving forward. Once you fall behind it is pretty hard to catch up.

The After School Program has adjusted quite well to their school routine. Parents remember to check backpacks. The kids have been pulling out old homework trying to convince me they have already finished their work for the day.

The Voices of Our Youth group has been pretty busy as well. They have been exposed to other cultures such as the Mayan, Kikapu, Yaqui and Oglala Lakota through storytelling events and for black history month we took the kids to see the movie Selma. They learned a little about Martin Luther King Jr. and we're upset by the violence and inequality they saw depicted in the movie. We have two upcoming out of state college tours coming up so students keep your grades up!

Please come to us for help if you need it.

The five habits of effective students according to the Sanger Learning and Career Center include:

1. Be Proactive: focus on the things that can empower you.
2. Put your big rock first: its okay to say no (to friends) in order to complete one of your priorities.
3. Begin with the end in mind: start each task with a clear vision of the end result.
4. Become a groupie: get involved in groups/clubs; students benefit from different experiences and expertise
5. Find a balance: students should find a balance between physical, social, spiritual and mental fulfillment

## Rowena Carlyle, Culture and Language

S-ke:g Tas!

Wishing you all a good month with much productivity. For the past five months I have been working with the Daycare, San Xavier Mission School (6th, 7th, 8th grades), Apollo (6th, 7th, 8th grades) and both of the Headstart classes. They are all doing well with their O'odham studies. For the older students, we began in September the learning of our introductions, in a simple form, self and parents. Last month we began learning how to introduce our families, studying the i:mig. Many of the students become confused on all the relationship terms that the O'odham language has for specific family members. They are catching on quickly by playing games, using the O'odham terms to help them remember.

I want to encourage all of you, whether you are one of my students or not to continue to learn as much as you can about the O'odham Himdag (way of life). It always amazes me how smart and creative our ancestors were. We are still those smart and creative O'odham, so put it to use!

### i:mig

#### Ani-Me

#### Your dad's side

**O:g**-Dad  
**Wosk**-Paternal G-Pa  
**Ka:k**- Paternal G-Ma  
**O:g Keli**-Uncle (Older bro)  
**Oksi** -Aunt (Older sister)  
**Hakit**- Uncle (younger bro)  
**Wowit**-Aunt (younger sis)

#### Your mom's side

**Je'e**-Mom  
**Ba:b**-Maternal G-Pa  
**Hu'ul**-Maternal G-Ma  
**Je'es**-Uncle (Older bro)  
**Da:d Oks**-Aunt (Oldr sis)  
**Tatal**-Uncle (younger bro)  
**Jisk**- Aunt (younger sis)

#### Your siblings

**Si:s** -Anyone OLDER than you (brothers or sisters)



**Maggie Alvarez**  
**Administrative Assistant**

Greetings Community! Condolences to the Nunez families and others who may have lost a loved one, may creator continue to provide the strength and comfort you need to continue on with your journey.

Well students and parents, we are on our way to the remaining months of the school year and we all would like to see you and your children succeed in every way possible. Please continue to encourage your children to do their best and keep on top of their homework. They also need plenty of rest to be able to function and stay focused at school.

Seniors....if college is in your future and your are still deciding what to do, start seeking more information on colleges and programs that may interest you and start applying for scholarships, some deadlines are coming up. All high school students are encouraged to plan ahead and start thinking about college now, the years will go by fast and before you know it, senior year is right around the corner.

We would like to see more parents in attendance at monthly meetings such as the Native American Education Program meetings and Parent /Principal's meetings. These meetings give you as parents an opportunity to voice your concerns regarding your children's education such as the school, transportation issues, accessing grades and attendances, credit recovery etc. So come on out, we would love to hear from you! Transportation is provided to these meetings. Also if you would like to receive notices regarding any upcoming meetings or events happening at Education, please call us at 807-8625 and leave us your email.

# Save the date!

2/2—Tuition/Book Grant application deadline

2/4-2/6—SUSD Parent Teacher Conferences

2/9-2/13—Love of Reading Week

2/20—Bus Pass application deadline

2/23-2/25—High School AIMS Testing

2/26-2/27—Rodeo Vacation-No School

**2015 College and Career Fair**

**Tohono O'odham Community College Campus Bldg. A**

**Friday, April 17, 2015**

**10:00am–2:00pm**

**Transportation for students may be provided**

**PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM (GED)**

**EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY**

**SX RECREATION 11:00-1:00pm**

**SX EDUCATION 4:30-7:00pm**

**Students may call Judy Daniels directly if you have any questions at (520) 313-1825**



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CONTACT TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE AT 622-1587 OR 911**

# BASKET WEAVING CLASS

*EVERY Wednesday*  
Beginning Wednesday, January 28th  
from 6pm-8pm  
Following with...

February 4th	March 25th
February 11th	April 1st
February 18th	April 8th
February 25th	April 15th
March 4th	April 22nd
March 11th	Last Day will be...
March 18th	April 29th

Schedule is subject to change

**Please sign up with the  
\$XD Education Center at  
520.807.8620  
Limited to 30 participants**