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Huhugam Heritage Center harvests Cholla buds

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The hannam bloom early in the spring, so you want to go out a week or two before the equinox, in early to mid-March, to pick the Cholla buds just before they open, when they are swollen and bright pink.

The O'otham word hannam refers to both the Cholla cactus and the flower bud that it produces, which makes for a good snack when properly prepared.

Last week on April 5, a group from the Huhugam Heritage Center invited me out to the Santa Cruz area to pick hannam with them and some culture teachers from the area, and while we were a little late for prime picking time, we were still able to find a few late-bloomers.

In the rocky foothills of the Sierra Estrellas, with the sun rising in a haze to the east, the crew



Amy Davila/HHC

The Cholla cactus produces a healthy source for traditional foods.

picked hannam for hours and produced a bucket-full of the prickly buds. In peak time, only a couple pickers could produce three times

that amount in a single hour. On that Tuesday morning, each of us wandered the desert, inspecting every Cholla we laid

eyes on for the succulent green sprouts. To detach the bud, simply grab and twist.

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GRIC makes large effort to get special election information to Community

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

In an effort to bring clear and concise information to the Community about the May 3 special election ballot, the Gila River Indian Community held informational meetings for employees and Community members, April 4 and 5, with help from the Communications and Public Affairs Office (CPAO), Tribal Elections Office, Office of the General Counsel (OGC), and the Legislative Standing Committee.

GRIC employee meetings were held at the Governance Center in District 3 and at the Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch in District 6.

District meetings were held at Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 in their respective Service Centers. Information was also presented to Community elders at the Elderly Concerns Meeting, April 13, at the District 2 Multipurpose Building.

An additional meeting will convene at the District 6 Service Center on April 18 at 7 p.m.

Councilwoman Jennifer Allison, who answered questions about the special elections ballot during the informational meetings, said "I want Community members

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Digital rendering of Blackwater Community School after the proposed construction.

BIE announces Blackwater School for campus replacement funding

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Blackwater Community School selected in BIE School Replacement Program

Blackwater Community School will soon be a hubbub of activity as construction crews begin to raise new school buildings including 14 classrooms, a cafeteria, and multipurpose building. The new campus will be able to house 520 students.

At a regular meeting of the Community Council on April 6, BWCS principal, Jagdish Sharma announced that the school received approval of funding from Acting Secretary — Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts, for campus-wide replacement.

"This was received late last night from the [United States Department of Interior]," said Sharma at the Council meeting. "We are very pleased and excited that

Blackwater School was one of the ten schools who [received] funding for the [new school] construction," he said.

In July of 2015 the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) began telling Native schools around the country if they required a new school, they could submit an application to have one built, as long as several criteria were met.

One, if a school is educating 75 percent of its students in modular buildings and two, if a school is more than fifty years old or receives a "poor" Facility Condition Index Rating, they may be eligible for school replacement.

Sharma said that BWCS met all of the criteria with 85 to 90 percent of the school's students being taught in modular buildings, and the school being well over 50 years old, having been originally built in 1939.

Of the 183 BIE elementary and secondary day and boarding

schools, just 78 met the required criteria. Out of those 78 eligible schools, only 53 submitted applications for campus-wide replacement.

With the support of GRIC, BWCS fought its way through the screening process earning a place in the top 10 priority schools for campus-wide replacement.

On Feb. 2, BWCS officials along with GRIC Councilmen Arzie Hogg and Joey Whitman, traveled to Albuquerque, N.M. to present their case before the National Review Committee (NRC), a committee formed to determine which schools would be approved for new school construction.

"Councilmen Hogg and Whitman were both there...representing the Council, the Education Standing Committee, and the Community," Sharma said. The presentation was 30 minutes long with a 20-minute question and answer portion in which Councilman Hogg stood and provided answers to several technical questions. This helped assure the NRC that we as a school are ready and that the Community is providing full support to BWCS, he said

As Council members read the Department of Interior memorandum approving BWCS's selection for campus-wide replacement April 6, Sharma gave thanks.

"On behalf of the children, the parents, the Community, the District that we serve, we could not have done this without your support," said Sharma to the Council. Sharma then extended his thanks to all previous and current Board members including the administration who, he said, worked very hard.

In response, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulated Black-

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For Community Council Seats in Districts 2-7 & Special Election to make amendments to the tribal constitution

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Community Council candidates for May 3, 2016 election

The Gila River Indian Community is holding a Tribal Election for Council Representatives on Tuesday, May 3. The following candidates have been certified to run for office—District 2: Carol Schurz*, Alison Anderson, Jewel Whitman. District 3: Carolyn Williams*, Myron Schurz, Darren Pedro-Martinez, Dale Enos. District 4: Angelia Allison*, Barney Enos Jr., Sherwin Whitman. District 5: Robert Stone*, Antonio Davis. District 6: Charles Goldtooth, Danelle Spring. District 7: Devin Redbird*, Angelo Nelson (not pictured), Pamela Thomas. *Asterisk denotes incumbent candidate.



**Carol Schurz,
District 2.**



**Jewel Whitman,
District 2.**



**Alison Anderson,
District 2.**



**Carolyn Williams,
District 3.**



**Dale Enos,
District 3.**



**Myron Schurz,
District 3.**



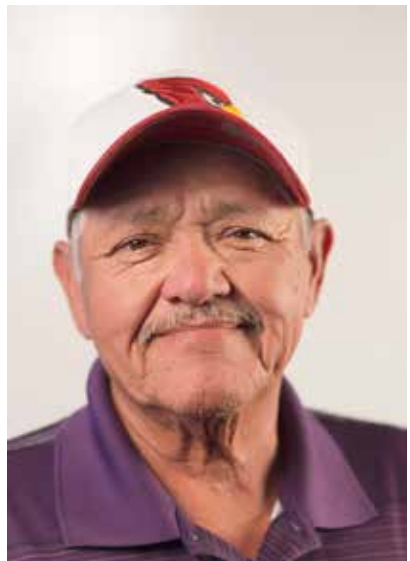
**Darren
Pedro-Martinez, D3.**



**Angelia Allison,
District 4.**



**Barney Enos Jr.,
District 4.**



**Sherwin Whitman,
District 4.**



**Robert Stone,
District 5.**



**Antonio Davis,
District 5.**



**Charles Goldtooth,
District 6.**



**Danelle Spring,
District 6.**



**Devin Redbird,
District 7.**



**Pamela Thomas,
District 7.**



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Stephen Roe Lewis

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Community Council
Representatives

District 1
Arzie Hogg
Joey Whitman

District 2
Carol Schurz

District 3
Carolyn Williams
Rodney Jackson

District 4
Jennifer Allison
Christopher Mendoza
Angelia Allison
Nada Celaya

District 5
Robert Stone
Franklin Pablo, Sr.
Brian E. Davis, Sr.
Marlin Dixon

District 6
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Letter to the Editor

GRIC Urban Members Association (UMA) opposes the May election regarding the GRIC Constitutional Amendments. It is our opinion that it is in the best interest of the people that the proposed amendments should be voted on by the people in a separate Special Election and not attached to a general election, as alluded to in the Constitution. The Special Election should be held at a later date allowing for proper outreach regarding the amendments.

It is also our opinion that the GRIC Constitution is being RE-WRITTEN and not amended. Currently GRIC has a 1936 and a 1960 Constitution. If the current amendment process continues in this direction there will also soon be 2016 and 2017 Constitutions as well. The U.S. Constitution has been amended 27 times since 1789 and those amendments are attached to the original document. In order to avoid confusion in referencing multiple constitutions, GRIC should follow the same process.

Finally, why are we voting on amendments that pertain to matters of council first? The purpose of the Constitution is to limit the powers of government and to protect the rights of the people. It is also the foundation of our tribal sovereignty so it is extremely important that the people be thoroughly and properly informed before they cast their votes. Council members took an oath to "promote, and protect the best interest of the Gila River Indian Community..." and by extension it's people. We believe that continuing with the current process would be a violation of that oath.

Go to our website (gilariver-uma.org) and/or Facebook (GRIC-UMA) for more information.

Anthony Newkirk, MBA
President, GRIC-UMA

CORRECTIONS

The District 4 Bead Class starts Tuesday April 5 (not the 6th as printed in the April 1 issue).

The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9719 or email grin@gric.nsn.us

Sac City Jam brings out up-and-coming basketball stars

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Sacaton became the center of attention for Gila River Indian Community's up-and-coming basketball stars, April 8 and 9, as Community members from all seven districts gathered together for the annual Sac City Jam basketball tournament, pitting the talented athletes against one another in a tournament full of fast breaks, slam dunks, and spirited competition.

The tournament began at the Gila River Wellness Center and the Boys & Girls Club – Sacaton Branch on April 8, continuing throughout the day of April 9, with 16 boys' teams and 8 girls' teams going head-to-head in the fast-paced basketball action.

On the evening of April 8, the District 6 Komatke Kings took to the court facing Hashan Kehk. The Kings swiftly gained the lead in a game initially appearing lopsided, however, Hashan Kehk found their stride and began to pile on the points as the game clock ran down.

Hashan Kehk players punched through the King's defense with less than one minute left in the game, bringing the score to 47-47 and overtime.

And while the Kings won the game in overtime and eventually took the tournament, the highly competitive game was typical of the talent found on display on the courts of this year's Sac City Jam tournament.

Listed below are the top three teams in their respective tournaments:

- Boy's Tournament
1. District 6 Komatke Kings
 2. The Navajo Ten
 3. The Apaches

- Girl's Tournament
1. Copa Crew
 2. The Running Guns
 3. Salt River Renegades



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Komatke King's Demond Hart slam dunks after leading a fastbreak down court at the Sac City Jam tournament April 8.



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Hashan Kehk's Wesley Cooper drives down the court, helping put his team into overtime against the Komatke Kings.

2016 Summer Day Camp

***FREE Registration for Community Members (Youth must be enrolled member of GRIC w/CDIB)**
\$50 a week for Non-Community Members

Youth Hours: 8am-5pm Teen Hours 10am-6pm Serving 5-18 Year Olds

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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1 Parade of Challengers! Olympic Week	2 Backward T-shirt Day! Military Week	3 Crazy Sock Day! Military Week	4 Crazy Hair Day! Army Relay!	5 Color Run! Field Trip AMF Bowling	June 27 Dribble & Shoot Challenge Sports Week	28 Pass & Run! Sports Week	29 Diamond Backs Baseball Game EASTER	30 Sports Quiz! Sports Quiz!	July 1 Wear your Favorite Sports Jersey Jersey Day
CLOSED	Obstacle Course Challenge Military Week	CLOSED	Army Relay!	Field Trip AMF Bowling	July 4 CLOSED	5 Cinco De Mayo! Holiday Week	6 EASTER	7 Halloween	8 Swimming @Hamilton Pool
Japan International Week	Brazil International Week	Mexico	Africa	Egypt	July 11 TETRA	12 SUPER MARIO	13 MINECRAFT	14 PAC-MAN	15 Video Game Day
Build Your Boat Will it float? Water Week	Water Relay!	Water Slides & Water Balloons! Water Week	Water Safety	DORY	July 18 Club Member Compliment Challenge! Service Week	19 Positive Notes to Our Elders Service Week	20 Community Clean Up!	21 Caring Cards for Youth!	22 Field Trip to Arizona State
AZ Tribe Challenge	O'otham Introductions Culture Week	O'otham Language Quiz!	Toka	SEA LIFE	July 25 Talent Show	26 Name that Sound Talent Week	27 Talent Show	28 Karaoke	29 Carnival

SUMMER CLUBS: Jr. Vet Club / Fitness Club / Summer Yearbook Club / Jr. Architech / Walla Club / Clay Creation Club

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to have this information." Allison understands it can be difficult as a worker or parent to find the time to go through this information in detail, which is why every Community member who attended a special election ballot meeting was provided with a voter guide explaining in straightforward and detailed language each proposed constitutional amendment and how voting "Yes" or "No" would affect the current constitution.

Community members also watched a video summarizing each of the five questions in the sample ballot, which cover all seven of the proposed amend-

ments. The video urged voters to participate in the special election because if less than 30 percent of registered voters (approximately 1,800 voters) take part in the election the ballot will be deemed invalid.

During the meetings, Community members raised a variety of questions about the special elections ballot.

To provide as much information as possible to the Community about the upcoming special elections ballot, a special edition of the Gila River Indian News will be published on April 22. The special edition will contain the current GRIC

constitution, information about the Tribal Constitution Reform Project, information about the proposed constitutional amendments and what they mean, and an overview of common questions asked by Community members during the informational meetings.

Additionally, every GRIC registered voter was mailed a voter guide.

For more information about the special election's ballot, view an informational video at www.gricnews.org or call the Communication and Public Affairs Office at 520-562-9715.

GRBC TV is already one year old

Submitted by Gila River Broadcasting Corp.

What is GRBC TV? The Gila River Broadcasting Corporation: the first Native owned and operated low-power commercial television station in Indian Country, with programming in both English and O'otham.

Who is GRBC TV? Staff includes: Yvonne Garcia - District 4, GRIC, Production Coordinator; Paul White - Urban Member, GRIC, Media Editor; Zachary Redbird - District 7, GRIC, Assistant Video Editor; and David Johnson - Urban Member, GRIC, Videographer. You might see GRBC staff filming at local events. Maybe you already have! These events are recorded and played back on the station, both for historical purposes and to allow those who were unable to attend the event to experience it. Our main goal is to serve as a means of outreach to tribal members throughout all seven districts of Gila River, to aid in preserving our culture and traditions, as well as our language.



GRBC TV staff from left: Paul White, David Johnson, Yvonne Garcia and Zachary Redbird. Photo Courtesy of GRBC

GRBC TV is FREE, no fee or subscription is needed to receive the channel. A television and a digital antenna is all you need! If you reside on or very near to the Community, you can find us on the following channels: Maricopa, channel 19; Stotonic, channel 29; Blackwater, channel 21. We encourage tribal members, departments and entities to watch GRBC TV for cultural content, language lessons, public safety information, educational programming, health and wellness advice, local news, upcoming events, and even children's programming!

On the one-year anniversary of our initial broadcast, we here at GRBC would like to take the time to thank the Community for tuning in. Along with our partner FNX: First Nations Experience, we hope we have been able to inform and enrich the lives of Community members through the power of our very own over-the-air tele-

vision broadcasting. Our focus on programming by and for indigenous peoples and our efforts to produce local content right here in the Gila River Indian Community have been well received, and we hope to share even more local events with you in the near future. So whether you've been watching for the past year, the past month, or maybe just now tuning in, thank you for watching GRBC TV!

If you have information you'd like to be displayed on GRBC TV, feel free to contact us via email at info@grbc.tv, or call (520)796-8848. To request filming of a local event, please contact the Production Coordinator, Yvonne Garcia at ygarcia@grbc.tv. You can also find more information online at www.grbc.tv. Spread the word about GRBC TV with #GilaRiverTV on Twitter, or Like our page on Facebook at facebook.com/GilaRiverTV.

Gov. Lewis signs Start By Believing proclamation



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

From left, GRPD officer Melissa Belsan, officer Ashley Pina, Detective Tyesha Wood, Crime Victim Services Angel Cruz, and CVS Faron Humeyumptewa at the Governance Center April 6 holding the Start By Believing proclamation. See March 4 GRIN for information on the Start By Believing campaign in the Gila River Indian Community.

Complete guide at www.grbc.tv		GRBC TV GUIDE						*Schedule may be subject to change.
*** GRTV News Weekly and GRIC Events showing at 6:30am, 10:30am, 3:30pm & 8:00pm. ***								
	Sunday 4/17	Monday 4/18	Tuesday 4/19	Wednesday 4/20	Thursday 4/21	Friday 4/22	Saturday 4/23	
12:00pm	Journey Of Hope A transforming journey involving Cree youth at risk in Canada.	Amazonia Eterna A critical analysis of how the largest tropical rainforest is understood and utilized.	Crying Earth Rise Up Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and its impact on drinking water.	Standing On Sacred Land Pilgrims & Tourists	Standing On Sacred Land Profit & Loss	Standing On Sacred Land Fire & Ice	Standing On Sacred Land Islands of Sanctuary	
12:30pm								
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens & Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens & Eagles	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens & Eagles	Seasoned with Spirit	
1:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	
2:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit Gulf Coast Originals	Vitality Health Fitness Day	Vitality Health Diabetes Management	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Vitality Health	Native Nation Building	
2:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit Danie Crane	From The Spirit Fred McDonald	From The Spirit Terry McCue	From The Spirit Dale Aufer	From The Spirit Tim Paul	People of the Pines Reservation and Survival Making Regalia	
3:00pm	Fractured Land Caleb Behn, a young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.	Creative Native The Survivors	Creative Native Distribution of Wealth	Creative Native The Silversmiths	Creative Native Tricksters & Transformers	Creative Native Quotes on a Paper		
3:30pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
4:00pm		Working It Out Together Self-Esteem	Indian Pride Health and Healing	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride Indian Education	Storytellers in Motion	The Other Side	
4:30pm	Every Emotion Costs An exploration of the reality of returning home on the reservation to face family, community and death.	Back In The Day A Look Back	Oskayak Down Under	Voices Of Hope	Down The Mighty River The Great Divide	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens Henry Atsynia	
5:00pm		First Talk Nisga's Territory	First Talk Buffy Sainte Marie Part 1	First Talk Children's Hospital	First Talk Indian Romance	First Talk Racial Passing	Indigenous Focus Tribal Sovereignty	
5:30pm		Native Report	People of the Pines Gaining Legitimacy	Making Regalia	People of the Pines Legacy of Casinos	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu The Creator's Touch	
6:00pm	Native Voice TV Elias Castillo	Crying Earth Rise Up Exposes the human cost of uranium mining and its impact on drinking water.	Standing On Sacred Land Pilgrims & Tourists	Standing On Sacred Land Profit & Loss	Standing On Sacred Land Fire & Ice	Standing On Sacred Land Islands of Sanctuary	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People Native Report	
6:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report							
7:00pm	Wapos Bay The Elements	Wapos Bay All Access	Wapos Bay Long As The River Flows	Wapos Bay Tricks and Treats	Wapos Bay The Hunt	Wapos Bay A Mother's Earth	Wapos Bay All Access	
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water Wanuskewin Heritage	Fish Out of Water Ojibway Cree Center	Fish Out of Water Moose Cree Adventures	Fish Out of Water Blackfoot Crossing	Fish Out of Water Metis Crossing	Fish Out of Water Hay River Dene	Fish Out of Water Ojibway Cree Center	
8:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	
8:30pm	Native Shorts	Indians and Aliens Henry Atsynia	Back In The Day A Look Back	Indigenous Focus	Rez Rides Meet The Boys	Champions of the North The Great Whale Cup	Moose T.V. Foreign Film	
9:00pm	Grab An intimate portrait of the Grab Day in the villages of NM Laguna Pueblo tribe.	For The Rights of All: Ending Jim Crow In Alaska Traces the Native Alaskan civil-rights movement.	Weaving Worlds Traces the history of Navajo rug weavers and their role w/in the global economy.	Why Treaties	Fractured Land Caleb Behn, a young indigenous law student fighting to protect his land & people from the ravages of neocolonialism.	Black Indians: An American Story The cultural and racial fusion of Native and African Dreamer	Medicine Game 2 brothers from the Onondoga Nation set a single goal-to play the sport of lacrosse.	
9:30pm								
10:00pm	Colorado Experience Revisits the horrific events and uncovers the history 150 years later.	Racing The Rez Navajo and Hopi cross-country runners from two rival high schools compete.	Video letters From Prison A heartwarming story about the power of love and family.	Mohawk Girls Offers a surprising inside look at Native youth culture in the 21st century.	Return of the Red Lake Wallye	California Indian: A Tribal Story Nick Thomas, a Pomo Indian and successful radio host is forced back to the reservation to help his brother Chi.	Rising Voices/Hothaninpi How languages die - and how speaking them again can spark restoration.	
10:30pm								
11:00pm	The Madoc War A handful of Modoc Indian warriors and their families held off hundreds of U.S. Army soldiers.	Original Patriots: Northern Cali Vets of WWII In World War II in 1941, over 25k Native American people joined the war effort.	Dances of Life This performance documentary reveals the cultural history and diversity of the Pacific Islands.	Walela 12 of the most beautiful and melodic songs.			The Young Ancestors Explores the historical reasons behind Native American language loss.	
11:30pm								

GRIC royalty introductions



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Above: Gila River Royalty Delegation introduced themselves to the Community Council on April 6. Top Right: Miss Gila River Oriana Apkaw with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.



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The Gila River Indian Community royalty delegation for 2016-2017 officially introduced themselves to the Community Council at the Governance Center on April 6, with each member speaking about their backgrounds, current goals, and future aspirations.

Miss Gila River Oriana Apkaw, Miss Gila River First Attendant Vila Huerta, Jr. Miss Gila River Deirdre Copperfield, Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Lehua Lani Dosela, and Jr. Miss Gila River Second Attendant Karissa Mark joined with tribal leaders and Community members during a brief recess to enjoy cake and become better acquainted.

Congressman visits MAR 5 BWCS grant

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Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Congressman Jeff Denham (R-CA) toured GRIC with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis to learn about GRIC agricultural development and irrigation infrastructure. They stand just downstream from the Managed Aquifer Recharge site 5. Water behind them is nourishing the desert and naturally re-entering the underground water storage.

water Community School's staff, both past and present, for their hard work in garnering funding for school construction.

In an Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs news release, Roberts said, "Providing access to a quality education is a priority for this Administration. Release of this school replacement list identifies academic facilities in the poorest condition that need to be replaced, and will begin to address the crisis we currently face with regard to the condition of our schools."

Funding for cam-

pus-wide replacement will pay for the planning, design, and construction of the new schools. The order in which schools are replaced will be determined by an overall condition of each school's "shovel-readiness." Over the next several weeks BIA will inspect each school and determine the order in which they will receive replacement funding, stated the news release.

BWCS officials highlighted to the NRC during their February presentation that the school is shovel-ready, with most of the basic infrastructure for construction already in place. The time-frame for complete school construction, from beginning to end, will be about 12 months.

The BIE School Replacement Program list for campus-wide replacement are:

1. Blackwater Community School, AZ
2. Chichiltah-Jones Ranch Community School, NM
3. Crystal Boarding School, NM
4. Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Hle Community School, NM
5. Greasewood Springs Community School, AZ
6. Laguna Elementary School, NM
7. Lukachukai Community School, AZ
8. Quileute Tribal School, WA
9. T'iis Nazbas Community School, AZ
10. Tonalea Redlake Elementary School, AZ



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Get your veteran's service at the District 5 Veterans Building. AmeriCorps stationed at D5 Veterans Building

Submitted by
Gila River AmeriCorps Program

The District 5 Veterans Building opened its doors this past month to serve veterans and military families in the Community.

Service members with the Gila River AmeriCorps Program – Veterans Serving Veterans (VSV) are stationed at the Veterans Building throughout the week for any veteran or

family member of a veteran needing assistance. Member services include: assistance with Veterans Affairs (VA) paperwork, resource research, resource referrals, military records requests, and a variety of other veteran-related services.

The AmeriCorps members are part of a community-wide initiative to provide resource navigation and information services to veterans and their families.

In addition to providing research, AmeriCorps members also have regular Coffee Clubs and "get to know you" events in districts throughout the Community.

The Veterans Building's hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and is located near the D5 Multipurpose building. Look for the American flag flying outside and come visit!

GRIC Registered Voters

DISTRICTS 1 - 7

ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available!

(for the 2016 Community Council & Special Constitution Amendments Election May 3, 2016)

begins April 12, 2016 - May 2, 2016, 5:00 pm

If you cannot make it to the polls on Election Day, contact your District Judge to assist you:

OR

Tribal Elections Office
(520) 562-9735, 9758

DEADLINE:
All absentee ballots must be received by your District Judge or Tribal Elections Office May 2, 2016, 5:00 PM

District #1: Alicia Gonzales, (520) 252-6119

District #2: Bertha S. Thomas, (520) 610-8350

District #3: Hazel Lewis, (520) 610-2222

District #4: Sharon Miguel, (520) 418-2142

District #5: Gaynell Lopez, (520) 709-9835

District #6: Lorina Allison (480) 532-7646

District #7: Brenda Parker (602) 881-4105

Your District Judge will be at your Service Center on the last day for absentee voting, May 2nd, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm to assist anyone who is unable to vote on Election Day.

Team Frenzy heading to Florida for cheerleading competition

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Two Community members will soon be entering one of the most renowned and competitive cheerleading championships in the United States, suitably named The Summit. With less than 10 percent of All Star Cheerleading teams earning a bid to The Summit, competition is extreme.

Luckily for team Frenzy, who earned their bid to The Summit on March 6, they are in good hands with experienced cheerleading coach Sonja Leuvano and passionate squad member Bianca Hernandez.

The squad of ten will travel to Tampa, Fla. on April 27, where they will compete against up to 300 other cheer teams from across the country. The Summit is a three-day event and if team Frenzy can make it past day one, they have a good shot at bringing home championship rings.

To understand the importance of what The Summit is to both Leuvano and

Hernandez, one must understand a little about Leuvano's relationship with coaching cheerleading and Hernandez's lifelong dedication to the sport.

Leuvano, who owns Revolution Cheer Company in Casa Grande and manages over 70 youth and staff, explains that her foray into cheerleading began when her daughter showed interest in the sport.

"My daughter wanted to do something in her free time. She saw all the little girls with the pom-poms, but..." she said she didn't want to be a sideline cheerleader, she wanted to do something more athletic.

Leuvano then began teaching at the recreational level and found she was good at coaching, which led her to coach at the high school level. However, teaching only high school aged cheer squads left Leuvano with a feeling that something was missing.

"I missed being able to do that with little kids too, and not just high school cheerleaders," Leuvano said. "That's how Revolution Cheer developed, I



Team Frenzy pose with their Division Champs banner.

wanted to be able to coach little kids and big kids, so All Star Cheerleading is that exactly."

Under the tutelage of Leuvano is Hernandez, a lively 17-year-old girl from Sacaton who is currently a senior at Casa Grande Union High School and has a penchant for mathematics, cheerleading, and spicy foods.

Of the three, however, cheerleading has been a lifelong endeavor.

"I've been cheerleading since I was five-years-old," said Hernandez. My mother used to be a cheerleader and she got me into the sport. She was also my

cheer coach, Hernandez said.

There are four aspects to cheerleading, said Hernandez, stunting, tumbling, dancing and jumps. Stunting is my favorite, she said.

Stunting, in the world of cheerleading, is the act of building performances that display a cheerleader's skill level, such as building a pyramid. A cheerleader, who is referred to as a base, holds another cheerleader, known as a flyer, lifting and holding them or even throwing them high into the air.

"I think [stunting] shows the strength you have as a person, it makes

me feel powerful. I have the ability to lift up a girl by myself. I am a single base and I can lift up one of our flyers by myself," she said. "I feel like I am pretty strong compared to most football players who throw a two-pound ball across a field."

In the end, both Leuvano and Hernandez have been preparing for this event for many years and look forward to competing in the prestigious cheer-

leading competition. And whether the team makes it to the last day of the competition or is sent off the mat on day one, both women will continue onward with their passions, just as they always have.

For more information call Sonja Leuvano at 520-840-8760, visit www.revolutioncheercompany.com or stop by the gym at 2016 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ, Suite #8.

2016 Dialysis Conference

Strength * Courage * Hope * Love

Shrouton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa



April 29, 2016



8:00 am to 4:00 pm

OPEN TO THE FIRST 150 PARTICIPANTS

This conference is held each year to educate and bring awareness to the Community about renal disease, treatments and care.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION will begin at 7:00 am at Shrouton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa - Akimel Ballroom



Submitted by Darius Enos
GRIC DEQ

On April 22, 2016 the Community's Department of Environmental Quality will take part in a global education event called Earth Day, which celebrates the planet and informs participants on how to lessen their impact on the environment. This year Earth Day turns 45 years old and is celebrated throughout the world's seven continents. The day was initiated by U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, who was part of many people at the time becoming conscious but he was one of few in power who pushed an environmental agenda that did not exist prior to his advocacy.

The modern environmental movement brought about this celebration known as Earth Day however it can be argued that environmental consciousness was always present in our tribal history and culture. In 1972 the first picture of the earth taken from space was published in the

midst the growing modern environmental movement. When this picture was published, society at large finally understood how precious this planet was yet many tribes were passing stories down about how miraculous our existence on the planet is in accordance to their creation stories. Although she couldn't go into full detail because of the season, orthographer Joyce Arlene Hughes briefly tells about how O'otham believe the earth was created out of a ball of dirt rolled off of "Earth Doctor's" chest and thrown out into space. Here we have been in this area understanding that we are just a ball suspended in space and finally in 1972 the picture known as "Blue Marble" caught everyone up.

The material our ancestors used for daily life included all natural local material that had no long term effects on the plants or animals. Today this dynamic does not exist so as a department we are tasked with monitoring and regulating water, air, and land

and educating the Community members on ways they can lessen their impact on the environment.

Furthermore, we are aiding in the creation of new wetland areas that bring back traditional vegetation lost through the damming of the Gila River. This gives an opportunity for members to harvest material used for medicinal purposes, baskets, or structures. Animals also benefit because more vegetation equals more areas to burrow or nest. The recycling program is another way to lessen long term effects on the environment since most material can be reused rather than being left in a landfill.

GRIC DEQ will utilize Earth Day to bring together programs and organizations that will educate Community members and employees on ways in which they can make a healthier and environmentally safe world. Please join us April 22 at the District 4 Ballpark from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Antonio Davis

District Five Council Rep.



- Dedicated
- Strong
- Honest
- Passionate about the welfare of his Community
- Knowledge of the O'otham Himdag & Noik

Tuesday, May 3, 2016
Make Your Vote Count!

Public Notice on Exceptional Events within the GRIC boundary

In 2005, Congress identified a need to account for events that result in exceedances of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are exceptional in nature (e.g., not expected to reoccur but caused by acts of nature beyond man-made controls.) In response, EPA promulgated the Exceptional Events Rule (EER) to address exceptional events in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51 on March 22, 2007. The EER allows for states and tribes to "flag" air quality monitoring data as an exceptional event. If flagged, these data can be excluded from consideration in air quality planning if EPA concurs with the demonstration submitted by the flagging agency documenting that all procedural and technical requirements have been met. Pursuant to 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(i), the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on these recorded events that have caused elevated concentrations of PM10 within

the Gila River Indian Community boundary on June 27; August 11; August 29; and September 12, 2015. GRIC DEQ has decided to flag these episodes based on EER criteria. Interested parties can submit written comments to GRIC DEQ no later than June 17, 2016. Any comments received will be responded to and forwarded to EPA. Written comments should be addressed, faxed, or e-mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality ATTN: Ryan Eberle PO Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147 PHONE: (520) 562-2234 FAX: (520) 562-2245 E-mail: air@gric.nsn.us.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Qual-

ity Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2015. This document will also be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at <http://www.gricdeq.org/documents.html>. Additionally, presentations will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings from April thru June 2016.

Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147, or by email to air@gric.nsn.us, or comments may be given orally at the scheduled community meetings. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 35 Pima Street, Sacaton, Arizona, the AQP website http://www.gricdeq.org/air_quality_program.html, or by calling 520-562-2234.

HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER

Match the O'otham command with its picture!



Commands and requests in O'otham

I va:k! G 'i hi:m! Thaiwañ! Eñ kaihamath! What do all these phrases have in common? Aside from being some of the first phrases in O'otham that you learn either as a child or as an adult learner, they all belong to a group of phrases that are called commands.

Commands are the types of phrases that we use when we want to request or order someone (or a group of people) to do something. We use commands all the time, regardless of what language we speak, because it serves a basic human need of ours to communicate to one another in a direct way. Commands are found in all languages and every language has developed its own unique way to form command phrases that signal to listeners that they are being asked to do something. So what does a command look like in English and O'otham and how do they differ?

If we pause for a moment and consider how we talk in English we can see that a simple command in English consists of nothing more than a verb (action word) that is said directly to the person you're talking to. For example, if you're at the dinner table and your child keeps getting up off his chair you can simply say "Sit!" to let him know what he needs to do while he's eating. Now, I know there are more polite or eloquent ways we can use to get the

message across but what is interesting is that commands in English allow us to communicate what we want using one simple word. But commands in English don't have to be that simple as we can use other words to indicate exactly how we want the action done. For example we can say "Sit still!" or "Sit on your chair!" or use two commands together and say something like "Sit and eat your food!"

What can we say about commands in O'otham and how do they work? Commands in O'otham are similar in that they usually consist of an action word, but they differ from English in that they usually have some sort of extra marking either at the beginning or end that lets the listener know that they are being asked to do something. For example, when you are at the door you can often hear people letting you know to come in by saying "I va:k!". Speakers will recognize that va:k simply means to "come in" or "enter." The "i" portion that comes at the middle is a short word that when used together with the verb lets the listener know that he is being requested to start the action of entering into the house or room to where he is being called.

With the second example "G 'i him!" we see a regular verb, "him," with a meaning somewhat equivalent to "go" or "come" that also has the same 'i action-initiating marking

as the first phrase. This phrase also has an extra marker "g" that comes at the beginning. This initial "g" is called a command marker and also works to let the listener know that he is being requested to do something, which in this case is to go over to where the speaker is calling him.

With the third example "Thaiwañ!" we see neither a "g" nor an "i" at the beginning of the phrase but instead get just a verb that communicates to the listener the request to sit down. But if we look at the verb more closely we'll notice that it has an -ñ at the end that is not normally present when someone is making a statement or question (I:ya anth 'o thaiwa "I'll just sit here" or Naph i:ya wo thaiwa? "Are you gonna sit here?"). This ending, or suffix, is very important because it is also used to mark a command and lets the speaker know you are requesting them to perform an action.

So in O'otham there are three ways to make a command phrase: 1) use an initial "i" before the verb, 2) use an initial "g" (with or without the "i"), or 3) use a suffix -ñ/-iñ. With some commands you use more than one and this is where some of the differences in the dialects in our language comes into play as some dialects will use one form while others will use a slightly different form. Now just like we saw in English, com-

Kekiwañ



Sap haichu 'i thoa:iñ



Vapkoñ heg huasa:'a



Thaiwañ



Upam chek



Vapkoñ heg e no:nov



mands in O'otham can be more specific and can indicate the manner or direction or way we want things done. You can say "Am g thaiwañ!" while

pointing to indicate to someone where you want them to sit, or you can say "S-babgim 'i him!" to indicate that you want them to come over slowly.

But basic commands in O'otham are easy to identify and if you listen for those three markers you can know when someone is asking for your help.

HHC harvests and roasts Cholla buds from page 1

Our tools? Metal kitchen tongs and plastic baskets. I had to ask, "How did they do it a long time ago, before modern tools?"

Culture teacher Joyce Hughes said, traditionally, O'otham made tong-like tools out of va:pai (Saguaro cactus ribs) to pick the hannam and probably used tightly woven baskets to carry their loot. As a child, she would pick hannam with her grandma, mom, aunts and sisters and they would use tin buckets.

There are many ways to cook and eat hannam. It's good pickled or roasted, in salads or eaten individually. Historically, the O'otham would harvest the Cholla in the spring, roast them, let them dry out, and store them for food for the following winter.

After picking, the HHC team dug a pit in Hughes's back yard to pit roast their treasure.

To roast hannam, first dig a pit. Line the pit with flat rocks and build a fire, then let that fire burn down to coals. Next, line the pit with leaves from a bush called chuk sha'i (seepweed), place the hannam in the pit, cover them with more chuk sha'i and bury the whole thing. Let them roast for 24 hours. The next day, remove the hannam from the pit and lay them out to dry on a metal screen like a window screen.

"A lot of the stickers will have cooked off," said Ernestine Nelson a culture teacher from Santa Cruz, "but there will still be a lot on there so as they're drying, just get a stick and roll

them back and forth on the screen and the screen takes the rest of the stickers off." A long time ago they likely used a loosely woven basket to remove the stickers, she said.

Nelson said, "It'll last forever once it's dry." After storing the hannam to dry, you can boil them and eat them or you can make a stew with other vegetables. "And they

also [used to] make it into a porridge," Nelson said. "There are a lot of different ways you can eat it."

The Huhugam Heritage Center plans to store the hannam they harvested for an event this fall. In

October, the Community is going to host the 2016 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums. The HHC will use the opportunity to share this part of O'otham culture with people from other tribes.

Next year, the Huhugam Heritage Center hopes to have large groups of Community members out picking hannam with them. I am looking forward to getting out there again.



The Cholla buds are placed in a pit to roast.

Amy Davila/HHC

Public safety organizations thank GRIC for grants

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The first regular monthly meeting of the Community Council began with two presentations from public safety organizations that received assistance from the Gila River Indian Community's shared gaming revenue program. The Navajo County Sheriff's Office and Superstition Fire and Medical both attended the Council meeting to offer appreciation and to formally thank the Community.

With GRIC's assistance, the Navajo County Sheriff's Office purchased three patrol cars and Superstition Fire and Medical used their grant for a new ambulance.

"I'd like to express our gratitude on behalf of Navajo County, our board of supervisors and myself for the shared revenues that you are able to share through [your] grant program," said Sheriff KC Clark of the Navajo County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Clark presented Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with a plaque in apprecia-



Dan McKinney, Multimedia Production Specialist, Superstition Fire and Medical District

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis views Superstition Fire and Medical's new ambulance.

tion for the Community's grant funding.

According to a statement by Program Administrator Cheryl Pablo the NCSO provides law enforcement assistance to the Navajo Nation Police Department, the Hopi Police Department and Hopi Ranger and the White Mountain Apache Police Department.

The NCSO's display of appreciation was followed by the Superstition Fire and Medical District presentation to thank the Community.

"Thanks to [your] most generous donation [we] are able to put a beautiful ambulance on the road to provide exceptional services to our community," said Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois.

Career Day at Casa Blanca Community School

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Casa Blanca Community School invited professionals in the Community to present for Career Day on April 7. Employees from GRIC departments volunteered their time to help Casa Blanca students understand various career paths in the Community.

"Guest speakers vis-



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Chef Jose Michael gives a live cooking demonstration for Career Day.

it the classrooms, sharing information about [their] careers, informing the students about the education needed to work in [their] field," said Kim Franklin, CBCS Gifted and Talented Teacher.

Many of the presenters were Community members as well.

"Seeing Native American professionals can inspire our children to achieve greatness and to give them great role models," said Jacque Bradley, CBCS Principal.

Chef Jose Michael, a chef at the Gila River Health Care Residential Training Center and a Scottsdale Culinary Institute graduate, performed a cooking demonstra-

tion and educated the students about his career.

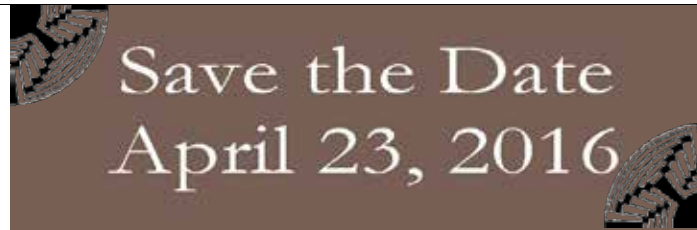
Presenters from GRIC Department of Transportation, Gila River Public Safety and Animal Control were also on hand to present for the students.

For students interested in agriculture, Ramona Button, owner of Ramona Farms encouraged the students to start small gardens.

For the child that wants to become a firefighter and loves the outdoors, Ashton Lynch from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Nations Response Team based out of Sacaton talked about her job as a wild land firefighter.

The Department of Environmental Quality was also stationed at the school to give a description of their work in the Community.

Afterwards Bradley said the career day was a success and involved more Community departments than previous years.



Community Garden Project Day

Jeved Nu: Kuthum

9:00a.m-1:00p.m.

Sacaton Fair Grounds Cultural Circle

General Topics: Learn

Who Should Attend:

Preparation of a garden
Soil Amendment
What to plant
Water Schedule
When to plant
Community Garden Project Details

Community Members
Anyone interested in gardening
First time gardeners
Volunteers
Schools (Youth)

Co-Sponsored by GRIC and GRHC Special Diabetes Program for Indians, Akimel O'odham & Pee Posh Partnership for a Healthy Community



For more information contact:

Norman Wellington—Project Manager phone # 520.610.2646
Sonny Nieto—Project Advisor phone #520.610.2646
Pamela Thompson—Project Advisor phone #520.610.0413



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MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be

CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016.

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

Normal business hours will resume

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016.

(Clinics will be open Saturday, May 28, 2016.)

2016 DAY OF HOPE

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

SHERATON WILD HORSE PASS RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

FOR ELDERS, ADULTS, & YOUTH

"BUILDING A LEGACY OF HEALTH THROUGH THE GENERATIONS"

For any questions, please call
Victoria Allison at (520) 550-6007.

For more information on registration and informational booths, contact: Gila River Health Care Life Center

Attn: Natalyn Begay

Email to: nbegay@grhc.org

Or call: (520) 562-7940

INSULIN MEDICATION CHANGE

There has been a change in the preferred basal insulin at Gila River Health Care. Your provider may prescribe Levemir insulin instead of Lantus insulin.

What are Levemir and Lantus? Both are basal insulins that are slowly released after a dose is injected. The injections are given once or twice per day. Both are clear liquids.

Why was I prescribed Levemir insulin instead of Lantus insulin?

Medication purchasing contracts change, and when there is a substantial change, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee may recommend a different, preferred medication. This is only done with careful review of the medications, and it must have approval of the Medical Executive Committee as well. The change will give us a better value with the same efficacy.

What is the difference between Levemir and Lantus? Both are effective basal insulins. The formulation is slightly different, and it may take a little bit more Levemir to reach the same result as Lantus. There are no other significant differences.

How do I get the best results with the new insulin? Continue to monitor your glucose at home regularly. Contact your provider if your numbers are running higher or lower than is normal for you.

What if I have more questions? Contact the Pharmacy or Primary Care Provider or team so they can help.

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

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Main Number (520) 562-3321

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Primary Care Department: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1495
Pharmacy: (520) 562-3321 Ext. 1405

◆ **Komatke Health Center** ◆
Primary Care Department: (520) 550-6000
Pharmacy: (520) 550-6000 Ext. 6022

◆ **Ak-Chin Health Clinic** ◆
(520) 568-3881

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 6, 2016

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday April 6, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:06am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams (9:24), Rodney Jackson (10:02); D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison; D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:38), Albert Pablo (9:33), Sandra Nasewytewa

Council Members Absent:

D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Presentation By Navajo County Sheriff's Office

Presenters: Cheryl Pablo, Sheriff KC Clark, Navajo County Representatives

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED SHERIFF KC CLARK. SHERIFF CLARK EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE GRANT AWARD AND PROVIDED A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR LEWIS PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. Presentation By Superstition Fire and Medical

Presenters: Cheryl Pablo, Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois, Asst Fire Chief Mike Farber

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED FIRE CHIEF PAUL BOURGEOIS. FIRE CHIEF BOURGEOIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE GRAND AWARD AND PRESENTED TOKENS OF APPRECIATION TO COUNCIL AND GOVERNOR.

3. GRHC Chief Nursing Officer Retirement Notification

Presenter: Myron Schurz

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. 2016-2017 Gila River Royalty Court Introductions

Presenter: Reylynn Williams

MS. APRIL CRAWFORD INTRODUCED THE 2016-2017 GILA RIVER ROYALTY COURT. MISS GILA RIVER ORIANA APKAW PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLATFORM. MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT VILA HUERTA PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLATFORM. JR. MISS GILA RIVER DEIRDRE COPPERFIELD PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. JR. MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT LEHUA LANI DOSELA PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. JR. MISS GILA RIVER 2ND ATTENDANT KARISSA MARK PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS. (15-MINUTE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW)

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:02 A.M.]

REPORTS

1. Head Start Program January Monthly Report 2016

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

2. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Larissa Quijano

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3. St. Peters Indian Mission School Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Sister Martha

REPORT HEARD

4. Sacaton Middle School Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Phillip Bonds

REPORT HEARD

5. Sacaton Elementary School Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Leslie Rychel

REPORT HEARD

6. Skyline District 5 Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

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7. Casa Blanca Community School Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Jacque Bradley

REPORT HEARD

8. Blackwater Community School Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

9. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Justina Ashihi-Subia

REPORT HEARD

10. SIE Quarter II Report, Year Three Considerations

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

REPORT HEARD

11. Early Childhood Special Services 2015 DEC I – Tribal Child Count Information

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Aurora Nevarez

REPORT HEARD

12. Office of the Treasurer-Finance Department FY15 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike Jacobs

REPORT HEARD

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:10 P.M.]

13. Office Of The Treasurer-Pension Administration FY15 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Sharon Harvier-Lewis

REPORT HEARD

14. Office Of The Treasurer-Per-Capita Office FY15 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Neomi Martinez

REPORT HEARD

15. Office Of The Treasurer-Property & Supply FY15 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Maureen Curley, Lawrence Makil

REPORT HEARD

16. Office Of The Treasurer-Office of Special Funding FY15 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Cheryl Pablo

REPORT HEARD

17. Travel Report 1st Quarter-FY16

Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD

18. Gila River Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Report

Presenters: Rebecca Martinez, Jason Jones, Chilo Figueroa

REPORT HEARD

19. Gila River Farms Status Report

Presenter: Tiffany Horne

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. The Caring House FY15 External Audit (Executive Session)

Presenters: GRHC & REDW Representatives

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING

RECONVENED AT 4:51 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21. Monthly Financial Activity Report Ending February 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Mike Jacobs

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. Gaming Internal Audit-1st Quarter Report FY 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Norma Hostetler

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

23. Gaming Commission General Report For February 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

24. Gila River Gaming Enterprise, Inc Monthly Report February 2016 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Janice Ponziani, GRGE Board Of Directors

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving A Programmatic Agreement Among The Federal Highway Administration, Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Arizona Department Of Transportation, And The Advisory Council On Historic Preservation, Regarding The Implementation Of Federal-Aid Transportation Projects In The State Of Arizona (G&MSC motion to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & CRSC concur)

Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving A Funding Agreement For Older Americans Act, Title III Funding With The Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval, H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Mary Tatum, Veronica Charles

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2353 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Two Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Duane Johns

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 452 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Duane Johns

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3088 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 82-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3934 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3140 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five

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Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3892 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4127 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4127 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving the Petition for the Enrollment of Riley Blaine Burrell into the Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Wayne Nelson Jr.
APPROVED

ORDINANCES

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADDRESS NEW BUSINESS #1 AND #2

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

NEW BUSINESS

1. District Five Letter Of Appointment For Janice Stewart As Planning & Zoning Commissioner (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT JANICE STEWART

2. Certification Of Qualifications - 2016 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards to Community Council with

recommendation for certification of qualifications for candidates for District 2; District 3, District 4; District 5; District 6; and District 7)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 2, DISTRICT 3, DISTRICT 4, DISTRICT 5, DISTRICT 6, AND DISTRICT 7

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADDRESS NEW BUSINESS #4

4. Memorandum concerning Annual Memorial at Canton Indian Insane Asylum Cemetery (CRSC forwards to Council to open up to Council and/or CAL's to attend, using Governor's Dues & Delegation line item)

Presenter: Lisa Little Iron
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADDRESS NEW BUSINESS #3

3. Revenue/Internal Audit Department-1st Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2016 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Community Council)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT [GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 30-MUNITE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:02 P.M.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Honeywell Scholarship Proposal (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval, ESC concurs)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Land Buy-Back Program and Request to Identify Priority Tracts (Executive Session) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval of Option 3)

Presenters: Office of the General Counsel
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE OPTION 3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT AND TREASURER AT THE NEXT BUDGET MOD TO REPLENISH THE ACQUISITION FUND TO PURCHASE FRACTIONATED INTEREST OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A; WITH CONDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO ONLY PERTAIN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS

[Addendum to Agenda]
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Ninth Circuit Court Decision (Executive Session)

Presenter: Linus Everling
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEW BUSINESS

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Presenter: Sharon Lewis
ADDRESSED PRIOR TO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Certification Of Qualifications - 2016 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for certification of qualifications for candidates for District 2; District 3, District 4; District 5; District 6; and District 7)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon White
ADDRESSED PRIOR TO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ADDRESSED PRIOR TO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MINUTES

1. October 21, 2015 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CORRECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>G&MSC & LSC JOINT SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016, 1:00 PM, CCSO

>REVIEWING COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016, 9:00 AM

>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CLARIFICATION REQUESTED

>COUNCILMAN ROBERT STONE ON TRAVEL APRIL 12, 2016 THRU APRIL 14, 2016

>CONGRESSMAN FRANK PALLONE TOURING GRTI, GRICUA & WHPDA, THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016, 11:00 AM

>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ALBERT JOSEPH'S FAMILY

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:07PM

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

Parent and Caregivers Wellness Conference at Wild Horse Pass



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Devin Pablo with the Community Health Education Program gives information during the conference.

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

information about raising healthy children.

Hosted by the Gila River Health Care Corporation, Genesis Program and the Community Services Department, the Parent and Caregivers Wellness Conference was held at the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel on April 4.

Health professionals and Community members came together at the conference to learn and share

According to a statement by the Parent and Caregivers Wellness Conference committee, they wanted to set aside a day where professionals and Community members could gather and offer support to families. The conference also made it easy for parents to contact department representatives for assistance.

The conference was

funded by the Special Diabetes Prevention Initiative and also included topics on nutrition, diabetes prevention and exercise.

Katherine Thomas, a Parent Educator, invited one of the parents she works with to attend the conference.

For professionals like Thomas, it is helpful in getting the latest information available to better inform the families she serves.

Francella Sunna, a Community member and

parent from District 5 said, "I'm looking to obtain more information for my grandson and [my] children and to learn how I can be more involved with [them]."

Sunna said that she feels more informed about how a child develops and what she can do to care for her grandchildren.

The Conference educated parents and caregivers about how to interact with children in their teens and learn to think for themselves.

For Immediate Release

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Royce Allen Young, 38, of Laveen, Ariz., a member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow to 15 years in federal prison. Young had previously pleaded guilty to second degree murder. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The

prosecution was handled by Gayle L. Helart and Bill C. Solomon, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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