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 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 twirl.

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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 election ballot during the informational meetings, said “I want Community members...” Continued on Page 4

GRIC 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 hub 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, BIECS principal, Jaggish Sharma announced that the school received approval of funding from Acting Secretary - Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts, for campus-wide replacement.

“The 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 the Cholla cactus produces a healthy source for traditional foods.

BIE announces Blackwater School for campus replacement funding

Blackwater School was one of the ten schools that [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 1969.

Of the 183 BIE elementaries 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 new school construction, they extended their thanks to all previous and current Board members including the administration who, he said, worked very hard.

In response, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis congratulated Blackwater Community School staff, saying “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 BWCS will soon be a hub 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.”

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

GRIN Special Edition

On Constitutional Amendment Vote April 22

IN the GRIN
Community Council candidates for May 3, 2016 election

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 9, 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:

**Boys’ Tournament**
1. District 6 Komatke Kings
2. The Navajo Ten
3. The Apaches

**Girls’ Tournament**
1. Copa Crew
2. The Running Guns
3. Salt River Renegades

Hashan Kehk’s Wesley Cooper drives down the court, helping put his team into overtime against the Komatke Kings.
to have this information.” Allison understands we can be a difficult as a worker or parent to find the time to go through this information in detail, which is why GRIC Community member who attended a special election ballot meeting was provid-

ed 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, 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 Constitu-

tion Reform Project, information about the proposed constitutional amendments and how they mean, and an overview of common ques-

tions asked by Community members during the information 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.grnews.org or call the Communication and Public Affairs Of-

fice at 250-562-9715.

GRIC TV staff from left: Paul White, David Johnson, Yvonnie Garcia and Zachary Redbird.

GRIC TV is FREE, no fee or subscription is need-

ed to receive the channel. A television and a digital commer-

cial television station in Indian Country, with pro-


gramming in both English and O’Oham.

Who is GRIC TV?

Staff includes: Yvonnie Garcia - District 4, GRIC, Production Coordinator; Paul White - Urban Mem-

ber, GRIC, Media Editor; Zachary Redbird - District 7, GRIC, Assistant Video Editor; and David Johnson - Urban Member, GRIC, Videographer. You might see GRIC 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, traditions, as well as our language.

From left, GRIC officer Melissa Belsan, officer Ashley Pina, Detective Tyesa Wood, Crime Victim Services Angel Cruz, and CVS Faron Huemyumweyta at the Governance Center April 6 holding the Start By Believing proclamation. See March 4 GRIN for info of the proposed amend-

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fice at 250-562-9715.
Congressman visits MAR 5

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.

GRIC Registered Voters

ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available!

For the 2016 Community Council & Special Councilor Assessment Election May 5, 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

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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 campus-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 NM 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. Dziilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Community School, NM
5. Greasewood Springs Community School, AZ
6. Laguna Elementary School, NM
7. Quileute Tribal School, WA
8. Tsilxwah Community School, AZ
9. Tohono O’odham Community School, AZ
10. Tonalea Redlake Elementary School, AZ

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!
Team Frenzy heading to Florida for cheerleading competition

Thomas R. Throssel
Gila River Indian News

Two

Two Community members will soon be en-
ter ing one of the most re-
nowned, most competitive cheerleading
championships in the United States, suitably
named The Summit. The group
contains the competitive cheer
team Leuvano, a passionate squad mem-
ber Bianca Hernandez.

The squad of ten will travel to Tampa, Fla. on
April 27, where they will compete against up
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.

It is important to understand the
importance of what The Sum-
mits to both Leuvano and
Hernandez, one must un-
derstand a little about Leu-
vanos relationship with cheerleading and Hernanzns lifelong dedi-
cation to the sport.

Leuvano, who owns Revolution Cheer Com-
pany in Casa Grande and
manages over 70 youth and
staff, explains that her for-
way 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,
which led her to try
school at the high
level. However,

teaching only high school
cheerleaders left
feeling that something
was missing.

“Missed being able
to do that with little kids too,

and not just high school

cheerleaders,” Leuvano
remarked.

“That’s how Revolu-
tion Cheer developed. I
wanted to be able to coach
little kids and big kids, so I

Tryout is to be on May 6 for

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Commands and requests in O’otham

I vak! ‘G’ i hi’m! Tha’k b’lah! Eit kaihamah! 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 seems like 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 will 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?

To pause for a moment and consider how we talk in English we can see that a simple command in English is similar to the way that we usually have a unit of action (ac- tion word) that is about to happen. A command phrase is what we say when we want to call someone over or in- dicate that you want them to come a specific way. For example, “I want you to come over slowly.”

In O’otham, commands are similar in that they usually consist of an action word, but they differ from English in that they usually have a part of a verb (the marker that comes at the end of a word) that signals to the listener that they need to do something. For example, “I want you to come over slowly.”

What can we say about commands in O’otham and how do they work? Commands in O’otham and English are similar in that they both have a part of a verb (the marker that comes at the end of a word) that signals to the listener that they need to do something. For example, “I want you to come over slowly.”

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 “-i”. 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, commands in O’otham can be more specific and can indicate the manner or direction or way we want things done. You can say “‘I want you 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**

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Our tools? Metal kitchen ponds 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 tongues and pluck-like tools out of saguaro cactus ribs to pick the Cholla 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 (weep- weedy), 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 dry on a metal screen to cool 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 they’re dry- ing, 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 bas- ket to re- move the stickers, she said.

Nelson said, “It’ll last forever once it’s done.” After storing the hannam to dry, you can boil them and eat them or you can make a stew with other veg- etables. “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 harvest- ed for an event this fall. In October, the Community is going to host the 2016 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Li- braries, and Museums. The HHC will use the opport- unity to share this part of O’otham culture with peo- ple 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.
Community Garden Project Day
Jeved Nu: Kuthum
9:00a.m-1:00p.m.
Sacaton Fair Grounds Cultural Circle
General Topics: Learn
Preparation of a garden
Soil Amendment
What to plant
Schedules
When to plant
Community Garden Project Details
Co-Sponsored by GRIC and GRHC Special Diabetes Program for Indians, Akimel O’odham Peck Partnership for a Healthy Community
For more information contact:
Norman Wellington — Project Manager phone # 520.610.2646
Sonny Nieso — Project Advisor phone #520.610.2646
Pamela Thompson — Project Advisor phone #520.610.0413

Community Garden
Project Day

Who Should Attend:
Community Members
Anyone interested in gardening
First time gardeners
Volunteers
Schools (Youth)

What to plant
Community Garden

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

ININSULIN 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.

What is 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.
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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 Certifying 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

10. A Resolution Certifying To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4172 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 Certifying To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 4217 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)
APPROVED

ORDINANCES

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADDRESS NEW BUSINESS #1 AND #2
(ADDITIONAL 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 Sheilds, 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 (CRCS forwards to Council to open up to Council and/or CAL’s to attend, using Governor’s Dees & Delegation line item)
Presenter: Lisa Little Iron
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 30-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:02 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Honeywell Scholarship Proposal (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval, ESC concurs)
Presenter: Isaac Sakido
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 APPROVE EXECUTION

3. Ninth Circuit Court Decision (Executive Session)

Presenter: Lisa Little Iron
ADDITIONAL TO AGENDA

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, CCSD

> 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 TURNGRITI, GORIUCA & WHPDA, THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016, 11:00 AM

> PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ALBERT JOSEPH’S FAMILY

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:07 PM
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Parent and Caregivers Wellness Conference at Wild Horse Pass

Christopher Lomahquahu/NDN

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

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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 information about raising healthy children. 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.

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

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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 approval)
Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
APPROVED

Replies Tabled from previous meeting(s)

FAMILY PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ALBERT JOSEPH’S ESTATE

PURCHASE FRACTIONATED INTEREST OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A, WITH CONDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO ONLY PERTAIN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPEAR

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

WITH CORRECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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