Six council members sworn in

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Amid a packed house inside Gila River Indian Community’s Council chambers, six newly elected and re-elected Council Representatives took their oath of office, June 1, and assumed their seats during a swearing in ceremony administered by GRIC Chief Judge Victor Antone.

The new and returning Council Representatives won their respective seats during the May 3 Tribal Election that decided who would represent Districts 2 through 7.

The re-elected Council Representatives who were sworn in and have returned to their seats are Carol Schurz for District 2, Carolyn Williams for District 3, Robert Stone for District 5, and Devin Redbird for District 7.

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NARD brings traditional dance, music, and culture to Chase Field

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There is a moment during a baseball game when the batter pops the ball high into the air with enough force that maybe, just maybe, it is going all the way. It’s at that moment, as the ball sails across the field and into the outfield stands scoring a home run, that being at the ballpark is one of the best places to be in the world.

Over 33,000 fans experienced that moment several times at the annual Native American Recognition Day event held at Chase Field, June 10, when the Arizona Diamondbacks pulled off a win against the Miami Marlins with two game-changing home runs in the 6th and 7th innings.

But while all eyes where on the two teams during the game, it was the pregame festivities that really made the day special for thousands of Native Americans.

The event, presented by Gila River Casinos, began at 5 p.m. with a diverse range of dancers, drum groups, and vocalists who performed at the entrance of the ball park in front of thousands of fans.

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Special veterans brunch held at Wild Horse Pass

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community is taking steps to reach out to GRIC veterans.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis made a formal statement to establish a Community veteran’s office at a meeting in the Wild Horse Pass Casino and Hotel on June 10.

“This is a long time coming. It is one of the promises I made…when I took office, was to make sure we took care of our veterans,” said Lewis.

He said that it is an initiative built upon the needs of the veterans on a variety of issues like healthcare, establishing a veteran’s database, job training and helping them seek behavioral health treatment.

The announcement is part of a fiscal year 2017 budget initiative that has been put into motion to establish the veteran’s office.

“[You have given] so much, especially those that never came back, those that have trouble adjusting to life at home and those who still need services for behavioral health issues,” said Lewis.

By Jan 1, 2017, the veteran’s office would be in place.

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Gila River Indian News summer intern introduction

CORRECTIONS
In the “Outkast” article in the June issue, Candice Thomas’ s name was miscopied. The GRIN encourages comments and suggestions about content that warrants correction or clarification. To report an error call (520) 562-9715 or email grin@gric.nsn.us

O’otham New Year
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Brittany Burnette will be working as WIOA summer worker for the Gila River Indian News.

Brittany Burnette
Gila River Indian News

Hello Gila River, my name is Brittany Burnette. I am 21 years old and reside in Sweetwater. My parents are Bruce Burnette from Sweetwater and Barbara Einos from Sacaton Flats. I graduated high school from AZ Compass College Prep in May 2012 and graduated from Chandler-Gilbert Community College in May 2016 with an Associate of Fine Arts. In 2011, I had the opportunity to travel to three different countries, France, Italy, and Greece. It was at this time, that I decided to make a career in photography.

This summer, I am working as an intern for the Gila River Indian News as part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth program. Both of these departments are great for our youth to get excellent work experience and to help the Community. My next plan for higher education is to earn a Bachelor of Art degree in photography at Arizona State University’s Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. I also plan to live on campus; it will be a first time experience living in the city. I’m excited to start my education at ASU to complete my degree for photography and one day I will be able to come back and work in the Community.

I hope that in my stay with the GRIN for the summer, I will learn many great things to help prepare me for a job in the future and gain a good perception of how much work and how important the news in broadcast and print is to our Community.

Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

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Double Shoe Arena Community Event

Buck out at the Double Shoe Arena at the “Laws Residence” 713 South Horseshoe Rd. Casa Blanca, AZ

July 30, 2016
Sign up: 5pm
20 entries per event

Events:
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- Behind The Blue Veil

Nahibi and Friends
- Tribal Health Department Conference Room
- EMT Building in Sacaton
- Monday, June 27
- 10 a.m.

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Tribal Service Delivery

Navajo Village Heritage
- White Mtn Apache Tribe
- As they prepare for the

Sacred Steps:
- Ethnic Focus

Fish Out of Water
- An indigenous story about the power of love and family.

The surprising inside look at Native youth culture in the 21st century.

Behind The Blue Veil
- Exposes the government corruption and neglect of an indigenous people.

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Vietnam veterans pose with a rendering for the new Vietnam Memorial in the City of Gilbert. The site will include a monument dedicated to Arizona’s American Indian Vietnam veterans.

Wall project team board member, Crystal Reidy, presents on the AZ Wall Project.

O’otham veterans host meeting regarding Vietnam memorial

During a meeting held in the District 5 Vah-Ki Multipurpose Building gymnnasium on June 10, a local organization, with chapters across the United States, sought input from Community veterans on a project that would recognize the contributions of American Indian service-men and women during the Vietnam War.

Representatives from the Operation Welcome Home of Arizona, delivered a presentation on the planned construction of the AZ Wall Project.

OWHA President, Lisa Rigler, said the AZ Wall Project is part of a larger undertaking to build a 7.7-acre facility called the Welcome Home Veterans Park.

"[Your] voice is very significant. [We] want to incorporate [your] thoughts and opinions into [our] Veterans Park," said Rigler.

The site of the veteran's park will be located in the City of Gilbert, near Warner and Gilbert Road and will offer free admission to all visitors.

The project will include a monument dedicated to Arizona’s American Indian Vietnam veterans as a tribute to their patriotism.

Wall project team board member, Crystal Reidy, provided an overview of the project.

"It will be built for everybody. It's representative of different cultures coming together to honor [our] veterans," said Reidy.

There are no specific dimensions for the addition to the veteran’s park, and the design will be based on the feedback OWHA will collect from tribal veterans.

On the other hand, the replica of the Vietnam War memorial will measure 360 feet long and 8 feet tall, which is an 80 percent scale version of the original wall in Washington D.C.

The O’otham Veterans Celebration Committee coordinated the meeting for veterans to come and hear about the projects details, and to provide feedback on the proposed American Indian addition to the veteran’s park.

The park will feature other monuments dedicated to veterans of past and present wars, including the global war on terrorism.

The park will include an education center, veteran’s services offices and amphitheater for public functions.

Oscar Urrea, a Vietnam veteran and a member of Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, originally from Morenci, Ariz. is commissioned to create bronze sculptures of an eagle and the "battlefield cross," which is used to represent fallen comrades.

Urrea created the Ira H. Hayes and Matthew B. Juan statues that can be viewed at the Ira H. Hayes-Matthew B. Juan Park in Sacaton.

"It honors me that I can do [this] in my best way to honor all of [our] service-men and women that are in the military," Urrea said.

OWHA plans to use their own financial resources to construct the park and memorial as a way to officially welcome home Vietnam veterans.

The replica of the wall close to home allows veterans and family members to view the wall without having to worry about the burdens of traveling to Washington D.C. to visit the original memorial.

Like the original wall in Washington D.C., it will be a permanent structure that will have the names of those killed in the conflict.

Many of the veterans in attendance had recommendations for Rigler and the wall team.

The questions ranged from building costs, funding sources, if there will be input from other tribes.

Reidy said, "[We] need all of the different tribal communities to tell us what is important to them."
Police officers have a difficult job. They are entrusted to protect people, property and uphold the law, all the while serving the community in a noble and selfless role that often comes in contact with the more dangerous elements of society.

On June 10, seven Gila River Police Department officers made the decision to fill that role and serve the Gila River Indian Community.

Each of the seven officers took their oath of office and were sworn in by GRIC Chief Judge Victor Antone inside the Tribal Court building before a gathering of family, tribal leadership, and fellow officers.

Each officer, one after another, made the declaration, “I...do solemnly swear, that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies. That I will faithfully and impartially carry out the duties of my office to the best of my ability. That I will promote and protect the best interest of the Gila River Indian Community in accordance with its constitution, bylaws, and ordinances. So help me God.”

The seven officers sworn in are: Zackary Torriente, Jason Lifur, Joey Castellanos, Efrain Garcia, Andres Godinez, Daniel Diaz, and Miguel Calderon. During the proceedings Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and District 5 Council Representative Marlin Dixon gave words of support to the officers and urged them to be safe as they head out on their patrols.

As the ceremony came to an end, Chief Judge Antone stood in front of the newly sworn in officers and gave them several words of advice.

“Every veteran officer here has made mistakes but they learn from their mistakes to not to repeat it. Follow every instruction from your [Field Training Officer] and you will be going home every night. Congratulations to everyone here. I truly mean it, you are part of the family now.”

GRPD Acting Sergeant, Paul Maroney, said that the officers have had extra training compared to what they usually receive from the academy. Maroney explained that the officers extra training ranges from additional firearms instruction and CPR, to more report writing and investigation experience.

While the officers have been sworn in and will begin patrolling the Community, they will continue their training for an additional 15 weeks.

“I’ve been sitting here and coaching them and being their contact point ever since they’ve been hired,” said Maroney. “I constantly talk about officer safety being paramount and that services to the Community is right up there with officer safety and community safety.”

“Words of advice [for the officers] is to be safe, have fun, go out there and do the job that you’ve been training for.”

Gila River Police Department swears in seven officers


GILA RIVER YOUTH CONFERENCE

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GRICUA sends youth to Washington D.C. for tour of capitol

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Three ambitious high school students from the Gila River Indian Community have been soaking up the sights of the nation’s capitol for the past week as they take part in the 2016 Washington Youth Tour. The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) sponsored Elyanna Polingyowa, Erics Dawahtooyah, and Delyla Lewis for the week-long trip, June 10-16, which included tours to some of the most famous landmarks in the United States and a meeting with Arizona Congresswoman, Ann Kirkpatrick. GRICUA Washington Youth Tour Coordinator, Jaina Brown, said that a few of the sites that the students visited included the Lincoln Memorial, Fort McHenry, Ira H. Hayes’s grave site in Arlington Cemetery, and even a boat ride down the Potomac River.

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The reason that GRICUA sponsors the Community’s youth every year is to help expand their horizons, reminder to all of us of how quickly our languages can be lost when we stop speaking with each other on a daily basis. And as we work to preserve and strengthen the languages of the Community, we should remember that there are two languages that have always existed side by side and we should continue to help move them forward as part of our Community’s living heritage. We encourage you to start learning Piipaash with some of the bird names as shared to us from the District 7 elders found in this month’s word match puzzle.

Ordering Words in Piipaash chuukwer

It is important for us to keep in mind that our Community consists of two tribal nations who have lived side by side on the Gila River since time immemorial. In 1699 when Father Eusebio Kino traveled upstream along the Gila River from Yuma he noted villages near the bend of the Gila that had both Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh living together. There are Community members who still remember a time not too long ago when it was common for people to know and speak both languages, especially on the Westend where families would be intermarried with one another. Today there are only a small number of fluent speakers of Pii-paash chuukwer (Pee Posh language). The Huuhgam Heritage Center Language Program has been very fortunate to work with a group of dedicated elders and Community members from District 7 who are committed towards preserving their language for future generations.

In the past month, the HHC Language Program along with the D7 Service Center and the Salt River O’odham-Piipaash Language Program organized a series of workshops and presentations by Professor Lynn Gordon from Washington State University on Piipaash chuukwer. Professor Gordon started her study of the Pee Posh language in the late 1970s while she was a graduate student in the Linguistics Department at UCLA. Her first teacher was the late Pollyanna Heath, a Community member and fluent Pii-paash speaker who was living in the Los Angeles area. As she shared during her evening presentation to the D7 Community she worked with Pollyanna for a short time before they both came to the D7 Community to present their work and to request permission to continue her work documenting the language. The Community at that time approved her request but made two requests for her. The first request was that she include two other speakers in her documentation work, the late Ralph Cameron and the late Jasper Donahue. Second, that she create a dictionary to preserve her documentation of the language for the Community. Professor Gordon continued working on documenting and recording the Pee Posh language until the mid-1980s and has been working up to the present on compiling a dictionary of Pee Posh to fulfill the request made to her by the D7 Community when she started working.

During the workshop Professor Gordon shared with the Community her samples of her notes, parts of her audio recordings and a draft copy of her dictionary. In addition she shared some of what she has learned from her study of Piipaash chuukwer. Piipaash is a language where the verb consistently last (SOV) which is one of the differences that learners must understand when trying to speak Piipaash chuukwer correctly.

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of Native and non-Native spectators.

A few of the groups that performed were the Native All-Stars, Pee-Posh Dancers, D7 Bird Singers and Dancers, Hashan Kehk Traditional Dancers, and Dine Urban Voices.

Amanda Parker of District 7, who danced the Maricopa Bird Dance with four other Community performers, said that even though the day was hot, it was important to represent their tribe and people.

“I think it is good because we get to represent the Native community,” said Parker. “So, people know that we are out there and know what we are about and appreciate our culture.”

Meanwhile, down on the field, the Arizona Diamondbacks awarded Gila River Bears coach, Gordon June, Coach of the Year, for his efforts during the 18th annual Inter- Tribal Youth Baseball & Softball Tournament, held June 8-11.

When asked how he felt when he heard the news, June said, “Smiling, a big ol’ cheesy smile. I didn’t know what to do. First thing…was talk to the boys and let them know what was going on and to thank them for allowing me to coach them.”

The tournament featured 85 baseball teams representing over 38 tribes. Five states were represented with 57 teams from Arizona, 19 from New Mexico, three from California, five from Oklahoma, and one team from South Dakota.

Shortly after the award recognition, Kahara Hodg es from the Navajo Nation sang a rousing rendition of the national anthem standing before the Color Guard that was made up of members from the Pee Posh Veteran’s Association.

Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone opened the game with a near-flawless ceremonial first pitch.

Several days before the game, Antone said that she didn’t know how to throw a baseball and was nervous for the upcoming event. But, after several evening pitching sessions with her cousins, she was able to deliver a well-thrown ball to home plate.

NARD is the one day that Native Americans are recognized, Antone said. “So I look at it this way, if I am going to be throwing the first pitch. I am going to be doing it on behalf of Native Americans.”

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GRIC veterans meeting

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Hashan Kehk dancers perform as part of the pregame presentations.

An elevated view of the Chase Field rotunda during a social dance.

Outkast, who came in 2nd place, was one of the many tribal baseball teams recognized prior to the game.

the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Gila River Bears.

Pee Posh Veterans accompany Kahara Hodges during the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

The report gives an overview of the number of veterans in the Community, both living and deceased, and how many are currently serving in the armed forces. “I would like for [us] to utilize this document for justification. Without [this] document, we would continue to talk about having an office, without anything happening,” said Anderson.

The report doesn’t stop there. There are other statistics on transportation needs, housing and how many are VA service connected for disabilities caused during active duty, including treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

There are recommendations to continue working with Community veterans groups concerns regarding educating the public through topics specific to veterans.

The veterans want to see an accurate count of veterans living in the Community, ways of storing documents, like their discharge papers (DD214). These documents are crucial for veterans to verify an individual’s proof of service and to receive VA care and other much needed services and treatment.

The Community veteran’s posts and groups have an interest in helping their servicemembers and women to get the word out, about the assessment being conducted by the AmeriCorp VSV program.

Gov. Lewis assured the audience that the meeting will not be the only time to discuss the idea and that more opportunities for discussion will be planned in the future.
Artwork by Wayne Narcia

Ira H. Hayes Post 84 Officers Sworn in during special ceremony

Members of the post placed a vacant chair at the front of the room, which was draped in a POW/MIA flag to remember their sacrifice.

In a statement by Post 84, it said, “[O]ur members are better people for having served with Urban Giff.”

The guests thanked Giff for the 3 years of excellent guidance, leadership and direction during his time as Post Commander.

Giff said, “[W]e exist...”

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BUS THEME!

GILA RIVER PUBLIC TRANSIT

Gila River Public Transit has received several transit bus themes. Now we are asking for your participation in determining which one is best. The chosen theme will influence the final bus wrap design.

Please vote now for your favorite bus theme shown below!

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Newly elected Council Representatives who were sworn in and now represent their respective districts are: Barney Enos Jr. for District 4 and Charles Goldtooth for District 6. After the ceremony concluded, the representatives’ families, friends, and work colleagues took to the Council chamber floor to shake hands with the newly elected officials and congratulate them on their accomplishment.
The Sacaton Area Drainage Master Study (ADMS) is currently underway. The study will:

- Identify flooding hazards within the Sacaton Village of District 3,
- Prioritize flooding problems for possible mitigation that pose the greatest risks to community members and their property,
- Develop possible options to minimize flooding hazards, and
- Recommend flood mitigation concepts and strategies.

**STUDY BOUNDARY**

- The 31-square-mile study area includes the Sacaton Village and surrounding community. Please see the study area map on the back page.

**STUDY SCHEDULE**

The study began in May 2016 and is expected to conclude in November 2016.

**REPORT FLOODING**

Community members are asked to report flooding that has occurred in the study area to help confirm computer modeling results. If you have experienced flooding, please send the date, exact location, description and photos to Seaver Fields or visit the contact information listed below, or you may submit online at http://grhc.org/sacatonflooding.

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**U.S. District Attorney visits GRIC**

U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, John S. Leonardo (right), and Tribal Relations Advisor Hope MacDonald Lonetree (left), met with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center) on June 14 in the Governance Center. Leonardo has served as a Judge for the Pima County Superior Court since 1993, for over 19 years. He has been sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona since July 2012. The U.S. Attorney’s four offices serve the residents and the twenty-two American Indian tribes of Arizona; the U.S. Attorney is also responsible to prosecute Federal criminal cases and civil cases.

**Sacaton Area Drainage Master Study Area Map**

**Gila River Health Care**

Family Planning Mobile Medical Clinic
(Title X Funded)

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**U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, John S. Leonardo (right), and Tribal Relations Advisor Hope MacDonald Lonetree (left), met with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center) on June 14 in the Governance Center. Leonardo has served as a Judge for the Pima County Superior Court since 1993, for over 19 years. He has been sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona since July 2012. The U.S. Attorney’s four offices serve the residents and the twenty-two American Indian tribes of Arizona; the U.S. Attorney is also responsible to prosecute Federal criminal cases and civil cases.**

**June 2016**

**SACATON**

Area Drainage Master Study

**More Information/Contact Us**

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Gila River Indian Community
Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning
Flood Control Engineering
291 West Casa Blanca Rd – P.O. Box E
Sacaton, AZ 85147
(520) 562-6003 | seaver.fieldsiii@gric.nsn.us

**Sacaton Area Drainage Master Study Area Map**

**Sacaton Area Drainage Master Study**

**Community members are asked to report flooding that has occurred in the study area to help confirm computer modeling results. If you have experienced flooding, please send the date, exact location, description and photos to Seaver Fields or visit the contact information listed below, or you may submit online at http://grhc.org/sacatonflooding.**
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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 June 1, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona, was called to order by President Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:00 a.m.

INVIATION
Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Council Members Present:
D1- Joey Whitman, Arzio Hogg (10:14); D2-Carol Schurz;
D3- Carolyn Williams (9:11), Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada
Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Barney
Enos, Jr. (10:14); D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marilyn Dixon,
Robert Stone, Frank McPahlo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal,
Sr., Charles Goddoltto (10:14), Sandra Nasewytewa; D7-
Devin Redbird
Council Members Absent:
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED-AS-AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS
Carol Schurz, District 2 Representative
Carolyn Williams, District 3 Representative
Barney B. Enos, Jr., District 4 Representative
Robert Stone, District 5 Representative
Charles Goldtooth, District 6 Representative
Devin Redbird, District 7 Representative

CHIEF JUDGE VICTOR ANTOINE DELIVERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO EACH OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:14 A.M.]

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)
1. Phoenix Mesa Gateway School Middle 2016 Roborave International Robotic Competition Results
Presenters: J Kinnamon, Elaine Moyah
MS. J. KINNAMON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND COMPETITION. EACH OF THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. COUNCILMAN FRANKLIN PABLO, SR. REQUESTED A STANDING OVATION AND APPLAUSE FOR THE STUDENTS.

REPORTS
1. Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Authority
Presenters: Jane Morris, Brian O`Neil, Ryan Smith
TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. 2016 Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo Report
Presenters: June Shorthair, Veronica Charles
REPORT HEARD
3. HHKMH Construction-Patient Communication Plan
Presenters: Joe Jicha, Veronica Vaughan
REPORT HEARD
4. GRCN New Presentation
Presenters: Dr. Wes Yamada, Bill Conati
REPORT HEARD
LT. GOVERNOR ANTOINE CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:10 P.M.
5. Head Start Program 2016 Annual Self Assessment
Presenters: Patricia Valenzuela
REPORT HEARD
6. Sacaton Middle School Quarter 2 Report FY 2015-2016
Presenters: Philip Bonds
REPORT HEARD
7. Recording Traditional Talk Workshop Report
Presenters: Anthony Gray
REPORT HEARD
8. GRICUAS FY16 Q2 Report
Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold
REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Pamela Thompson
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
10. Treasurer’s Report-FY16 2nd Quarter (Executive Session)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
11. Gaming Internal Audit 2Q Report FY16 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena Thomas
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Joseph A. Magliarditi, Janice Ponziani, Board of Directors
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
13. Gaming Commission General Report To The Community Council For April 2016 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah
REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Dr. Judy Brown
APPROVED
15. A Resolution Authorizing The Collection And Dissemination Of Non-Identifying Data For First Things First Gila River Indian Community Regional Needs And Assets Report for 2016 (HHSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections; LSC & ESC concur)
Presenters: Cathy Brown
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Presenters: Cathy Brown
APPROVED
17. A Resolution Authorizing Personnel From The United States Census Department To Collect Data For The Ameri
Presenters: Deanna Enos
DENIED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2015 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Dorsey & Whitney, LLP (G&MSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Office of General Counsel
APPROVED
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Presenters: Office of General Counsel
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6. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #2 To The October 1, 2015 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community and Olston Maledon, PA (GMSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenters: Office of General Counsel
APPROVED
7. A Resolution Adopting The Sixth Amendment To The Plan Of Operation For The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority To Increase The Operating Funds And Capital Reserve Funds Appropriated And Available To The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority (GMSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)
Presenters: Ronald Rosier
APPROVED
Presenters: Barnaby V. Lewis
APPROVED
9. A Resolution Rescinding GR-157-78 And Providing The Community’s Intent To Establish A Lease With The Gila River Farms For The PD Farms (GMSC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC & CRSC concur)
Presenters: Pima Leasing & Financing, Corporation & Gila River Farms
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ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Loan To Gila River Farms Revolving Credit Line (GMSC forwards to Community Council for discussion and possible action)
Presenters: Elizabeth Bohnee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE GMSC & EDSC concur)

2. Draft School Assessment Checklist (ESC forwards to Council for discussion & possible action)
Presenters: Community Council
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4. Natural Resources Standing Committee Appointments - 3 Council Seats
Presenters: Community Council
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5. Health & Social Standing Committee Appointments – 2 Council Seats
Presenters: Community Council
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6. Cultural Resources Standing Committee Appointments - 3 Council Seats
Presenters: Community Council
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7. Economic Development Standing Committee Appointment - 1 Council Seat
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Disaster Supply Kits
- First Aid Kit
- A stock of food that requires no cooking or refrigeration.
- Non-perishable food, such as canned goods.
- Portable and working battery-operated radio, flashlights, and extra batteries.
- Rain gear, including raincoats, boots, and gloves.
- Battery-operated battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries.
- A stock of food that requires electricity to function.
- Support or other medical equipment as available.

GRCUA’s Outage Restoration Process
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HOLLY JACKSON
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
HOLLY JACKSON
Petitioner

Presenters: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Dena

Kirkham, President, Carleta McDaniel, Vice President Darlene Pino, Treasurer, Macelyn Roberts, Secretary, Doris Jackson, Chaplain, Rowe

na JoAnn, Sergeant at Arms, Elaine Lopez and Historian Cindy Giff.

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Power and Communications Outages Safety:
- Be extra cautious when you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by trees or debris, and could be live. DO NOT TOUCH.
- Use cell phone, cordless phones do not work without electricity.
- During a thunderstorm, turn off the AC unit. Power surges from lightning can overload units.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed – food will stay fresh up to 8 hours.

Make a Plan
Create a disaster plan with your family so you all know what to do in the event of an emergency. This includes how your family will communicate in an emergency, how to find each other, where to exit from your home and neighborhood. It is important to take everyone's needs in to consideration including seniors, people with disabilities, children and pets.

Flash Flood Safety:
- Most flash flood deaths occur in vehicles.
- Moving water 2-3 feet deep will carry away most vehicles.
- Keep children away from creeks and washes when heavy rain is in the area.
- Be especially careful at night when water depth and road conditions are harder to see.
- If driving, and blocked by water over a roadway, wait for the water to subside or find an alternate route to your destination. Do not drive into the water.

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