153rd Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration

A day of remembrance, family and fun in District 7

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The Estrella Mountains served as the early morning backdrop of the 153rd Five Tribes Treaty of Peace event, May 7, as runners jogged their way northward up 83rd Avenue in recognition of the 1863 treaty signing that brought Pima, Maricopa, Hualapai, Chemehuevi, and Yuma tribes together in friendship and peace.

Following the run, parade floats wound their way down 83rd Avenue as spectators cheered and clapped from the sides of the road. Parade entries included the Pee-Posh Veterans Association, a Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. float, Gila River Royalty, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone handing out gifts to Community members.

At the flag raising, royalty from different tribal nations sang the National Anthem and gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Shortly after, a ten-gun salute, performed by Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51, rang outward across Pee Posh Park as a member of the unit solemnly played Taps.

As the last note of Taps was played, Community members dispersed into all corners of Pee Posh Park and the District 7 Service Center, reveling in a variety of activities ranging from the physical, intellectual, and spiritual.

Activities included billiards, dominoes and horseshoe tournaments, powwow, social bird dance, the annual bird dance competition, rides for the kids, an obstacle course, cooking contests, live chicken scratch, and skateboard competition.

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Diamondbacks Foundation donates to GRIC Little League

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Before an audience of over 30,000 baseball fans at Chase Field, May 14, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation in partnership with Gila River Casinos presented the Gila River Indian Community with a check for $20,000 in support of the Community’s baseball and softball programs. The donation was accepted on field by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, members of Tribal Recreation and coaches from the Community’s Little League program.

The donation will help local baseball and t-ball teams purchase the necessities needed to play ball.

“It’s a great help,” said Alvin Casooso, Acting Tribal Recreation Manager. “It alleviates a lot of pressure off the recreation program. We have multiple teams in our t-ball and in our Little League.”

“Equipment is very expensive,” he said.

“This helps us out a great deal. It reduces the stress on the coaches of having to find equipment [and] it helps a lot of kids in the Community,” Casooso said.

The donated funds will not only go to supplying young players with gloves, bats and uniforms, it will also aid in field repairs and maintenance.

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Community members graduate from ASU at American Indian convocation

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

It was a sea of maroon and gold inside the Arizona State University Gammage Auditorium as Native American students were honored for their academic success on May 11.

Faculty and distinguished guests congratulated the new graduates at the American Indian Convocation that included Community members Teaya Vicente, Marissa Yazzie, Althea Walker, Kashud Sanderson, Donalda Lyons, Kyrie Dukepoo and Raquel Romero.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented each of the graduating GRIC students with a special sash worn to commemorate their academic feat.

“It’s such an awesome sight to see them cross the stage tonight representing the Community,” said Gov. Lewis.

The GRIC graduates are looking to put their degrees to work.

“I’d like to give back to my Community and use my education to work in the historic preservation field for Gila River,” said Romero.

Romero wants to use her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology to connect with the Community, because it is such an important part of her heritage.

“It is great they want to bring back what they have learned to share with the Community,” said Gov. Lewis.

Graduate Althea Walker is currently working for the Community with the Department of Environmental Quality as an Environmental

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D5 breaks ground on new building for the Agriculture Program to improve services for local farmers

Stakeholders break ground on the future site of the building for the Agriculture Program on a 40-acre site on Nelson Road just west of the I-10 freeway.

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The D5 Community, broke ground last month on a new building for its Agriculture Program, which is in need of a place to work and store its equipment. The D5 Agriculture Program assists local farmers with a number of services, from moving earth to filing paperwork. They till ground, plant seeds, plan irrigation and direct water to farm lands, as well as point Community member farmers in the right direction for other services from the Gila River Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"The program was set up to help local farmers that don't have the funds to do that kind of work," said Neil Ranger, the D5 Agriculture Program Manager, who grew up in the same community.

Danny Williams is the chairman for the D5 Agriculture Committee, which oversees the D5 Agriculture Program. He said for nearly 10 years the program has helped a lot of Community member farmers, but they've never had a place of their own to work.

"I know it's going to be a lot of help. They've needed it for a long time," he said.

Ranger said the new building is very good news for the Community and his team.

"Especially when bad weather comes around we'll have something to work in. Right now we're just out in the open and when it really starts raining it's hard to do anything out there," he said.

For the Agriculture Program workers, the new building will be a huge advantage. "We'll have a lot more space," said Williams.

The Agriculture Program workers do their own maintenance and storage of the new building and other heavy equipment. There will be plenty of space for that in the new facility.

The building will be a 7,200 square-foot Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) with approximately 700 square feet set aside for an office, a break room, restrooms, a shower and an I-10 room.

"But the bulk of the square footage," said Jim Wilson, "is designed to support farming machinery and equipment." Wilson is a project manager with Arrow Indian Contractors, Inc., the company responsible for the construction of the facility. The building was designed by PS+ Architects.

The new building will be on a 40-acre site on the south side of Nelson Road, just west of the I-10 overpass, where the Agriculture Program currently has a storage yard for its equipment.

"The project is in the final design phase with construction currently planned to begin in August, completing by the end of 2016 calendar year," said Wilson via email.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability, Gila River Sand & Gravel San Tan Plant Grant of Master Lease Amendment

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is moving a Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that the BIA has proposed a draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the proposed Gila River Sand & Gravel San Tan Plant Grant of Master Lease Amendment Environmental Assessment (DEA) on Gila River Indian Community lands in Pinal County, Arizona. Gila River Sand & Gravel (GRSG) has applied for a lease of two (2) parcels of Gila River Indian Community land adjacent to their existing sand and gravel mining operation. The two (2) parcels are 154 acres and 200 acres, and would be used to expand and continue the GRSG’s current sand and gravel mining operations in the Gila River for approximately 20-30 years.

The DEA is proposed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). NEPA requires that federal agencies take into consideration the environmental consequences of proposed actions, as well as input from state and local governments, Indian tribes, the public, and other federal agencies, during their decision making process. The DEA analyzes and assesses the significance of any potential environmental impacts of the project activities and alternatives.

Project Description

Through the proposed project, the BIA would approve the amendment to the GRSG’s current master lease to include the additional two parcels.

GRSG currently holds a master lease on 590 acres of Gila River Indian Community land for mining and processing mineral materials (sand and gravel) products at the San Tan aggregate materials plant. The mineral materials mined at the current location are projected to be exhausted within the next five years, should current demand and production rates remain constant. GRSG has applied for an amendment of the master lease to include two additional parcels of land: 154 acres to the southeast of the current operations and another parcel of 200 acres located to the west of the current lease operations. In 2006, following a large flood event, GRSG was granted an emergency lease of 60 acres, located within the proposed 200 acre expansion parcel, in which mining activities are currently occurring. The expanded mining areas would enable GRSG to produce 2-6 million tons of mineral materials per year for the duration of approximately 20-30 years, depending on yearly demand. No new processing facilities would be constructed on the new parcels. The additional parcels would only be used to mine mineral materials and the mineral materials would be processed at the existing San Tan Plant facilities. As work would be expected to continue at the facility for 20 or more years, remediation would occur incrementally over time as sections become "mined out" and abandoned. Remediation activities would consist of the establishment of permanent low flow channel, stabilization and reconfiguration of abandoned pits, removal of roads, terms equipment, revegetation and riparian/wetland enhancement.

Other alternative to the proposed action is analyzed in the DEA, the no-action alternative.

The NEPA process requires federal agencies to take into consideration the environmental consequences of proposed actions as well as input from the public and agencies. A public scoping period was held from January 25 to February 25, 2016 during which the public was given the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project and to identify potential issues to be addressed in the DEA. Comments received during the public scoping period and the DEA has been completed. You may review the DEA online at http://www.gric.nsn.us.

As part of the NEPA process, public comments, questions, corrections or concerns are requested for the DEA. To submit a written comment or request a paper or electronic copy of the DEA to review please email: Cecilia Martinez Bakker, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency P.O. Box 8 Sacaton, Arizona 85147 Telephone: (520) 522-3126 Fax: (520) 526-8643

Please submit any written comments you may have within 15 days, or by June 4, 2016, to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency Attention: Mr. Anthony Villareal, Sr. P.O. Box 555 Sacaton, Arizona 85145

The final Unofficial Results from the May 3 election showed Darren Par- dro-Martinez received 38 votes not 60. Robert Stone received 160 votes not 161, and 1,158 voters participated in the Special Election not 1,153 as reported earlier.

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.
From left, Janice Anderson, Joyce McAfee and Priscilla Antone tell stories during the 2016 Day of Hope conference at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. The conference also featured a interview session where youth engaged with elders.

Christopher Lomahqua/GRIN

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The Gila River Health Care hosted its annual health event to promote health and wellness covering topics concerning all age groups.

The 2016 Day of Hope, sponsored by the Gila River Health Care and Community Services Department, hosted the event at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass May 10.

With the support from the Tobacco Tax, the event was filled with empowering messages and workshops on a variety of health topics.

The conference drew over 275 attendees and included students from Gila Crossing Community School, Sacaton Middle School, Cesar Chavez High School and the Residential Programs for Youth.

Under the theme, “Building a Legacy of Health Through the Generations,” the conference included a story telling session from a trio of elders about life in the Community, then and now.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said the elders are good examples of keeping up with physical activities by participating in elder friendly activities like chair volleyball.

“I thank the elders for always keeping up their volleyball games, but most importantly they all share their stories and interfacing the language into their team names,” she said.

Lt. Gov. Antone also acknowledged the schools within the Community that are actively participating in small garden projects.

GILA RIVER CASINOS Notice of Distribution of Forfeited Funds

Pursuant to state compact regulations and the Gila River Casinos internal policies and procedures all forfeited funds will be distributed to organizations located on the Gila River Indian Community in accordance with standard operating procedures.

All interested non-profit organizations recognized with 501(c)(3) status by the IRS are eligible to apply for these funds. This includes 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations located on the Gila River Indian Community. To receive consideration for a portion of forfeited proceeds, organizations must submit a proposal including a status as a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit to the Gila River Casinos.

Submission of a proposal does not guarantee consideration of forfeited proceeds. However, organizations which have not submitted may not be considered.

Distribution of funds occurring as a result of forfeited funds will be determined by the corporate finance department of Gila River Casinos in accordance with standard operating procedures. These funds become available in an interested basis and amounts and distribution times will vary

Arizona based 501(c)3 non-profit organizations interested in applying for consideration of forfeited funds may submit paper proposals to Nelson Horvath, Community Liaison for Gila River Casinos. No horizon date can be reached via email at Nelson.horvath@grandextended.com or by phone at 1-602-899-4422 ext. 7347 Deadline for application for consideration is July 11, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regula- tions (CFR) 50.101, the GRIC Department of Environ- mental Quality (EQ) for Air Quality Pro- gram (AP) will make an informal revi- ew and consider the application of ambient air network plan and public inspection prior to submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Ambient Air Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to air data collected from the air quality data network during 2015. The docu- ment will also be uploaded to the GRIC EQ website at 35 Pina Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the APD website at http://www.gricdeq.org/ documents.htm. Additional infor- mation will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings from April 1 through June 2016. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC EQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147, or email to be given only at the scheduled comment deadlines. Additional infor- mation is available from GRIC EQ Air Quality Program, Public Notice. Additional infor- mation will be provided at all GRIC district monthly meetings from April 1 through June 2016. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC EQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147, or email to a.)

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According to an Arizona Indian Foundations statement: “Little League baseball and softball participation has been growing thanks to the efforts of the Gila River Indian Community and the volunteer coaches that help make the experience a positive one. The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation is proud to support baseball and softball - which has a very long and treasured history for the Gila River Indian Community.”

Now that the temperature is heating up and Community youth have taken to baseball diamonds all around GRIC for Tribal Recreation’s annual Summer League, it is an opportunity to head out to a ball field to see a game or two. The Summer League has already begun, with Little League games on Monday nights and t-ball games on Wednesdays, with most games played in District 4. For more information about the Summer League or for Little League or t-ball game times, call Tribal Recreation at 520-562-6085.

“The actions of the Tohono O’odham Nation to secretly develop a casino in direct opposition to the promises made by AIGA and other tribes has destroyed AIGA’s unity and undermined the principles of the organization. We, regretfully, have decided that the Salt River Indian Community formally resigned from AIGA and is withdrawing from the organization effective immediately.”

The Gila River Indian Community Bar Association is looking for potential members. If you are an advocate, or interested in becoming one, please contact the GRIC Tribal Court. Furthermore, make sure you are on the Gila River Indian Community Authorized Attorney and Advocate List as of July 1, 2016.

For more information call Claude Jackson at DSO 520-562-7500.
environmental Education & Outreach Specialist.

Walker, who recently earned her Masters Degree in Environmental Resource Management, said, “I really owe a lot to my family. My mother Elizabeth Bonnie has obtained her masters degree and my grandfather Harland Bonnie, he’s a hard working individual.”

Her message to Community members wanting to go to college is to look into the tribal scholarship program offered by Student Services and to even consider working towards an advanced degree. “It’s been a long, but fun journey. None of this would be possible without the support of the Community, the department I work for and my family.”

After the convocation ceremony was over, family members greeted their new graduates outside of the auditorium to share a moment of happiness.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis greets the graduates. Clockwise from top left, Donalda Lyons, Marissa Yazzie, Althea Walker, Kyrie Dukepoo, Raquel Romero, Teaya Vicente.
Basic Sentences in Akimel O’otham

When we think of what makes up a simple sentence in Akimel O’otham we first need to keep in mind that O’otham speakers use their language efficiently. There is rarely a wasted word, as everything that a speaker intends to express will usually be said as directly and straightforwardly as possible. So it is no surprise to learn that at the core of each sentence there are two parts as seen in the following example: Chikpan ‘añ. ‘I am working.’

Now, taking a closer look at this sentence, we notice that the two parts that form it include: a verb (action word) which can be seen at the beginning, and a short word that immediately follows the verb at the end. This word, called an auxiliary, is very interesting and also very unique to O’otham language, as it provides the listener in terms of ‘he/she is working.’

Noticing that the two parts are referred to as auxiliaries ‘añ and ‘ap with the full pronouns ‘a:ñi and ‘ap respectively. This is because they are often used together in sentences, like in the sentence used to introduce ourselves A:x ‘añ ab cheg ig. This sentence the auxiliary ‘an is used along with its corresponding full pronoun ‘añ to identify the person being talked about in the sentence. Speakers have the option of using both the auxiliary as well as the pronoun in sentences, although it is not necessarily required. The fuller form of the first three sentences with independent pronoun can be seen below:

A:x an chikpan. ‘I am working.
A:x ap’ chikpan. You are working.
Hegai ‘añ chikpan. ‘He/she is working.’

The three auxiliaries (‘añ, ‘ap, ‘ot) correspond to what are called persons in grammatical writing. ‘An is called a first-person auxiliary as it references the speaker (I) as the subject of the sentence. Second-person references the listener (you) as the subject of the sentence, which is what we see in the second-person auxiliary ‘ap. Third person refers to some other person or thing not part of the conversation (he, she or it). This corresponds to the third-person auxiliary ‘ot.

At this point we have seen that a simple sentence in O’otham consists of (at the very least) two parts, those parts being the verb and the auxiliary. We also should understand that the choice of auxiliary tells us who is the subject of the sentence. Knowing this simple pattern should allow us to understand the meaning of the following sentences and create new ones as well.

Chichvi ‘ap. You are playing.
Ne: ‘añ. ‘I am riding.

Indigenous Russians visit HHC to discuss language and culture

Mikhail Sundust Gila River Indian News

Vika Petrasheva and her granddaughter Tatiana Degai have seen the consequences of the erosion of their culture and language first hand, but now bear witness to a new wave of cultural rejuvenation and revitalization.

Petrasheva and Degai are of the Itelmen people of Kamchatka, Russia. The indigenous people of Russia share a similar history of colonization, decimation and cultural attrition with the indigenous peoples of North America.

Last week, the granddaughter-duo visited the Huahgam Heritage Center and shared a little bit about themselves, their land, the Itelmen language and Itelmen customs.

About 30 people attended the presentation, which was a part of a speaker series created by the Heritage Center’s Language Section. The session performed a couple of traditional Itelmen dances and the presenters and the Huahgam Heritage Center staff exchanged gifts.

Petrasheva received a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Humanities in the 1980s, and was the first indigenous person to hold a doctoral degree in Russia, according to her husband.

Degai graduated with a Ph.D. in American Indian Studies and a minor in Linguistics from the University of Arizona this month. Her focus is on language revitalization for her people in Kamchatka, and she has an interest in language revitalization in all indigenous communities.

Native Americans in the United States speak mostly English. Likewise, the indigenous peoples of Russia inherited the dominant language of their country and mostly speak Russian. Petrasheva’s primary language is Russian; she speaks a little bit of Itelmen, and almost no English.

Petrasheva began the morning with talking (with the assistance of an English interpreter) about the traditional land of the Itelmen – the Russian peninsular of Kamchatka.

“You can see... Kamchatka is in the shape of a big salmon,” she said. The Itelmen share a deep cultural relationship with salmon.

“The shape of my land tells that the most treasured, precious resource of this land is salmon, and Itelmen people have always been great fishermen.”

It is said that the penisula was created by the Raven, who pulled the land up from the bottom of the sea with his powerful talons. Valleys were formed by Raven’s heavy footsteps, and mountains were his resting places.

Petrasheva took the class on a tour of the peninsula via Google Maps and a series of photos. “So Kamchatka land is not so cold. The Raven infused his warm spirit into the mountains,” she said.

A number of hot volcanoes with white snowcaps and black foothills dot the scenic landscape of Kamchatka. Each of them has a story, some of which Petrasheva told in summary. Degai said Kamchatka is known as The Land of Volcanoes.

Petrasheva is working on a mapping project to document traditional seamarks of Kamchatka from an Itelmen perspective.

“Probably you would agree that when we lose our place names and our names, the people lose out their places and history,” she said.

After lunch, Degai changed into traditional dance regalia of deerskin, dog fur, beads and sea shells, and presented on the recent history of the Itelmen, how the Itelmen have sustained their culture despite government disregard, and what steps the people are taking to breathe new life into their customs and language.

In Russia, said Degai, there are no tribal governments, no cohesive means of tribal economic development, and almost no support for indigenous peoples’ edification from local government entities. There is no recognition of indigenous peoples’ sovereignty, and laws regarding traditional land use for indigenous peoples are unenforced, she said.

Despite Itelmen apathy, the Itelmen have carried on their traditional way of life the best they can. The indigenous people of Kamchatka still fish using modern interpretations of traditional techniques; smoke salmon in the traditional style; herd reindeer, hunt duck, bears, and other game; gather tundra berries, blueberries, honey, and other fruit; participate in dog sled racing with traditional sleighs and using commands in the Itelmen language; perform traditional dances; and tell traditional stories.

The Itelmen people once filled the northern Continued on Page 10
Families and friends drifted from one activity to another throughout the day, laughing, eating, and dancing, while others dozed off on the grass in the center of the park, taking advantage of the near-perfect weather, and when all was said and done, a near-perfect day in the Community.

A Brief History of the Five Tribes Peace Treaty

Over 153 years ago, before Arizona was a state, representatives from five tribes traveled to Fort Yuma, Calif. to pledge themselves into a treaty of peace. Those five tribes were the Maricopa, Pima, Hualapai, Chemehuevi, and Yuma.

At the time, the race for gold began in 1848 when settlers first discovered gold nuggets in the Sacramento Valley. News spread quickly, enticing gold miners and settlers alike to travel west in search of riches. This created a lot more horse and foot traffic in what we now know as southern Arizona and with that attacks from Apaches increased on the gold-seeking settlers. It was because of these attacks that the five tribes and the United States military came together at Fort Yuma, from April 7—11, 1863, to develop a formal document in which each tribe pledged to one another mutual peace and to protect American settlers from further attack.

The representatives of each tribe at Five Tribes Treaty of Peace are as follows:

- Maricopa: Chief Juan Chievvaria and Sub Chief Juan Jose.
- Pima: Chief Antonio Anzul.
- Yuma: Chief Jack Hualapai: Chief Wauha Yuba.
- Chemehuevi: Chief Pay Coyner.
- Hualapai: Chief Wauha Yuba

Since the peace treaty, the American Southwest has flourished and grown. It has become home to world-class cities and universities, populated by millions, and enriched with the culture of the tribes that have called the desert landscape home for millennia. Just think what would those chiefs, those six men who traveled to Fort Yuma 153 years ago, think of their legacy of peace?

BWCS honors graduates from F.A.C.E. program and preschool

The District 1 Multi-purpose Building has hosted many special events since it opened in 2010. The latest memorable occasion brought the Community together to honor children who are preparing for high school and adults who faced challenges but still achieved a major academic goal.

The F.A.C.E. program at BWCS also continues to be a worthwhile option for those looking to obtain their GED. “F.A.C.E. is such a wonderful program,” said keynote speaker Felicia Gonzales. Gonzales was in the program and now works as a teacher’s assistant at St. Peter Indian Mission School.

The graduation ceremony included a song and dance presentation by preschool students. Pedro addressed the crowd following her award. She talked about the difficulty of taking the test and how she eventually prevailed. “I put my all in it,” she said.

According to John Fullen with the BWCS F.A.C.E. Program, the national average for adults passing the GED test is 2% of those enrolled in GED classes. The average number of years it takes to prepare for the test can range anywhere from one year to ten years depending on the skill level that a student enters the GED preparatory classes. It takes four years to earn a high school diploma so long as the student starts his/her Freshman year at a 9th grade skill level. The same can be said about the GED student. It all depends on the grade level of skill to determine how long before a student is ready to take the four-test GED battery. The GED is now considered the “College/Career Readiness Exam.” The rigors of this new exam is so daunting that it has caused many people to just not attempt the test at all. The percentage of test takers since 2014 has gone down considerably and the passing rate has also declined exponentially.
TRIBAL EDUCATION HOSTS THE CHIEF AZULE SCHOLAR AWARDS FOR STUDENTS

Christopher Lomaquahuha
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community students celebrated another year of academic excellence surrounded by friends and family at an event hosted by the Tribal Education Department. TED hosted the annual Governor’s Scholar Award Program under its new name, the Chief Azule Scholar Awards Program, at the Rawhide Western Town Steakhouse on May 7.

Chief Antonio Azule was the last hereditary chief to lead the Community and was regarded as an advocate for education for the Akimel O’odham and Pee-Posh people.

The scholars program recognized 4-12th grade students and recent college graduates who received a bachelor’s degree.

In his address, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the students are carrying on a legacy started by the Huhugam ancestors who were innovative in areas of science, engineering and agriculture.

“The year every the Community is going to recognize academic excellence. It’s going to recognize it among our best and [our] brightest,” said Lewis.

Chief Azaule’s direct descendant Dean Azule was a special guest at the banquet and spoke on behalf of his ancestor.

“I am very, very honored to have [this] scholars program named after Chief Azule. He contributed a lot of progress for [his] people, including getting educated,” said Azule.

He encouraged the students to be innovative and to create answers to some of the biggest issues that face Native people.

“We look forward to [you], to see what’s beyond the horizon,” said Azule.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone echoed the same appreciation for the students and encouraged them to strive for more in their lives in honor of Chief Azule.

“We are reminded every day of what he stood for,” said Antone. “[He] helped fight the battles to protect our Community.”

2016 Chief Azule Scholar & Citizenship Award Winners

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GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Chief of Police: Kathleen Elliott
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shorts, Community service and protecting the Sovereignty of the Nation

Gila River Men sentenced to 96 months in Prison

Sacaton, AZ: On October 3, 2011 Griffin Lewis was reported missing by his mother. Efforts to locate Griffin led to the discovery of his deceased body residing on a property in Sacaton. Gila River detectives and FBI agents conducted an investigation into the cause and manner of death. As result of the investigation, two suspects were later indicted in federal court for 2nd Degree Murder. Both subjects later pled guilty to 2nd Degree Murder and were sentenced as follows:

On October 16, 2015, Leonard White was sentenced in US District Court to 96 MONTHS in the Bureau of Prisons followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Steven Manuel was previously sentenced in US District Court to 96 MONTHS in the Bureau of Prisons followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Christopher Lomaquahuha/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido, far right, recognizes GRIC students at the 2016 Chief Azule Scholar & Citizenship Award Banquet held at Rawhide Western Town Steakhouse on May 7.
Community member performs at Dance Worlds Championships

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Madyesen Antone is a member of the Raevin Dance Factory, out of Mount Pleasant, Texas. This year Madyesen’s team, the Dance Factory Elite Seniors, had its most successful season, and in April they went to the Dance Worlds Championship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

“I’ve been doing [dance] for like five years now and it’s really fun and exciting,” said Madyesen. 13. Madyesen competes in three categories with Raevin Dance: Jazz Dance, Hip Hop, and Pom.

In Orlando, Raevin Dance Factory went up against the best dance teams in the world and met dancers from Japan, Germany, and many other countries. They competed in a series of national competitions throughout the year to work their way up to the Worlds Championship, where they competed in the Jazz and Hip Hop categories.

“Jazz is the hardest category there is and we got 14th in the world,” said Madyesen. “In hip hop... we tied for eighth [and] we were 13th. Madysen. “In hip hop... we tied for eighth [and] we were 13th.

Madyesen Antone was the only Native American on her team that competed Jazz, Hip Hop and Pom at the Dance Worlds Championships.

Raevin Dance Factory to make it to the finals [round] at Worlds.”

Madyesen’s father is Carl Antone, from GRIC District 5. He said that every competition throughout the dance season the team earned partially paid bids to go to Worlds.

“All with the events that they won this year, the Worlds event was completely free,” he said.

“[They] actually had money left over, which they gave to the girls for spending money at Walt Disney World.”

He said, “Madyesen is the only Native [American] on the team, and this will be her last year to dance with the team.”

Madyesen has been with Raevin since she was 7-years-old, but now that she’s entering high school, it’s time to up the competition. She has already qualified for the Mount Pleasant High School “Tiger Dolls” dance team, with whom her mother Sarah also once danced.

Carl said being on the dance team is a great extracurricular activity for Madyesen. It teaches discipline, grit, and, like any sport, it’s a very demanding physical activity.

“It’s a very disciplined sport. My daughter’s learned leadership... and she’s discovered a competitive edge that she probably wouldn’t have otherwise,” he said.

Madyesen is starting high school this fall. She said that while she loves dance, one of her favorite aspects of being on the team is the camaraderie she shares with her teammates, “getting to meet new people and having friends that you can count on.”

Gila River Indian Community
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Itelmen people from Russia visit HHC

portion of Kamchatka, with dozens of neighboring indigenous groups. Before contact, there were an estimated 20,000 Itelmen; now there are just over 3,000. On top of that, there are only five fluent speakers of Itelmen, and they are all over the age of 75.

Fortunately, Itelmen is a well-documented language. Anthropologists in the 1960s developed a dictionary, and today school children learn Itelmen from textbooks. Still, Degai and others think more needs to be done. She said there is a strong self-determination movement among the young people of the Itelmen community, and the larger community of indigenous peoples of Russia. “I see a lot of young indigenous youth... who are proud of who they are. I think that indigenous people are now understanding that it is cool to be indigenous. It is something special. It is nothing to be ashamed of.”

Through her graduate work, Degai used modern technology to inspire learning. She has created karaoke videos of Itelmen songs using iMovie, a free Apple program, and Language Learning Groups using WhatsApp and Keyman Free for smartphones and tablets.

Degai grew up with her grandmother’s influence. At an early age, she traveled to various villages and learned about her culture and that of the indigenous peoples around her. While studying for her Master’s degree in Anthropology at the University of Alaska – Fairbanks, she met many other indigenous people studying and working to rebuild their languages. “I realized that the Itelmen language is also important,” she said.

At the University of Arizona, and specifically the American Indian Language Development Institute, she learned about language immersion, which has inspired her to pursue language immersion for Itelmen.

Now that Degai has graduated, she is going to return home to Kovran, where pay is low, indoor running water is rare and internet access is prohibitively slow.

Degai, 34, is the director of the local Community House – House of Culture in Kovran, the only major Itelmen village in Kamchatka. As the director, she organizes programs and events. She hopes to develop a language immersion program to the best extent possible.

“For me, I don’t know my language. I’m learning it, but I can help my community as an organizer and things like that,” she said. At the very least, she hopes that with a husband and two young sons back home, she can bring back the language in her own family.

From left, Tatiana Dagai, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Vika Petrasheva from the Itelmen people of Kamchatka, Russia following the presentation at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

Basic Sentences in Akimel O’otham Word Match SOLUTION!
Students compete in robotics tournament

GRIC leaves AIGA for page 5

Students and chaperones gather outside of the Albuquerque Convention Center for the 2016 RoboRave competition, which was held from May 6 - 7.

"For the little ones, they didn't see the long term goal until they got there and each day it showed harder. You could see it, they wanted to score and they worked their [robots] until they got them right," she said.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACTION SHEET
Community Council; PO Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147;
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CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council
held Wednesday May 4, 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 9:13 a.m.

INVOCAUTION
Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewithewa

ROLL CALL
Sign-In Sheet Circulated
Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Council Members Present:
D1- Joy Whitman, Azrie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Caro-
lyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Al-
ison, Angela Alliston, Christopher Mendoza; D5- Brian Davis,
Sr.; D6- Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo; Sr.; D6- Allen Pablo,
Pablo Anivillear, Sr.,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (LIMIT TO 5 MIN-
UTES)
*1. GRHC Chief Nursing Officer Retirement Notification
Presenter: Myron Schurz

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
1. Overview of Gila River Close Up
Presenter: Michael Preston

MR. MICHAEL PRESTON PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND THE YEAR’S EVENTS. EACH OF THE PRESENTERS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. VARIOUS COUNCIL AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. Introduction Of Procurement Director Maureen Curley
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

TREASURER ROBERT G. KELLER INTRODUCED MS. MAUREEN CURLEY. MS. CURLEY PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. VARIOUS COUNCIL AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

3. Gila River Health Care (GRHC) - Naming of Health Center
Presenter: Ginger Martin

MS. GINGER MARTIN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS IN NAMING THE NEW FACILITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL AND GOVERNOR LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

4. Overview of Gila River Close Up
Presenter: Michael Preston

ITEM HEARD AS #1

REPORTS
*1. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 1 Report
Presenter: Larissa Cujuano

REPORT HEARD

*2. Skyline District 5 Quarter 1 Report
Presenter: Vaughan Flannigan

REPORT HEARD

*3. Gila River Farms Status Report
Presenter: Tiffany Home

REPORT HEARD

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela

REPORT HEARD

5. Gila River Urban Members Association 1Q 2016 Report
Presenters: Anthony Newkirk, Urban Members Association Board

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXECUTE SESSION

6. Monthly Financial Report Activity For March 31, 2016 (Ex-
ecutive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXECUTE EXECUTIVE SES-
SION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Be-
tween The Gila River Indian Community and RVK, Inc For Fiscal Year 2016 (GMSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Sharon Haveri-Lewis

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing & Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (GMSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller, Neomi Martinez

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Articles Of Organization Of GRII Holdings, LLC, An Arizona Limited Liability Company That Is Owned By The Gila River Indian Community For The Purpose Of Acquiring Off-Reservation Assets and (GMSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Cooperative Agreement Be-
tween The Bureau Of Reclamation And Gila River Indian Com-

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ATTO-
NEY'S CONTRACT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE WHPDA REQUEST

6. Economic Development Opportunity (Executive Session)
Presenter: Linus Everling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Economic Development Opportunity (Executive Session)
Presenter: Linus Everling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. 28th Anniversary Celebration April 23, 2016

REQUEST

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE WHPDA REQUEST

7. Gaming Matter (Executive Session)
Presenter: Barnaby V. Lewis

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. NCAI Mid-Year Conference
Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ATTEND; TO COME OUT OF DUES & DELEGATIONS

9. Special Council Meeting (Executive Session)
Presenter: Linus Everling

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. 40th Anniversary Celebration April 23, 2016

REQUEST

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ATTO-
NEY'S CONTRACT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE WHPDA REQUEST

11. 40th Anniversary Celebration April 23, 2016

REQUEST

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE WHPDA REQUEST

NEW BUSINESS

1. Use of Employment Tax Credits (GMSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Dale Gutenson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Recording Traditional Talk Workshop (CRSC forwards to Council)
Presenter: Anthony Gray

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONSIDER AND AC-
CEPT THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN VISITORS TO HAVE THEIR TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON GILA RIVER ANCESTRAL LAND

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

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Presenter: Office of General Counsel

APPROVED

4. Gila River Indian Community Renewable Energy Study (GMSC motions to forward to the Community Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Linus Everling

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving An Agreement For A Right Of Way Easement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Salt River Project Agricultural Improvements And Power Dist-

TRICT, A Political Subdivision Of The State Of Arizona, Arizona Public Service Company, An Arizona Corporation, Public Ser-
vice Company Of New Mexico, A New Mexico Corporation, And El Paso Electric Company, A Texas Corporation, For A 50 Year Term (GMSC motions to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval with the noted changes to increase the compensation amount NRSC & EDSC concurrence)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America, For Westside IE And Westside IF Pipeline Lanes And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement And A Temporary Construction Easement To The United States Of America For Reach Westside IE And Westside IF Pipeline Lanes And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Alotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Alotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
Presenter: Henrietta Lopez

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

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Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villare-
al, Sr.; Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewithewa; D7- Devin Redbird
Council Members Absent:
D3- Carolyn Williams

APPROVED

AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Casa Grande Union High School District 4th Annual Grad-
uation

Conference Adjourned at 4:08 PM

* Denotes Tabled from previous meeting(s)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLINE PURSUING THE OPPORTUNITY, DUE TO LACK OF TIME TO FULLY AND ADEQUATELY CONSIDER THE MATTER AND FOR THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO NOTIFY THE POTENTIAL BUSINESS PARTNER

**NEW BUSINESS**
1. SEDS Grant Application (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval)  
   Presenter: Elizabeth Bohnee  
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America, For Westside IE And Westside IF Pipe-Lines And Associated Laterals On Portions Of Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation for approval)  
   Presenter: Joe Crocker  
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

10. Federal Litigation Update US v. Barron Collier, Co (Executive Session) (ESC forwards to Community Council with recommendation or approval)  
   Presenters: Henrikka Lopez  
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Submit A Grant Application And Agreement To The Arizona Department Of Transportation For Rural Transit Services, On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community And Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation for approval; LSC forwards to Community Council for discussion and action)  
   Presenters: Jenny Newlin, John Soto  
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

**TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2016**  
SD WOMAN ANGELIA ALLISON ON TRAVEL, SIOUX FALLS, SD  
$2 MILLION VETERANS REFUND INCLUDED IN THE STATE'S BUDGET  

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AFFORD  
NOTIFY THE POTENTIAL BUSINESS PARTNER

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Presenters discuss ways to be smart with social media at Sacaton Family Night

Christopher Lomahquahu

Corinne Belkoff (center) an ASU gymast, signs autographs for students at the Sacaton Elementary School Family Night, May 12.

Sacaton Elementary School ended the school year with a Family Night gathering before the sum- mer break. Representatives from Arizona State University and the Minnesota Vikings gave a special presentation about social media and lifestyle transitions to the families gathered at the SES gymnasium on May 12. As social media becomes increasingly accessible to everyone there is a high probability that someone will see what you post on your Facebook or Twitter feed. The Office of American Indian Initiatives Stu- dent Tribal Liaison, Sahnie Josheva said in today’s society, it is too easy to post something crazy or risky without considering the consequences.

“If I see myself as a positive role model for my tribal community and the students that I serve,” said Josheva. She said today most of the students communi- cate and receive updates on what’s going on at school through social media and it is necessary to exer- cise good judgment when posting a notice for others to see.

She told students to think about what they’re posting and what it means to their family and friends, including the younger ones if they saw it on Facebook.

Corinne Belkoff from the ASU gymnastics team said being a student athlete takes a lot of discipline in and outside of the gymnas- ium.

“For me, it’s about what I’m going to post, because it can open you up to ridicule or criticism if it’s not in good taste,” said Belkoff.

She said through so- cial media it is an opportu- nity to lead others and that it can either improve or hurt your image when ap- plying for a job or college programs.

“I represent my community and I have a choice in how others view me, including how I can help inspire younger girls who want to go into gymnastics,” she said.

Dealing with life tran- sitions can be challenging when going from one stage of life to another. The Minnesota Vikings Executive Director of Play- er Development Legal, Les Pico, was on hand to share his take on self-develop- ment.

He said, “You have to begin with an open mind. You should perceive yourself as a person based on what you do for a liv- ing.”

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“At the start of our court date, we are focusing on the issue of whether we feel the motion to dismiss that was filed by the school district has merit,” said Belkoff.

The court date will be held at the SES gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. on May 12.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE

Hup Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, the Komatke Health Center, and the Ak-Chin Clinic will be closed this Memorial Day weekend.

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 SUMMER FAMILY HEALTH EVENT

“Bringing Wellness to You in Your Community”

Child and Adult Immunizations - Well Child Exams - Labs - Sports Physiology
Blood Sugar Checks - Blood Pressure Checks - Cancer Screening - Diabetes Education

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

District 1: May 3, June 7, July 31
District 2: June 21, July 19
District 4: June 23, July 20
District 5: July 12, July 17
District 7: July 1, July 14

For more information, please contact Robin Henry, F.N.A.
Community Outreach Mobile Unit (520) 610-2379

Gila River HEALTH CARE

Gila River Indian Health Care Authority

NEW SECURITY UNIFORMS

New uniforms now identify our security officers and identify them as employees of Gila River Health Care. This gives the Community a certain assurance that the professionals identified in the Community are there for your protection.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. A mental illness is a condition that impacts a person’s thinking, feeling or mood and may affect his or her ability to relate to others and function on a daily basis. Early engagement and support are crucial to improving outcomes and are critical to the promise of recovery.

If you are interested in learning more about services, please contact us for more information.

If there is a mental health crisis, contact our 24-hour Community Mental Health Crisis Line at 1-800-259-3449.

BHS has offices at Hu Huk Kamin Memorial Hospital (520) 562-3321 ext. 740 or 600. 

SACOTON: (520) 562-3323; District 5 (520) 796-3899

Sagol Clinic - Shegol Health Center - Shegol Clinic (520) 550-6008

Thwajik Ke RTC: (520) 796-3800

CONSTRUCTION ON THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE HU HUK KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Main Entrance and Lobby to close this year

Summer 2016 – 2017

Beginning June 20, 2016

Walk-in patients must check in at the temporary entrance located at the east side of the hospital.

Primary Care patients with appointments who are visiting Medical Imaging and Lab should check in at the main registration desk.

Patients visiting the Pharmacy may use any entrance and do not need to stop at either temporary location.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Bob Pablo, Customer Service Department at:\n(520) 562-3321 ext. 1424.

CIVIL SUMMONS

TO: MARIO PABLO

Defendant/Respondent.

DATE: Tuesday, July 05, 2016

TIME: 09:30 AM

PLACE: MARIPOSA RTC

You shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE Hearing to the Gila River Indian Community Court.

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The office of American Indian Initiatives Student Tribal Liaison, Sahnie Josheva said in today’s society, it is too easy to post something crazy or risky without considering the consequences.

“If I see myself as a positive role model for my tribal community and the students that I serve,” said Josheva. She said today most of the students communicate and receive updates on what’s going on at school through social media and it is necessary to exercise good judgment when posting a notice for others to see.

She told students to think about what they’re posting and what it means to their family and friends, including the younger ones if they saw it on Facebook.

Corinne Belkoff from the ASU gymnastics team said being a student athlete takes a lot of discipline in and outside of the gymnasium.

“For me, it’s about what I’m going to post, because it can open you up to ridicule or criticism if it’s not in good taste,” said Belkoff.

She said through social media it is an opportunity to lead others and that it can either improve or hurt your image when applying for a job or college programs.

“I represent my community and I have a choice in how others view me, including how I can help inspire younger girls who want to go into gymnastics,” she said.

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about what am I [doing] wrong,” he said.

He said the problem arises when the weight of life gets heavy and individuals don’t ask for help.

One suggestion he of- fered is to incorporate a mentor or signifi- cant other into the discus- sion about how life’s hardships will and can improve.

“It’s important for us to recognize change, because it happens in many facets of our lives. The important part is to know that we are willing to invest into [that change],” said Patterson.

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