NARD draws large crowd at Chase Field

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Gila River Indian News

In an annual tradition that honors Arizona’s Native American heritage, the Arizona Diamondbacks hosted Native American Recognition Day at Chase Field on June 10.

With temperatures rising outside of the ballpark, baseball fans flocked to the stadium to catch the Dbacks in a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The matchup on the baseball diamond wasn’t the only action going, underneath the rotunda at Chase Field, dance groups from all over Arizona gave it their best as they shared American Indian culture with fans.

Gila River Gaming Enterprises Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Manuel, said the event is very representative of the Community and also highlights their partnership off the field.

“We are very excited once again, we are proud to host this event. We’ve hosted this event for a number of years. It’s our chance to really showcase to the Arizona public, just what it is that we do, that is part of our partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks,” said Manuel.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was amazed at the performance of the youth baseball teams that took part in the Inter-tribal Youth Baseball and Softball Tournament in days leading up to NARD.

The Gila River Bears and Team Outkast, two teams from the Community, were honored on the field during the pregame festivities.

Both teams took second and third place in their respective order and played close games against a line-up of teams from tribes all over the state.

Lewis said the NARD event is an opportunity to show the public how much of an important partnership the Community has with the Dbacks organization.

The day would not be complete without a ceremonial throwing of the first pitch, which was done by Miss Gila River 2017-2018 Anissa Garcia. Garcia prepared for the first pitch by practicing at the District 5 ball field.

Community member Bob Villa sang the Star-Spangled Banner.

Garcia threw an impressive pitch to start the game off. She said it was an honor to represent the Community.

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Seven newly elected and re-elected Council Representatives take oath of office

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community’s Council chambers was filled to capacity as one newly elected, two returning, and four incumbent Council Representatives took their oaths of office during a swearing in ceremony held on June 7.

GRIC Chief Judge Victor Antone administered the oath of office.

The newly elected and returning Council Representatives won their respective district seats during a May 2 Community Council Election for Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The four incumbents who will be remaining in their seats are Joey Whitman for District 1, Rodney Jackson for District 3, Jennifer Allison for District 4, and Marlin Dixon for District 5.

The two returning Council Representatives are Janice Stewart for District 5, who vacated her seat in 2015, and Terrance B. Evans for District 6, who previously served on Council for 18 years.

Community Council newcomer, Pamela Johnson, will represent District 4.

After the seven Council Representatives each took the oath of office, they were congratulated by a long line of family members, friends, and colleagues on the floor of the Council chambers followed by a 15-minute reception.

Elected council representatives took the oath of office on June 7.

From left, Terrance B. Evans, Janice Stewart, Marlin Dixon, Rodney Jackson, Pamela Johnson, Jennifer Allison and Joey Whitman.
To all the fathers in the Community, have a very happy Father’s Day. We look to our fathers for knowledge and protection. It’s one of the most important jobs and it comes with tremendous responsibility. We honor those men today who guide us through life and help us strengthen our spirit and build character.

Being a father comes with a great deal of pride. It’s one of the great joys for a father to see his children blossom. A father’s love will provide security and confidence in good times and bad. We rely on those father’s for being good role models and protecting the family and the home.

It’s also necessary for a father to pass on those important values to his family. I know my own father led by example and instilled in us to always do the right thing. He worked tirelessly for the Community, but always made time for his wife and children.

So thanks again for all that you do. Being a parent isn’t easy, and hard-working fathers are among the best. Enjoy your time with your family this weekend, and remember to have a blessed Father’s Day.

Putting Our People First
Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor, Gila River Indian Community

MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

During the month of May 2017, several Community members achieved positions and established themselves as part of GRHC’s team in the Dietary, Lab Outreach, Health Information Management, Environmental Services, and Primary Care departments.

GRHC is also collaborating with GRIC’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program this summer. WIOA interns will be working in the following departments: Physical Therapy, Customer Service, EMS, Public Health, the Residential Treatment Center, Primary Care, Revenue Cycle, Medical Imaging, and The Caring House.

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Gila River Police Department welcomes new officers

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Three new police officers were sworn into the Gila River Police Department on June 2. Officer Jason Gereeley is a Gila River Indian Community member who grew up in Coolidge, Casa Grande, and Mesa. He served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry rifleman, where he completed a number of deployments to Iraq and later served as a Drill Sergeant. His parents are Jason Sr. and Shannon Dobbs. He and his wife Andrea have four children.

Gereeley said, “Coming back here, it’s been a true blessing. It’s been an honor, for one. This has been a huge learning experience for me because I didn’t grow up out here.”

He said, “It’s pretty awesome to come out here and serve the Community along with learning about the Community at the same time. I’m just super excited to meet the people and learn as much as I can.”

Officer Carlos Campos was born and raised in Mesa. He earned an Associate’s Degree from Mesa Community College and Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix. After spending eight years as the manager of a bank, he says he is excited to begin serving with the GRPD, where he feels like he is more than a number in the ranks, but a member of a family.

He said, “Thank you to the Police Department and also to the Gila River Indian Community for giving me an opportunity to work and do my best to make a difference within the community.”

Officer James Ken- naugh comes to Arizona from Illinois. After high school, Kennaugh served in the medical field while serving in the U.S. Air Force. He is still in the Air Force in a reservist capacity and is working to complete a degree in pharmacy technology and aerospace medicine.

“I grew up in a small community,” he said, “so being able to work for a small community in near dear to my heart. I’m a community-oriented person, so I like to get out and talk to people and I feel like I can accomplish that here.”

All three officers expressed gratitude to the GRPD and Gila River, and said they are looking forward to serving and learning about the Community.

CORRECTION
Omitted name of high school graduate: Yzana Sisto - Coolidge Alternative Program
South Mountain chuckwallas relocated due to South Mountain Freeway construction

This mature male chuckwalla was cool as a cucumber during its relocation and processing on June 1. It was measured, weighed, painted, and a DNA sample was taken before it was released at a safer location away from construction.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Within the desert habitat of South Mountain Park, lives an animal so elusive and secretive, that many visitors to the preserve never have the opportunity to catch a glimpse of the colorful creature.

Often mistaken for its venomous cousin the Gila monster, the chuckwalla, a lizard of large proportion, calls the mountain preserve home, with hundreds of thousands of the animals living within the park’s boundaries.

Now that construction of the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway is underway, a number of the lizards are living in direct path of the new roadway and in danger of injury or even death.

In an effort to keep the local chuckwalla population out of harms way, Gila River Indian Community’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and Arizona Department of Game and Fish (AZGF) have been working to relocate as many lizards as they can before construction begins.

Last September, the team relocated 50 chuckwallas and is looking to move an additional 65 animals this month.

Russell Benford, GRIC DEQ Senior Wildlife Biologist, is one of several biologists who have been working at South Mountain to locate, study, and relocate large lizards.

“We are collecting as many chuckwallas as we can find just before portions of the Pecos Road section of the Loop 202 are being developed,” he said. “We are going in, sometimes literally a few weeks or even days before the bulldozers come in, trying to extract as many animals as we can, to save them, and to move them to a safer habitat where they won’t be impacted,” he said.

AZGF Wildlife Herpetologist, Daniel Leavitt, said the chuckwallas are not being moved very far from their habitats, with their new relocation sites just being uphills from their original territory.

“This movement will bring them into new habitats alongside their brothers and sisters that are just uphills from them in South Mountain Park,” he said.

“So they will be relocated a couple hundred meters. Not very far from where they existed, but out of the way of harm.”

Relocating the large lizards several hundred meters may seem simple enough, however, the issue of finding the elusive animals is much more difficult.

“They are really hard to find and that is to their advantage because that is one of their main sources of defense,” said Benford.

“We have some trained people who are really good at this kind of thing.”

He said their group spends a lot of time in the desert looking very closely in areas where chuckwalla-like to hide, sometimes searching up to ten minutes in a single piece of habitat. This may seem like a reasonable amount of time, however, when adding in the immense area of land the lizards inhabit, the job becomes much more laborious.

“Status: Under Investigation”

From May 30 through June 2, biologists from DEQ, ADOT, and AZGF hiked the hills of South Mountain in search of chuckwallas to relocate.

On the morning of June 1, during one of their many outings to South Mountain, the group traveled to a temporary processing area where they measured the chuckwallas and took DNA samples.

The biologists measured the chuckwallas’ length and weight, “[which] together will give us a sense of body condition for the population, [and] how healthy they are,” Leavitt said. “In addition to that there is a geneticist who is taking tissue samples off of these animals,” he said.

Before releasing the chuckwallas, the team painted each of the lizards’ feet white so the animals can be re-identified during future surveys.

Chuckwallas and their DNA

The chuckwalla is a species of large lizard that can be found throughout the American southwest from southern California, to southern Nevada and Utah, western Arizona, Baja California, all the way to northwestern Mexico.

They reach lengths of over 15-inches, have wide flat bodies covered in coarse scales, and their thick tails taper to a blunt end.

The orange-tailed chuckwalla, which can only be found within the park’s sprawling 16,283-acres of native desert habitat, look different than other species of chuckwalla, with mature males sporting a black body and vibrant orange tail, while females having a mottled brown coloration.

One survey as far have only found [orange-tailed] chuckwallas to occur in South Mountain,” said Leavitt. “This one population is the only population with the orange tail variation.”

This striking variation has some biologists wondering if new genetic testing will show the mountain’s population of chuckwallas to be any different from others in the area.

“If we find that these chuckwallas are indeed genetically distinguishable from other chuckwallas in the region, that means that they might be considered… their own distinct population,” Benford said. “They are very unlikely to be considered a separate species, but even a little bit of genetic and physical differentiation from other populations will help us, and other agencies, understand that this is a population that is special,” he said.

While the current threat among many biologists is that the orange-tailed chuckwalla is not a separate subspecies, based off of results from genetic testing performed in the 1980s and 1990s, new testing is being done to find out more information about the animals.

Whether future genetic testing finds South Mountain’s orange-tailed chuckwallas to be their own separate subspecies or just your regular garden-variety chuckwalla, one thing is certain, DEQ, AZGF, and ADOT have saved a large number of the lizards.

“They are really a gem in the desert here and are just one of the ecological assets the Community has,” Benford said. “These chuckwallas are like no other chuckwallas in the world, and that is something to be proud of.”

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Incident Log

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Incident Log

Calls for services this week: 647, Arrest made: 47

District One (Black water):

Theft – Victim alerted police by pressing her alert button on the base of her phone after the suspect punched her in the face for the second time. As the door opened, the suspect entered the victim’s yard with the hose. She was unable to see the suspect, but the suspect denied taking the money. The suspect’s identification was not known at the time and she then left the premises prior to the police’s arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

Theft – The victim stated that money was taken from her wallet while she was at the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital. The victim and hospital security confronted the alleged suspect, but the suspect denied taking the money. The suspect’s identification was not known at the time and the victim then left the premises prior to the police’s arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three (Sacaton Flats):

Theft – The victim stated that money was taken from her wallet while she was at the HuHuKam Memorial Hospital. The victim and hospital security confronted the alleged suspect, but the suspect denied taking the money. The suspect’s identification was not known at the time and she then left the premises prior to the police’s arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault – Officer responded to a residence in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon their arrival the investigation revealed the suspect had assaulted the victim by striking, biting and strangling the victim. The victim showed signs of strangulation but refused all medical treatment and refused to be transported.

Status: The suspect was arrested and booked into jail

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District 4 (Lone Butte Area):

Auto Theft – The victim reported that he gave his vehicle to a friend to borrow for the day; while driving around his friend stopped at the Lone Butte to get money from the ATM. His friend left the keys in the ignition and his friend drove off. After returning outside his friend and the vehicle were no longer at the location. The friend contacted the registered owner whom in turn reported the vehicle stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – A male and female were observed on video surveillance taking, concealing, and consuming food inside of the Lone Butte Casino & Resort. The individuals ate the contents and then walked out of the store without paying for the merchandise they consumed. The two were last walking towards the Lone Butte Casino.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five – (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault

– Officers responded to a residence in reference to a fight in progress between two female subjects. Upon arrival the investigation revealed the victim had asked the suspect to move out of the residence. The two began a verbal argument where the suspect punched the elderly victim in the facial area. The police department was able to locate the suspect from the incident and determined they had been intoxicated at the time. The suspect was detained at which time she struck an officer in the chest twice with her foot and spit on the officers on scene. The elderly victim refused any medical attention.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Six – (Komatke):

– The victim was-assaulted with an unknown blunt object causing serious injury. After the suspect assaulted the victim the suspect then broke a bedroom window before leaving the residence. The victim was transported to the hospital for further medical treatment following up currently being conducted.

Status: Under Investigation

– The victim reported to police they were assaulted with a gun causing a laceration to the top of their eye. After the assault had occurred the suspect entered into their vehicle and fled the scene.

Status: Under Investigation

– Weapons – While Officers were in the area they observed a vehicle fleeing the scene of shots fired. The Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and located a .45 caliber handgun. The Officers also located several alcoholic containers which were open through-out the vehicle. During being under the influence and the firearms being within the control of the suspect he was taken into custody for negligent use of a deadly weapon.

Status: The suspect was booked into jail

District Seven – (Maricopa):

– No incidents involving part 1 crime

Incident Log

May 29 – June 3, 2017

Calls for services this week: 793, Arrest made: 31

District One – (Blackwater):

Aggravated Assault

– The victim reported to officers she was assaulted by the suspect during the course of an altercation. The suspect was not contacted during the investigation and follow up is being completed. The victim was treated by GREMS and released.

Status: Under Investigation

– The victim reported the side door to her residence had been kicked in and a bedroom door had been taken. No other items were reported missing at the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Sittonic Area):

Aggravated Assault

During the course of the altercation the suspect struck the victim with a coffee table and a large metal pipe. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional for her injuries and the suspect was arrested.

Status: The suspect was booked into jail

Auto Theft – A juvenile male suspect took a black jeep belonging to a family member without permission. Officers attempted to locate the vehicle at the time and blood coming from her eye. The victim was transported to the hospital in reference to a skull fracture.

Status: Under Investigation

Stealing

– The suspect was not contacted during the investigation but was identified by one of the store employees.

Status: The suspect was booked into jail

– The victim stated she had her vehicle broken into and her purse was taken while she was in the Gila River Casino. Video surveillance captured three male suspects at her vehicle searching the inside of her vehicle and leaving in a vehicle from the premises. The victim’s purse was later recovered in the area and the items dumped near a bush.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca):

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to a shoplifting call in the Casa Blanca area. The investigation revealed five intoxicated subjects arrived at the store and were observed to be acting suspicious. Surveillance was reviewed and it revealed one of the subjects placed chewing gum and monster Slim Jims in his pockets and left the store without paying. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival but was identified by one of the store employees.

Status: Charges are being long formed and follow up being completed.

District Six (Komatke):

Burglary – The victim reported items missing from her residence when she returned from work. The investigation revealed the victim left her vehicle to go to work in the morning and returned home in the evening. The victim observed the side door was open which leads to the back of her residence. The victim conducted a walk through and observed a bedroom window was open and noticed a large majority of electronics were missing from the residence.

Status: Under Investigation

– Theft – The victim was playing a slot machine at Vee Quiva Casino and stood up to place her purse strap around her neck causing her money fall to the ground. The suspect observed the money on the floor and picked it up. The suspect was contacted and admitted he did pick up the money on the floor but stated it was not as much as the victim stated.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino in reference to a theft of a purse. The investigation revealed the victim was in the poker room and had left her purse sitting on the table to tend to her child. The suspect walked up to the purse, removed it from the table and quickly left the casino premises. The suspect was later located and admitted to taking the purse.

Status: The suspect was booked into jail

Theft – The victim stated she her license plate belonging on her vehicle was taken by an unknown suspect. The victim stated she had driven the vehicle the night prior, but was unsure if the plate was attached or not.

Status: Closed

District Seven (Maricopa):

– No incidents involving part 1 crime

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GRPD new recruitment strategy a success; 150 apply for job

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Gila River Indian News

In years past, Gila River Police Department’s police officer recruitment drives have brought in around 30 applicants, but now, due to the development of a new recruitment strategy the department is receiving a record number of applicants, with over 150 people applying for the position.

The new recruitment strategy, developed by the Backgrounds and Recruiting Unit led by Sgt. Paul Maroney, created a hiring campaign that not only reaches every corner of the Gila River Indian Community, but also the Phoenix Metropolitan area and beyond.

This has led to daily recruitment drives at every service center in the Community for attracting applicants on mygril-river.com for 30 days, to have an open continuous recruitment policy. This means individuals interested in applying for the position can do so at any time.

“This is a true dynamic change in the face of the department and what we are doing; proactively searching for new applicants,” said Maroney. “At the same time…our primary focus is Community members. We pushed really hard this past year to gain community interest in our positions,” he said.

Maroney said that while GRPD has been advertising for positions in the Phoenix area and even out of state, they have also been pushing hard to get Community members on board.

One day a week, for seven weeks, GRPD’s recruiting unit visited each of the Community’s district service centers in an effort to find interested tribal members, he said. GRPD also recruited at special events like the Mul-Chu, The Fair and Rodeo, local car shows, and even set up a booth at the Governance Center during a per capita payout, all in an effort to recruit local talent.

In addition, GRPD is gearing up to recruit Community dispatch personnel. Because the minimum requirement for the position that applicants must be 18-years-old, the department will be visiting local high schools in search of future employees.

“We are specifically looking for Community members that go to one of these high schools to move in and become a dispatch,” Maroney said.

If you are interested in becoming a GRPD police officer, a dispatcher, or would like to learn more in general, call (520) 562-7114 and ask for a recruiter.

GRPD Sgt. Paul Maroney, left, Officer Jerrold Rosson, and Officer Veronica Sanchez (not pictured) make up the department’s Backgrounds and Recruitment Unit, which has worked to increase recruitment.

“I am very proud of this new recruitment strategy. We have attracted a very good number of applicants and I believe we will have a very strong class,” Maroney said.
Washing, Bathing and Cleaning in O’otham

In O’otham there are different words used for personal grooming to express the meaning of “wash,” “bathe” or “clean.” For example, one phrase that is used when one is washing themselves is Ha vakuan heg e non-ov or “wash your hands.” This phrase makes use of the O’otham verb vakuan to “wash,” which in this example is used in its plural form vakuan. Most verbs (action words) in O’otham have a singular and a plural form that match the number of items that undergo the action (in this case two since both hands are being washed). The verb vakuan can be used when washing different types of items like individual parts of the body, tools, household items, and even cars and trucks. When you want to tell someone to wash something you use either the phrase Vakuan heg (e) _______ or Ha-vakuan heg (e) _______ and add the item that you are requesting to be washed at the end. The choice of either phrase depends on whether the item is broken. If the item is singular (only one) or plural (more than one). For example if you wanted to ask someone to wash their face you would say “Vakuan heg e wiyo’ha” using the singular form of the verb. But if you wanted to ask someone to wash their laundry you would say “Ha vakuan heg e elga”. To use this phrase correctly you also need to know whether the item that is being washed belongs to the person or is uniquely associated with the person. If the item is associated intimately with the person (either is part of their body or belongs to them) you use the word e before naming the item. For example to tell someone to wash their hair you would say “Vakuan heg e mo’o” but if you wanted them to wash the spoons (something not linked with them) you would say “Vakuan heg k e gus”. In casual conversations fluent speakers may leave out the first word Ha when stating plural requests and shorten the phrase to Vakuan heg (e) _______. This is probably because the first word Ha, which is used to indicate the action is happening on a plural item, is not needed as the verb is already in its plural form.

A similar word that is used for personal grooming is the O’otham verb vachvi. Vachvi means to “bathe” or “shower” and is different than vakuan because it implies that you are getting fully immersed in water like when you take a bath or shower. When you want to tell your kids to go take a bath you can say “Him k e vachviñ” or more straightforwardly “E vach- viñ”. Vachvi is more limited than vakuan because its meaning is restricted to people and animals where the whole body is washed as opposed to parts of the body. Nevertheless it is useful in contexts where you want to tell someone to bathe themselves, their pets or other family members. To use this phrase to tell someone to wash or bath another person or animal you would say “Vachviñ heg (e) _______” or “Ha-vachviñ heg (e) _______”. Once again the difference between the two phrases depends on whether the item is singular or plural. So for example if you want to tell someone to give the cat a bath you can say “Vachviñ heg eñga”. And if you wanted to say give your brothers a bath you can say “Ha-vachviñ heg e tha:tham”. Vachkuth is not as used as often when talking about personal grooming as it is more often used when talking about cleaning a house or fixing a car. But as can be seen vachkuth is used in much the same way as vakuan and vachvi. Now that you have learned (or refreshed your memory) on words for washing, bathing and cleaning in O’otham try using them with your family members. Talk with elders and speakers in your family and find out how they use the words vakuan, vachvi and kekchuth and ask what other words they use when talking about personal grooming. This month’s word match will test your memory on the phrases you just learned.

Tibetan monk visits Huhugam Heritage Center for cultural discussion

Christopher Lomaquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Huhugam Heritage Center welcomed a special guest from Tibet to learn about local Native culture and to make connections between the two peoples.

During an impromptu visit, Pahkyab Rinpoche, visited the Huhugam Heritage Center to learn more about the Akimel O’otham and Pec Posh cultures on June 6. He said the Tibetans and Native peoples share similar history and struggles, and he was compelled to visit a local tribal community during his visit to the Valley.

HHC Museum Aide II Robert Johnson, provided Rinpoche with an overview of the history of the Community. Tribal Education Department Assistant Culture Coordinator Tammy Hinta, helped coordinate the visit.

She said the HHC was the most direct way Rinpoche was going to get a full representation of the Community.

Johnson said the Community has always had a long tradition of welcoming visitors to its tribal lands, since the time of early Spanish explorers, 49ers and expeditionary forces by the US Army. At 13-years-old Rinpoche said he had a connection to Buddhism and its relation to spiritual life with nature. This influenced his decision to enter a monastic life when one opened in his town of Kham Tibet.

Rinpoche, who has advocated for the progress of his people, established a foundation called the Healing Buddha Foundation Endowment, which provides financial support for healthcare and education among the people of Tibet.

His organization also provides assistance to help rebuild monasteries that are disrepair due to political unrest that has plagued Tibet since 1950.

During his recent visit to the Community, Rinpoche shared how his native homeland has been in turmoil and that there is a need for education and health care for the people of Tibet.

He also wanted to learn more about the history of the Community, which included a tour of the archives that are home to artifacts from prehistoric times like wooly mammoth bones and tusks, to the Huhugam people, who inhabited much of central Arizona. He said for many decades Tibetans have been under the authority of the Peoples Republic of China’s government and that during the course of that leadership, many of Tibet’s monasteries have closed.

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ner and received a resounding applause for his performance.

Haskell-Osife Antone Post 51 was also on hand to present the colors before the start of the game.

NARD at Chase Field also featured other tribal royalty, powwow dancers, and traditional dancers and singers from GRIC.

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due to the persecution of Buddhist monks, who fled to nearby India.
Throughout PRC’s control of Tibet, he said the number of Buddhist monks has drastically declined.
His personal story of perseverance and his mission to keep the Buddhist teachings alive have led him to many parts of the world from France to New York and the Community.
In 2003, Rinpoche immigrated to the United States to New York City to seek treatment for wounds sustained while held in a Chinese prison over several months.
Rinpoche said he had developed gangrene from untreated wounds in his right leg and foot and that doctor’s considered amputation.
“My leg was so swollen, that it hurt to move…I really didn’t want my leg to be amputated,” said Rinpoche. “With my condition, I thought I would try to meditate using what we call ‘Tsa Lung,’ to heal myself.”
Tsa Lung (channel, breath) is a series of exercises that are taught to Tibetan Buddhists to help them transfer the flow of energy to different areas of the body.
The process wasn’t easy and took several months and long days of meditating to heal his leg and body, without the assistance of medication or treatment.
“I was on crutches for most that time and it took a while to heal…it was a ‘bumpy river,’” said Rinpoche describing his road to recovery.

Rinpoche has traveled to several countries, sharing his story of overcoming his health struggles and how karma has been part of the journey of giving back.
He said, “The mind is powerful if you open it to other sources of healing… No matter if someone is young or old, you have the ability to see inner peace and compassion.”
Each of these components are what Rinpoche says he’s grown to understand and share with the people he meets, because it all ties back to Karma and seeing others develop the same attributes about life and self-worth.
Rinpoche thanked the HHC and TED staff for welcoming him to the Community and to tour the facility to see firsthand, what makes the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh unique from those he has visited all over the world.

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“All Of Us” conference looks to improve Native public health

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presents at the “All Of Us” conference on May 25.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A local university and healthcare provider hosted a conference to improve the treatment of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples through patient specific care.

The University of Arizona and Banner Health hosted the regional American Indian and Alaskan Native dialogue conference called “All Of Us,” a research program on precision medicine, that was held at the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Hotel on May 25-26.

The discussion was on how to bring patient care to underrepresented communities without sacrificing the quality of care.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed the gathering of researchers, clinicians and public health representatives for investing the time and effort to provide a conference that opens the door to partner-ship with institutions, such as U of A.

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“When [we] can look at innovative partnerships with institutions such as the University of Arizona…it is beneficial for both parties, it is beneficial for the tribes and for a great and proud institution like the University of Arizona,” said Lewis.

The conference is meant to bring together tribal leaders and partners to help stimulate dialogue with the U of A and Banner Health on what can be done to address health disparities.

Lifestyle, environment, and biological makeup can impact a person’s health according to data collected through the “All Of Us” research program.

John Molina, conference co-chair and Corporate Compliance Officer at the Native Health Center in Phoenix, said the conference is about bringing together a dynamic lineup of researchers, clinicians and public health representatives for investing the time and effort to provide a conference that opens the door to partnership with institutions, such as U of A.

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He said that partnerships like the “All Of Us,” research initiative adds more to the ever-growing effort to address health disparities among tribal nations.

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GRIC unveils new building for District 5 Agricultural Program

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Workers for the District 5 Agriculture Program have a new building to store equipment, make repairs, and complete projects under protection from the elements. The District 5 Agriculture Committee and Gila River Indian Community Council opened the new facility June 1.

The grand opening featured stories from farmers over large clean concrete floors.

“It looks like a conference room in here right now,” said Agriculture Committee Chairperson Danny Williams, “but once they get their equipment in here there’s not going to be much room to walk around.”

D5 Coordinator Darin White said, “We are happy to have this facility built for the District’s and Community’s use.”

The D5 Agriculture Program assists local farmers with everything from weeding to planting seed to bailing hay and directing water. All that farm work puts demands on their equipment, which needs to be repaired from time to time. The new shop is the perfect place to fix the tractors and other heavy equipment they use.

“We got the building, and we need it,” said Williams. “It gets real hot sometimes, and it gets real cold [in the winter]. A building like this will really help the workers here.”

Agriculture Program Manager Neil Granger seconded that. “We’ll be able to bring our machinery in here and work on them in a good environment. And when the wind and rain are blowing, we’ll be in here out of the rain and everything else. Same thing with the wintertime, when it’s real cold we should be able to come in here and work on equipment that we have to fix.”

The structure was built by Arrow Indian Contractors and features a lunchroom, a restroom with a shower, a 716-square-foot office, and 4,882-square-foot warehouse/maintenance shop with three large bay doors. It is on Nelson Road, just west of the I-10, on a 40-acre lot, which serves as the Ag Program Yard.

District 5 is the only district that offers free agriculture services to its residents, and local landowners were encouraged to make use of their land for farming.

“Let’s make use of what we have here,” said Williams. The farm aid wasn’t always an option for local farmers in the past, but now we’ve got more farmers that are coming behind us, that they’ll go on and carry on that [work ethic].”

Former Gov. Donald Antone said agriculture is a major part of O’ftam history.

“In the past, agriculture was so important that the schools included their farming business as part of the curriculum,” he said. “But the future is what concerns me.”

He said, “I think that if we’re going to move forward with our economic development in our agriculture, we’re going to have to set agriculture as our top priority. … Our agriculture history will continue. It may be in a little different form than what it was in the past, but it definitely needs to be moved forward.”

Former District 5 Council Representative Frank Pablo, who is also a former Ag Program manager, said the new facility has been a long time coming, “but it’s well worth it. … We’ve got a new beautiful building, where a welding shop can go in here and hopefully in the future we can expand it. But it couldn’t have been done without the help of everyone. So, thank you.”

The District 5 Agriculture Building features three large bay doors, an office space, a break room, and a 4,882 square-foot shop for farm workers to complete projects.

Tribal leaders, local farmers, and other stakeholders who contributed to the construction of the new District 5 Agriculture Building.

Mikhail Sundust/GRIN
Historian Harry Winters presents a history of Piipaash using Piipaash place names for mountains and lands along the Lower Gila River, Middle Gila River and Salt River at the Huhugam Heritage Center’s Piipaash Elders’ Meeting May 23.

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The story of our ancestors is contained by the land they inhabited and revealed by the names given to places like the hills, valleys, and paths they crossed. Mountains like Kupkup Nyiwash (Painted Rock Mountains) tell us how the Piipaash saw their world, while flat lands like Kwa’ak Mat (Catclaw) have given the “Maricopa” their name.

Equipped with books, photos, and a PowerPoint slideshow, historian Harry Winters guided an audience of mostly Piipaash elders from the Estrella Mountains westward along the Gila River toward the Colorado River, pointing out place names in Piipaash and O’otham along the way. The Huhugam Heritage Center arranged the May 23 presentation, which took place at the Estrella Mountain Regional Park Nature Center and focused primarily on Piipaash names.

Winters began with a brief history of the Piipaash and O’otham along the Lower Gila River. He defined the Lower Gila as the segment of the river from its confluence with the Salt River in Laveen all the way to where it meets the Colorado River in Yuma.

“So starting on the Lower Gila,” he said, “if you go southwest from Buckeye, you follow the old highway to Gila Bend. There’s a hill out there, a very distinctive butte called Power’s Butte in English, and the O’otham call it Chuk Kavidak.” They called it that because a kavidak is a ramp-shaped hill, and it’s black, hence, Chuk Kavidak.

But, he said, “The Piipaash called it Vii Hash—what it means is it looks like the mountain is lying on its stomach to drink water out of the Gila River.”

The next stop was Uupad Oidag or Kwa’ak Mat, Catclaw Field in O’otham and Piipaash, respectively. This is near the part of the river that bends west. Winters said in the 17th Century the O’otham may have mixed the two languages to call the Piipaash the Kwa’ak Mat Oba—oba meaning “non-O’otham person.”

The phrase may have transformed in translation from the O’otham to the Spanish to Cocoricopa, and eventually shortened to Maricopa.

Following the river downstream, you will run into the Painted Rock Mountains, which the O’otham called S-wetep, because the rocks are very red.

“But the Piipaash called it Kukup Nyiwash,” said Winters. In his research with Piipaash elders, Winters was told that Kukup is a spirit of some kind who made the Painted Rock Mountains his home. The Piipaash would go to Kukup Nyiwash to ask for something and if they didn’t turn up and run away when a noise came from the rocks, it would be granted to them.

“So I’m going to jump now from that place all the way down to the Agua Caliente area,” said Winters. Agua Caliente was well known for its hot springs and given the same name, “Hot Water,” in all languages—Ha Kupi in Piipaash and S-toñ Shuudag in O’otham.

Winters said Father Francisco Kinro, a Spanish priest and explorer who kept detailed documents of his 17th Century voyages into O’otham and Piipaash country, began his journey along the Lower Gila and worked his way east and up the river. The first large Piipaash village he came to was across the river from Agua Caliente on the south bank of the river.

“And when he was there,” said Winters, “they gave him so much fish and grain and corn to take with him on the rest of his trip, he couldn’t even carry it. And they told him there were a lot of Piipaash on the other side of the river at Agua Caliente, but they couldn’t get across because the river was so wide and deep and fast their horses would drown. So they couldn’t cross it.”

After covering the Lower Gila, Winters backtracked and named a few significant locations along the Salt River area and the Middle Gila River.

The presentation was full of details and history. Winters has been studying the O’otham language since his teenage years and Piipaash for the past half-decade. The retired geological engineer is very familiar with the geography and geology of Arizona, and spends his spare time researching this history of the land from the perspective of the indigenous people who have occupied this corner of the earth for centuries.

He said, “I was always interested in the first people, the Native people. What did they think when they saw a place? What did they call it?”

Winters is generous with the information he is learning, he is working on a book, which he hopes to have finished in three or four months and ready for publication. It will cover more than 70 place names in Piipaash and O’otham based on the information he has gathered with his Native American friends. He told the class, “This book is going to be a resource for people to understand, is not being written for money. It’s being written to make a record to capture everything we can while we can so that future generations will at least have that knowledge.”

He said, “I’m hoping that the book will spark people’s interest, they’ll realize that there is still a lot of information that’s available, that can be saved. … And so, if by seeing all this, it makes people start thinking about what they’ve heard, we can start getting the O’otham language back and future generations will at least know to what extent the people occupied the land and thought about it and what they called it and what happened there.”

The audience included elders, scholars, linguists, and educators. Cheryl Lyn Anaya, Education Coordinator for GRIC Head Start Programs, said, “I was really fascinated with it because it shows that there’s a lot of history in the lands.”

Anaya’s family is from District 6, not far from the confluence of the Gila and Salt Rivers, and now she works with the children from around them.

“I’m looking at it from an educator’s standpoint, how we can use the landscape to teach our children appropriate ways to behave or just lessons about who they are and knowledge about their families that could be contained in that land. “… It will be a resource for people to understand, is not being written for money. It’s being written to make a record to capture everything we can while we can so that future generations will at least have that knowledge.”

She said, “I think a lot of people don’t pay attention to that value in just being able to look at the lands [and] looking at place names because there’s so many reminders of who we are and knowledge about their families that could be contained in that land.”

The land tells the story of who we are and where we come from. Our ancestors moved and traveled, but they have called this land home for centuries. Anaya said educators could use the land and language to teach the history of the Piipaash and O’otham people.

“The kids would have a very different perspective on where they’re living and who they are and being able to make that emotional connection to the land,” she said. “It gives you a sense of place, a sense of belonging.
Post 84 and Auxiliary Unit 84 officers installed for 2017-2018

Gila River Indian News

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Fourteen members of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 and Auxiliary Unit 84 were sworn in as officers for the incoming year during the 2017-2018 Officers Installation and Dinner held at the Holiday Inn Casa Grande Hotel on the evening of June 11. Post 84, which formed in 1972 and has been active in the Gila River Indian Community hosting commemorative events and providing numerous supportive functions for local veterans, swore in seven additional officers and an additional seven officers for Auxiliary Unit 84.

The evening began with an opening prayer performed by Post 84 Commander Chesley Juan, followed by opening remarks from Juan and Auxiliary Unit 84 President, Carletta McDaniel.

“We just thank everybody for helping us and the support we’ve seen wherever we go,” Juan said.

Post 84 Adjutant, Tony McDaniel, called up member Robert Delai, who recently underwent chemotherapy treatment, in recognition of his work and loyalty to the post. While presenting a gift to Delai, McDaniel said “Robert has served faithfully for many, many years.”

In response to the honor, Delai said, “This post has got more class than anybody I know. I’m so blessed to belong to this post.”

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, whose father Edward Allison served in Post 84, thanked the veterans in attendance and wished the incoming officers good luck.

“I’m very honored to be here tonight amongst the veterans,” she said.

A highlight of the event was the swearing in of newcomer Martin Isvak, who was elected to the position of Jr. Vice Commander. McDaniel said that it was because of Isvak’s hard work and determination he was elected to the position.

“Right away he jumped in and is helping, working, and doing everything that he possibly can,” said McDaniel.

While Post 84 performs a host of functions in the Community, the state of Arizona, and beyond, their main focus is to get veterans registered so they can receive benefits earned serving in the military.

“One thing we need is for all military veterans to have their discharge papers on file for their families,” said McDaniel. “Register as a veteran, because there are some benefits that your family can receive like your headstone and your burial flag. They can’t get that from the government if they don’t have a copy of their discharge papers,” he said.

To learn more about Post 84 or if you are interested in joining the post, call (520) 562-8484.

Below is a list of incoming officers for Post 84 and Auxiliary Unit 84:

- Post 84
  - Chesley Juan – Commander
  - Leslie Jackson – Senior Vice Commander
  - Martin Isvak – Junior Vice Commander
  - Tony McDaniel – Adjutant

- Auxiliary Unit 84
  - Carletta McDaniel – President
  - Geannee Trout – Vice President
  - Maelyn Roberts – Treasurer
  - Doris Jackson – Secretary
  - Rowena Juan – Chaplain
  - Cindy Giff – Sergeant at Arms
  - Elaine Lopez – Historian

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ACTION SHEET
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CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday June 7, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilman Robert Stone

ROLL CALL
Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Council Members Present:
D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos Jr., Pamela Johnson (10:17); D5- Janice Stewart (10:17), Marlín Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (10:17); D7-Devlin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

District 1 – Joey Whitman, Victor Antone
District 3 – Rodney Jackson
District 4 – Jennifer Allison
District 4 – Pamela F. Johnson
District 5 – Janice Stewart
District 5 – Marlín Dixon
District 6 – Terrance B. Evans

Presenter: Chief Judge

CHIEF JUDGE VICTOR ANTONE PROVIDED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO EACH OF THE NEWLY AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:17 A.M.]

(15- minute reception to follow)

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

Presenter: Sister Martha

REPORT HEARD

2. Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 FY17 2nd Quarter Report
Presenter: Chesley Juan

REPORT HEARD

3. 2017 Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo Report
Presenter: June Shorthair

REPORT HEARD

4. Travel Report 2nd Fiscal Year 2017
Presenter: Suzanne Johns

REPORT HEARD

5. Development of Culturally Sensitive Food Safety Grower Trainings
Presenter: Valerisa Joe

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Sacaton Middle School Quarter 2 Report SY 2016-2017
Presenter: Philip Bonds

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS 6, 7, & 8

7. Skyline Gila River School Quarter 2 Report SY 2016-2017
Presenter: Vaughn Flannigan

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #6

Presenter: Gabriella Alvarez

REPORT MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

FY17 MOD 38 Capital Projects Review & Update
Presenter: Suzanne Johns, Treasurer Robert G. Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presenter: Kenneth Manual, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gila River Gaming Commission Report For April 30, 2017 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Consenting To And Approving The Acquisition For Right Of Way For A Grant Of Easement For The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Project No ROW_D4_14_001 Crossing Allotted And Community Trust Land Parcels For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Roadway And Utilities Corridor By The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation Located In District 4 And As Shown On Drawing No 40414-0689-EA-01 (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; NSRC concurs)

Presenters: Calvin Touchin, Antonelli Anton

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Amendments Of The Current Gila River Indian Community Voter Registration Board Bylaws (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with the additional material)

Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Office Of General Counsel

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

3. A Resolution Approving Triennial Health Department Agreement With Johns Hopkins University For The Implementation Of Their Family Spirit Program (H&SSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval with correction, ESC concurs)

Presenters: Christina Floyd, Veronica Perea

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 227-A) (G&MSC motioned to forward to the June 07, 2017 Council meeting with recommendation for approval, NSRC concurs)

Presenters: Kimberly Antone

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 3146-G) (G&MSC motioned to forward to the June 07, 2017 Council meeting with recommendation for approval, NSRC concurs)

Presenters: Kimberly Antone

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2172) (G&MSC motioned to forward to the June 07, 2017 Council meeting with recommendation for approval, NSRC concurs)

Presenters: Kimberly Antone

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America For The Four Mile Post Lift Station And Pipeline Wholly On Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NSRC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, with corrections)

Presenters: David De Jong

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Amending GRICUA’s Plan Of Operation To Allot Board Members With Expired Terms To Continue To Serve On The Board Until The Community Council Appoints Or Reappoints An Individual To Serve A New Term On The GRICUA Board (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: GRICUA Board

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Presenters: Gloria Koehne

APPROVED

10. A Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of All Remaining San Carlos Irrigation Project Non-Irrigation Customers Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Community And Approving The Amended And Restated Electric Wheeling Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community, The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority, The Bureau Of Indian Affairs And The San Carlos Irrigation Project (EDSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Lenny Gold

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Appointment (4)

(2- Full Terms; 2 - Expiring Terms)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

SERENA JOAQUIN AND DAE ENOS TO THE FULL TERMS

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Gila River Indian Community
Head Start and Early Head Start Program

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Child’s name & age verification

Additional documents will be requested upon acceptance – child’s immunization record, child’s current Physical exam and Lead screening

Attention Dog & Cat Owners
Gila River’s Animal Control Program & Spay/Neuter Clinic will be having their annual summer rabies clinics starting in late June 2017. If your dog or cat is at least 3 months old it can get a Rabies shot. The dogs/puppies 5 in 1 and the cats/kittens 3 in 1 health shots will also be available. We will also be offering tick/parasite control. The following is the schedule:

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For more information or questions, please call Animal Control at 520-562-5177.

Remember to always keep your animals on a leash.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR. AND JANICE STEWART
9. Education Standing Committee – (3) Council Seats
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
PAMELA JOHNSON, JANICE STEWART AND TERRANCE EVANS
10. Cultural Resources Standing Committee Ap- pointments (2) Council Seats
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
MARLIN DIXON AND ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR.
11. Economic Development Standing Committee – Appointments (2) Council Seats
Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
JENNIFER ALLISON AND CHARLES GOLDTOOTH
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA] MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
12. Gaming Amendments (Executive Session)
Presenter: Linus Everling
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
NEW BUSINESS
1. Declaration Of Farm Board Vacancy (G&MSC motioned to forward the vacancy to Council)
Presenters: Gila River Farm Board
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT
TERRANCE EVANS
2. Declaration of Vacancy for Court of Appeals Judge (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation to reappoint Mr. Little or declare vacancy)
Presenter: Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REAPPOINT JUDGE ANTHONY F. LITTLE, II
3. Letter of Resignation (LSC forwards to Council)  
Presenter: Franklin Pablo, Sr.
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND APPOINT AT THE NEXT MEETING
4. Memorandum May 23, 2017, Canton Indian Asylum Cemetery Annual Memorial Services (CRSC forwards to Council under New Business)
Presenter: Reylinne Williams
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE
[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA] 5. Zuni Invitation – Delegation
Presenter: Councilwoman Jennifer Allison
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE MINUTES
1. December 7, 2016 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
2. May 3, 2017 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
3. May 17, 2017 (Regular)
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CHAGE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
> WORDS OF GRATITUDE EXPRESSED TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE CHOCTAW MEET-INGS
>NCAI TRAVEL JUNE 10-16, 2017
>SPECIAL H&SSC MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017, 9-10AM
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:25 P.M.
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
The GRIC Tribal Health Department would like to increase community awareness about bed bugs. We will begin by giving you a few 'did you know' facts about bed bugs. Here are the following:

- **Did you know?**
  - Bed bugs are wingless and cannot fly.
  - Adult bed bugs are brown or red in color, flat and oval shaped.
  - Bed bug ranges in size from smaller than a pinhead to as big as an apple seed.
  - Bed bug eggs are very tiny and look like rice.
  - Bed bugs are often mistaken for ticks, fleas, and cockroaches.
  - Bed bugs feed on humans only and when they do feed it’s called a ‘blood meal’.
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  - Bed bug adults can live 6-12 months without a ‘blood meal’.
  - Bed bugs do not ride in luggage.
  - Bed bug eggs are painless and human reactions to bites vary.
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**The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the issuance of the air quality operating permit for the following facility:**

**Gila River Indian News June 16, 2017**

**Public Notice Start Date: May 19, 2017**

**Public Notice End Date: June 19, 2017**

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and comment on all the comments received. Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permit. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first public notice notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be addressed to the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Provisions for comment are limited to the issues for which notice is published in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the public notice shall be mailed to all persons who request copies and request that the notice be mailed to them. The notice shall be published in the Gila River Indian Community newspaper, the Gila River Indian Community News. A person may file a petition for a public hearing at the Department of Environmental Quality, 8419 S 91ST AVE, LA VEN, AZ 85339. For further information, please contact the DEQ at (520) 796-3791 or visit our web site at 45 S Church St, SAHUARITA, AZ 85627. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Civil Summons**

*In the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.*

**STATE OF ARIZONA**

**CIVIL SUMMONS**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.**

You shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 1:30 PM in Courtroom VII, Westland Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ 85339. You may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. Written answer or response is mailed to the party and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default shall be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. GIVEN UNDER my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

DATED the 9th day of June, 2017.

**In the Gila River Indian Community Court.**

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**Life Cycle of the Bed Bug**

- To collect a sample of the bug and call the GRIC EHS for a positive identification.
- To look for the bed bug, and brown dried lovely droppings on fabric, wood and metal.
- To be aware of stains that will look like if someone touched the tip of a magic marker to the fabric.
- To look behind the floor moldings by the wall, bed, board, mattress and box spring screens, and the mattress frames where they come together.
- To inspect linens, pillows and cases, nightshades and grooves in wood and metal.
- To inspect wall hangings, curtains, books, night stands drawers, TV and remote.
- To inspect all furniture and if someone is sleeping on the couch, search there also.
- The bed bug can be detected for bed bug requires persistence and patience.
- When searching your home for bed bugs, you probably have to have a little bit of everything. A thorough search and identification can prevent an active bed bug infestation from spreading throughout the house. Please be on the lookout for your final bed bug awareness article on how to get rid of bed bugs. If you suspect that you have bed bugs or have any questions and concerns about bed bugs, please give our Environmental Health Program a call at 520-562-2100.

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**Facility Name: Uhs Kehk Market**

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**Home Invasions**

**GROWING NUMBER OF HOME INVASIONS**

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• Take a tour of your facility inside and out. Are there things that have been put off to get repaired? These can create further damage to the facility during storms. This will also ensure that critical infrastructures are protected and that the Community is able to recover from an incident with minimal delay.

OEM Contact Info:
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