Post 51 honors fallen heroes on Memorial Day

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

In honor of the 1.2 million United States service men and women who have died in active military service, the Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51 hosted a Memorial Day observance at the District 1 multi-purpose building on May 29.

Hundreds of Gila River Indian Community members and guests filled the gymnasium as Post 51 member Gary Anderson gave the welcoming address followed by the National Anthem sung by Marcella Gonzales, and the Posting of Colors presented by students from Blackwater Community School.

Guest speaker Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis thanked the Community for attending the event, saying every family in Gila River has its own story of brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, and children who have died during wartime.

He said his family too, had felt the tragedy of war, with the death of his great uncle Corporal Richard Lewis. Gov. Lewis said that Cpl. Lewis, who was a friend of Ira Hayes, served in the First Marine Division Reinforced in World War II, where he fought many battles in the Pacific theater, and was killed in action in 1943.

Lance Lewis, who served in the U.S. Army Special Forces Military Assistance Command/Studies and Observations Group during the Vietnam War, spoke to the audience about his life, from the warzones of Vietnam and Cambodia to serving the Native community as a nurse in his later years. Lance said during the war, he provided medical support for reconnaissance teams that traveled into Cambodia to gather intelligence. He said because the U.S. was not supposed to be in Cambodia at the time, his unit wore no dog tags or insignias, because if caught, they could be shot as spies.

Gov. Lewis speaks at historic graduation for Coolidge High School

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In the late hours of the evening, tassels had yet to be turned among parents and friends of Coolidge High School’s graduating class of 2017 listened to a list of speakers including Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, the first GRIC governor to speak at a Coolidge High School graduation.

It was a historic night. Gov. Lewis said he was impressed at the over 36 sensors from the Community, the largest Coolidge graduating class of GRIC members. “Thank you as well for taking the time to recognize and honor the longstanding relationship between the Gila River Indian Community and the Coolidge Schools, where over the years hundreds of our tribal members have attended, learned and flourished,” Gov. Lewis said.

Lewis said as father of a recent high school graduate, it really speaks to the successes students accomplish in preparation for bigger plans ahead including getting a job or going to a university.

Gila River Police Department K9’s train for service

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When it comes to your average household dog, they may have the ability to sniff out an unattended hot dog or chase the neighborhood stray cat that visits the house from time to time, but the job of our police K9 friends takes on an even more important role to serve and protect.

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O’otham New Year Celebration scheduled for June 17-18 in Sacaton

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

The summer solstice marks the O’otham New Year, a time to celebrate the changing of seasons in anticipation of monsoon rains and abundant harvests.

This year, the solstice falls on June 21, but for the sake of convenience, the O’otham New Year Gathering will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 17 and last until sunrise on June 18. The gathering will be held at the Cultural Circle of the Sacaton Fair Grounds, where the Mul-Chu-Tha takes place. Thoka games will begin at 6 p.m. and food will be served at 7 p.m.

Make sure to pack some folding chairs and blankets to stay warm. A thermos of coffee would help, too, and dancing shoes are a necessity. Leave your worries of the day at home.

Families are sure to have a fun, relaxing time at the O’otham New Year Gathering. As evening turns to night, singers start calling out their songs and dancers begin to stir the earth.

According to Cultural Resource Officer Barnaby Lewis, the O’otham New Year is a chance for people to “renew those ties with the earth, the universe. Now with these kinds of activities, we always offer prayers in the beginning [and] we offer prayers at the end.”

He said, “we provide other traditional religious practices at the closing…providing them the traditional blessing with the use of Shegoi or Creosote smoke…and we have a ceremonial fire burning all night during that time.”

He said while this time of year does hold some religious value, the gathering is also a chance to simply gather for a fun time, “listening to songs, dancing seeing old friends, and feasting.”

Lewis is one of the singers who will keep the rhythm thumping all through the night. Over the course of nearly 10 hours, dozens of singers will sing hundreds of songs. Last year, he said, “There was a variety of different bird series songs that we sang, mostly because we wanted the people to hear the tremendous variety of melodies and tunes. There are blackbird songs, swallow songs, oriole songs, macaw songs…all of these songs have stories in them, but [also] they’re all social dance songs.”

A few hours after everyone gets settled in, there will be a midnight feast. Outside the cultural circle, a ceremonial fire lights the night from dusk until dawn.

Lewis said, “Events like this remind us who we are as O’otham people and reasserts those cultural events, this would be a good opportunity because…that’s how they grow culturally in their minds and in their spirits.” He said, this is definitely one of the best chances to experience their culture with friends and family.

Lewis said, “Community members that don’t always have opportunities to participate in cultural events, this would be a good opportunity because…that’s how they grow culturally in their minds and in their spirits.”

According to Cultural Resource Officer Barnaby Lewis, the O’otham New Year Gathering is open to all O’otham communities, and they welcome their neighbors, the Pee Posh, to join as well. Lewis said Pee Posh have brought their bird songs to the gathering in the past.
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Lead Principal Dr. Gregory Sackos welcomed the graduates and reminded them that their education has just started. “Tonight is not an ending, tonight is really just a beginning,” he said.

Principal Jeremy Copenhaver thanked the parents and repeated what Dr. Sackos imparted. “Don’t let this night be the last night of your education,” Copenhaver said.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone’s address followed student body president Damien Martinez, and she acknowledged all the teachers. “There’s always a teacher… that says, ‘yes you can,’” she said.

Valedictorian Kayla Thompson closed the evening of speakers. She followed Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido and Salutatorian Antonio Hernandez. Thompson expressed her love for her classmates and implored them to focus on their education. “I encourage you to stay away from the wrong crowd,” she said.

The ceremony concluded with a roll call of all the students and the presentation of all the graduates. Refreshments and cake were served in an adjacent auditorium at the club.

The ceremony was in honor of the SMS Class of 2016-2017.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone congratulates GCCS students at the promotion ceremony.

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Incident Logs

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June 2, 2017

Certain reports may not be available or are currently under investigation while the GRPD holds the right to restrict public release.

Incident Log
April 30 – May 27, 2017

Calls for services this week: 621 Arrest made: 49

District One- (Blackwater): Burglary Officer responded to a location in reference to theft of items. Upon inspection it was reported that approximately 200 feet in copper wire was taken, a condesciner to a meat frige and an air condition unit was stripped.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – The victim reported that his brother took his tools from his residence without permission. When confronted about the items the suspect said he was taking them as he loaded the items and drove away from the residence. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival.

Status: Under investigation

District Two – (Saca ton Flats): 

Theft - A 12 foot extension ladder was reported missing from the victim’s yard. The victim stated he had been a victim of criminal damage in the past due to ongoing trespassing and requested a report be taken in reference to his ladder being taken.

Status: Under investigation

District Three - (Saca ton Flats): 

Shoplifting – A female suspect and two juvenile male suspects were observed taking seven bags of candy and putting them in the female’s purse. After walking around the store the suspects left the point of sale without paying. The females were observed getting on the transit bus and leaving the store.

Status: Under investigation

Shoplifting: The report states that a male suspect was observed taking candy and placing them in his pockets before walking out of the store. The employees stated that he is a “regular” but did not know him well.

Status: Under investigation

District Four - (Sotonic Area): Aggravated Assault

Officers responded to a residence reference of an assault. Upon investigation it was determined the victim was at the location by a family member and the assault had occurred elsewhere. Due to the victim’s injuries, they were transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

Status: Under investigation

District Six – (Komatke): Aggravated Assault – The victim and reporting party stated that the suspect arrived home and began to argue. As the argument progressed the suspect grabbed the victim’s head and stuck the victim three to five times with the handle of the knife causing injuries. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Auto Theft – Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino where the victim stated that while going to the slots at the casino her silver Mazda was taken. The victim did not realize her vehicle was taken until she attempted to leave the casino and could not locate the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into the database as stolen.

Status: Under investigation

Auto Theft – The victim stated the suspect took her vehicle without permission and requested her vehicle be returned as stolen.

Investigation revealed that the suspect drove the victim’s residence and placed the keys on the counter. Upon returning to the living room area, it was discovered the suspect was gone with the keys and the car.

Status: Under investigation

Theft - The reporting party stated a male suspect walked into the Coach Store at Phoenix Premium Outlet and picked out a white Coach wallet. She then walked behind a counter and placed the wallet into a guess bag and exited the store. The store was unable to determine which direction the suspect left in.

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The suspect had stabbed the victim, utilized a handgun to shoot the person who had just stabbed them. Both individuals were transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa):

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime

Incident Log April 30 – May 6, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 651 calls for service and made 56 arrests.

District One: No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Two: No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three: Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a physical domestic dispute in which the suspect slammed the victim. The victim refused medical attention. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Auto Theft – A suspect entered the Tommy Hilfiger store, removed a package of men’s underwear and concealed them in a bag. The suspect was detained and the merchandise returned.

Status: Suspect was issued a criminal citation.

Theft – A suspect stole a cell phone from a patron while at Wild Horse Pass Casino. The victim was able to track his phone using a phone finding application. The phone was located and returned.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Theft – A suspect entered a vehicle belonging to the victim and stole a back-pack containing personal items of value. The vehicle was parked in the parking lot of the Wild Horse Pass Casino.

Status: Under investigation

District Five: Auto Theft – A suspect stole a vehicle from in front of a residence. The victim’s vehicle was later located on the community abandoned and partially stripped and damaged.

Status: Under investigation

District Eight – Arson – A suspect set fire to a pile of dead vegetation and left the area. Gila River Fire arrived and put out the flames.

Status: Under investigation

Theft – A suspect took the victim’s wallet while at the Vee Quiva Casino. The suspect has been identified and follow up is being conducted.

Status: Charges have been forwarded.

District Seven: Theft – A suspect, while an invited guest, took the victim’s wallet after he had gone to bed.

Status: Under investigation

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dog that is currently in pa-
trol school and once he is
up and certified, then we
will have a total of two,” he
said.

When one thinks of police K9 dogs, images of aggressive behavior and an uncontrollable urge to bite come to mind.

“I would definitely say obedience is the most im-
portant part of training. We
work very hard on control of
the dogs,’ said Brown.

He said the false percep-
tions of police dogs with a man-eater behavior are false, because a lot of training goes into preparing them for when they need to jump into action.

“We work hard on the
control. And that 240 hours
is just the basic patrol
school and then we train
weekly,” said Brown. “My
kids chase the dog around
the back yard and pull his
tail, pet him and play with
him, they are very sociable
animals,” he said.

Officer Brown said it
is important to understand
that a lot of training is put
into each dog team, which
calls that need an extra set
of man-hours every year,
which allows officers to re-
spond to other calls.

“It’s all about being quick
and proficient and being
able assist during calls that
need an extra set

of eyes, ears and a nose.

One story Brown re-
counted was during a rou-
tine traffic stop, where indi-
viduals decided to run from
the police and attempted
to bury items such as guns
drugs while fleeing.

He said without the as-
sistance of a K9 unit, it
would have taken hours to
locate the items that were
buried by the suspects.

“When a dog it was less
than 20 minutes and we
had located six different
items that were buried un-
der the dirt by the suspects.

Under 20 minutes that is a
very short amount of time,
where you would have had
to sift through those a couple of hours,” said Brown.

Brown and the other
dog team are committed
to seeing that they are an
effective component to the
police department, which
are already making strides as
Max and his handler draw
closer to being field ready.
A’AGA
Something to be told or talked about
By Billy Allen

“Something to be told or talked about”

Sometimes I wonder what I’m gonna do,
But there ain’t no cure for the summertime blues

By Billy Allen

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?” The great American writer John Steinbeck could have been speaking to elder GRIC-sters who grew up BC — before coolers! Cooling off meant going outside under trees or sitting under a va:-to. My lu:lu'u was fond of telling us children, “You kids are spoiled, we never felt the heat until we got the cooler. Now go outside.”

Life did not stop because of our normal summer weather. I fondly recall eating watermelon in the evenings and my father reminding us to save some for the horses. (You’re not to scrape it down to the white of the rind.)

Here are some noteworthy events of Saguaro Ripening Month / Ha:sañ Baidag Masad.

On June 4, 1871, President Grant signed an executive order placing General George Crook in command of Arizona, orders were to keep Indians on the reservation. General Crook was successful by using Indian scouts to find their brethren. The general used this tactic with the Snake and Paiute in the Pacific North-west. Eventually O’odham and Papasah scouts were phased out as the focus turned to San Carlos.

Summer breeze makes me feel fine
Blowin’ through the jasmine in my mind.

On June 14, 1879, an executive order set aside the Salt River Indian Reservation for Akimel O’odham and Pima. Our relatives / hahajun will celebrate on June 10 with O’odham and Pima Social Dancing, a State of the Community Address, a Cumbia Contest, with Southern Scratch closing out the night. Road / vohg trip / Hot town, summer in the city

Back of my neck get ting dirty and gritty

On June 2, 1892, President Benjamin Harrison set aside one square mile of Arizona Territory surrounding the Casa Grande Ruins making it the first prehistoric and cultural reserve established in the United States. (June 21 will be the summer solstice, a key event in the O’odham year.)

Well I called my congressman and he said “Whoa!”

On June 2, 1924 Congress passed the American Indian Citizenship Act. Citizenship presumably carried with it the right to vote, but many states, including Arizona, refused. In 1928, GRIC member Peter Porter filed suit but the Arizona Supreme Court ruled against Indians voting. In 1948, Yavapai members Frank Harrison and Harry Austin filed again and the Arizona Supreme Court reversed itself and granted suffrage to Native Americans.

In the summertime when the weather is hot
You can stretch right up and touch the sky

On June 20, 1993, Michael Jordan with his Chicago Bulls beat our Suns in Game 6. We had home court advantage; Dan Majerle, Charles Barkley and the O’otham of the world with the Suns. Chicago took the first two games in Phoenix. The Suns took Game 3, the Bulls game 4 and had a 3-1 series lead. Phoenix took game 5, bringing the series back to Phoenix. In the fourth quarter, we had the Bulls by the horns, we were up 98-96. But a pass to an unguarded John Paxson let him bury a 3 pointer with 3.9 seconds left. The Bulls hung on winning their third-straight title. It was a dark night on the rez.

Nobody on the road Nobody on the beach I feel it in the air The summer’s out of reach Empty lake, empty streets

Information was gleaned from various sites, songs by Eddie Cochran, Loving Spoonful, Seals and Croft, Mungo Jerry and Don Henley.
Hats off to the High School Class of 2017

Coolidge High School
Racine Charles
Francesca Fernandez
Clarissa Gonzales
Selena Jackson
Sarah Jones
Talyn Juan
Tristan Kirkpatrick
Wesley Larrabee
Delyla Lewis
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Marie Mix
Tyla Molina
Hunter Nish
Ellayna Polingyowma
Charisma Quiroz
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Tailfeathers

Vista Grande High School
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Travis Reed
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Kayla Lewis
Dakota Pablo
Antoina Pola
Aric Reyes
Elizabeth Reyes
Marie Soriano
Devon Yazzie
Angelica Suniga

Riverbend High School
Rayna Blackwater
Little Star Jackson
Jasmine Norris

Wingate High School
Anaya Preston

Sherman Indian High School
Justin Brown
Dana Dias
Sabrina Jackson
Dayle Morago
Dee Vavages
Kyla Whitman

Cesar Chavez High School
Joevita Acuina
Loretta Antoine
Breana Barchand
Ricardo Delowe
Valentina Jackson
Nikole Peters
Carlos Rios
Jessica Marie Rios
Artie Salas III
Ciera Silvas
Elias Stone
Rae Wallen
Lydia Jay Pasquell

South Mountain High School
Andrew Ruiz

Mesa High School
Macie Michael
Mina Michael

Lawrence High School
Kaitlyn White

Hamilton High School
Hallie Leftkowitz
Garret Williams
Adrienne Sabori
Fernando Luna Jr.
Trysten Carillo
Raven Patrick
Sky Joaquín
Charli Gambler
Tanya Gonzales
Aliana Pratt
Jacob Díaz

Corona Del Sol
Erica Dawahoya
Vincent Hunsicker

Basha High School
Kyle Dixon
Jason Castillo
Dominic Dixon
Jesus Aleman

Queen Creek High School
Shayne Stone

Mountain Pointe High School
Selena Vidal

Blue Print High School
Kelsie Martinez
Hiedie Blaine
Kara Juan

Maricopa High School
Alicia Olavicez
Jeannice Sepeda
Sabrina Montoya
Adam Sanders

Mountain View High School
Matthew Hipolito Chee
Cameron Marcell Johnson

Westwood High School
Michael Cameron Stewart
Kristen Marie Harris
Jenna Lei Getlaugh
Raven Alyssa Mack
Jacob Aaron Osife

ASU Preparatory High School
Mackayl Ortega

Chandler High School
Jesse Valencia
Brianne Francisco
Tori Lewis

Desert Winds Learning Center
Dalton Johnson- CGHS
Micha Marietta-CGHS
Sienna Marrietta-CGHS
Alyssa Scotten-CGHS
Mariah Burciaga-VGHS
Brandon Williams-VGHS

Skyline Prep High School
Kenitra Miguel-Small

Valley Christian
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Coronado High School
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Desert Hills
Sabrina Antone
Devon Cooper
Mary Cruz
Miguel Bandin

Arroyo Valley High School
Jacqueline Coronado

Imagine Prep High School
Wakinyan Red Bull

Gilbert High School
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Iran Hardy

Bostrom Alternative High School
Zachary Breckenridge
Angela Solorio

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Diamond Healy

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Donna Apodaca is Governor's Employee of the Month for April

For the past 17 years Donna Apodaca has worked for the Gila River Indian Community’s Office of the General Counsel (OGC), beginning her career as a Legal Secretary 1 with attorney Rod Lewis and working her way up to Office Manager, she has experienced some of the tribe’s most important inner workings over the past two decades.

In honor of her dedication and loyalty to the Community, Apodaca was presented the Governor’s Employee of the Month award for April during a May 18 directors meeting inside the Community’s Council chambers.

Richard Weschrob, Human Resources Employee Assistance/Training Specialist, presented the award with a poem.

“When office equipment breaks or needs your care, you are there. When walls and paint and appearances need some changing and some tender loving care, you are there. When delicious meals are needed with shopping and cooking, and doing all the work that is needed to prepare, you are there. When going above and beyond her department and the dedication and expertise and always working with unlimited passion to spare, you are there,” said Weschrob.

Apodaca has done just about every job imaginable at the office, from setting up new employees, to handling contracts and budgets. Recently, her pet project has been to upgrade OGC’s interior.

She said the office needed a new paint job and nothing was on the walls, so she wanted to spruce things up a bit by adding a new coat of paint to the office’s walls and put up pictures that culturally and historically represented the Community.

“I wanted to bring the Community into the office,” she said. “We have so many meetings here, I wanted whoever walked into the office to get a little bit of background and appreciate it.”

When asked what it has been like to work with OGC over the past 17 years, Apodaca responded, “It takes a lot of teamwork to keep everything going, to make everybody happy. I think we have accomplished that in our office. I love working here,” she said.

Thomas R. Throssell
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Boarding School Advisor
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Come out and see what these schools have to offer!
Long time Community educator, John Timmons, to retire after 33 years

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For the past 33 years, John Timmons has worked in just about every position in the field of education in the Gila River Indian Community, from advisor, to teacher, to administrator. On June 23, Timmons, who is currently Director of Community Relations for Sacaton Elementary School District #18, will retire after serving the Community’s youth for over three decades.

Born and raised in Southbend, Indiana, Timmons’s passion for education earned him a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education from Indiana University, and led him to the Sonoran Desert of southern Arizona where he obtained a Masters Degree in American Indian Education from Arizona State University.

“I specifically went to ASU for that program and that degree because I felt, back then, that probably one of the greatest needs in education, was in working with our Native American students,” said Timmons. “When I graduated with my masters degree at ASU I just had this inner feeling that in consideration of all the different kids in public schools the need [here] was probably the greatest,” he said.

Though he felt he could have the greatest and most positive impact working in tribal communities, at the time, Timmons had little experience working with Native Americans.

Growing up in Southbend, he never had the opportunity to interact with Native Americans, but that quickly changed after moving to Arizona, where he began working with urban Native students in the Glendale Union High School District for the next 2 and a half years, and shortly after, was hired as a vocational and technical advisor for GRIC’s Tribal Education Department for the next seven years.

From there, Timmons headed out to District 6 where he taught history, government, and English at the former Estrella Mountain High School. It was there, said Timmons, he built some of his fondest memories.

It was a small high school that initially consisted of one forty-foot modular building, housing an office and two classrooms, he said. Students would eat their lunch in the former cafeteria and would play in the school’s gym for sporting activities.

“It was very interesting working out there,” said Timmons. “We felt very isolated…because at the time our district office…was at the former Williams Air Force Base, 42 miles from the high school, so we rarely saw anyone from the district,” he said. “It was the feeling of remoteness and isolation, but at the same time, it was kind of fun. It was really enjoyable working under those circumstances, [it was] a very small but close-knit group of teachers out there,” he said.

After teaching at Estrella Mountain High School for seven years, Timmons taught for two years in Salt River Pre-AP/GEAR UP, with the students, working with parents, providing summer enrichment programs at both ASU Polytechnic and ASU Main, taking them on field trips to all three of our state universities, ASU, U of A, (and) NAU. That was a very good experience,” he said.

In his current position as Director of Community Relations for the school district, Timmons has been hard at work handling various tribal and corporate partners, creating a monthly district news letter, and managing an alternative and enrichment programs at the school district and tribe.

But now, sitting in his office located on the grounds of Sacaton Elementary School, with walls adorned in mementos of past projects, Timmons is looking forward to his retirement and relaxing with his wife on the Big Island of Hawaii.

“We enjoy going to Hawaii a lot,” Timmons said. “It’s kind of an interesting thing because…the thing about Hawaii is that I feel very comfortable there, I almost feel like I am back in Gila River. There are a lot of parallels between Hawaiian culture and O’otham culture, there truly are.”

After traveling with his wife for some rest and relaxation, Timmons plans to catch-up with his hobbies of raising succulents and cacti, and spending some time on the airwaves as a licensed amateur radio operator.

Timmons said he has enjoyed his time working in the Gila River Indian Community and has learned a lot about both O’otham and Pee Posh culture and history. He said he encourages the people of the Community to stay strong just like their ancestors, and the Community has a lot to share with the outside world.
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Post 51 Memorial Day event

According to the Department of the Army, Lance was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with V Device for heroism in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

During a late night classified operation on August 1, 1969, Lance exposed himself to heavy small arms and mortar fire from an enemy force thought to be of battalion size or larger to retrieve a wounded team member. The Bronze Star Medal with V Device is the fourth highest military decoration for valor.

PEC David Perkins

The Memorial Day event, while honoring all those who died during active military service, highlighted Private First Class David Perkins who was killed in action during the Vietnam War in 1966.

Perkins’s sister, Pamela Jackson, received the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal and shawl, which was presented by Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Anderson read a letter from Wanda Wright, Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services, to Jackson:

“Pamela Jackson, on behalf of the state of Arizon and on behalf of the people of Arizona. I extend my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the family of David Perkins. He sacrificed his life in the defense of our nation and our freedom. The Arizona Gold Star military medal was established with the intention of creating a symbol of appreciation and recognition of service and sacrifice for our country. Please accept the Gold Star military medal as an expression of our sincere regret for your loss.”

Fifty years after Perkins’s grave was killed in the Vietnam War, his family received official recognition and appreciation for his service and sacrifice. For members of Post 51, Perkins’s recognition is something that should have happened long ago.

“This long overdue,” said Anderson. “It was really an honor to do this today. This happened before our watch, but we are involved in this big push to identify every military member of our Community. In doing so, we are discovering graves without headstones and we are working to right that,” he said.

Community member and AmeriCorps volunteer Andrew Antone, who is attempting to get a headstone for Perkins, said they initially found out about him from a chance meeting with his uncle Dennis Perkins. Antone said they asked Dennis if he knew any veterans in the area, and that is when he began talking about his nephew David, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

“We actually found out about David Perkins from his uncle Dennis,” said Antone. “We were trying to find his grave site for a long time, [so] we called [Dennis] out there and asked him if he could show it to us, and he did.”

When they came upon Perkins’s grave, they found it to be in poor condition.

“There was nothing on it, no cross, just a little placard,” Anderson said. “You barely make out a name…imprinted in there. The rest of it is eroded away from weather,” he said.

For the past 10 months Antone has been hard at work getting Perkins’s Certificate of Release, known as DD Form 214, and obtain a headstone. To get a headstone they must receive Perkins’s DD 1300, a military casualty form. Antone has been writing to Arizona Senator John McCain and Congressman Tom O’Halleran to help with the process, but is currently still waiting for a response.

For both Post 51 and Antone, when it comes to making sure Community heroes who have fallen in combat receive recognition, they will be there to make sure they are appreciated and remembered.

“Hopefully the family feels better that there is some recognition, that he is not forgotten,” said Post 51 member Darrell Whiteman. “That is what we are trying to push, that he is not forgotten.”

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 2017

The Gila River Indian Community in conjunction with Indian Youth of America Camp will be offering a free summer camp to boys and girls ages 10-14.

Location of camp: Whispering Pines Camp — Prescott, AZ Dates: June 14-23, 2017 (9 nights, 10 days)

The camp goal is to provide opportunities and experiences that will aid Native American children in their educational, career, cultural, and personal growth while fostering a positive sense of self and heritage.

Camp Packets can be printed online at mygilariver.org, requested via email at special.events@gric.nsn.us, or packets can be picked up at the C.P.A.O. office located at the Governance Center, Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm.

Spots are limited to GRIC enrolled members, must be in good standing with GRIC Tribal Programs, must complete all requirements of camp registration, and must attend orientation prior to camp.

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- **First Name:**
- **Last Name:**
- **Mailing Address:**
- **City:**
- **State:**
- **Zip:**
- **GRIC District:**
- **Age:** (13 to 21)
- **Contact Telephone:**
- **Tribal Affiliation:**
- **Email:**

**COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

You must be a full participant in all sessions and activities of the 2017 Gila River Youth Conference. I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that will bring only credit to the Gila River Indian Community. I pledge to wear my name badge around my neck and visible at all times. I pledge to remain drug, tobacco, and alcohol free during the entire conference.

- By signing below I grant permission to photograph and/or film my child for use by the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council.

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If the participant is under 18 years, this form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. I hereby release the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council and its partners and volunteers to release the participant or participant’s child’s name for any program, service, or event. I hereby release the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council and its partners and volunteers to release the participant or participant’s child’s name for any program, service, or event.

**TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE**

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday May 17, 2017, in the Community Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Presidenting Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:12 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet circulated

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Council Members Present:
D1- Arzie Hogg; D2- Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison (11:12), Barney Enos, Jr. (9:20), Christopher Mendoza; D5-Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Vil- lareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Sandra Nasewytewa D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
D1- Jooyi Whitman; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams; D5-Brian Davis, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Native STEM Robotics Program Report
Presenter: Joellen Kinnamon
MS. JOELLEN KINNANN PRESENTED THE STUDENTS, PARENT SUPPORT AND THE PROGRAM. STUDENTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND PROVIDED A BRIEF DEMON- STRATION OF THEIR ROBOTS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Recognition of Ms. Joellen Kinnamon
Presenter: Pamela Thompson


[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECON- VENED AT 10:40 A.M.]

REPORTS

1. Community Technology Center FY2017 2nd Quarter Report
Presenter: Connie Jackson

REPORT HEARD

2. Haskell Osife-Antone Auxiliary Unit 51 Revised FY17 1st 2nd Quarter Donation Financial Report
Presenter: Alison Anderson

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3. Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 FY17 2nd Quarter Report
Presenter: David Anderson

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4. Blackwater Community School Quarter 2 Report

SY2016–2017
Presenter: Jagdish Sharma
REPORT HEARD

5. Casa Blanca Community School Quarter 2 Report SY2016–2017
Presenter: Patricia Avalos
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Presenter: Dr. Gregory Sacks
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Presenter: Larsa Quijano

Presenter: Sister Martha

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9. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY-17 Qtr. 1 & 2
Presenter: Michael Morago

REPORT HEARD

11. A Resolution Approving The Attached Confiden- tiality-Nondisclosure Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The American Indian Policy Institute At Arizona State University (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Dale Gutenson
APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Native American Indian Housing Plan Amendment For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Kelly Gomez
APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Department Of Community Housing To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Kelly Gomez, Pamela Dallas
APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Submission Of Year Two Of The Five Year Grant Application To The American Indian/Alaska Native Program Branch, Head Start Bureau, Department Of Health And Human Services In Order To Provide Refunding For The Head Start/Early Head Start Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, ESC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Jaime James
APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Early Head Start To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion And EHS-Child Care Partnership Grant For Year Three Of The Five Year Grant (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, ESC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Jaime James
APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Hydrology, PLC (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy
APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy
APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Harvey Economics (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy
APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Hardee Consulting (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy
APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Memorandum of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Tribal Education Department and School District (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido
DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Participation of Community Entities in Economic Development Study (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with included information)

Presenter: Ron Rosier
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Petition Denial for Membership for Tina Sando- val (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval of the denial)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE DENIAL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel, FY-16 Financial Audit
(G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis, Henry & Horne, LLP, Certified Public Accountants
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

2. Blackwater Community School Letter of Request (ESC forwards to Council for discussion and action)

Presenter: Arzie Hogg
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE THE REQUEST TO UTILIZE AKIN GUMP BUT TO ALLOW COUNCILMAN HOGG TO ACCOMPANY TO WASHINGTON, DC

3. Certification of 2017 Community Council Election (LSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Nadine Shell
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS

4. Legislative Standing Committee Community-At-Large Member Verbal Resolution (LSC accepts the resignation and forwards to Council to declare a vacancy for the Community-At-Large Position)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION, DECLARE A VACANCY AND TO ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS

5. Request for Community Council Work Session
Presenters: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Gover- nor Monica Antone
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD THE WORK SESSION ON JUNE 15, 2017, 9AM; LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED [ADJOURNED TO AGENDA]
Casa Blanca Community School is now hiring for the following 2017-2018 School Year positions: Kindergarten Teacher, Math Interventionist, FACE Parent Educator, Traditional Agriculture Instructor, Desktop Specialist/Instructor, Facilities Coordinator, and Custodian. Located at 3455 W Casa Blanca Road, Bapchule, AZ 85121. For salary and qualification information, visit www.cbcschools.com/Employment or contact Human Resources at 480.403.8595 ext. 2512.

Curry Jay Preston Jr.
May 30, 2017
Happy 3rd Birthday to you! Just wishing you a happy birthday son with many more to come. May the Creator bless you on your special day and be with you today, tomorrow and always. I want you to know that I’m missing and thinking of you also most of all I LOVE YOU my handsome little man and don’t ever forget that cause “Dat’s my love!” (Smile for me) With love always,
Love Mama,
Ms. Pasqualene J. Pasquale

CBCS NOW HIRING

Enrolling now children ages 0 - 5 years old for SY 2017-2018

The Head Start program provides a learning environment that supports children’s growth in the following:
- Language & Literacy
- Cognitive & General Knowledge
- Physical development & Health
- Social & Emotional development
- Approaches to Learning

Stop by today at any of our center locations or call us if you need transportation

520-562-6901 Sacaton
520-418-3471 Santan
520-315-3636 Vah-Ki
520-550-2434 Komatke
520-562-3640 Child Care

Documents needed: Family’s income verification
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:

| District 6 Tribal Health Department | Friday, June 16, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
| District 1 Multi Purpose Building | Monday, June 26, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM |
| District 2 Ball Park | Monday, June 26, 2017 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM |
| District 3 Service Center | Tuesday, June 27, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
| District 4 Ball Park Ramada | Wednesday, June 28, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
| District 5 Ball Park Ramada | Thursday, June 29, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
| District 7 Ball Park Ramada | Friday, June 30, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM |

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

Remember to always keep your animals on a leash.
Agreement prevents further gaming expansion in Metro Phoenix

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

SACATON, AZ. - The Gila River Indian Community and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis issued the following statement regarding the settlement agreement signed today by the State of Arizona and the Tohono O’odham Nation.

“Governor Lewis and I have been clear that the boundaries we reached in the 2002 tribal gaming compacts and an accompanying agreement designed to open up new Indian gaming compact talks. Since then, there have been ongoing talks between the State and the Tribes.

Said Gov. Lewis: “The Glendale casino represents a violation of the tribal gaming framework presented to and approved by Arizona voters in 2002, and it is a cautionary tale. This settlement recognizes the vital importance of keeping the promises we make to voters and preserving the delicate balance necessary for tribal gaming to benefit Arizona, its residents and Arizona’s Indian communities.”

Sacaton Middle School teacher receives special recognition

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A local teacher was recognized at a recent ceremony held during a Community Council Meeting at the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center on May 17.

She’s become a well-known educator among generations of students who have passed through the classrooms at Sacaton Middle School. She is notable for her contributions to the Community’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics initiative.

JoyEllen Kinnamon, who has worked tirelessly to see her students succeed in their education, received a slew of congratulations for her commitment to serving GRIC’s children.

During the special recognition ceremony Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented Kinnamon with a Pendleton blanket as a token of the Community’s appreciation, which was followed by a lunch reception at the Sacaton Elementary gymnasium.

Gov. Lewis said Kinnamon has given much to the Community, and is well known among the parents and students, who have had the pleasure of meeting her through the GRIC STEM initiatives.

Kinnamon said that the only thing that matters is seeing them realize how much success they can achieve when given the opportunity to demonstrate their skill and knowledge in subjects that are challenging.

“People who work in the classroom setting do the real work, and it’s often the students’ parents that bring them to you,” said Lewis.

The Multi-Species Conservation Support Center, ahead of opening its doors to a new care facility at the Phoenix Zoo, held a reception on May 20.

The new facility will expand the availability of services related to educating and training native animals in Arizona and includes species from across the globe.

Some of the animals that are currently in their care are the Mt. Graham Red Squirrel, the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl and the Chiricahua Leopard frog, which has been threatened by invasive species.

The new center is part-funded by the Gila River Indian Community’s state shared gaming revenue that gives to local organizations, such as conservation and preservation of wildlife and habitats.

The Multi-Species Conservation Support Center.

Photo Courtesy of the Office of Special Funding

Council of Elders hosts Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Delbert Ray and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Representatives from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community visited the Gila River Indian Community to meet with members of the GRIC Council of Elders on May 26.

The meeting was organized by the COE and Elderly Services Department and included several members from within the Community and urban members.

SRPMIC President-Delbert Ray said it was a great opportunity to meet with elders from COE, to learn more about how they organize and discuss issues that impact them.

“I’m all about being inclusive and telling our elders that [they] matter,” said Ray.

He said the idea of developing a similar group within his community has been in discussion and that meeting with the Community helps better define how that group will look like when fully organized.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis praised Ray and the visiting SRPMIC delegation for taking an interest in learning more about the Community’s Council of Elders.

Ray said it is also about bridging the youth and elders together to share stories and bring the issues they face to the forefront by establishing a group to represent them.

Of the topics discussed with the SRPMIC representatives and President Ray, were the different initiatives the COE has advocated, such as road hazard, crimes against elders and elderly fraud.
WHO CAN HELP WHEN YOU'RE ADMITTED TO AN OUTSIDE (NON GRHC) HOSPITAL?

ANSWER: The GRHC Case Management Team can!

When GRHC patients are admitted to an outside acute care hospital partner such as Chandler Regional, Dignity, or Banner, the GRHC Case Management team goes into action to help patients and their families.

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

Once a GRHC patient is admitted to a partner hospital, the Case Management team is informed by the partner hospital.

WHEN ADMITTED TO AN OUTSIDE HOSPITAL, GRIC PATIENTS ARE CONTACTED BY GRHC CASE MANAGERS:

- To ensure the GRIC member/patient is receiving excellent care
- To communicate on behalf of the patient/family with the partner hospital’s case manager, social worker, discharge planner, or care coordinator
- To ensure discharge from the hospital is as stress-free and as easy as possible
- To call GRIC patients after discharge to help with setting up a follow-up appointment with their GRHC Primary Care Provider

Often times, navigating outside healthcare services can be challenging. The GRHC Case Management Team exists to help patients while they are in the hospital and upon discharge, to ensure that their GRHC Provider Team is informed and prepared for follow-up treatment.

Overall, the Case Management Team is committed to ensuring that GRIC patients receive quality healthcare.

If you have a family member or friend from the Gila River Indian Community who needs our help, please contact the Case Management Team (520) 562-3321 ext. 1271.

S U M M E R H O L I D A Y C L O S U R E S
FOURTH OF JULY 7.4.17  LABOR DAY 9.4.17

CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS
HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
MAIN ENTRANCE & NORTH PARKING LOT PROJECT ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE

Patient and employee parking will be affected in the northern section of the campus. Access will be via the new Temporary Access Road at the east end of the parking lot during this phase, and then the new main driveway will open for use.

By September 2017, the patient drop-off, front entrance, and main lobby at HHKMH will be completed, thereby eliminating the need for the Temporary Entrance and completing all HHKMH construction projects which began in 2016.

PHASE 1A: Temporary Access Route COMPLETED

PHASE 2 - Elder and Handicap Parking
June 12, 2017 – June 18, 2017
Elder and Handicap Parking to be relocated - designated parking south one aisle; current parking will then close permanently.

PHASE 2B - New Main Entry
June 12, 2017 - September 15, 2017

PHASE 3A - New Main Entry - June 19, 2017 - June 30, 2017
Patient and employee parking will be affected in the northern section of the campus. Access will be via the new Temporary Access Road at the east end of the parking lot during this phase, and then the new main driveway will open for use.

PHASE 3B - New Main Entry
July 12, 2017 - September 15, 2017

RENAL CLINIC
(NEW LOCATION)
BEGINNING JUNE 13TH, 2017, the renal clinic at HHKMH will be held in the Primary Care Department in the main hospital building on TUESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

(Currently, clinic is held on Thursday afternoons in the Life Center building.)

Patients will need to check in at the Main Lobby Patient Registration.

SUMMER FAMILY HEALTH EVENT
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10 AM - 2 PM

- Child & Adult Immunizations
- Well-Child Exams
- Sports Physicals
- Labs
- Blood Sugar Checks
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Diabetes Education
- Asthma Education

Dist. 5 .... June 6 & June 8
Dist. 4 .... June 13 & June 15
Dist. 3 .... June 20 & June 22
Dist. 2 .... June 27 & June 29
Dist. 1 .... July 11 & July 13
Ak-Chin .... July 18 & July 20

For more information, contact Robin Henry, FNP
Community Outreach Mobile Unit
(520) 610.2379.
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SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2017

Join the Arizona Diamondbacks for Native American Recognition Day presented by Gila River Casinos. Enjoy entertainment throughout the game. Festivities begin at 5:10PM and include Native American drum groups, dancers, vocalists, royalty, and more.

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