Youth baseball takes center stage at NARD and inter-tribal tourney

A week of baseball culminated into a one-day event to recognize Arizona’s 22 tribes at the 2018 Native American Recognition Day event held at Chase Field, home of the Arizona Diamondbacks on June 3.

The annual event is sponsored by Gila River Hotels & Casinos and coincides with the Inter-Tribal Baseball & Softball tournament that took place May 29 to June 2.

The three-day tournament welcomed teams from Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Mississippi who contested for a championship across four separate divisions in baseball and softball.

In winner take all match-ups on June 2, two teams from the Gila River Indian Community, came out the champions in Single A and Double A play.

The Gila River Bears, who competed in the Single A division, was the Goodyear Warriors and Pirates, and in the Double A division was the Gila River Bears and team Outkast.

Two squads, in the Triple A softball division were team Elite and the Gila River Bears, who made their run for the championship, but fell short of advancing in the tournament.

At the ballpark

At the NARD event, dance groups from the Community held performances underneath the rotunda, as baseball fans made their way into the ballpark.

They were joined by tribal dance and signing groups from other tribal communities to celebrate the state’s diverse Native population.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, said the event is about recognizing the Community’s youth in sports and the long-standing partnership GRIC has with the D-backs organization.

“You see a lot of people in attendance, that are taking in [our] culture, our Pee Posh and Akimel O’otham traditions, along with other tribes as well,” said Lewis.

In talking about the Community’s youth in the inter-tribal tournament, Lewis said “We have a whole generation of young ath-

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Come join us for two days of inspiration and fun. Enjoy motivational speakers and inspirational workshops. Learn how to shape your life into what you envision. Meet new people and learn about yourself and your community.

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Greetings from the Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council!
Family of the late Mathew B. Juan attends 100 year celebration

A special run/walk was held in Sacaton to honor the 100-year anniversary of Mathew B. Juan’s death in World War I. The Veteran & Family Services Office held the run/walk as part of their tribute to Juan on June 2. Runners and families registered at 6:30 a.m. for the run. The entire route extended south from the park to Blue Bird Road. Runners had the option of running a shorter route.

VFSO volunteer members greeted runners at the finish line for words of encouragement, a high five and some promotional items. Some of Juan’s relatives were also on hand for the event as special guests. Kathy Ludlow and Martha Ludlow Martinez, from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community came out to support the event and were very touched by the recognition of their late relative. Kathy said of her great-grandfather, “It makes me feel proud that they still remember him and that people are willing to come out here and do something special for him and honor him.”

A continental breakfast was provided for the runners and volunteers. The VFSO’s 100 Celebration for Juan also included a candle light vigil held on June 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Sacaton.
As the Summer comes to a close and the school season begins, the GRIC Environmental Health Pro- grams encourage community members to stay vigilant when dealing with ticks. As we all know, ticks can carry Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). Humans may be infected when bitten by a tick carrying this disease. Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a serious tick borne illness which can be deadly if not treated early. It is spread by several species of ticks in the United States.

Although ticks that carry RMSF like to live on dogs, a person must know where to expect ticks. Ticks live in or around grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, or even on animals. In addition to these places, spending time outside camping, gardening, or hunting could bring you in close contact with ticks. Our government has tick residue on the outside of their homes, in their yards and even dog houses.

Another way to combat ticks and their bites is to dress clothing and gear to be worn outside with EPA registered insect repellents. Treat boots, shoes, clothing, and camping gear, blankets, towels just to name a few. Do not forget to protect your animals by checking their bodies frequently and if you are able, buy a tick collar that is compatible for your pet. GRIC Environmental Health Programs recommends ready to use (RTU) pesticides that are labeled to kill ticks and contain one of the following ingredients: Permethrin, Bifenthrin, Cypermethrin, Deltamethrin, Cyhalothrin, or Lambda Cyhalothrin. These products may be used for indoor or outdoor areas where ticks have been seen and can be reapplied as directed by the label. Although GRIC members make several seasonal quests for ticks spays, GRIC Environmental Health Pro- grams warns against too many sprays during a short amount of time may lead to the death of beneficial Pesticides in the spray. Strict adherence to Integra- tive Pest Management Pro- tocols by the GRIC Environ- mental Health Program prevents this resistance by alternating different active ingre- dients and the frequency of pesticide application. If you are unfortunate enough to have been bitten by a tick carrying RMSF, there are some signs and symptoms to look for that may occur in the two weeks after a tick bite. Fever, nausea, lack of appetite, headache, aches, and pains, red spots, red bumps, or a rash on the hands and feet (some people may never get a rash). If you are able, take the tick that has bitten you for the doctor to examine. The Doc- tor may examine the tick, a rash sample, or both. Because the ear- lier signs and symptoms are similar to those caused by many other diseases, Doc- tors will begin early treat- ment with antibiotics and will not wait for test results before starting treatment. Furthermore, after the initial Doctor visit, a second Doctors visit and blood test is required to confirm a positive RMSF case. A confirmed RMSF case will require the GRIC Environ- mental Health Program to adjust their Integrative Pest Management Control of the mosquito and also send out warnings and awareness to the community and other GRIC programs involved in the management and control of the disease and mosquito. The GRIC Environ- mental Health Services Program would like to thank you and be aware of RMSF and if you have any concerns or questions about RMSF, please call 520-562-5100 and ask to speak with a representative of the Environmental Health Services Program.

Christopher Lomahqua
Gila River Indian News

DEQ clears debris and thick brush on Rose street to increase safety

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brush have been removed from the area, with help from the Department of Public Works.

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Once inside the residence rear sliding glass door.

The officers were informed the female was not there yet, but upon further investigation it was revealed one of the suspects had left her vehicle unsecured. After firing the weapon, the suspect drove the vehicle to a residence in reference to unknown trouble. The investigation revealed the suspect went to the victim’s residence, displayed a machete and then used it against him by striking him resulting in serious injury and was transported to Chandler Medical Center where they underwent emergency surgery.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Lone Butte Area): Aggravated Assault – The suspect was observed on video picking up the jacket and leaving the casino. The suspect was identified by someone and the jacket was matched to the vehicle. The suspect was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect was booked into DRS.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The victim reported that the vehicle they had been parked in was stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa): No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

Incident Log

May 27-June 02, 2018

Calls for services this week: 650

Arrest made: 67

District One (Blackwater): Weapon Offenders were called to a residence in reference to shots fired. The suspect reported that the case came to the residence for a female. When the suspect was told the female was not there they then left in a white vehicle. Approximately fifteen minutes later two shots were heard outside of the house. Individuals from the house saw the white vehicle leaving their residence and also noticed the family vehicle now had two bullet holes in the car.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two (Sacaton Flats): Burglary – The vehicle was walking in an area of the District Six Service Center and was confronted by the suspect. After the victim attempted to walk away, the suspect attempted to strike the victim but missed. The suspect taunted the victim causing him to come back and a fight ensued. The victim was transported to Chandler Regional due to the extent of his injuries. The suspect was located that same day and booked into jail.

Status: Suspect arrested and booked into DRS

District Three (Sacaton Flats): Aggravated Assault – The victim was assaulted by a suspect who was identified as the victim’s boyfriend. The suspect had been stabbed in the vehicle while they were traveling on a roadway within the Gila River Indian Community. The vehicle was also involved in a hit and run accident. The vehicle and suspect were later located and the suspect was taken into custody.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Auto Theft – The victim was one of the Nassief family members. When the vehicle was stolen from the parking lot. The victim misplaced her jacket while she was inside the casino which happened to have the keys in the pocket. The suspect was observed on video picking up the jacket and leaving the casino.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to the Sheraton Resort in reference to an auto theft. The investigation revealed the victim’s truck was taken and a stolen vehicle was observed coming onto the premises and leaving approximately ten minutes later along with the victim’s vehicle. A stolen vehicle affidavit was completed and entered into the system.

Status: Under Investigation

Two females entered the Tommy Hilfiger Store for approximately thirty minutes. After being threatened by an employee in an attempt to leave but set off the alarm. After reviewing surveillance footage it was observed they had stolen five items.

Status: Under Investigation

The victim called dispatch to report a theft that had occurred approximately two weeks prior. The victim stated while gambling at the casino she had left her vehicle unsecured. Upon returning back to her residence she noticed her golf clubs were now gone.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five (Casa Blanca) No Incidents involving Part 1 Crime

District Six (Komatke): Aggravated Assault – The suspect shot a firearm in the direction of multiple subjects. One of the rounds struck a female, the victim, who suffered minor injuries. While investigating the incident there were spent shell casings located at the scene. Multiple subjects’ names were mentioned while troopers were searching for the shooting. The suspect was located and arrested on a firearm. The firearm was seized and impounded into evidence.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to an assault. Further investigation revealed the victim was assaulted by the suspect with a mop handle. The victim was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect was located and taken into custody where they were then booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was booked into jail

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a theft of property. Of which a suspect was made with the victim stated she had returned home and heard someone yelling “bring back the purse”. The suspect had entered the residence, grabbed the purse and then run off. The suspect was later located in reference to another incident and booked into jail. Evidence was located confirming the suspect was the one who stole the purse.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

Weapon – Officers were dispatched to a residence in reference to a male subject being shot. Upon the officer’s arrival they observed three male subjects in front of a residence. The injured male (victim) was transported to the hospital and was taken for further medical treatment. A .40 calibre live round was located along with a used shell casing.

Status: Under Investigation

District Seven (Maricopa): No Incidents Involving Part 1 Crime

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

Incident Log

May 20-26, 2018

Calls for services this week: 599

Arrest made: 79

District One (Blackwater): Aggravated Assault – Officers were dispatched in reference to an aggravated assault. The two victims stated they were violated by three suspects who lurked by three suspects from the area of Coolidge. The victim stated the suspects were inside a maroon Lincoln navigator and had fired multiple rounds at them. The victim also advised at least two of the suspects struck the back windshield of the victim’s vehicle.

Status: Under Investigation

Aggravated Assault – It was reported the suspect fired shots at the residence causing a disturbance. The reporting party advised the suspect was hitting the victim during an altercation. The officers were also informed of a restraining order that was in place between the victim and the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody for the aggravated assault and violation of the court order.

Status: Suspect arrested

Burglary – The police department responded to a residence due to the reporting party advising of a house which had been burglarized. The individual had been checking on the victim’s home and noticed that a bicycle had been taken. They also observed damage to a window which was also reported.

Status: Under Investigation

Weapon – The suspect committed two counts of negligent use of a deadly weapon, along with other charges by firing a weapon into the air while at a residence in one of the housing developments. After firing the weapon, the suspect drove the vehicle to a different residence where it was parked. It was later determined they were then able to identify the suspect along with the two other occupants of the vehicle.

Status: Suspect booked into DRS

District Two (Sacaton Flats): Burglary | A suspect forced entry into a residence by smashing a bedroom window with a cinder block. The suspect then took electronic equipment belonging to the victim that had been a gift. Photos were taken of the damages and impounded into evidence.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three (Sacaton Flats): Aggravated Assault – The vehicle was turned around sometime after the vehicle appeared to be “hotwired”. As the victim was turning around some gunfire was heard at the residence. Evidence was located in the area and Officers are conducting follow up investigation.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six (Komatke): Aggravated Assault – A 40 caliber live round was shot at the victim causing her golf clubs were now gone.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic): Aggravated Assault – The suspect was located approximately two weeks prior. The suspect was identified by someone and the jacket was matched to the vehicle. The suspect was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment. The suspect was booked into DRS.

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A booth was setup by the Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Monitoring Program in the main lobby of the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center on June 6. Environmental Engineer Leroy Williams Jr., and his team of air quality specialists were on-hand to answer questions about the program and the presentation boards with maps and diagrams of data gathered on the Community’s air quality.

“We report to the Environmental Protection Agency,” said Williams, “it’s a national database that we submit information to.”

The purpose of monitoring the air is to identify any pollutants that are potential risks to human health and the environment.

He said the air quality monitoring program has a network of air monitoring stations throughout the Community that are strategically placed to gather as much data on the quality of the air.

The air monitoring stations collect on particulate matter and the ozone and how natural or man-made sources of pollutants have an impact on the quality of air.

“They are maintained by [us], it’s really resource intensive, where unlike other tribes, they are limited in this ability, because of costs,” said Williams.

The air quality monitoring network has three stations, one in Sacaton, Casa Blanca Community School and Gila Crossing Community School North Campus.

What the monitoring sites do provide, is a trove of data the air quality monitoring program can look through to identify trends in air quality.

This gives them a picture of what changes are going on in the air and whether they are meeting the federal standard.

Williams said, “The Sacaton and Saint John’s sites, they are below the standards, so the last three years we are doing good.”

He said overall the Community has been doing well when it comes to air quality standards on a day to day basis.

Williams added that during the monsoon season the dust storms tend to show an above normal level of dust pollutants in the air, but on the following day the air quality is back to normal.

For the foreseeable future, the air quality monitoring network will continue to collect data, with one slight change, which is the air monitoring site at the Gila Crossing Community School north campus. In advance of the school’s construction, DEQ is making preparations to move the monitoring station to a new location.

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Gila River Indian News

Leroy Williams shows air monitoring sites of the Community.
Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

DEQ sets up booth at the Governance Center to present air quality data

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Ha:shañ Baithag Mashath

The name for this month means ‘Harvest of the Saguaro cactus fruit’ or ‘Moon’ and refers to the ripening of the cactus fruit. This is also the traditional beginning of the O’otham New Year. Our O’otham, long ago named every living thing out on the landscape because they encountered them every day and observed their life-span and growth. The Saguaros cactus roots are called ha:shañ thathk and attached to the thathk is the ha:shañ shon (trunk). Attached to the shon are ha:shañ mam-hadag (branches), which some of O’otham referred to as the ‘arms’ of the ha:shañ. As we all know, the ha:shañ is covered with thousands of ho’i (needles) which protect the cactus from harm by people and animals. In early spring the tops of the ha:shañ get covered with kuckag (buds), which later develop into ho’i/ho’ig (blossoms) and then mature into baithag (unripe cactus fruit). In the last stage the mature fruits turn red and burst open and are then ready for harvesting. The outer husk of the baithag is called the elthag (skin), which covers the baithag (cactus fruit pulp). Baithag is filled with hundreds of tiny black kak’kai (seeds). The hard stem attached to the top of the baithag is called hiosig gakithag (dried blossom). Dead and dried Saguaro cactus ribs called va:paí are cut and cleaned before lashing together with aj vaimon (thin wire) to construct the kuipad (harvesting pole). At the top-end of the kuipad a cross-piece cut from shegoi (Craspode bush), or va:paí, called a mach’ kuḍ is tied on to finish the kuipad. The harvester positioned himself below a baithag and niucikwaa, “pushed off” the baithag. The mach’ kuḍ can also be hooked over the baithag and bo iwa ‘pulled down’ from the top. Once off the ha:shañ the baithag is then called baithaj because it’s no longer attached to the cactus and is then a food source. The baithag was picked up off the ground and split open by using the hiosig gakithag as a knife and baithaj was collected in a hua (basket). Nowadays, O’otham collects the baithag in a va:so (bucket). Baithaj can be eaten raw, slow cooked to make sithol (syrup), ha:shañ gakithag can be stored (dried fruit for later use), or made into ha:shañ vaudag (cactus fruit drink). This month’s word match will center on things associated with the ha:shañ. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.

Cultural Resource Management Program takes home award in archaeology

The Governor’s Archaeology Advisory Commission presented its 31st annual awards in Public Archaeology in six different areas. GRIC was given the Private/Non-Profit/Tribes award for their work in public archaeology. The 50 people within the department were honored for their archaeological and cultural resource expertise for management of archaeological sites, cultural properties and Community artifacts collections.

Abiding by GRIC ordinances and federal and state law, the department helps tribal and non-tribal individuals working on Community land or in the interest of the Community.

“One of the primary motivations for the work our Cultural Resource program has done and what it does for archaeology in our Community.”

The awards are given to those who have significantly contributed to the protection and preservation of Arizona’s non-renewable archaeological resources. The awards are chosen by Arizona State Governor’s office and on hand was Hunter Moore, Natural Resource Policy Advisor, to help present the awards. Director Kyle Woodson and Project Managers Teresa Rodrigues, Linda Morgan were in attendance with Eloise Pedro, Assistant Laboratory Director, and Lorie Sinclair along with Lt. Gov. Stone.

“I am very pleased and it’s nice to get recognized for the work we do for the Community,” said Woodson. “It is a great indication that the State of Arizona, other people and institutions recognize the high quality and integrity of our program, and the work we do to protect, preserve, and manage the cultural resources of the Community. It’s a nice mark and shows the high quality of work we’ve been doing for 25 years.”

The CRMP will be celebrating their 25th anniversary since its formation in 1993.

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Be Gric Fit Tour Finale’

Participants who attended 3 or more tour stops on the Be Gric Fit Tour were invited to partake in an evening of fun filled fitness activities such as musical chairs, fitness tic tac toe, scavenger hunt and more. Clients were also treated to a catered meal while enjoying a slideshow of the different tour stops. At the end of the night they were rewarded with a final thank you bag which consisted of exercise equipment. We thank everyone who participated and hope to see you in our classes! BE GRIC FIT!

Employee Health and Fitness Week

This year’s Employee Health & Fitness Week was a success! We had almost every activity filled to capacity. Employees from all over the reservation partook in fitness games and activities throughout the 3rd week of May. A few of the activities and games were dodge ball, chair volleyball, mush ball, corn hole, madhouse workout, 3 person fitness challenge, basketball and more. Employees who participated in 3 or more events were rewarded with the 2018 Employee Fitness shirt. We thank all the employees for coming together and showing unity and just how much this community is dedicated to working together and living a healthy lifestyle.
On the pitcher’s mound, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone was given the nod to throw out the ceremonial first pitch ahead of the D-backs game against the Miami Marlins. “It is an honor on behalf of the Community not just to recognize the Gila River Indian Community, but other tribes at this fine event.” “I think that it is very important to showcase our basket dancers, the songs, everything else that we see out here is an education to those not familiar with our Community.”

He said when we think of a healthy community, its starts with our youth, that participated in the tournament, because it promotes exercise for all of our Community members. Stone said the future of Community youth participating in sports is very promising, “Who knows we may even see a professional baseball player, or in any other form of sports from our Community.”

The day would not be complete without a victory by the D-backs, who put the Marlins on the grill, beating them 6-1.

Lt. Gov. Stone tosses the ceremonial first pitch on June 3. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN


Gila Bears pitcher threw for nine innings in a 10-1 win on May 31. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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SACATON, AZ. - Attorneys for the Gila River Indian Community appeared before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on June 13 to defend the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and to again legally oppose the anti-tribe Goldwater Institute in a case captioned Carol Carter, et al., v. Kelvin Goldwater. The appeal was brought by the Tribe and Navajo Nation, among other tribal and national children’s rights groups, including: the Navajo Nation; the National Congress of American Indians; the Association on American Indian Affairs; the National Child Welfare Association; the National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds; the Annie E. Casey Foundation; and the Child Welfare League of America.

GRIC ATTORNEYS ARGUE IN FEDERAL APPEALS COURT TO PROTECT NATIVE CHILDREN, UPHOLD ICWA

Gov. Lewis comments on deals to replace NGS power at CAWCD board meeting

Gov. Lewis is in attendance and spoke to the board regarding the current situation with NGS and how it will affect the Community, which is the largest rate-payer of NGS power. The Community has a large entitlement of Colorado River water that is delivered through the Central Arizona Project canals.

The Central Arizona Water Conservation District held a board meeting on Thursday, June 7, one of the main items on the agenda were two deals to replace power that will be lost when the Navajo Generating Station closes next year.

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HEADLINES

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

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GRIC ATTORNEYS ARGUE IN FEDERAL APPEALS COURT TO PROTECT NATIVE CHILDREN, UPHOLD ICWA

Gov. Lewis comments on deals to replace NGS power at CAWCD board meeting

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 16, 2018

ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 6, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Robert Stone

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt Governor Robert Stone
Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Ariez Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Carolyn Williamson, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone (10:18);
Jennifer Allison, Barney Enos, Jr., Pamela Johnson (9:09);
D5-Jacqueline Stewart, Martin Dixon, Lawrence White, Sr.,
Thomas White (10:18); D6-Anthony Villarel, Sr., Charles Goldtooth (9:12); Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

1. Ariez Hogg, District 1 Representative

2. Monica Antone, District 4 Representative

3. Thomas White, District 5 Representative

Chief Judge Donna Kisto-Jones

4. Anthony Villarel Sr., District 6 Representative

Associate Judge Anthony Hill

chief JUDGE DONNA KISTO-JONES DELIVERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN ARIEZ HOGG,
COUNCILWOMAN MONICA ANTOINE, AND COUNCILMAN THOMAS WHITE. ASSOCIATE JUDGE ANTHONY HILL
DELIVERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR. (15 minute reception to follow)

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

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)

1. Introduction – Sean Eastham, Director of Facilities Maintenance Department

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

2. Introduction – Steve Stevens, MIS Advisor

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

3. Introduction – Julian Garza, Tribal Social Services Director

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

4. Gila River Telecommunications Inc. Introduction of GRTI General Manager

Presenters: Michael Mora, Bob Gazi

MOTION MADE AND APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The City Of Casa Grande For Fire Mutual Aid (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, Ronald Rosier

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Ak-Chin Indian Community For Fire Training Personnel (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

Presenters: Thomas C. Knapp

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5. A Resolution Authorizing The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation For Fire Training Personnel (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, LSC concurs with noted corrections)

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8. A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The State Of Arizona For Funding Of Flood Control Improvements And Funding Of Roadway Improvements In The Komatke Area Of District 6 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And To Provide For A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Memorandum Of Agreement Between Sacaton Elementary School District #18 And The Gila River Indian Community, Department Of Environmental Quality (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Ryan Eberle, Naomi Bebo

APPROVED

FINISHED BUSINESS


Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPoint

COUNCILWOMAN MONICA ANTOINE

2. Natural Resources Standing Committee Appointment – (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPoint

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3. Legislative Standing Committee Appointments – (3) Council Seats

Presenters: Community Council

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COUNCILMAN THOMAS WHITE


Presenters: Community Council

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5. Legislative Standing Committee Appointment – (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

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6. Cultural Resource Standing Committee Appointment (1) Council Seat

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPoint

COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE WHITE

7. Community Council Secretary Appointment

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPoint

COUNCILWOMAN MONICA ANTOINE

8. Resolution Re: Arizona’s Comprehensive Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance

Presenters: Reviewing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPoint

SHANNON WHITMAN [ADDEnDUM TO AGENDA]

9. Gricia Appointments (2)

Presenters: Reviewing Committee

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JOHN B. LEWIS AND MS. PAMELA THOMAS

11. LT. Governor Call For A Motion Made And Second To Exit Executive Session

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Chandler resident Aaron J. Tohtsoni, who is a member of the Gila River Indian Nation, recently had his work acknowledged with the Chandler Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Large Business of the Year award at a June 1 ceremony at Wild Horse Pass.

"We couldn’t recover fast enough and I got taken down," said Martinez, recalling the fight. "(Saenz, Jr.) ended up finishing the fight on top and the referee stopped it. It was a really competitive fight. I dominated most of the fight but it was an unfortunate event with my hand. I tangled the first round and most of the second round."

In the rematch, Martínez felt he was more technical in his approach and that was the main reason he was successful earlier on. He felt more fight on his feet, moved well and his punches were precise compared to the first match. Martínez said the biggest take away from this match will be "staying composed even with an injury" and learning to adjust to push the injury aside and keep working towards his goal. Having felt like he had the upper hand during the fight but letting his injury affect him was what allowed Saenz, Jr. to come out with a second win.

In addition to the hand injury, Martínez said Saenz, Jr. had an upper hand by being bigger than him. In November, the two fighters weighed the same but this time around his opponent was 15 lbs heavier.

Moving forward, Martínez plans to keep working on his craft in the gym. Martínez will not return to the ring this year, planning another fight for January but will look at the possibility of grappling matches until then. "To me it didn’t feel like a loss because I feel like I met my goal of getting a lot of Community members out," said Martínez. "A lot of people were in attendance for me and a lot of people from the Community along with family and friends came out. So, when I saw the numbers of the tickets I sold, to me, it was one of the main reasons I started fighting. I feel like I performed the way I wanted to and I gave the people from the Community a show and something to be proud of. Ultimately, I feel like that was a part of a win."
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- Get current weather report on TV, radio or online.
- Know the difference between a weather watch, warning, flood advisory and flash flood warning.

### Winds
- Create a communication and evaluation plan for your family. Know your flood risk (visit floodsmart.gov).
- Check your property for overhanging trees, loose debris, and potential hazards.

### Severe Storms
- Severe storms may cause power outages and other service interruptions. Purchase flashlights, battery powered radios, candles, and portable solar chargers for cell phones and laptops.

### Travel
- Turn Around, Don’t Drown. Don’t cross roads with flowing waters. Pull Aside, Stay Alive...
- During dust storms pull off the road, put your vehicle in park and turn off lights.

### When Thunder Roars
- When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.
- If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike. Monsoon winds create dense blowing clouds of dust effecting air quality.

### Prepare a Kit
- Have enough food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours.
- Officials will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately.