Iwo Jima flag raising remembered at 73rd Anniversary

Ira H. Hayes Post 84 color guard leads the Iwo Jima Landing Anniversary parade down Casa Blanca Road on Feb. 24. This marks the 73rd Anniversary of the raising of the American flag on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Veterans from posts across the state and country, descended on Sacaton for the 73rd Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising parade and ceremony held in Sacaton, Ariz. on Feb. 24.

Tony McDaniel, Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 Adjutant, said that members of the post worked hard over the past seven months organizing the annual event, and were glad to see it finally come to fruition.

McDaniel said, veterans groups from all over came out to recognize the raising of the American flag over Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima and of the service of veterans in recent wars.

Thousands of spectators lined the sides of Casa Blanca Road from Skill Center Road all the way down to the Matthew B. Juan – Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park where the grandstand was located.

The rumble of a chrome two-engine propeller driven B-25J Mitchell soared over the crowd and three brightly painted yellow PT-17 Stearman biplanes signaled the beginning of the parade and flag-raising ceremony.

Below, honored guests for the parade were, Salvador Leon, a World War II veteran Iwo Jima survivor Oliver Babbitts.

Babbitts was in the U.S. Army as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 and was part of the Army Corps of Engineers with the water distillation division, he landed on Iwo Jima 5 days after the Marines.

World War II veterans offer a salute as the American Flag held by the St. Peter Indian Mission School passes through grand stand. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN
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Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss say ‘thank you’ at farewell dinner

Robert A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

The time has come for Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia and Jr. Miss Gila River Haili Gonzales to pass on their crowns to new royalty. But before the 2018 Gila River Royalty Pageant takes place on March 3 at 4 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley Gila River Branch – Sacaton in District 3, Garcia and Gonzales shared the spotlight one last time at the 2017 Miss Gila River Royalty Farewell Dinner on Feb. 24 at the Anthony B. Shelde Building.

A large contingent of family, friends and supporters filled the Shelde Building to acknowledge Garcia and Gonzales and hear their farewell addresses, in which each young lady spoke about their respective reigns.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was among the first to give remarks, and he spoke of the strides Miss and Jr. Miss Gila River made over the year. “This year was a journey,” he said. When speaking of Gonzales, Gov. Lewis said, “I’m so proud of where you’ve come this past year.”

Gov. Lewis also sees a bright future for Garcia. “Anissa, you’re going to have such great success in your life.”

Following a traditional song Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia, left, hands a gift to Jr. Miss Gila River Haili Gonzales at the Miss Gila River Royalty Farewell Dinner on Feb. 24 at the Anthony B. Shelde Building. Continued on Page 14
EAGALA

Gila River Health Care (GRHC) is getting ready to hold the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) Program for youth and adults who are members of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC).

The goal of the program is to help participants identify, face, and work through life issues and develop healthy coping skills, resiliency, and self-esteem.

The EAGALA program, comprised of eight to 12 classes, will provide youth with “hands on a horse” ground activities and will involve no horseback riding.

WHY HORSES?
Horses are very intuitive creatures that respond with unique insight into exactly who we are in the moment. They are extremely sensitive to the actions of their handlers and have the uncanny ability to pick up on their feelings and reflect them. Therefore, horses are a fantastic instrument to use when getting a “read” on what is going on with a person. This is particularly useful with individuals who are unable or unwilling to verbally communicate their thoughts and/or feelings. Horses are large and powerful. This creates a natural opportunity for some to overcome fear and develop confidence. Working alongside a horse, in spite of those fears, creates confidence and provides wonderful insight when dealing with other intimidating and challenging situations in life.

For more program information, please contact Jaime Arthur, Prevention Administrator, at (520) 562-3321 ext. 3936.
Congressman Lujan visits Gila River Health Care facilities

Christopher Lomahquahu
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Congressman Ben Lujan recently toured Gila River Health Care facilities to see how much they have grown in serving the Community and their Native neighbors nestled among the urban centers of the Valley.

When one thinks of tribal sovereignty, it evokes thoughts of taking one’s own initiative to address the needs of its members and acting upon them. New Mexico Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM 3rd District), visited the Community to tour the GRHC facilities to get a first-hand perspective on how GRIC is managing its own health care on Feb. 20.

Lujan said he was amazed at the amount of infrastructure the Community has built around healthcare and the comprehensive services that are offered to their patients.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis talked about the visit by Lujan and his support for tribal communities that are taking on their own healthcare.

“He has been a really great advocate to the community,” said Lewis, “He sits on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, that deals with communications and utility issues.”

Lujan’s list of work includes issues relating to the Affordable Health Care Act, the environment and education, for the citizens of New Mexico and across the country.

On this visit, Lewis gave Lujan a brief show of the new GRHC Red Tail Hawk Health Center that he said, is in the final stages of construction and should be opening this year.

Lujan said many of the Community’s traditional elements have been incorporated into the buildings appearance and name, which in O’otham means, “Hau’pal for Red Tail Hawk.”

“I am impressed by the comprehensive services and capable facilities that are available to the Community…we’ve always seen how Gila River has led by example in inspiring other tribal communities across the country, by delivering [these] services to the Community and its members.”

From L-R: New Mexico Congressman Ben Lujan stands with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in front the new Hau’pal Health Center, that is nearing completion.

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Are you Alzheimers Adult?

GRHC Board of Directors Chairman Myron Schurz discusses the expansion of the Huhukam front entrance with Lujan on Feb. 20.
GRIC grant dollars to help cancer patients in rural areas

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A local not-for-profit organization expanded their appreciation for the Gila River Indian Community’s financial contribution towards an important health cause.

During a Community Council meeting at the GRIC Governance Center, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Executive Director Jim Brewer presented two pieces of artwork before tribal leadership on Feb. 22.

In 2017 a grant was awarded to LLS, a 501(c)3 organization, in the amount of $25,000 to help them provide transportation funds to patients that reside in rural areas of the state.

In a statement about LLS, it said the organization is dedicated to finding cures and treatments for individuals with leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma, which are different forms of blood cancers.

Brewer said that LLS is dedicated to funding treatments for patients by providing access to the treatments, that includes travel expenses through the Patient Travel Assistance Program for qualified recipients.

Some of the services they provide are national and community-based programs, co-pay assistance, clinical trial research and peer-to-peer support groups.

For some of the patients receiving assistance from LLS, they live in rural communities, requiring them to travel far to the nearest cancer treatment center, which over time, incurs a large amount of travel costs.

“These grants actually help our patients with their expenses related to that travel,” said Brewer about the PTAP. “So far we have distributed half of the grant that you have provided to 24 families, through a $500-dollar annual grant.”

The PTAP covers a variety of expenses that includes lodging costs, toll, gas, plane/train tickets and temporary housing.

Brewer said, that 92 percent of those grants are provided to pediatric patients that are under the age of 18.

Furthermore, 13 percent of the grant goes to Native American families or individuals that identify themselves as Native American.

The grants coverage includes 38 percent of patients, that live outside of the Phoenix and Tucson metro area in all 15 counties of the state.

In appreciation of the grant Brewer presented council with two pieces of artwork, that were made by three of the young LLS patients, Naveah (age 6), Javen (age 9) and Abby (age 8).

All three patients had received treatment and services from LLS for a form of blood cancer and were recipients of the PTAP grant.

Brewer said, “The grants are having the impact that we intended and we thank you so much for that support that enables us to have them.”

According to the grants proposal, LLS states that travel is one of the most needed services that presents a significant barrier to accessing care that is identified by patients.

He read a message that was written by Abby, which accompanied the artwork that said, “This is my big red heart and it has black blood all around it, but all the wires and colorful medicine are going to help me get better.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said the Community is proud to assist LLS, which helps fund an important cause that affects many individuals across the country.

Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIC

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Executive Director Jim Brewer addresses Community Council on Feb. 22.

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District One (Black-water):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed an aggravated assault by intentionally running after the victim with a knife. While in the Pima County Courthouse, the suspect approached the victim and threatened her with a knife. The victim was able to get away and was not injured. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Arrested and booked into jail

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Four (Lonie Area):

Auto Theft – Officers were dispatched to the area in reference to a theft of a vehicle. Upon making contact with the reporting party, it was learned that the vehicle, which had been stolen was a Polaris RZR. The vehicle was reported stolen from a trailer that the reporting party was in work last week. The vehicle was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) and follow up is being conducted.

Status: On-Going Investigation

Theft (shoplifting) – The reporting party called dispatch in reference to a shoplifting. Upon the arrival of the officer it was learned that the reporting party had left the store and concealed a hot dog, an alcoholic beverage and then left the store without paying. The vehicle license plate was obtained via video; surveillance and charges are pending the identification of the suspect.

Status: On-Going Investigation

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to the residence in reference to a possible domestic violence disturbance. Contact was made with the suspect and the victim. While speaking with the suspect he stated it was a verbal altercation. When the suspect learned he was going to be detained the suspect resisted and ran out of the residence. A short foot pursuit took place and the suspect was not detained. The victim stated there was a verbal altercation that resulted physically the suspect grabbed the neck by her neck and squeezed. The suspect was later located and interviewed regarding the incident.

Status: Suspect was detained and interviewed

Burglary – Officers were dispatched to the Salt River Middle School in reference to criminal damage. Investigation revealed that three juvenile suspects were involved in a shoplifting incident involving one of the juvenile suspects to be in possession of a knife. The other two juvenile suspects used the knife to gain entry to the law office. Each juvenile was informed that charges were being filed with the Juvenile Court. Contact was attempted with all guardians; but was not successful. The knife was placed into evidence.

Status: Closed

District Five (Casa Grande):

Aggravated Assault – The victim stated two were at a residence when the suspect became angry and told the victim “I’m going to get you”. The go-kart was out of gas and the victim stated it was a verbal altercation. The suspect had struck in the head by an unknown person or object. The victim had no suspects involved and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incident involving part 1 crime

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District One (Black-water):

Aggravated Assault – The suspect committed an aggravated assault by intentionally running after the victim with a steak knife in an aggressive and threatening manner. While in the parking garage the victim, the suspect stated, “I’m going to get you”. The victim then requested to be taken to officer arrival. The charges have been longed form to the charging officer.

Status: Under Investigation

Burglary – The suspect committed burglary by entering the premises with the intention of committing the theft. The victim stated that his garage items along with some other miscellaneous items.

Status: Suspect was booked into DRS

District Two (Sacaton Flats):

No incidents involving part 1 crime

District Three (Sacaton):

Auto Theft – Officers met with the victim at the time of the incident. The vehicle had no suspects involved and left without paying. The victim was arrested and is pending review for verification of the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet in reference to a theft. Investigation revealed the suspect removed pairs of earrings taken from the store and left. The victim was not able to identify the suspect.

Status: Closed

Shoplifting – Officers were dispatched to the Phoenix Premium Outlet where investigation revealed a female entered a store and grabbed a pair of sunglasses. The suspect then left the store walking past the point of sale without paying for the item. The suspect was asked to take a license plate number down and was given the following instructions to conduct and identify the suspect.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported that the suspect had stolen a wheel barrel from their residence running east bound on Pima Road.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim stated a suspect had stolen items from the area of Nelson Rd and the Pima County Sheriff’s Office. The investigation revealed the victim it was learned the suspect removed goods from past the point of sale without paying for the item. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim stated a suspect grabbed her by neck and squeezed. The suspect was later located and interviewed regarding the incident.

District Four (Sycamore Area):

Aggravated Assault – The victim stated two were at a residence when the suspect became angry and told the victim “I’m going to get you”. The go-kart was out of gas and the victim stated it was a verbal altercation. The suspect had struck in the head by an unknown person or object. The victim had no suspects involved and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

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Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Six (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – Officers were called to a residence in reference to a fight that occurred between two males. Investigation revealed that the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal altercation. During the altercation the victim strangled the victim using his forearm causing the victim to have difficulty using his hands. The suspect said he intended to cause harm to another individual had to intervene to break up the fight. The suspect was asked if he struck in the head by another person or object. The victim had no suspects involved and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested and booked into jail

District Seven (Maricopa):

No incident involving part 1 crime

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The Gila River Indian Community tribal council met with the Bureau of Indian Education on Feb. 22 to discuss the Gila Crossing Community School construction project as well as getting a tour of the current Gila Crossing Community School.

“This is incredible for the community; we haven't seen a new school constructed in decades and this is a real game changer for the education of our community members, especially out here within the Gila Crossing School community,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. “We have a lot of students going to school off the reservation and it’s going to draw a lot of those students back because we are planning for a state-of-the-art school. A school for the future.”

On Thursday morning, officials from the BIE and tribal council took a walking tour of the Gila Crossing Community School. They visited kindergartens, first grade and third grade classrooms. They also saw first-hand the agricultural and cultural classes and curriculum that students are learning.

The agricultural class is very hands-on in addition to classroom learning, as well as incorporating cultural lessons into the agriculture lessons. In the cultural classes, Gila Crossing School teaches both the O’otham and Pee Posh languages.

While on campus, they visited the school’s lone library that serves both school campuses.

The site visit was an important step in the process as it gave BIE officials a first-hand look at the current facilities, which are mostly modular buildings.

Gov. Lewis acknowledged the long wait period for tribal communities when it comes to school construction because lack of available federal funds. The Community will be taking a new streamlined process that has never been used in Indian Country. That new process is currently being discussed with the BIE and details were not available but would speed up the process compared to waiting in the traditional manner.

Once the plan is finalized, it will be presented to Congress for approval. If this new process is successful, Gov. Lewis said it could be implemented for a new school in the Casa Blanca community.

“The Iroquois are a part of us, and especially in the Native American communities, the military,” said Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Members of the tribal council and officials from the Bureau of Indian Education visit with a class from Gila Crossing Community School during a walk-through visit.

While on campus, they visited a kindergarten class as well as getting a tour of the current Gila Crossing Community School during a walk-through visit.

“Like I said in my inaugural speech, we are looking very aggressively moving forward starting to build in (fiscal year) ’19 and hopefully have an 18-month schedule and to be complete by 2020,” said Gov. Lewis of a possible timeline.

The proposed future site is near the Komatke Health Center in D6.

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was a guest speaker and presented the Community with gifts and offerings. This year, a representative from the American Legion Mathew B. Juan Post 35 presented Post 84 with art work of Juan, the first Arizona killed in World War II.

Before singing a traditional song to honor the veterans, Lt. Gov. Stone said, “I strongly believe in the power of our people,” and “whatever we do, it’s a part of us, and especially in the military.”

In year’s past at the dinner, visitors have presented the Community with gifts and offerings. This year, a representative from the American Legion Mathew B. Juan Post 35 presented Post 84 with artwork of Juan, the first Arizona killed in World War II.

David Bean, Puuyallup Tribe of Indians (Tacoma, Wash.) council member, and members of the Puuyallup Tribe veteran group, presented Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone with gifts of salmon medallions. The Puuyallup are a fishing people and the salmon hold important significance in their history and culture.

Assisting during the event were 10 Casa Grande Union High School students, who volunteered including several members of the CGUHS Amerind Club.
Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

About four and a half centuries ago, Fray Marcos de Niza may have come through Arizona to spread Christianity among Na-
tives and look for riches. Based upon de Niza’s reports, Francisco Coronado would later lead an expedi-
tion north towards Zuni
in 1540. A few of these first cattle and horses in Arizona may have escaped but were probably eaten or died from exhaustion, according to information from a 1989 article by Lar-
ry Allen; Roots of the Ar-
izonaLivestock Industry. Roughly 150 years later Pa’o Padre Kino realized stock raising and farming was the best way to edu-
cate O’odham -and provide free labor for the missions. Eventually horses and cat-
tle or haivan were distributed to Tohono O’odham villages. (In 1887, 120
Colonial Spanish “mis-
sion-type” horses were dis-
covered on a ranch west of Tubac, in southern Arizona. In 1885 the ranch owner, the Wilbur-Cruce family, purchased 25 mares and a stallion from Juan Sepul-
veda, a horse trader from Sonora. The Wilbur-Cruce ranch horses were kept as a closed herd.) Arizona’s cattle or haivan industry took hold when the Spanish government gave out large Arizona land grants for raising cattle. An O’odham revolt in 1751, resulted in missions and haciendas to be abandoned and soon wild haivan roamed southern Ar-
izona; the Mormon Battalion was attacked by wild bulls in 1846. After the Civil War, Texas long-
horn cattle were moved in search of markets or range-
lands, Arizona included. Cattle would become one of the 5 main industries when Arizona became a state.

The New York Thicket is a thick growth of native vegetation on our joved or land, close to the West End. During the last century the thickets became a haven for livestock. Periodically Native cowboys or vaquillas had to gather their haivan which had mixed with the wild cattle in the thicket. (Our O’odham word vaqilas comes as kept as a closed herd.) Arizona’s cattle or haivan industry took hold when the Spanish government gave out large Arizona land grants for raising cattle. An O’odham revolt in 1751, resulted in missions and haciendas to be abandoned and soon wild haivan roamed southern Ar-
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By Anthony Escalante

Hassan responded with a basket but Michael Brown hit a jumper to keep the Mustangs within a single point. Another Escalan-
te lay up just before the buzzer made it 13-12, with the Hawks leading after the first quarter. Escalante hit a three-pointer to tie the game early in the second quarter and the two teams battled back and forth. Leading 29-27, Escalan-
te scored on a breakaway layup and Francisco Cas-
tro added a pair of free throws for a 33-27 lead. After a Hawks’ basket, Skyline went on a 6-0 run with baskets from Malachi Case, Brown and Castro to open up a 39-29 lead with 1:21 left in the half. After a Brown basket, the Hawks managed to score twice before halftime to cut into the Mustangs’ lead, 41-34. Hassans capitalizing on free throws at the end. The Mustangs finished the season with a 15-1 record.

The Arizona Republic ran an article about the cap-
ture of the longhorn but was wrong in reporting that Raiston Allen roped the steer. In his younger days, Raiston and others did rope and capture wild livestock in the thicket but that was in another age. Today ani-
mal capture is highly reg-
ulated by federal, state and tribal agencies.

Information was taken from these sources:

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took the island.
Among them were a trio of Marines, who served in WWII, Dennis Kavana-
ugh with F Company, 4th Marine Division, 2nd Bat-
talion, 23rd Marine Regi-
ment; The original 4th Marine Division, 4th Sig-
nal Company and Walter L. “Doc” Davidson, who
served with K Company, 1st Marine Division, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Reg-
iment.

Spectators cheered and applaued passing floats filled with veteran digni-
taries from across North America and a variety of tribal nations.

Representing the Gila River Indian Community in the parade were Gov. Ste-
phen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, a large group of St. Peter Indian Mission
School students carrying a U.S. flag, and the A’al Indigenous Pima Bas-
ket Dancers, the Gila River Basket Dancers, and much more.

A wave of floats from tribal communities includ-
ed the Tohono O’odham Nation, Navajo Nation, Yakama Nation, North Da-
kota, and several veterans posts and associations.

As the parade wound down, the large crowd of spectators was invited to make their way across the street to the Ira H. Hayes/ Matthew B. Juan memorial park where master of cere-
monies welcomed the audience to the Community.

There, Lewis said, that it is in honor to host so many, that our families come from across Arizona and the country, that they are descended with respect and gratitude for making the trip to the Community for the parade.

He said they carry so many qualities that are of-
ten forgotten today like, service, sacrifice, pride, community, honor and courage.

Crime Prevention Program
Gila River Indian Community

Thanks for taking the time to read the Chemi-
cal Tribal Emergency Response Commission’s (C-TERC) article on the “Safe Neighbor” pro-
crition program, written by Gila River Police De-
artment.

We have chosen to uti-
ize a “Safe Neighbor” pro-
cram to report “Suspicious Activity.”

What is considered suspicious activity? Any-
thing observed that is out of the normal routine for the members of the Gila River

Indian Community.
- Tanker truck backed up to a wash? Make a “Safe Neighbor” call.
- Unknown vehicle circling the neighborhood? Make a “Safe Neighbor” call.
- Truck full of trash driving towards a desert area? Make a “Safe Neighbor” call.
- People arguing in your neighborhood? Make a “Safe Neighbor” call.
- Gunfire on the com-
nunity? Make a “Safe Neighbor” call.

The “Safe Neighbor” program can be successful because of the unique fac-
tors found here in the Gila River Indian Community. The first of these fac-
tors is the community itself. Many of the members here have spent most of their lives within the commu-
nity. No one knows better when something doesn’t belong than the person who is in that area every day. So if every day your neighbor goes to work at 8 am and there is not usually a vehi-
cle at their house, but today a pick-up truck is backed up to your neighbors front door, you know that is not normal. Utilize the “Safe Neighbor” program by calling the Gila River Police Depart-
ment to let them know something isn’t right.

The second is the boundaries of the commu-
nity. The boundaries allow Community Members to exercise their sovereignty. As such, when a commu-
nity member sees someone inside the borders of Gila River, they have the right to know if that person has legitimate business within the community. Since no one expects our community members to actively com-
front people who appear out of place, we are encourag-
ing the use of “Safe Neighbor”. If you see someone in an area where you don’t think they belong, call the Gila River Police Depart-
ment to let them know.

The third and final por-
tion of “Safe Neighbor” is the commitment of the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Government to pro-
tect the rights and sover-
ignity of all citizens of the Gila River Indian Com-
nunity. If you do not wish to be involved, you don’t have to be. All callers can remain anonymous, but still pro-
vide information about sus-
picious activity. This infor-
mation does not have to be given directly to the Police Department. If a citizen of the Gila River Indian Com-
nunity reports information to the Fire Department, Public Works, or Tribal Social Services the infor-
mation will be relayed to the Police for investigation. Additionally, reporting ac-
tivity to the District Service Center coordinator or Dis-
trict Council Member will also get the information passed onto law enforce-
ment and corresponding agencies to ensure the safe-
ity of the entire community. I am closing, I would like to say thank you for taking the time to read about some of the Suspicious Activity you may encounter on a daily basis and how to re-
port it. The bottom line is if something doesn’t seem right to you, it may not be.
EVENTS
Iwo Jima Event was a success. There was over 170 runners and 65 walkers. This is great news that we have more runners than walkers this year. Healthier lifestyles are changing lives. March to MCT runners received their third medals with bags. Even the babies participated in the run. Next issue will list winners. MCT Marathon Saturday 3/3/18 see you there!

Chair Volleyball Tournament
• Tribal leadership Chair Volleyball Tournament is scheduled March 24, 2018. Come out and enjoy GRIC Governor and Lt. Governor along with other tribes as they compete for the bragging right’s trophy.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT
Ryan Duran
Ryan is a Fitness Instructor employed with Gila River Indian Community for the past 12 years and a native of New Mexico. He states he has a desire to share with others the benefits of living a healthy active lifestyle. He motivates the clients and inspires others to reach their own personal goals. Ryan will be leaving this week to go and help others but will miss Gila River dearly. This saddens us all but we are happy for him to soar into new adventures. Thank you Ryan for your great customer service to the community.

Gila River Tribal Recreation
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13-15 Basketball
Standings

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Standings after February 17, 2018

16-17-year-old youth league will be starting soon.

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TOURNAMENT DAY: MARCH 24, 2018
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Calling all Tribal Leadership Teams!

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MUL-CHU-THA

MARCH 9 - 11, 2018

FRIDAY - 3.9.18

MUL-CHU-THA CONCERT LINEUP

7PM

TERRI-ANNE STRONGARM
SINGER/PERFORMER

8PM

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Sacaton, AZ

SATURDAY - 3.10.18

7PM

TWO RIVERS BAND
O’ODHAM WALIA BAND

8PM

RICK TREVINO BAND
FEATURING PLACO JIMENEZ
COUNTRY MUSIC ARTIST

SUNDAY - 3.11.18

6PM

SMOKESTACK LIGHTNING
BLUES BAND

7PM

SHINING STAR
EARTH, WIND & FIRE TRIBUTE BAND

9PM

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT
R&B/HIP-HOP GROUP

FREE Show with Fair Admission

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult (13 Years - 54 Years): $6.00
Child (6 Years - 12 Years)/Elder (55 Years +): $4.00
Children 5 and under; Free

GATES OPEN:

Friday March 9, 2018: 5PM  Saturday March 10, 2018: 11AM  Sunday March 11, 2018: 11AM

For more information contact: (520) 562-9713 or visit, www.mul-chu-tha.com

Gila River Indian Community shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, theft, or damages incurred during the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo.
56TH ANNUAL
MUL-CHU-THA
PARADE
March 10, 2018 • Sacaton, AZ
“Honoring Our History and Everyday Heroes”

PARADE START TIME: 9AM
Parade Route Begins at Gu U Ki and Bluebird Roads; will travel East on Bluebird Road, then left on Cholla Road; Parade will end at Seed Farm Road (See Map).

2018 Mul-Chu-Tha Parade Route

For more information contact: Special Events Coordinator (520) 562-9713, CPAO Office (520)562-9715
or visit, www.mul-chu-tha.com || Return entry forms by either FAX (520)562.9712 or Email: mulchutha@gric.nsn.us

Parade application deadline: Monday, February 26, 2018

Gila River Indian Community shall not be held responsible for bodily injury, theft, or damages incurred during the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo.
Over 30 skaters enter the Shred in the Name of Love competition

Crime victim services also presented in conjunction with Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Arizona Coyotes present check to Casa Blanca Community School

Grant money to assist Robotics Program and STEM learning skills

The money will provide equipment and other materials for the club as the students learn basic programming and STEM skills. “We can enrich what we have and grow this program with the funding that we are receiving,” said Terri Marsoobian, gifted program teacher.

Several students attended the game in honor of the check presentation. “It’s such a joy to see [the students] have big smiles,” said Marsoobian.

FOX Sports Arizona aired a segment on the donation and featured the Robotics Program, which was filmed at Casa Blanca Community School and showed the 7-10 year-old students working with robots and computers.

Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 participated in the opening ceremonies by posting the colors for the singing of the national anthem.

Aaron J. Tohtsoni
Gila River Indian News March 2, 2018

The 3rd Annual Shred in the Name of Love skateboarding competition took place on Friday, Feb. 16 at the Santan Skate Park in District 4, with over 30 skateboarders coming out. The competition featured three age divisions including 7-10 year olds, 11-15-year olds and 16 years and up. Sponsoring this year’s skate competition was District 4 Recreation in collaboration with Crime Victim Services and Seven Layer Army Skateboards. The top three winners in the 7-10-year-old division were Johnny Brown, Jacob Jones and Ceto Ortiz. The top three winners in the 11-15-year-old division were Johnny Brown, Jacob Jones and Ceto Ortiz. The top three winners in the 16 and up division were Adrian Thomas, Jeremy Rhodes and Taymen Chatlin. February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and Crime Victim Services uses this annual event to reach the target demographic to bring awareness to the Community’s youth. "They have booths set up," said organizer, Reuben Ringler. "They have discussions about dating violence issues and Crime Victim Services goes through and educates and informs them. They ask questions and whoever answers, we have prizes. It was a big success." On hand at the skate competition was Elementary Awareness, a 501 c3 non-profit, that is associated with the popular Elements Skateboards company and brought a team of professional amateur skateboarders to hang out with the Community’s youth. This event is on the heels of the successful San Tan Skate Jam that was held in District 4 in December and precursor to the Sac City Throwdown that takes place during the Mul-Chu-Tha festivities. The Sac City Throwdown is scheduled for March 10, 2018 at the Sacaton skate park with on-site registration taking place on the day of, which is free, and will be open to all Native Americans regardless of tribal affiliation.

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

When it comes to raising money and providing grants for needy causes in Arizona, the Arizona Coyotes remain number one. The latest example of the Coyotes’ generosity came during the first period of the Arizona Coyotes and were filmed at Casa Blanca Community School students hold up a $5,000 check from the Arizona Coyotes to be used in the Robotics Program. Front row from left: Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Syndel Preston, Zylus Jones, Jaden Jackson and Ahron Cohen, Arizona Coyotes Chief Operation Officer. Middle row from left: Angelina Donahius, Kaylee Luna and Terri Marsoobian, CBCS Robotics Coach. Back row from left, James Lopez, Robotics Coach, Phillip Almatsy, CBCS Board Member, and Darren Pedro-Martinez, CBCS Board Member.
Christopher Lomahquahu, Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis spoke at the Heard Museum along with Congressman Ruben Gallego (AZ-7) and Eric Swalwell (CA-15) to talk about the needs of youth in Indian Country at the Future Forum on Feb. 9.

The Future Forum is a collaborative effort led by a listening team of House Democrats, such as, Stephanie Murphy (FL-07), Seth Moulton (MA-06), including Gallego and Swalwell.

The meeting was hosted in collaboration with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, House Democrats and tribal leaders from around the state of Arizona.

The idea of the forum is to invite youth from Native communities to discuss what issues affect them.

Lewis said, Arizona is Indian Country, “We have such a strong and long-standing history of tribal nations and governments that have fought for important causes such as, water rights, lands issues and voting.”

He said it is important to have adequate representation in all facets of government and how that impacts tribal members, like the youth. “Issues such as representation, getting our youth involved is important,” said Lewis, “We hold a responsibility as dual citizens of our tribal communities, Arizona and the United States.”

Gallego said, the future forum is about reaching out to youth from all over the country, that includes members of tribes as well.

He said being part of the Future Forum is about creating diversity and including people of all races into the conversation.

Of those topics discussed was the responsibility of members of Congress to be the voice of those from rural areas of the legislative districts they represent, which may include tribal communities.

“So, my goal here is to listen. We will be traveling to different states and take what we learn and transform that into legislation and policy actions,” said Gallego.

Swalwell shared Gallego’s thoughts, saying it was important to hear from the youth of America, who share aspirations of going to college and making a difference in their community.

He spoke about the unique nature of tribal communities and how tribal members everywhere have dreams of achieving great things against the backdrop of a growing economy. “The understanding is that the economy is changing pretty fast, education is getting more and more expensive,” said Swalwell.

He said in order to address the issues youth face with succeeding in this country is to meet with them in a candid and honest discussion, which he feels is the most effective way of communicating the issues.

On hand to discuss issues among the youth in his community was Vice President of the Akimel O’odham Pee-Posh Youth Council Angel Raynaldo Ortiz, age 17.

Ortiz spoke on the issue of teen suicide that has affected young Community members in recent years. “The issues that we have today and that we had for years on the Community is suicide,” said Ortiz, “Now we are focusing more on suicide awareness. Just recently I went to a funeral and funeral for a young man, who took his own life.”

He said, as a youth and being part of the AOPPYC, provides opportunities to be involved in addressing the issues that are close to home.

Another aspect of teen suicide that Ortiz mentioned is domestic violence. “Domestic violence is more associated with alcoholism and parents who are alcoholics, tend to-domestically abuse, tend to physically abuse, mentally abuse and sexually abuse these children today.”

He said there is a need for more services committed to addressing behavioral health issues with suicide and domestic violence, as he stated has a causal relationship, and recommended the addition for more behavioral health professionals working in the Community.

Lewis echoed Ortiz’s remarks, “We need more behavioral health resources, we are having to deal with the triage of those issues the youth have, especially around thoughts of suicide…there’s just not enough behavioral health resources that we are getting from the federal government, specific to these types of issues.”

Young River Peoples Council President, Sommer Lopez, from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, said in her community drug/substance use is also an issue faced by teens. “In my community, I believe we can create a better future for our children, as teens, even though it sometimes falls on the adults,” said Lopez.

Lopez said through the past year, they have tried to bring more substance abuse education to the youth for them to learn about the dangerous effects drugs have on the body and mind. “It’s a really bad place for the younger kids to grow up in to be exposed to drugs, it’s not a good way for them to learn about the effects of drugs,” she said.

Arizona State University Political Science Freshman Daniel Lewis, said opportunities for the youth to be more familiar with the political process and how it can help individuals in their advocate around these issues of behavioral health and drug abuse is an important need. “I think we need to create some form of studies in the local universities that educate [us], as native students, on how to make those connections on many issues with the people that are in positions of change,” said Daniel.

Lewis, said that it is issues like what the youth have shared that are the result of not having opportunities in their communities that leads them towards destructive behavior. “Within Indian Country we need more interventions to break the pipeline of our next generation going to prison and instead having an education pipeline to college,” said Lewis, “When we see the youth getting involved in drug abuse, alcohol and social problems, and gangs…those crimes committed on an Indian reservation are federal crimes.”

Lewis said by being proactive in creating opportunities on reservations gives them hope and allows them to think in a positive way that shows they have a voice and a future.
Farewell dinner
From page 1

and dance presentation, the contestants in the upcoming pageant were introduced. Running for Miss Gila River was Ashley Sue Pasqual, District 3, Shantell Terrazas, District 4, and Autumn Cooper, District 4. The contestants for Jr. Miss Gila River are Samiria Juan, District 5 and Gabrielle Garcia, District 3.

In Gonzales’ farewell address, she acknowledged her parents, godparents, the former and current members of the Gila River Royalty Committee as well as those who had a hand in helping her represent the Community this past year. “I couldn’t have done it without you guys,” she said.

Garcia also had a grateful farewell address, in which she recognized her mother Darren Pedro-Martinez, and family, friends and elders. Garcia is a student at Chandler-Gilbert Community College and works as a recreation aide for District 5. “I do feel like I came a long way from the beginning,” said Garcia.

Garcia also saved special comments for her royalty counterpart Gonzales. “I am very proud of you, Haili, for coming this far.”

Garcia and Gonzales closed out their remarks with a gift presentation for individuals they were thankful for over the past year.

Following the official agenda, guests joined in a dance with music provided by T.O. Mumigo.

Garcia’s farewell tour also included an address before Community Council meeting on February 21.

“It’s been a humbling experience to represent the Community, not only locally, but nationally,” said Anissa Garcia, as her time as 2017-2018 Miss Gila River came to a close.

Garcia said balancing a full schedule added to her personal growth through her year of reign.

“I got to learn a lot more of who I am, that I am able to step out of my own box to better and to work on my public speaking.”

She said part of her reign entailed being a role-model for the youth of the Community and that it was especially important to promote positive messages through immersing herself in cultural activities.

Lt. Gov. Robert Stone encouraged Garcia to continue participating in her educational studies and participation in cultural games like Toka.

“I wanted to thank you for the opportunity that you’ve had here in the last year in the Community, in your position in all the work you have done and your words of encouragement to the youth,” said Stone.

He said Garcia brought new ideas to the Community’s culture and the events that she has hosted with Toka and Shungiv’al.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis echoed Stone’s remarks, “You represented our Community in so many different events both off and on the reservation with dignity and respect...You are a true role model among the youth.”

He said Garcia was a positive influence on the youth, that find themselves often facing my challenges, and need a role-model to give them constructive advice.

Running with Royalty events promote healthy, wellness lifestyle

Aaron J. TohtsionJr. Gila River Indian News

Miss Gila River Anissa Garcia hosted three events over President’s Day Weekend in one of her final acts before passing on her title.

Running with Royalty took place in the morning on Feb. 19, at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds in District 3. Later in the day, Garcia hosted toka and songiv’u’t tournaments in District 4 at the Stonotic Ballpark.

“The turnout was good for the events hosted by myself, especially, with the type of day we were having with the weather,” said Garcia, referencing the windy, dusty, grey day.

The run and walk brought around full participants. Around 11 people took part in songiv’u’t and 10 teams competed in the toka tournament.

The events were Garcia’s way of continuing to fulfill her platform she undertook when she accepted the title of Jr. Miss Gila River.

“I’m very proud of you, Haili, and I felt it emotionally and spiritually and I felt these events fit that,” said Garcia.

Tribal Education is rebranding and expanding special education services

Aaron J. TohtsionJr. Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Education Department’s Early Childhood Special Services (ECSS), including additional services and will be rebranded as the Child Development Education Support Services (CDESS). The expanded services were added to address the Community’s needs for special education advocacy for students attending kindergarten through 12 grade on and off of the Community.

“The Special Education process can be confusing and overwhelming. We really want parents and guardians to have an advocate there to help them understand the process that their child may be going through when it comes to special education,” said Joann Nelson, Special Services Manager. “Whether it’s providing info about their parental rights, student’s rights or understanding plans that their child may be placed and how often that plan will be revisited. We want the parents and guardians to know we are available to help them through the process by phone, email or in-person.”

The goal of the program is to enhance the development of children with disabilities and to minimize their potential for developmental delays by evaluating and identifying the needs of all children that reside in the Gila River Indian Community that have special needs.

The program has components for birth to three years old, three years to five years old and kinder- garten through 12th grade. The birth to five services are provided to children residing within the Community and are offered in the child’s natural setting (home or center-based). The K-12th grade services are offered to any student that is enrolled in the Community, regardless if the school is within in the Community or off the Community.

The additional services have been available since October 2017 and the program is referral-based and parents/guardians can request services at any time. The program continues to accept birth to five year olds referrals from hospitals, various tribal and state agencies and schools. The program requests the referral source has notified parents.

Plans that students can be placed on Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP), Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and 504 Plans depending on age and student’s needs. The plans are in place to help the student succeed in their schooling. The CDESS program has a variety of professionals on staff to assist children and families throughout the special education process.

In addition, to these services the original services that have always been available will remain intact. Those services include hearing, vision and development screening for children birth to five years old, home and school/cen- ter-based services, special education and related ser- vices (speech, occupation- al and physical therapies, etc.), transportation to and from therapies and early intervention, including monitoring and tracking for infants and toddlers.

The program is funded through the Community’s education budget as well as through federal funding for the birth to five years component under the Individuals with Disabilities Educa- tion Act, Parts B & C.

For more information or referrals please reach out to the Child Development and Education Support Ser- vices at (520) 562-3882 or at the Tribal Education De- partment.
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtsey of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • February 21, 2018

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; PO Box 2136; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:11 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Martin Dixon

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Absent: Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Robert Stone
Council Members Present:
D1-Don Chavez, Azzie Hogg; D2-Carol Eldridge Located in District One of the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona
D3-Carole Schurz

Council Members Absent:
D5-VACANCY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5-minutes)
1. Request For Presentation Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
   Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
   MS. JACQUELINE PUBLIS INTRODUCED MR. MR. PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM’S USE OF THE GRANT AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE, AS WELL AS PRESENTED A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

2. 2017-2018 Miss Gila River Farewell Address
   Presenters: Gila River Royalty Committee
   MS. LISA HENDRICKS INTRODUCED MISS GILA RIVER ALCIA GARCIA. MS. GARCIA PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND, HER EXPERIENCES THROUGHOUT HER REIGN AND EXPRESSED WORDS OF GRATITUDE. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

REPORT HEARD

1. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017)
   Department Of Public Works
   Presenter: Kelly Gomez
   TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. FY2017 Quarterly Report October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
   GRIC Tribal Grant Award Program
   Presenters: Clarice Chiago Jones, Peter Quam, GRTI Board
   REPORT HEARD

3. FY2017 Annual Report (October 2016-September 2017)
   Human Resources Department
   Presenter: Randall Lang
   REPORT HEARD

4. FY17 Annual Report Office Of Special Funding
   Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
   REPORT HEARD

5. FY17 Annual Report Pension
   Presenter: Sharon Harver
   REPORT HEARD

6. FY17 Annual Report Par Capita Office
   Presenter: Neomi Martinez
   REPORT HEARD

7. FY17 Annual Report Property & Supplier
   Presenter: Lawrence Makle
   REPORT HEARD

8. FY17 Annual Report Finance
   Presenter: Mike Jacobs
   REPORT HEARD

9. Gila River Indian Community Urban Members Association 2018 1st Quarter Report
   Presenter: Anthony Newkirk
   REPORT HEARD

    Presenters: Chico Figueroa, Jason Jones
    REPORT HEARD

11. 2015-2016 Fish Survey Report
    Presenters: Russell Benford, Dale Ohnmeiss
    TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. Gila River Health Care Purchase Referral Care
    Presenter: Lisa P. Sanchez
    REPORT HEARD

13. GRCI Historical Basket Making Final Report
    Presenter: Monica King
    REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A 60-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVEMED AT 1:15 P.M.

14. GRTI 4Q2017 Update Report
    Presenter: Peter Quam, GRTI Board
    REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. GRTI Update (Executive Session)
    Presenter: Peter Quam, GRTI Board
    MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACPT RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Submit A Grant Application To The Arizona Department Of Transportation For Rural Transit Services, On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; H&SSC concurs)
   Presenter: Timothy Oliver
   APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing The Governor And The Tribal Historic Preservation Office To Be Signatories To The Memorandum Of Agreement Among, The Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency, The Gila River Indian Community, The Gila River Indian Historical And Drainage District And The Tribal Historic Preservation Office Regarding The Resolution Of Adverse Effects Of The Agricultural Improvement Program In The Colton Martinez Fields, Gila River Indian Community, Arizona (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval, NRSC & CRSC concur)
   Presenter: Bamby V. Lewis
   APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Assignment Agreement For Candace Eldridge Located In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No. 30117-0446 (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
   Presenter: Ada Salgado
   APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Marissa Frances Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)
   Presenter: Sheila Riley-White
   TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Christian Ray Garcia Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)
   Presenter: Sheila Riley-White
   TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community’s Participation In The Quality First Redesign Field Test (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections; H&SSC conurs)
   Presenters: Candida Hunter, Patricia Valenzuela
   TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Phoenix Union High School (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)
   Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Sienna Whittington
   APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Laveen Elementary School District (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections)
   Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Sienna Whittington
   APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Chandler Unified School District (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)
   Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Sienna Whittington
   APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Request For Direction Regarding VAWA Implementation (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)
   Presenter: Michael Carter
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Gila River Health Care (Hacienda Health Care, Hacienda, Double Peak Health Center)
   Presenter: Pamela Thompson
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE [GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVEMED AT 4:46 P.M.]

4. Treasurer Mentee Progress Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session)
   Presenter: Treasurer Robert G. Keller
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE

5. APS Letter Agreement (Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval in Executive Session, NRSC, ESCR, CRSC & EDSC concur)
   Presenter: Ronald Rosier
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

NEW BUSINESS

1. District Two Citizens Advisory Board Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)
   Presenter: Joyce McAfee
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT RITA PANCOOTT

2. District Five Citizens Advisory Board Member Appointment (LSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)
   Presenter: Joyce McAfee
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAM VEGA

3. Memorandum of Agreement – Early Childhood Special Services (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)
   Presenter: Joann Nelson
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. 37th Annual Native American Child and Family Conference Las Vegas, Nevada – March 12-15, 2019 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business to open up to any interested Council Member to attend utilizing the Dues & Delegation line item)
   Presenters: Education Standing Committee
   MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO INTER-
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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$9,999 or $179/mo.

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