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GILARIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HOUSES PHOENIX REGION COLD CASE OFFICE

Communication & Public Affairs Office

Gila River Indian Community

Today, a Cold Case Office was opened for the Western Region as part the Operation Lady Justice Taskforce. The Office, located on the Gila River Indian Reservation, is one of seven planned nationwide to investigate cold cases and those cases involving missing and murdered Native Americans. The Code Case Office will serve Tribal Nations located in the states of Arizona, Utah, and Nevada

The office will be the first Cold Case Office located within a tribal reservation and co-located with a tribal police force. Two federal agents will be located within the Gila River Police Department and will work alongside the cold case unit that the Gila River Police Department created last month.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community commented, "The Community is pleased to be the site of the Western Region's Cold Case Office. The plague of missing and murdered Native Americans has been unaddressed for too long. This office is a first



The Gila River Indian Community had their first meeting with one of the cold case officers who will staff the Cold Case Unit for the Western Region. GRIC

step toward prioritizing those Native Americans who have gone missing and leave irreplaceable holes in their families and Communities."

Chief Chavez of the Gila River Police Department stated, "I am looking forward to having the Gila River Police Department's officer's work alongside the Cold Case Officers so we can share resources and work together to combat the crisis of Missing and Murdered Native Americans within the Gila River Indian Community and throughout the Region."

The Cold Case Office is part of the Operation Lady Justice Taskforce which was created to address the number of missing and murdered Native Americans in the United States. The Taskforce brings together federal officials from agencies across the federal government to work together to

"The plague of missing and murdered Native Americans has been unaddressed for too long."

- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

develop strategies to address the Missing and Murdered crisis in Indian Country. The strategies include data sharing, improving

investigative cooperation across governmental agencies, and bring

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The Gila River Indian Community will be having a Special Election that coincides with the GRIC General Election and U.S. Presidential election on Nov. 3. In this Special Election, Community Members will be voting to amend the Gila River Constitution, but in order for these changes to be valid, at least 30 percent of registered voters must participate in this election.

In 2006, Community
Council adopted Resolution GR-



Gila River Indian News P.O. Box 459 Sacaton, AZ 85147 Change Service Requested P R E S O R T E D STANDARD U.S. Postage PAID Sacaton, AZ Permit No. 25 53-06 establishing the Tribal Constitution Reform Project. In 2008, the project created a task force of Community members. one from each district, to educate and seek critical input from Community members about the Constitution and bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community, and possible reasons why the constitution should be reformed. The initial constitution was enacted May 14, 1936. The Community has since made some previous amendments to the constitution, first in 1946 and again in 1960 which is now the current constitution.

The Tribal Constitution Reform Project actively engaged with Community members in a series of presentations in each district. With information from surveys that were given at those presentations, from 2008 to 2010, results showed that 93 percent of Community members who had participated in these surveys. agreed the constitution should be reformed. The most common concerns in the Constitution were membership and powers of Community Council, according to a report from the Tribal Reform Project Constitution submitted in 2011.

Community Council voted to have a Special Election based on recommendations from that report. In this Special Election, members will be voting on three different articles in the constitution.

Article III – Membership

In the constitution and bylaws of the Gila River Indian

Community, Article III – Membership, Section 3, it states: "A member who establishes residence off the Reservation and remains away from the Reservation continuously for a period of twenty (20) years shall automatically forfeit membership. If he returns to the Reservation, he may be reinstated as a member by majority vote of the Council."

The task force found that this section of the constitution had never been utilized and its origins are unknown. With the majority of the Community agreeing it should be removed.

The amendment to this article would delete the 20-year-rule, with a YES vote that will remove the language and allow member to maintain their membership if they remain away for 20 years. Voting NO would keep the current language.

Article XI – Districts

Currently, Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution states that the area known as Co-op shall be within District 6. However, the legal boundaries stated in Article 11 of the constitution place Copop within District 7.

When the task force first reached out to the Community, the boundary issue was one of the first to be raised. During task force meetings, Community members made several appearances to explain the historical and political reasons why Co-op should be part of District Six.

In 2009, a proposed legal description and maps that would place the village of Co-op in District Six was submitted by

Co-op residents and forwarded to Land Use Planning and Zoning who confirmed the accuracy and supported the proposed amendment.

A YES vote will change the legal boundaries of District 7 and District 6, while voting NO would keep the current language and the majority of Co-op will remain in District 7.

District 7 Community Council Representative Devin Redbird stated that, "The District would like to remain unified and keep the current boundary as currently identified."

Article 15 Powers of the Gila River Indian Community – Secretary of Interior

The amendment of Article XV will remove the Secretary of Interior from Community Council's ordinance resolution approval process. Currently, Articles 3 and 15 of the constitution state that the Secretary of Interior has the authority to review certain kinds of ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Community Council, including civil and criminal codes and ordinances regulating tribal membership.

Voting YES would remove the Secretary of the Interior from the Ordinance and Resolution approval process. A NO vote will keep the current constitution.

Currently, in the constitution of the Gila River Indian Community, it states that in order for the amendments to be

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We ALL Count



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DID YOU KNOW?

Census information is used to:

- determine and update district lines at all levels of government
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Each year, Census data informs federal funding for more than 100 programs, including school lunches, highway construction, and education.

American Indian and Alaska Natives were not counted in the first six censuses from 1790 through 1850.

In the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau estimates that American Indians and Alaska Natives living on reservations or in Native villages were undercounted by approximately 4.9 percent, more than double the undercount rate of the next closest population group.

Census answers are private and confidential. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share the answers of an individual or a household with any person or agency.

Source: National Congress of American Indians, U.S. Census Bureau

ITCA CENSUS ESSAY CONTEST

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona asked American Indian/Alaska Native students who attend a high school, college, or university in Arizona to commit to the official ITCA Census 2020 Pledge Card and answer the following question in 500 words or less: Why is] participating in the Census 2020 important to you? Community Member and Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson was selected as a contest finalist. In her essay Sineca expresses that the "Census is our opportunity to shape the future for our community, if we were not included tribes could lose funding for housing, public safety, transportation education and more. The US census is important due to our entire representative democracy being based on it, it assists tribes in understanding their communities and helps with the distribution of public funds." "This hugely impacts our tribal governments use of funds and helps improve the lifestyles of those within them. The ability to oversee a community this way ensures fair allocations to the funds that support tribal programs in meeting community members needs. If we do not have an accurate AIAN count we could risk losing funding; since our tribe's luxuries and programs rely on this we would all be at a potential disadvantage if it were not for the data collected by census".

Complete the 2020 U.S. Census Questionnaire



BY PHONE AT (844) 330-2020



ONLINE AT 2020CENSUS.GOV

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If you did not receive a questionnaire or have questions contact Sheila Valenzuela at (520) 562-9795 or Rebecca Gregory (520) 289-6702

How To Complete the Census



Return the completed questionnaire by mail using the self-addressed stamped envelope or use the unique 12-digit code on your questionnaire to respond online at www.2020census.gov or by phone (844) 330-2020.

If you received your questionnaire in the mail use your address for online or phone response.

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Person 1 on the questionnaire should be a Community member. For everyone in the household who identifies as Gila River Pima (Akimel O'otham) or Maricopa (Pee Posh) answer **GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY** to the race question.



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Community members can express themselves creatively with GRIC Voices

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

With the shift in lifestyle, work, and school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribal Education Department and Gila River Health Care are working together to build a virtual space for Community members to creatively express their feelings. GRIC Voices is a project to showcase creative expression of life in the Community during the pandemic and "share inspiration."

Through GRIC Voices, Community members can submit poetry, essays, photos, paintings, and videos to express themselves in the era of COVID-19.

During this time with social distancing, employment and school disruptions, and minimal in-person interaction, it is easy to feel secluded with anxiety and stress. That notion is a primary purpose for the project. In contrast, the committee hopes to demonstrate the unique effects of life during COVID-19 while providing a healthy outlet.

Anthony Gray, the Cultural Coordinator at TED, said, "We want to give the people a voice to express themselves because the feeling of being cooped up can lead to negative thoughts. And it's perfectly fine to feel that way, but to get it out in a healthy way is a primary goal for this."

Gray also hopes that while gathering submissions, they can also share information for a crisis, anxiety, and stress phone lines, as seen on the flyer.

Co-chair for the GRIC Voices, Anna Pacheco, Prevention Education Specialist-Lead GRHC Behavioral Health Services, said, "What's driving this project is to allow everyone to have a voice, speak to one another, strengthen one another, and stay Gila River Strong."

In May, Tribal Education Department GRHC's and Behavioral Health staff wanted to create a space for the Community to speak of their experiences during this time while virtually connecting others with similar experiences. Eventually, planning committee formed to collectively host a virtual showcase of talent from Community members featuring art, poetry, and videos.

Though there will be incentives given to the first 50 entries, the program is non-competitive. Instead, GRIC Voices



SHOW YOUR RESILIENCY AND STAY GILA RIVER STRONG!

Open call to GRIC Voices What's on your mind?

What message do you want to share with others?

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- YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME
- YOUR EMAIL AND/OR PHONE NUMBER (FOR INCENTIVE).
- *FIRST 50 SUBMISSIONS WILL RECEIVE AN INCENTIVE.

DEADLINE:AUGUST 28, 2020 QUESTIONS CONTACT: ANTHONY GRAY @ P: (520)562-3662 | C: (520)610-2334

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will showcase and encourage viewers to "not feel alone" during the pandemic. Pacheco said, "We do have similarity in feelings of frustration, and maybe it feels like 'it's just me going through this,' but by voicing our feelings, we can be positive encouragement for the Community."

GRIC Voices is similar to the annual Yes2Life and Mul-Chu-Tha essay and art contest, except for the competition portion and allowing for entries from all ages. Part of the effort is to draw from all generations that comprise the Community, especially elders. The committee felt it was integral for elders to participate because they also have their perspectives and wisdom to share.

The committee also encourages everyone to be creative and promote anything unique and expressive. There is no right or wrong idea to submit but be tasteful, appropriate, and original.

Gray mentioned that he had viewed skits online through the Facebook website. Though funny most times, he realized they could provide a positive message, so that's also an option for everyone to consider.

The submission deadline is Aug. 28, and all submissions will need to be free from derogatory language or inappropriate content such as references to drugs and alcohol.

So if you or someone you

know would like to participate, your submission will need to be emailed to Anthony Gray at Anthony.gray@gric.nsn.us. Those who would like to submit a video, audio recording, and anything media-related will need to email your submission to Reuben Ringlero at Edit Box at edit2video@gmail.com.

Beginning in September, submissions will be showcased online through all of the official GRIC social media platforms

For further information, please contact Anthony Gray via email or by phone at (520) 562-3662.

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new investigative techniques to open cases.

Governor Lewis remarked that "The Community is looking forward to this first step leading to even more action to address this longstanding crisis in Indian Country. As we continue this effort, it will be important to bring in other key voices in this battle and we look forward to working with all those who have dedicated their voices to combatting this pervasive crisis in Indian Country."

Cold Case Offices Around

Indian Country

At the moment, there are plans to open seven task force offices across the country in major city centers, near tribal communities. The first cold case office opened in Billings, Mont., where Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, was present to highlight DOI's efforts to assist with cases involving missing and murdered Indigenous people in the region and across the Nation.

Additionally, other offices in Minnesota, South Dakota

and Albuquerque are now open to address cold cases in Indian Country. "[They] are evidence, that we are taking seriously the concerns of tribal communities who want to know the circumstances of their people, who have gone missing or fallen victim to murder," said Charles Addington, Deputy Bureau Director for the BIA Office of Justice Services.

"The Blackfeet Nation is in full support of the Cold Case Murder Task opening in our region and are hopeful that this will be a path forward for providing justice to many Indian families who have lost loved ones to either murder and or abduction," said Timothy Davis Blackfeet Tribe.

Since 2019, the DOI and BIA have been investigating cold cases, with the addition of the field offices, the two agencies hope to build partnerships with tribal law enforcement and governments to put an end to missing and murdered Indigenous people in Indian Country.

Constitution Amendments Mobile Tour goes through districts to promote Special Election

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

"Constitution The Mobile Amendments Tour," traveled throughout the Gila River Indian Community to provide information on the upcoming Special Election. Due to the pandemic, outreach to the Community has required alternate ways to engage with Community members while Community still maintains the mask-up and stay-athome orders.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, in a parade-like style, three vehicles lined up and made announcements through a PA system while driving through some of the Districts' residential areas and Service Centers with information and promotional items on the Constitution Amendments that are up for vote in the Special Election on Nov. 3.

The tour kicked off on Saturday morning, in District 7 at the Pee Posh housing subdivision and D7 Multi-purpose building parking lot. The tour moved on to District 6: 51st Avenue housing and swap meet, Lone Butte housing, District 5: Sacate housing and ended the day at the Arts & Crafts parking lot on Casa Blanca Road.

A brief history on the upcoming Special Election, Constitution and amendments, important upcoming dates and contact information was announced during the tour and 230 t-shirts, cups, pens, clips and hand sanitizers were given away.

The tour continued Sunday morning, Aug. 16 in District 4 Goodyear housing/Snaketown, George Webb housing, Gila Butte housing, D4 Service Center parking lot. District 3: South housing, Sacaton Supermarket parking lot, East housing, and the Post

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approved, at least thirty (30) percent of registered voters must vote in such election. The Communications & Public Affairs Office has put together a Constitution outreach team to promote and educate GRIC members about the important Special Election.

Due to the pandemic, outreach to the Community has required more creativity to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and maintain physical distancing. A virtual constitutional convention will be held on Saturday, August 29 and broadcasted on Gila River Broadcasting Corp., inform Community members about the special elections and to answer any questions.

Office parking lot. District 2: Hashan Kehk housing, D2 Multi-purpose building parking lot and District 1: Veteran's Building parking lot and D1 Service Center parking lot. This mobile tour approach allowed members to stay safe at home or in their vehicles while volunteers for the mobile tour wore masks and gloves to adhere COVID-19 safety guidelines provided by the Community.



District 3 resident holds up her shirt promoting the Nov. 3 Special Election. Zachary Redbird/CPAO



District 2 family show their promotional items during the tour on August 16. Zachary Redbird/CPAO

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Sha: 'em tha: hathag? How are you feeling?

During these unprecedented times, it's important to check on one another concerning our physical health and mental well-being. When you're with a family member who looks under the weather or want to find out how they are feeling, a useful question to ask in O'otham is "Sha: 'em tha:hathag?" (How are you feeling?) This question is made up of three parts. The first is the question word Sha: that speakers and learners might recognize from phrases like "Sha:p ai masma?" and "Sha:p ai chu'ig" Sha: is the question word in O'otham that correspond to the English question word (How?) The second word 'em is the pronoun that signifies (you) and tells the family member that you are talking to them directly. The last word in this question is tha:hathag which is the O'otham word for feeling a certain way. If you wanted to ask about someone other than the person you're talking to (a third person) you would not use any pronoun but would instead say their name at the end of the question. For example, you could ask Sha: tha:hathag heg Victoria? (How is Victoria feeling?) You could also ask someone, "Sha: tha:hathag heg 'em Je'e?" (How is your Mom feeling?).

You can make this question a bit more specific by adding a short phrase indicating the time of day that you are referring to. For example, if you are asking someone how they are feeling and it happens to be in the morning you could say "Sha: 'em tha:hathag ithi sialig?" (How are you felling this morning?) If it is midday you can change ithi sialig to ithi tham-iuk to form the question "Sha: 'em tha:hathag ithi thamiuk?" When it is the late afternoon you can use the phrase ithi mu'i-juk and if it is evening you can use ithi huduñig. Each of these short added phrases are made up of the O'otham word ithi (this) plus the time of day. If you want to be non-specific with the time of day you can also use the phrase ithi thashkaj to ask "Sha:'em tha:hathag ithi thashkaj?" (How are you feeling today?)

There are many ways to answer "Sha: 'em tha:hathag?" and they all depend on how you are actually feeling. The most common response

that speakers will use, especially if they really don't want to get into all the details of their life, is to simply say "Mañ s-ape!" (I'm good!) If you want to stress that you're feeling happy you can say "Mañ sap eñ tha:hathag." And if you're really feeling happy and overjoyed over something you can use the phrase "I:vo añ sap eñ tha:hathag!" All of these phrases make use of the word sap 'good, well, okav' in conjunction with the word tha: hathag to express that your feelings are good.

If you're on the opposite end and not feeling so well, you can tell the person "Bi 'o shai ap eñ tha:hathag." This phrase is used as a general statement that says you're not feeling well for whatever reason, whether it is because you might be under the weather or sad or not in a good mood. If you wanted to be more specific and tell someone that you're sad or feeling blue you can say "Shoig eñ tha:hathag." (I'm feeling sad.) If you're sick you can either use the phrase "Mumku 'añ," or "S-uam eñ tha:hathag," depending on immediate or severe your sickness. "Mumku 'añ." is

Sha: 'em tha:hathag? Match the Feeling response with its picture!

Mañ sap eñ tha:hathag

Shoig eñ tha:hathag

Thonom 'anth

S-ko:sim 'anth

Gevko 'anth

Bi 'o shai ap eñ tha:hathag

Biu:gim 'anth



used as a general statement to tell another person that you're sick. "S-uam eñ tha:hathag," is more intense and tells the person that you're really not feeling

well. Some possible answers the question "Sha: 'em tha:hathag?" include 'anth," "S-ko:sim you're sleepy, and "Gevko 'anth," if you're tired. These types of phrases are all made by using the word that specifies how you're feeling (s-ko:sim 'sleepy' and gevko 'tired') along with the O'otham auxiliary anth

indicates that the subject of the sentence is the person speaking. Finally, you can always use the phrases "Biu:gim 'anth," "Thonom 'anth," when you want to let the other person know that you're hungry or thirsty. These responses are formed in the same way, using the words biu:gim (to be hungry) and thonom (to be thirsty) along with the auxiliary word 'anth which tells the listener that you are referring to yourself.

There are many more possible ways to answer the question "Sha: 'em tha:hathag?" If you're a learner, ask an

elder or speaker in your family about how they would ask and answer the question. Questions and answers may be slightly different between the We encourage villages. you to speak O'otham in your everyday lives. This month's word match will give you more practice on using the question and ways to answer "Sha: 'em tha:thag?"

A special Thank You for the Vah-Ki District Elders for sharing their knowledge of O'otham ñeok which made this article possible.

Veterans and Family Services Office presents displays to Vietnam veteran

Veterans and Family **Services Office** Gila River Indian Community

Robert Rhodes, a Gila River Indian Community member, graduated from Casa Grande Union High School in 1965. During his senior year, Robert took a course in Aeronautics & Basic ground flight school.

That same year Robert

received his draft notice and enlisted in the U.S. completion was

Army. Robert was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas for basic training and upon sent to Fort Ord, Calif., for Tactics/Radio Telephone Operator. Then to Fort Benning Ga., to Parachute infantry, 173rd Army Airborne school. Robert was assigned to the 82nd Abn Division.

A display of Robert Rhodes' medals from military service. Photo Courtesy VFSO

1st/ 504th Company C at the Dominican Republic where they were involved in Operation (Fast Strike). Then the 1st / 504th parachute infantry company returned to Ft Bragg, NC. On May 3rd 1967, Robert was reassigned to 4th/503rd Airborne Brigade in the Republic of South Vietnam.

On Oct. 21 1968, Robert completed his tour of duty.

Robert was assigned to Active Reserve with 22nd Abn Ft Carson CO.

In 1975, he joined the Army National Guard in Casa Grande, Ariz., where he retired SSgt as Combat Infantry Tactical Communication Chief.

On Aug. 3, the Veteran & Family Service Office staff along with the District 3 Council Representatives Rodney Jackson and Avery White gathered at Mr. Rhodes residence, in his front yard to present him with a shadow box

that contained his Military Ribbons, Badges and Patches. A separate board displayed his military medals which included the Army Achievement medal w/4 oak leaf clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service medal w/star the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and National Defense Service Medal to name a few. All presentation items were assembled by VFSO staff member Darrell Whitman. On behalf of the GRIC Veteran & Family Service Office, it was an honor for all to pay recognition to Mr. Robert Rhodes and recognize his service to this country and to say "Thank You."

Robert stated, during his Tour of Duty "He gave his all for God and Country."

After returning home, "He gave his Heart and Soul to his late wife of 47 yrs. and daughter."



Robert Rhodes with his display box presented to him at his residence. Photo Courtesy VFSO

Artisans are using their talents to help GRIC 'Mask Up!' during pandemic

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

In the midst of a pandemic, face coverings are the new normal in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Artisans in the Gila River Indian Community are doing their part to make sure everyone can "Mask Up!" as the slogan says.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis' Executive Order No. 8 is still in effect which mandates the use of face coverings in the Community. Local arts and crafts enthusiasts are using their skills to offer an alternative for conventional face coverings and masks for GRIC members.

"In this Community, we are seeing some of our more creative Community members taking it upon

themselves to make masks," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. He added, besides being one of the effective ways to protect against the spread of COVID-19, it is good to know there are Community members making masks for others.

Across Community, individuals are creating face masks with an endless variety of designs from floral, traditional and even with sports logos. Gila River Health Care campaigns are also calling on youth to submit designs for face mask promotions on health awareness.

These types of campaigns address serious health disparities while incorporating artwork and messages on face masks. Others like GRIC member, Sunshine Pablo, is using her

talents to help those most vulnerable to COVID-19.

Pablo, from District 3. discussed why she started making face masks.

"The whole idea of wanting to learn how to make face masks were to provide for the Elderly Complex of District 3," she

All of her masks are made from 100 percent cotton fabric with patterns of her choosing or by request.

"Keep in mind I am nowhere [near] being a professional seamstress, however I do enjoy helping where I can. At this time, I do not sell my face mask, this is my way of helping my family and the Community to stay safe for our well-being," said Pablo.



Some of the masks that Sunshine Pablo makes for family, friends and elders. Photo Courtesy

AOPPYC Youth Workshops will begin in September

Kvle Knox

Gila River Indian News On the heels of the

successful 32nd Annual Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) Youth Conference in July, the AOPPYC is keeping the momentum going with a virtual workshop series for youth starting next month. The series will include instructional workshops and seminars on four areas that youth from the conference enjoyed most and would like to see more of in the future.

Michael Preston, AOPPYC Coordinator, said, "Outside of learning a new skill we really want to use this series as a way to connect youth with their peers and create a network that wouldn't have been possible if not participating in the workshop."

In a post-conference survey, the youth expressed their interest in more hands-

on activities along with more O'otham and Pee Posh cultural teachings. With that in mind, Preston decided to combine the two to develop the new series.

The Youth Council hosted two hands-on workshops on mask coverings and pottery, and Preston saw the promise of providing a series of workshops for youth to learn a new skill. According to Preston, the series is also an opportunity for youth to build a mentorship with the instructors and expand their knowledge.

The series will be on Wednesdays starting Sept. 2 with a beading workshop presented by Christine Porter of CP Creations. The following will be a painting workshop facilitated by Paul Molina on Sept. 9. The third workshop is a clay pottery workshop presented by Yolanda Hart Stevens on Sept. 16. The final workshop is Preston's entrepreneurship workshop scheduled for Sept. 30.

All the workshops will start at 6 p.m. on the listed dates and can last anywhere from two to three hours.

The workshops are available to all enrolled GRIC youth ages 13-21-years-of-age. Space is limited to 20 youth per workshop which is most effective for virtual instruction. Participants **Participants** must register in advance in order to receive a required "art kit" in the mail before the workshop.

Preston emphasized that youth must be mindful of the times and dates listed.

"If you sign up for a workshop, clear your schedule, and please commit to your workshop's time and date." Anyone who registers should also ensure they have reliable internet or WiFi connection



live over the web for up to three hours.

To register information, please visit

as the workshops will be https://docs.google. com/forms/d/e/1FAIp QLScx18JLOgiZxR3V yBCHeLftyqpxuod0f9 workshops and more lw izTyJh7GhsDUA/ viewform. You can also

contact Michael Preston by email or phone at Michael. preston@gric.nsn.us or by phone at (520) 562-1866.

Residents at Caring House can cruise to visit family with new program



Melvin Lewis, left, outside the Caring House as a participant in the Cruiser program, which allows residents to tour around familiar areas outside the facility and see family and friends while adhering to social distancing requirements. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Residents of The Caring House – Gila River Health Care recently took part in the "Cruiser Program," which provides residents with a tour through the Community to see their homes, families or places of significance to them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Two Community members, Elena Gill and Melvin Lewis departed the Caring House for a cruise through their local neighborhoods on Aug. 13.

Gill and Lewis greeted family members, who were waiting to see them from

a safe distance due to the current restrictions of social interactions.

The Cruiser program helps residents visit loved ones around GRIC

"I've been here for about three to four months," said Lewis. He said that his home is being renovated and that he looked forward to seeing his grandson.

Lewis wanted to go out into the Community after seeing others on their way to and from the Caring House.

"I see people coming and going, people together whatever it is. I see this every day from my window," said Lewis in a jokingly way.

Ron Preston, Caring

House Administrator, said the Caring House follows strict safety guidelines with the Cruiser Program.

According to Preston, the program runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and residents have options on where they go. He said relatives are welcome to request to see their family member Cruiser through the Program while maintaining safe distancing. Preston added, that the Cruiser Program is also available to residents in the Memory Care Program.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • August 5, 2020

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, August 5, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:07 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, Arzie Hogg; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Thomas White: D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D2-Carol Schurz; D5-Marlin Dixon, Vacant APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RE-PORT #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CORRECT RESOLUTION #2 AND CORRECT NEW BUSI-NESS #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 AND #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, AND #3; NEW BUSI-NESS #2 THROUGH #5 AND #8 THROUGH **#12 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Trina M. Hart, Director of Tribal Social Services

Presenter: Frank Pablo. Sr.

MR. FRANK PABLO, SR. INTRODUCED MS. TRINA M. HART. MS. HART PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. GOV-ERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVER-NOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Introduction of Cindy Lewis, Sacaton Middle School Principal

Presenters: Dr. Cherryl Paul, Cindy Lewis DR. CHERRYL PAUL INTRODUCED MS. CIN-DY LEWIS. MS. LEWIS PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND AND EX-PERIENCE. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

>1. Office Of The Prosecutor's April 1, 2020 – June 20, 2020 (3rd Quarter Report) Presenter: Michael Voyles

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >2. Head Start Monthly Report – May 2020

Presenter: Carolina Kelley ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. GRICUA Report - FY 20 2nd Quarter Report Presenter: Javier Ramos (January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020) Presenters: Pamela Thomas, Leonard Gold ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EX-

4. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for June 2020 (Executive Session)

ECUTIVE SESSION

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 5. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council (Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Enos, Melvin S. Sanderson REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXEC-**UTIVE SESSION RESOLUTIONS**

>1. A Resolution Approving The Policy For The Temporary Rental Assistance Program Administered By The Department Of Housing Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Wayne M. Allison

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving The Revised Gila River Indian Community Development Proposal Review Process And Rescinding Resolution GR-75-12 And Resolutions GR-170-12 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC, CRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Elizabeth An-

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transfer Of The Gila River Indian Community General Assistance Program Services From Tribal Social Services Department To The Community Services Department (H&SSC motions to forward to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Laurie Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EX-**ECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Clenera LLC Solar Project – MOU And Term Sheet (Executive Session) (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Denten Robinson ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXEC-UTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE MEMORIAL AIRFIELD SOLAR PROJECT, THE SIGNED MOU AND APPROVAL OF THE LEASE TERM SHEET **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Vacancy on the Housing Owner's Team (G&MSC forwards to Council for nomination and action of Council Members)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN JAMES DE LA ROSA

>2. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Audit (G&MSC motions to accept and forward to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement in the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Stephen T. Harris, Albert Cheung ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Gila River Sand & Gravel Independent Audit & Financial Report FY – 2019 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell, Henry & Horne

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. City of Maricopa Proposed Lease for Monument Sign (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. El Paso Natural Gas Scholarship Revisions (ESC forwards to Council under New Business as FYI and placement on the consent agenda) Presenters: Isaac Salcido Trina Hart

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. 2020 Primary Election Candidates-Certification Of Qualifications (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the Candidates for Lieutenant Governor and move to the Primary Election David Anderson, Carolyn Kay Thompson, Miguel Valencia, Weldon J. Salkey, Monica Lynn Antone) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council the Candidates for Lt. Governor Joseph Manuel Jr., to not certify based upon the declaration affidavit is incorrect) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the candidates for the Associate Judge and move to the General Election Sheri L. Cassa, Charles W. Aragon, Janice F. Breckenridge, Anthony J. Hill) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify one Candidate for the office of Chief Judge and to move to the General Election Joseph Manuel) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the candidates for the office of Governor and to move to the General Election Robert Stone, Stephen Roe Lewis)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOV-ERNOR AND MOVE TO THE PRIMARY ELEC-TION DAVID ANDERSON, CAROLYN KAY THOMPSON, MIGUEL VALENCIA, WELDON J. SALKEY AND MONICA LYNN ANTONE MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT CERTI-

FY JOSEPH MANUEL JR. BASED UPON THE

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DECLARATION AFFIDAVIT BEING INCOR-RECT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTI-FY THE CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE JUDGE AND MOVE TO THE GENERAL ELEC-TION SHERI L. CASSA, CHARLES W. ARA-GON, JANICE F. BRECKENRIDGE, ANTHONY J. HILL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTI-FY ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF JUDGE AND TO MOVE TO THE GEN-ERAL ELECTION JOSEPH MANUEL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTI-FY THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR AND TO MOVE TO THE GEN-ERAL ELECTION ROBERT STONE AND STE-PHEN ROE LEWIS

7. Certification Of Qualifications-District Five Community Council Candidates (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation to certify the candidates for the District Five Community Council position Brian E. Davis Sr., Pamela J. Vega, Serena Joaquin, Jacob Antone, Deborah A. Norris)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL POSITION BRIAN E. DAVIS SR., PAMELA J. VEGA, SERENA JOA-QUIN, JACOB ANTONE AND

DEBORAH A. NORRIS

>8. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dr. Cherryl Paul

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Wanda Burton

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL AUGUST 6, 2020 OF AGENDA

>10. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to have the presenter submit the signed Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan and for placement on the consent > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM agenda)

Presenter: Kim Franklin

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with the additions added to the cover letter and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Jim Mosley

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12 .Blackwater Community School Tribal Allocation Revised Written Plan (ESC motioned to approve the request and to forward to Council with placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

1. June 17, 2020 (Regular) MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. July 15, 2020 (Regular)

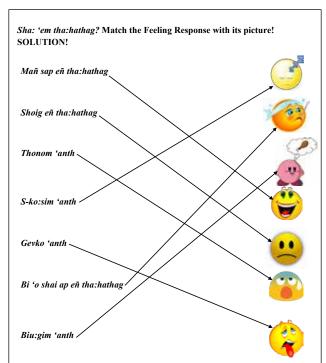
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ~ IOPC WORK SESSION WITH G&MSC FRI-DAY, AUGUST 7, 2020, 9AM, LONE BUTTE **EVENT CENTER**
- ~SPECIAL G&MSC MEETING, THURSDAY,
- ~H&SSC WORK SESSION WEDNESDAY, AU-GUST 5, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:24 A.M.

- * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)





Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices will be closed. Primary Care clinics will be open 9/5/20.

HHKMH Pharmacy Hours

Saturday, 9/5 8:30 am - Midnight Sunday, 9/6 Noon - 10 pm Monday, 9/7 CLOSED

For information on services open during the holiday, please call GRHC's main line (520) 562-3321. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, 9/8/20 If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at HHKMH.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the

30-day public comment period for the renewal of the air quality operating permits for the following facilities:

(Facility Name, Facility Type, District)

Champion Homes, Pre-manufactured homes, 4

CEMEX Santan/Sacaton Plant, Concrete batch plant, 4

Cal Portland, Concrete batch plant,

Rock Solid Concrete, batch plant, 4 Hanson Plant #38, Concrete batch plant #4

Gila River Sand & Gravel – Maricopa Plant, Sand & gravel mine, 4 Gila River Sand & Gravel – Santan Plant, Sand & gravel mine, 4

Toka Sticks Chevron, Gas station, N/A

Stericycle, Medical waste, 4
Air Contaminants Emitted: Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), Particulate Matter (PM), Particulate Matter <10 Microns (PM10), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs).

Public Notice Start Date: August 7, 2020 Public Notice End Date: September

7, 2020
Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ

to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the -proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC

Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written com-

may appeal a permit decision. Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for

review on the AQP website at: http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/ education--outreach/public-notices. Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

Gila River Indian Community
Department of Environmental
Quality

Attn: Ryan Eberle Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information or to schedule an in-person review, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 /

ryan.eberle@gric.nsn.us.

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re Case: Alicia Palacios vs. Charles William Aragon Docket Number: FM-2020-0035-

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designation

nated below.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your

hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may ordered

Answer/Response Hearing Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ 85339 5th day of October, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

HELPING VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF VIOLENT CRIMES

WHAT IS CRIME VICTIM SERVICES?

Community-based advocacy program focused soley on the needs of the victims, survivors and their family members.

Referrals can be made by anyone.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

Victims & survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Families of homicide victims.

Adult/Child sexual assault/molestation.

Teen dating violence.

Stalking/Threatening.

HOW DO ADVOCATES HELP?

Advocates offer CONFIDENTIAL services to victims and their families. This includes, and is not limited to, emotional support, crisis intervention, education/awareness, resources/shelter, safety planning, medical/legal advocacy.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:



FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE IN

For more information email: brandon.begay@gric.nsn.us

REGISTRATION FORM

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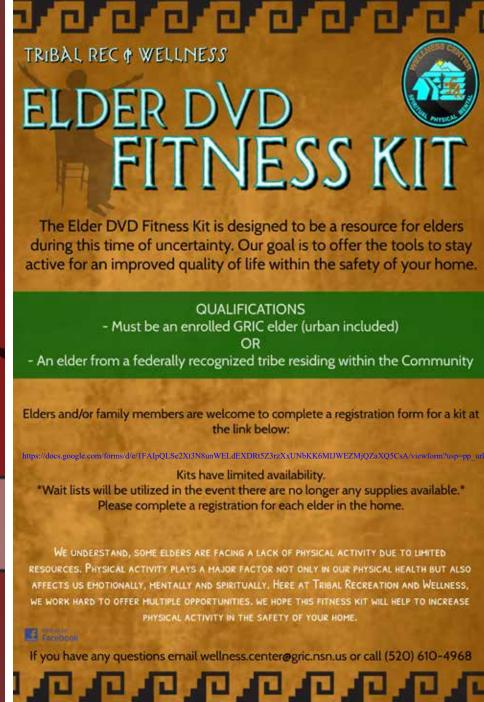
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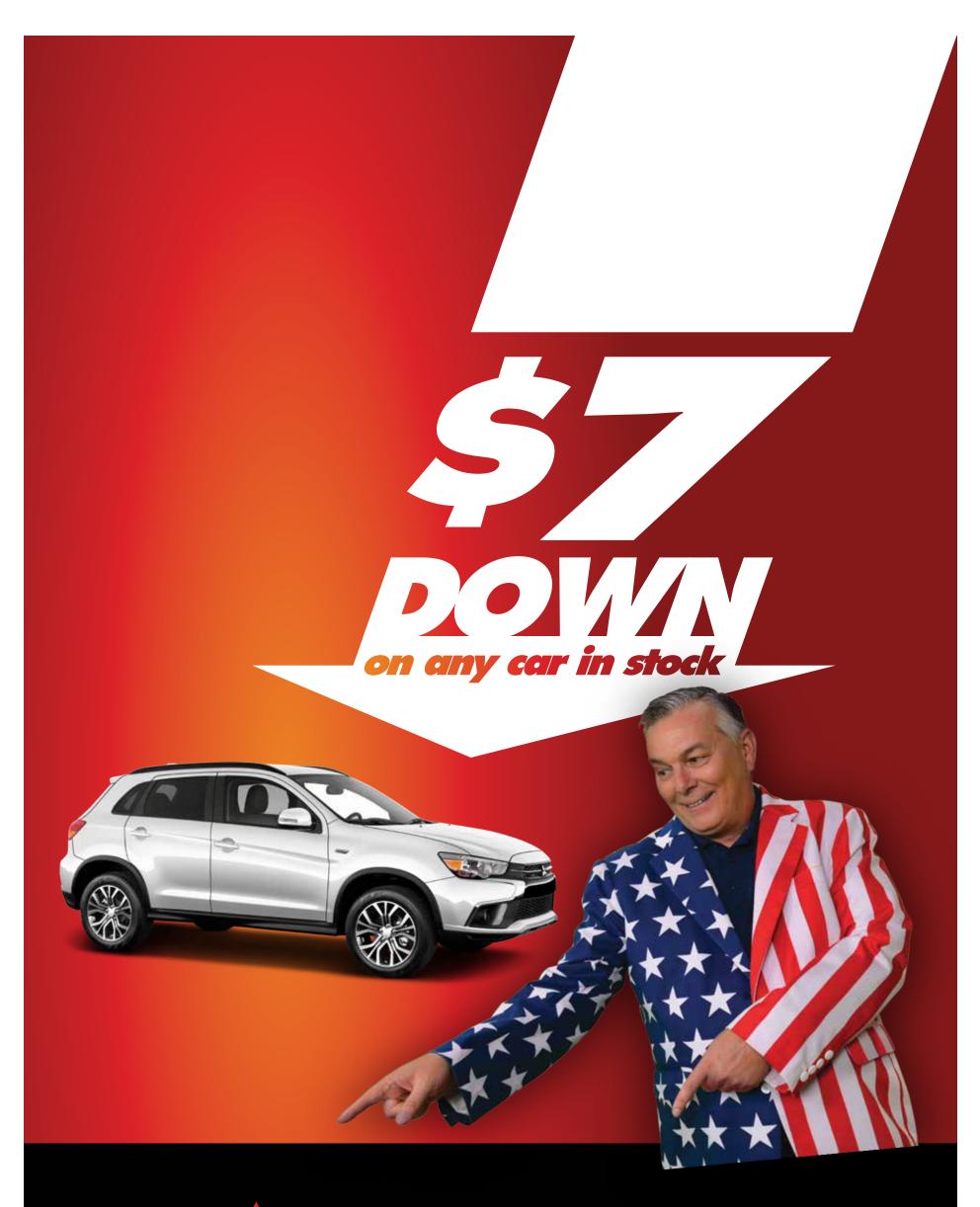


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