



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Gila River Indian Community to Provide Third General Assistance Payment to Community Members

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

(Sacaton, Arizona)— Governor Stephen Roe Lewis announced on Dec. 1 that a third general assistance payment will be made to Gila River Indian Community members on December 9, 2020. The Gila River Indian Community Council previously approved the payment from the COVID-19 Emergency Fund to all Community members over the age of 18 in the amount of \$500.

Governor Lewis explained,

“This payment is to continue to assist our Community members in meeting their basic needs in the face of a serious surge of COVID-19 cases in Arizona and nationwide.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

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The COVID-19 Emergency Fund was approved by the Community Council at a Special Meeting on March 24, 2020. The Fund has been used for

general assistance payments to Community members as well as direct food distribution to members.

The Community Council has also approved various other initiatives to assist Community members and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Governor Lewis has issued executive orders extending a

“stay at home” order for the Gila River Indian Reservation, a partial shutdown of the Community government, and mandating the wearing of face masks on the Reservation.

“The upcoming weeks are critical for the Community and Arizona,” Governor Lewis continued, “with COVID-19 numbers expected to rise above

what we saw in July and August.”

The Community government has been very active in meeting the essential needs of Community members during the pandemic, including deliveries of food, water and essential items. While the Community government has been partially shut down, certain departments and programs continue to provide essential services and functions to the Community, and all public safety departments have remained fully operational.

The projected payment date for the third general assistance payment is December 9, 2020.

State Route 87 Signal Project completes stop light at Sacaton Road

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community roadways received some changes along State Route 87, a two-way highway that runs through the Community. SR 87 has become a major roadway for the Community and surrounding areas. Over the years, Community members have shared concerns about the safety of the highway, which has experienced increased traffic and many accidents.

GRIC’s Community Council recognized that the safety of tribal members and people traveling through the Community needed to be addressed. In December 2016, the Executive Office requested a meeting with the Arizona Department of Transportation, public safety and others to discuss the safety improvements at three of the busiest intersections along SR 87: Olberg Road, Sacaton Road and Gilbert Road. From 2012 to 2017, there were 53 crashes that occurred at the three intersections. Two of which were fatal.

In August 2017, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis wrote a formal letter to the Arizona Department of Transportation, requesting that State Route 87 be surveyed for signal lights at the three intersections. The request was approved by ADOT South

Central District staff in October 2017.

Study results showed that signals were needed at the intersections for safety due to the increased traffic. Federal Safety funds were awarded

for the construction of the signal lights in April 2018. The design was completed in 2019 and construction began in March 2020. ADOT staff was responsible for the project development, clearance

documents, design and bidding of the project. Construction has now been completed and signal lights have been activated at SR 87 and Sacaton Road, SR 87 and Olberg Road, with the Gilbert Road light to be completed by

Dec. 8.

ADOT worked closely with the Community’s Department of Transportation, Land Use Planning and Zoning, and other tribal businesses to make the safety improvements.



Crews work on the new stop light at Sacaton Road and SR87 on Dec. 2. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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9 am - 1 pm & 5 pm- 7 pm

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FLU VACCINE (only) CLINICS

District 5 Service Center

December 2nd
8 am - 4 pm

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Pharmacy Drive Thru

December 2nd
8 am - 5 pm

District 3 Headstart

December 3rd
8 am - 4 pm

Komatke Pharmacy Drive Up

December 3rd
8 am - 5 pm

District 3 Headstart

December 8th
9 am - 5 pm

Komatke Pharmacy Drive Up & Shegoi Parking Lot

December 9th
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December 10th
8 am - 4 pm

District 4 Service Center

December 16th
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December 16th
10 am - 1 pm

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JANUARY 1ST

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COVID-19 cases rising in Arizona; GRIC Executive Orders remain in effect

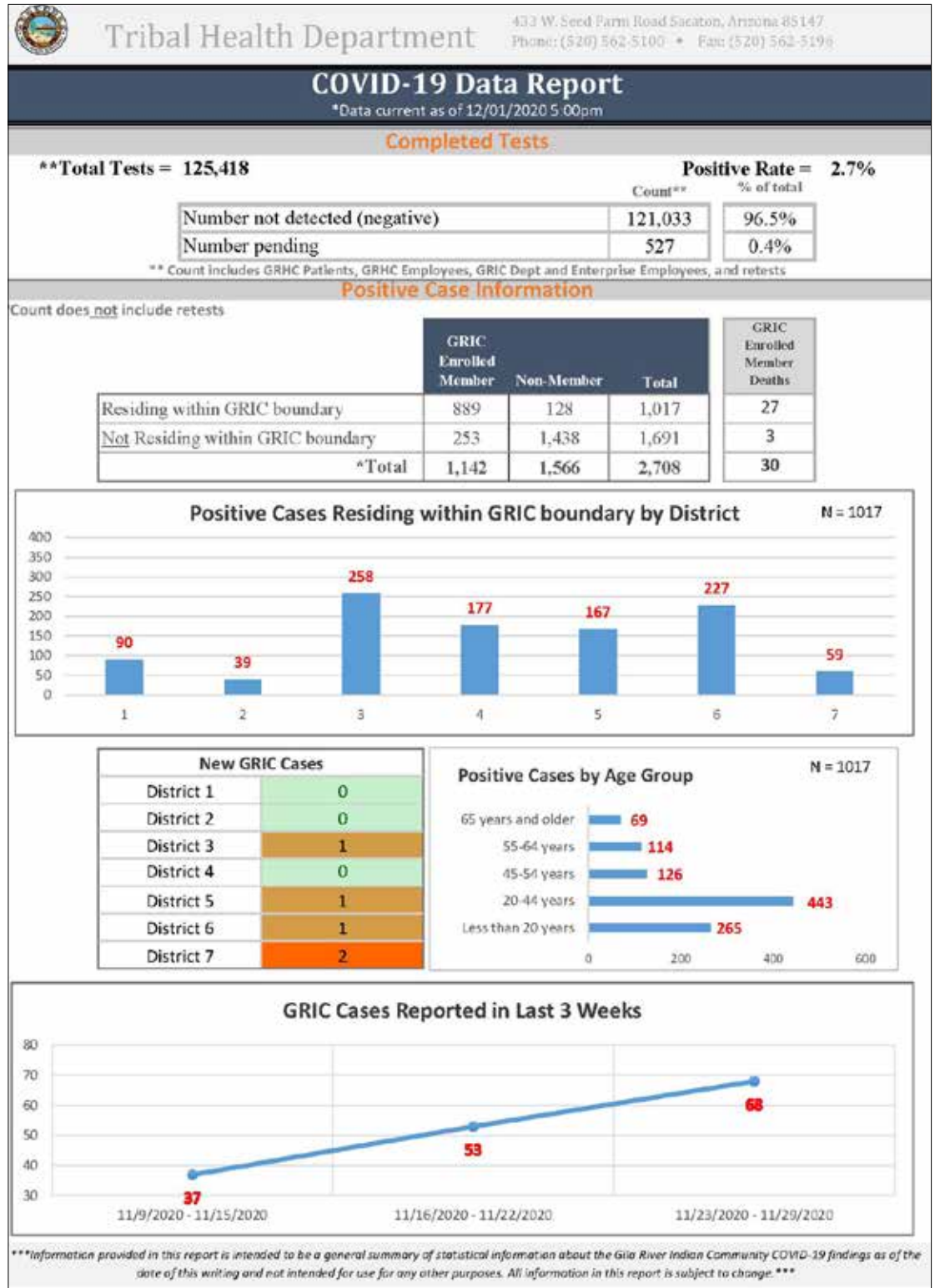
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COVID-19 cases continue to increase throughout the Community, state and nation. The Gila River Indian Community's COVID-19 data report continues to show a rise in cases. As of Dec. 1, there are 2,708 COVID-19 cases—1,142 Community members and 1,566 Non-member.

The holiday season usually increases travel but the Community's stay-at-home order remains in effect. Staying home is the best way to protect you and your family. As people spend more time indoors due to the colder weather, continue to practice physical distancing and always wear a face mask when you are around others. Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Stay home if you're sick and monitor your symptoms.

The state has reached 346,421 COVID-19 cases and 6,821 deaths due to the virus, as of Dec. 3. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey addressed the recent COVID-19 surge in a press conference on Dec. 2. Health care facilities in the state are seeing a rise in ER visits and ICU patients due to the virus.

Gov. Ducey provided an update on the possibility of a vaccine available in late December at no cost to Arizona residents. The vaccine will be prioritized for healthcare, first responders, and other essential workers including teachers. More than one vaccine may be available by the end of the year, according to the CDC.



DECEMBER 2020

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Gila River Hotels & Casinos deliver checks around GRIC

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Hotels & Casinos delivered checks to Gila River Indian Community tribal departments ahead of the holidays in the amount of \$5,000 on Nov. 17.

Teaya Vicente, Public Relations Manager, and Manuel Hernandez, Public Relations Coordinator delivered the checks to the Gila River Fire Department, Tribal Social Services, Gila River Police Department and Gila River Boys & Girls Club.

“It’s a really good benefit and we feel honored,” said GRFD Chief Kathy Garcia, who said the donation will go towards the crisis response team.

Representatives from the Arizona Cardinals were also on hand for the check presentations.

“It means everything to [us] to be here to represent the Arizona Cardinals and the Community, because they have been a very important partner with [us] and it is important to give back to Gila River,” said Steve Ryan, Senior Vice President of Business Development.

“These types of donations allow us



Gila River Hotels & Casinos presents a check to GRPD with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

to provide better and more efficient care for Community members,” said Javier Hernandez, Crisis Response Manager.

The donation will go towards training for volunteers, toys for children at the scene of emergencies, clothing for victims of sexual assaults and other care items for families in dire need.

Gila River Police Chief Timothy Chavez said the money will be used for protective training equipment.

“The assistance came at exactly the right time, when we move into a new training facility,” said Chavez.

Tribal Social Services said their funds will go towards activities that will benefit children and

families of the Community and hygienic supplies which will be given out along with presents for Christmas.

The Gila River Boys & Girls Club will also use their money in a variety of important ways.

“Right now, we are in the process of changing over everything, such as our signage, but it will also go towards our teen programs, over social media,” said Jason Jones, Director for Gila River Boys and Girls Club.

Jones was appreciative of the Casino donation on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Gila River, since it has recently undergone its own rebranding, new signage is needed to represent the change.



Gila River Hotels & Casinos and Steve Ryan (far right) with the Arizona Cardinals, presents a check to GRFD. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Gila River Hotels & Casinos presents a check to Jason Jones with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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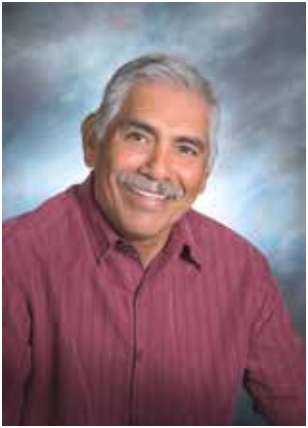
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Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

A key issue for many American voters in this 2020 election was immigration—the wall, children in cages, America first, who can be a citizen. Our tribal community had that last issue come up in the mid-1800. The idea that immigrants are not welcome goes against principles of our nation and Native nations. The O'odham welcomed the Piipaash/Maricopa to strengthen both tribes.

Much of the following information was taken from a 1980 Arizona Republic article by John Winters. The Kavelcadom merged with the Piipaash/Maricopa to move upriver; soon Halchidhoma, Kohuana, Halyikwamai – all from the Colorado River area—would also move to Gila River land. Eventually these tribes would be absorbed by the Piipaash. The Piipaash know South Mountain as “Greasy”

from a story of Coyote sloppily finishing a meal on the mountain. The Sierra Estrella Mountain they refer to as a Berdache, for one dwells inside. (In the 17th and 18th centuries, French explorers met Natives who could not be classified as men or women, the French labeled them “berdache.” Other explorers saw how tribes recognized and accepted berdache individuals, tribes among the Plains and O'odham. The term stuck but today two-spirit is used.)

(How Coyote made South Mountain greasy is very similar to the Akimel O'odham story. Neither story is “wrong.” Natives respected diversity, accepting the sameness and differentness of others.)

Historically July and August had the Yuman culture gathering mesquite beans. Supplementing the diet were rabbits, corn, melons and beans. (Black eyed peas arrived via slave ships. Spaniards heading north and later freedmen heading west bought black eyed peas to riverine areas.)

Fish was another main food source. Some men would stretch a net along the river while other men dove into the akimel/river to search beaver tunnels under the banks for hiding fish. (In the mid-1990s, Amadeo Rea was writing his greatly informative book about our ecosystem, At the Desert's

Green Edge, West End elder Sylvester Matthias would stay with him in San Diego. Mr. Matthias liked fish dinner feasts. “This is real Pima food,” he would say.)

The Piipaash adhered to the Colorado River custom of formally lining up before battles in challenging and taunting the enemy, usually Quechan led. The war leader carried a wooden spike and directed the battle. Aji/Pima Butte/M Mountain is the last known site of a Native upon Native battle without any outside or foreign assistance within the continental U. S. It took place on September 1, 1857. O'odham and Cocopa were allies of the Maricopa.

Piipaash culture also revolved around dreaming, success or failure depended on dreams. Songs were dreamed. Illness and death could be caused by bad dreams. Aji was considered a dream source mountain.

In 1980, there were roughly 600 Maricopa with half living in Lehi, north of Mesa. Yuman cultural practices are not forgotten, according to informant Perry Sundust, “The Maricopa carry on the cremation of the deceased people.” During that July week of 1980, two cremations were scheduled within the community. Their pottery is world renowned, and social dances are still held.



Burnett Gates, living in Lehi and a member of the Salt River Tribal Council added, “We as Maricopas are more or less kind of warm, we live apart...still we value our relationship.” He lamented how use of the language has diminished, but praised efforts of elders teaching the language.

An election should provide a seamless transfer of leadership (but this is 2020!). Tribal elections follow with the same idea. But being a minority within a minority, there were some rocky times for the Maricopa in our

community. In the forty years since the article was written, the Piipaash seem to have weathered such challenges in the revival and continuation of some cultural practices. Their contributions enrich our native world.

Information was taken from *Massacre on the Gila, An Account of the Last Major Battle Between American Indians, with Reflections on the Origin of War*, by Clifton Kroeber and Bernard Fontana, *U of A Press*, 1986. Sites accessed were:

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of the Great Plains | BERDACHE and <http://plainshumanities.unl.edu/encyclopedia/doc/egp.gen.004>.

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Voters in precincts on the Navajo and Hopi reservations in northeastern Arizona cast nearly 60,000 ballots in the Nov. 3 election, compared with just under 42,500 in 2016.

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Gila River Hotels & Casinos CEO honored by Phoenix Business Journal

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Phoenix Business Journal made an annual announcement of influential figures from around the Valley. The Phoenix Business Journal hosted their annual Most Admired Leaders event during a virtual presentation on Dec. 1, which honored Kenneth Manuel Jr., CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos.

According to Phoenix Business Journal, “The honorees are recognized for their integrity, values, vision and commitment to excellence.” One of the criteria for recognition is being a community and industry leader by acts of volunteerism through give-back programs and public service.

A small virtual reception was held at the

Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass with Manuel and his parents Esther and Kenneth Manuel Sr., along with Gila River Hotels & Casino team members.

“It’s truly an honor to be selected by Phoenix Business Journal. I am very passionate about what I do and coming into work every day, I see it more than a job, much more than that,” said Manuel.

“I am very fortunate to receive this award, but I take with great pride and I accept it on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community,” said Manuel. He said much of his success is owed to his parents and the values that have molded him into the person he is today.

“[We] are just thrilled and proud to see how far he has come to see him grown-

up and what he has been through,” said Esther who is very proud of her son’s hard work.

“It’s been a pleasure working with you, to see how far you have come and where you are going to go, [we] are all proud of your accomplishments,” said Teaya Vicente, Gila River Hotels & Casinos Public Relations Manager.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better team, I wouldn’t have done it without the team, who I also accept [this] award on behalf of,” said Manuel.

He said being named one of the most admired leaders isn’t an award for him alone, but a having an excellent team and organization to make the success of Gila River Hotels & Casinos a reality.



Kenneth Manuel Jr. (center) with family during the virtual presentation of his award by the Phoenix Business Journal on Dec. 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



WATER RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION

This year the Community will celebrate Water Rights Day virtually with a video presentation. The video will feature guest speakers, cultural presentations and more!

Gila River Broadcasting Corporation will be airing the Water Rights Day Celebration Video on television Channels 19.1 & 29.1 on the following dates:

Video Premiere Thursday 12/10/20 at 6:00 pm

Saturday 12/12/20 - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday 12/15/20 - 9:30 am

Saturday 12/19/20 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 12/22/20 - 7:00 pm

Saturday 12/26/20 - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday 12/29/20 - 9:30 a.m.



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Runners bring water in relay to MAR-5 for upcoming Water Rights Day

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 runners trekked 12 miles from the MAR-1 site in District 1, Blackwater, to MAR-5 in District 3 carrying water in a traditional gourd canteen as part of the upcoming 16th Annual GRIC Water Rights Day Celebration, which recognizes the Arizona Water Rights Settlement

of 2004 and the lengthy legal battle to secure the Community's water rights. "This year it was decided to run the water as we have in the past although we did not have an in-person event. We decided to limit the run to a few Community members to run the water and pray for the Community during this tough time," said Alie

Walking Badger, Special Events Coordinator with the Communications & Public Affairs Office. Walking Badger and other organizers with the Gila River Health Initiative scaled back this year's run in accordance to CDC COVID-19 safety guidelines. The Nasewytewa family, District 6, and the Quintero family, District 1, divided the miles

between them to jointly complete the route. Thalia Ayala, District 1, ran for the second year and said, "It's important to run this water because it's sacred. At one point we didn't have it, and now that we do, it's good to run it because that's what makes us river people." Lee Nasewytewa, District 6, ran for his third time. "The history and

importance of the holiday keeps me coming back to run the water because whether the celebration is in person or virtual, running the water means a lot for the Community," he said. Footage of the run will be screened during the Virtual Water Rights Day Celebration, which will be aired on Gila River Broadcasting Corporation channels 19.1 and 29.1

on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., and will also be streamed live on the Gila River Indian Community's Facebook page. "The fact that we were able to run the water this year was a success in itself, and we look forward to once again running water for future Water Rights Day events," Walking Badger said.



Members of the Nasewytewa family with the gourd of water at the MAR-5 site in District 3. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Runners on behalf of the Quintero family from District 1 with the gourd of water at the MAR-5 site in District 3. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY WATER RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION Thursday, December 10, 2020



You are invited to celebrate Water Rights Day virtually with a video presentation. The video will premiere on Gila River Broadcasting Corporation and Gila River Indian Community Facebook page at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, 2020.

The video will feature various guest speakers, cultural presentations and more!

Stay tuned for more information on how to enter a raffle and win commemorative Water Rights Day items.

For more information, please contact the Communication and Public Affairs Office at (520) 562-9713





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- Current utility bill

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-or-
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- District Service Center drop off in Drop-Off Box

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LIHEAP



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Telephone Intake opens December 28, 2020

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • November 18, 2020

ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, November 18, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

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; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD RESOLUTION #4 UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #7; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #4; ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #1 THROUGH #3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA; AND REMOVE REPORT #6 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

*1. Introduction Of Desert Hills High School

Presenter: Dave Miller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE REPORTS

>1. PPVA 4th Qtr 2020 Budget

Presenters: Arnie Bread, Sr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. PPVA Year-End 2020 Budget

Presenters: Arnie Bread, Sr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Haskell Osife-Antone Auxiliary Unit 51

Presenters: Pamela Thompson and Alison Anderson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Head Start Monthly Report-August 2020

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Head Start Monthly Report-September 2020

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Tribal Education Department – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

REPORT HEARD

>7. Employment & Training Department – FY2020 Annual Report (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020)

Presenter: Lana Chanda

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston, Laurie Thomas, June Shorthair, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Chief Timothy Chavez

REPORT HEARD

9. FY 2019 Domestic Violence Annual Report

Presenter: Trina Hart

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Amended COVID-19 Business Interruption Grant Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Jason Hauter

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Granting A Parcel Of Community Trust Land In District Four For The Purpose Of A Public Utility And Transportation Corridor, And Granting A Right-Of-Way

Easement To The Gila River Indian Community's Department Of Transportation For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating, Managing And Maintaining A Transportation And Utilities Right-Of-Way Corridor Located In District 4 And As Shown On Attached Map Titled "Right Of Way Survey Underground Utility Easement And Temporary Construction Easement", And Designated As LUPZ Survey No. 20-27331 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Ron Rosier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Extending The Deadline For The Crime Task Force To Develop And Present Its Plan To The Community Council (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Rebecca Hall

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Third General Assistance Payment Out Of The Gila River Indian Community COVID-19 Emergency Fund (G&MSC forwards to the November 18, 2020 Council Meeting under Resolutions, with the supplemental memo to be included, with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy and Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Saint Peter Indian Mission School Tribal Education Allocation Written Plan (ESC forwards to Council under New Business and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sister Martha Mary Carpenter

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Education Allocation Written Plan 2020-2021 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Jim Mosley

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Casa Blanca Community School CARES ACT And Other COVID Funding

Presenter: Lillian Kim Franklin

(ESC forwards to Council under New Business as FYI and placement on the consent agenda)

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. GRHC Incident Management Team Summary & Presentation (H&SSC forwards to Council to request a Council Work Session with a suggested date of Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:00a.m. Via WebEx)

Presenter: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON DECEMBER 1, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M. VIA WEBEX

5. Code Of Conduct Training (LSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, GILA RIVER SAND & GRAVEL, GILA RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND CHEMAWA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE WITH NO SANCTIONS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE SYLVIA AN-TONE, RITA PANCOTT, JOEY BIAKEDDY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE WITH NO SANCTIONS

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:47 A.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT ASSOCIATE JUDGE DALLAS DELOWE TO WRITE AND SUBMIT A FORMAL LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE CCSO WITHIN 10 DAYS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE GRIN AND POSTING AT THE DISTRICT SERVICE CENTERS.

6. Certification Of The 2020 General Election & Special Constitution Amendments Election Results (LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation to certify Stephen

phen Roe Lewis for the Office of Governor) (LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation to certify Monica Antone for the Office of Lt. Governor) (LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation to certify Joseph Manuel for the Office of Chief Judge) (LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation to certify Sheri L. Cassa, Charles Aragon, Janice F. Breckenridge and Anthony J. Hill for the Office of Associate Judge) (LSC forwards to Community Council the write-in candidate Darren Pedro-Martinez receiving the highest votes for the Associate Judge position; and recommend to Council to go through the certification process) (LSC forwards to Community Council for certification of the Gila River Indian Community 2020 Special Constitution Amendments Election Results)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde and Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY STEPHEN ROE LEWIS FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY MONICA AN-TONE FOR THE OFFICE OF LT. GOVERNOR

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO JOSEPH MANUEL FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF JUDGE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY SHERI L. CASSA, CHARLES ARAGON, JANICE F. BRECKEN-RIDGE AND ANTHONY J. HILL FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY RESULTS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY 2020 SPECIAL CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS ELECTION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT MRS. DARREN PEDRO-MARTINEZ TO CONTACT THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN 3 DAYS TO ASCERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS TO HOLD OFFICE; FINAL VERIFICATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO LSC AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR FINAL CERTIFICATION

MOTION: MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. COVID-19 Leave Policy And Elected Judges (Executive Session) (LSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and possible action)

Presenter: Mandy Cisneros

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT CHIEF JUDGE AND ASSOCIATE JUDGES TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE NOTIFICATION AND SUBMIT TO LSC IN 60 DAYS

8. Gaming Internal Audit 4th Quarter Report FY2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Dena Thomas and Treasurer Robert Keller
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT NEW BUSINESS #8 AND #9

9. Revenue Internal Audit 4th Quarter Report FY2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Dena Thomas and Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED DURING NEW BUSINESS #8

MINUTES

1. March 12, 2020 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. November 4, 2020 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~CRSC SPECIAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

~CBSCOT MEETING - NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

~CRIME TASK FORCE MEETING - NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.

~PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE I-10 STUDY - TONIGHT AT 5:30 P.M.

~CCSO WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2020

~EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 25, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

~COUNCIL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE MOVED TO NOVEMBER 25, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.

~HOT MEETING - NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:10 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

PIMA LEASING POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Business Accountant
Salary: \$65,000-95,000 Annual (DOE)
Status: Exempt and Supervisory
Reports to: Executive Director
Position Summary:

The Business Accountant is responsible of maximizing the return on financial assets by establishing financial policies, procedures, controls, and reporting systems for Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation. The position ensures legal and regulatory compliance for all accounting and financial reporting functions of the corporation. The Business Accountant oversees cost a general accounting, accounts receivable/collection, payroll, and risk management. Participates in special projects and analysis as assigned by the Executive Director. This position supports the financial well-being of the corporation by providing financial projections and accounting services to accomplish the goals of the Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

- Guide financial decisions by establishing, monitoring and enforcing policies and procedures.
- Protects assets by establishing, monitoring, and enforcing internal controls. Develop and oversee the internal review function to ensure that financial, operations controls, and policies are complied with.
- Provides status of financial condition of the company by collecting, interpreting, and reporting key financial data;
- Complies with Tribal, Federal, State, and local legal requirements; enforcing adherence to requirements; filing financial reports; advising management on needed actions.
- Prepares budgets by establishing schedules; collecting, analyzing, and consolidating financial data; recommending plans.
- Oversee the accounts payable and accounts receivable systems in order to ensure complete and accurate record of all money
- Oversee the annual insurance renewal process and ensure appropriate coverage is maintained at all times for corporation employees and property owned by PLFC.
- Maximizes return, and limits risk, on cash by minimizing bank balances; recommendation on making investments.
- Achieves budget objectives by scheduling expenditures; analyzing variances; initiating corrective actions.
- Oversee the External Audit, review, and analyze results and recommended for approval the Audited Financial Statements.
- Generate and submit forms to proper agencies and employees meeting all federal and state deadlines, to include W-2 and 1099 forms
- Initiates monthly and year end close process for the A/P, G/L and payroll modules.
- Ensure PLFC complies with all internal policies and relevant regulations and ensure filings are completed in a timely manner.
- Oversee management of the payroll function ensuring efficient systems, process and controls are in place.
- Evaluates needs for procurement of funds and investments of surpluses and with the advisement of 3rd party investment management firm provides coordinated recommendations on short term and long-term financial objectives, policies, and actions.
- Manage outsourced functions if within the purview of the Business Accountant
- Ensure compliance with the Gila River Indian Community Constitution, Ordinances, Resolutions and Policies & Procedures.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge, Skills, Abilities & Attributes

- High level of knowledge of governmental/non-profit accounting principles and procedures.
- Knowledge and understanding of General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- Skill analyzing and evaluating information accurately and expressing ideas clearly when providing verbal and written reports and recommendations.
- Skill understanding and interpreting complex rules, regulations, policies and guidelines including but not limited to the above fore mentioned at a Tribal, Federal, and State level.
- Ability to work independently, maintain strong interpersonal skills and exercise sound judgement and initiative.

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- Protects the corporation by keeping financial information and plans confidential.
- Ability to analyze financial data and prepare accurate reports in a timely fashion.
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced, high-demand work environment.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Community Officials, Community Department/entities, and Community Members and the public.
- Ability to understand the provisions of the Gila River Indian Community Constitution, Ordinances, and Resolutions as they relate to PLFC functions.
- Demonstrates good judgment, loyalty, and integrity.
- Ability to grasp PLFC's short and long term priorities and develop systems, processes and policies to support the achievement of them in a cost effective manner.
- Skill with computers and related software including MS Windows, Office, Excel, PowerPoint Outlook and Quickbooks.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional societies.

Education & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Business Administration or related field and a minimum of two to five (2 to 5) years' experience with public or government accounting, training development or a combination of education, training and work experience which demonstrates the ability to perform the duties of this position.
- CPA or CMA is highly preferred

Required Math Ability

Ability to work with mathematical concepts and to apply concepts such as fractions, percentages, ratios and proportions to practical business situations. Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, interest, commissions, proportions.

Physical Demands

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand for an entire shift/extended period of time; walk; use hand and fingers to handle, and feel; reach with hands and arms; talk and hear; and drive a motor vehicle. The employee occasionally is required to sit; bend, climb, stoop, lift, carry, push or kneel. The employee must regularly lift and/or move 10 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds.

Working Conditions

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Work is generally performed indoors and the employee in this position is normally exposed to a moderate noise level. Must acknowledge and agree to maintain a Drug-free Work Place as a condition of employment. Agree to a background check for employment purposes. Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U.S. Code, Section 472 and 473). Preference is given to qualified enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community. The Gila River Indian Community is also committed to achieving the full and equal opportunity without discrimination because of Race, Religion, Color, Sex, National Origin, Politics, Marital Status, Physical Handicap, Age or Sexual Orientation. In other than the above, the Gila River Indian Community is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Resume maybe emailed to: info@theplf

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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)
Lone Butte Trade Center #2, Gas Station, 4
Acker Stone, Concrete Block, 4
Superstition Crushing, Aggregate Processing, 4

Air Contaminants Emitted:
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
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Particulate Matter <10 Microns (PM10)
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Public Notice Start Date: November 20, 2020
Public Notice End Date: December 20, 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 comments 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-notice>. 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.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE

2021 Agricultural Lease Payment

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2021 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 22, 2021**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729

(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)

The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 16, 2020.

Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 22, 2021. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 16, 2020.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 22, 2021.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

***Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 4, 2021.**



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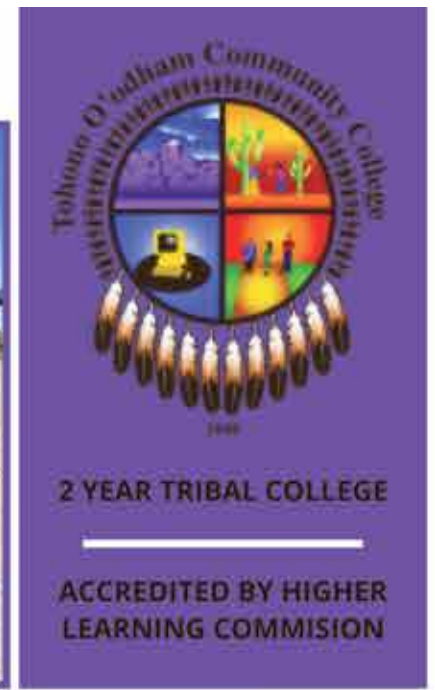
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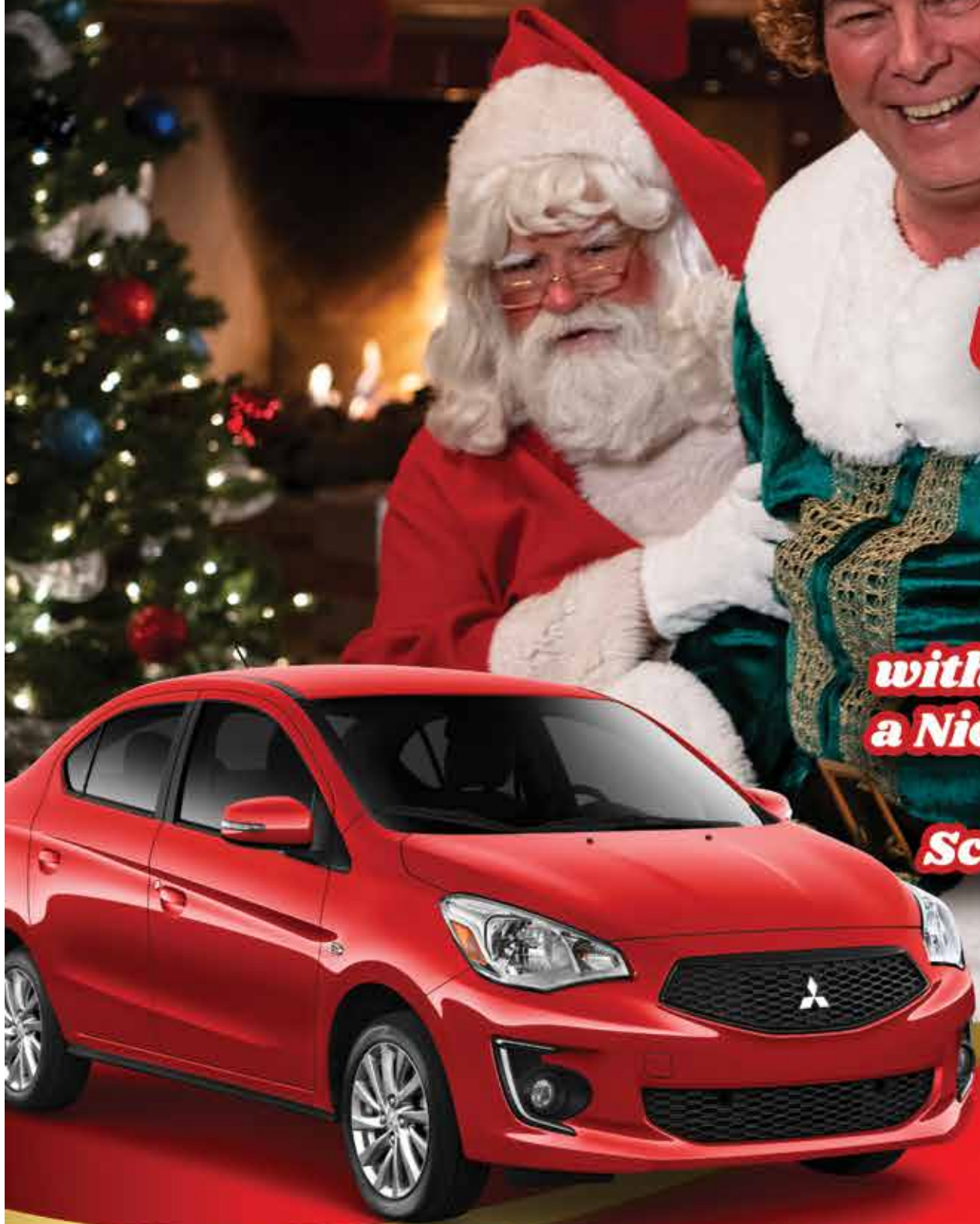
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