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Gila River Hotels & Casinos Donates \$60,000 Worth of Food and Supplies to Gila River Indian Community

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Gila River Hotels & Casinos

CHANDLER, Ariz. (March 19, 2020) - On Wednesday, March 18, Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. temporarily closed Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Wild

Horse Pass, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva due to the rapidly spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19). The decision came after heightened concerns for the health and safety of its team members and guests during the pandemic. The closure of all three properties will be in effect until the end of the month.

The day before the temporary closure, Gila River Hotels & Casinos received a delivery of \$60,000 worth of perishable food items and made the decision to donate them to Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) elders and families. The Gila team worked around the clock on logistics to quickly expedite the deliveries.

The deliveries were executed in two phases: a dropoff of 20 pallets of water and 98 cases of toilet paper to GRIC's Office of Emergency Management, followed by a donation of \$60,000 worth of



Volunteers prepare boxes of food and supplies. Gila River Hotels & Casinos



Gila River Hotels & Casinos donated \$60,000 worth of food. Gila River Hotels & Casinos

perishable food items to community residents within the seven districts located on the Gila River Indian Community.

"I am so proud of our team members for providing help to our community during this difficult time," said Kenneth Manuel, CEO of Gila River Hotels & Casinos. "It has been an honor to watch everyone come together, support one another and most importantly, serve those in need."

GRIC is an alliance of two

tribes, the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh, also known as the Pima and Maricopa. Established in 1859, GRIC has the largest indigenous population in the Phoenix metropolitan area, with their borders expanding more than 600 square miles from Florence to Laveen.

Nearly 23,000 members of GRIC depend on the economic success of Gila River Hotels & Casinos. The enterprise provides hundreds of jobs to community

members, and revenue from all three properties help to fund infrastructure improvements, housing development, emergency first responder services, education, health and wellness programs and

social services.

For updates on when Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva will reopen, visit PlayAt-Gila.com.

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Mul-Chu-Tha: Elders and Veterans recognized at Community Day

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

This year's Mul-Chu-Tha recognized three Community members, for their public service and inspiration to others. Community members Marlin Porter (D7), Billy Allen (D5) and Corrine Escalante (D3), were recognized, during the 58th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Community Day at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on Mar. 6.

Porter is a Vietnam Veteran, who was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, where he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery. The 1-40th FA, would see combat in the Vietnam war, in support of various counteroffensive operations, until it returned to stateside in 1969 to Fort Lewis Washington, where it was deactivated.

Before military service, Porter was involved in track and field and cross country in high school, where he earned various accolades. He was named First Team All-State Cross Country in 1963, 1964 and 1965. In the recent spotlight, Porter was inducted into the Phoenix Union High School Dis-



Visitors attend the 56th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo at the Sacaton Fairgrounds. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

tricts Hall of Fame.

"He's very active in the Community advocating for veterans, in the Pee Posh Veterans Association and with the Phoenix Urban Members Association," said Gov.

Stephen Roe Lewis. "He is someone special, as an elder and veteran, he epitomizes the spirit of the award and what that stands for," said Lewis.

"I am honored and proud of

the award, that I have received, I am proud of all the accomplishments that I have made in my life," said Porter. He looked back on his athletic accomplishments at Phoenix Union High School.

"When you start a program for yourself in high school, day school, even in kindergarten, keep going, never stop and put your best foot forward. I like to see our young people go places, keep pushing themselves and be proud of it," said Porter.

He said, "I went to school at Phoenix Union, I ran all the way home to 10th street and Indian School road, I never took the bus, it was a warm-up for me. I committed myself to being the best, I wanted to be the best, but most of all I was proud of where I was from, Gila River."

Co-elder of the year awardee, William "Billy" Allen was not able to be present, while recovering from a health condition. "Growing-up we were always playing football, basketball or baseball," said Allen.

"It is an honor to be recognized by your own people. I thank the Mul-Chu-Tha Committee, all of [you] for the honor," said Allen on being awarded co-elder of the year. In 1977, Allen was hired by Casa Grande Union High School, which began a career span of over 31 years at the school, as a cross country coach and assistant track

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Brenda Robertson honored at Cultural Circle

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

"I'm thankful for this honor, I do it to help our little ones, who are growing up in the Community," said Brenda Robertson. She said the role of a cultural teacher is not to her alone, but of parents and grandparents, who possess the same knowledge. "It's a joyous day for me, I can't help, but feel all the strength that I have today," said Robertson.

"She has been coordinating the cultural circle for many years and has been teaching others, even as she served on Community Council," said Antonio "Gohk" Davis, master of ceremonies for the Mul-Chu-Tha cultural circle.

"It's good to be here, to recognize Brenda Robertson, who has helped at the cultural circle for a very long time," Lt. Gov. Robert Stone. "We all have our relationships amongst us, amongst our families, and that is what Brenda represents in the Community."

He said Robertson has put a lot of heart into the cultural circle, to bring in groups from the Community and elsewhere to showcase O'otham traditions.

"I've know her all her life, she always dedicated her life to preserving [our] culture, sharing her knowledge about O'otham traditions to so many," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. "She is at the center of our Community, that is why we are here today, to honor all that she has done to make a difference in people's lives." He said Robertson has also been an advocate for the Community's water rights, as a former District 5 Council Representative.

"They are the ones that inspired me to keep walking that road, and it's because of her influence, it's brought me back to this Himdag," said Harry Antone, who spoke about Robertson's impact on his life.

He said the cultural circle at the Mul-Cha-That fairgrounds, plays a significant role in the teaching of O'otham traditions, a place for all O'otham to gather, to learn about our Himdag. "Outside of the cultural circle You will be rewarded when you put effort into teaching your children, to help them understand our culture, songs and everything we have been given."



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with former council representative Brenda Robertson at the Cultural Circle at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on March 7. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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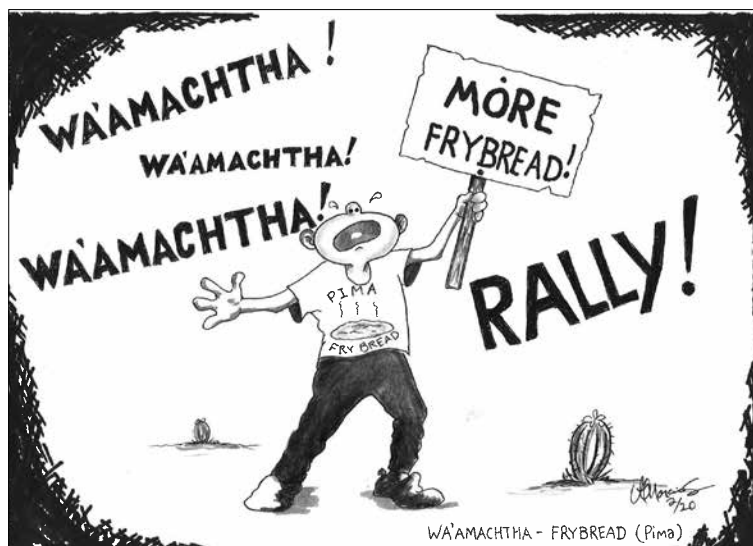
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Traditional dancers honor Brenda Robertson at the cultural circle. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Lone Butte and Vee Quiva Casinos Now Serving O’otham Cuisine



Carolyn Thompson, General Manager for Vee Quiva and Jamie Martinez, General Manager of Lone Butte in front of the Coverall Deli at the Vee Quiva locations. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gila River hotels & casinos has opened a new restaurant, “Coverall Deli”, now open at their Lone Butte and Vee Quiva locations. Named after the bingo game term where you must cover every number on your card to win, the deli covers all types of cravings, from pizza, chicken sandwiches, ice cream and even Sonoran dogs, hence the name “Coverall.”

Coverall Deli also showcases authentic native food. Developed and served by Gila River Indian Community members. Indian tacos, red and green chili popovers are now available

for all to enjoy, with both locations open 24/7. Jamie Martinez who is currently the General Manager of the Lone Butte location, contributed his own recipes.

“The reason why we brought back the popovers and the native food, that was a thing the casino did years ago,” said Martinez, “I just made it a point to try and bring the popovers and beans and the chili back, you know, stuff that we were used to eating when we were growing up and sharing that with the guests”. Martinez is from District 7 and has been with Gila River Hotels & Casinos for over twenty-five years.

Coverall Deli first opened at Lone Butte back in October 2019 and now has a second location open at Vee Quiva, where Carolyn Thompson from District 3, is the General Manager. Thompson has also been with the casino for twenty-five years.

“It’s hard, you’re not going to meet what everybody’s expectations are but we tried,” said Thompson. “It was a challenge but we worked together” and the response has been great, Thompson notes that popovers are a top seller next to pizza.



Authentic Indian taco and Green chili popover now available at Coverall Deli. Emma Hughes/GRIN

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

☆☆ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ☆☆

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following vacancy pursuant to GRIC Constitution Article VIII, Section 3:

Public Notice	One – Year Term	Deadline
Appointment of Community Council Secretary	July 1, 2020 To June 30, 2021	May 4, 2020 5:00pm

Community members interested in serving as the Community Council Secretary, must submit one original copy of a Letter of Interest, a Résumé, an Application/Affidavit, and Financial Disclosure Statement to the Community Council Secretary’s Office by the deadline date, (include your address and phone number on your résumé). A copy of the position description outlining the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities can be obtained from the Community Council Secretary’s Office and/or Human Resources located at the Governance Center, 525 West Gu u Ki, mailing address P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, AZ 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720.

Pursuant of the Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community, Section 4; *The Secretary shall be the official custodian of all files, records, and correspondences of the Community and of the Community seal. He shall prepare all minutes, resolutions and ordinances enacted by the Council and transmit required copies to the Superintendent.*

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

☆☆ VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT ☆☆

The Gila River Indian Community Council has declared the following vacancy per GRIC Constitution Article VIII Sec 4:

Public Notice	Three-Year Term	Deadline
Appointment of Community Treasurer	July 1, 2020 Thru June 30, 2023	May 4, 2020 5:00pm

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Pursuant to Bylaws of Gila River Indian Community, Section 5: *The Treasurer shall accept, receive, give receipt for and safeguard all funds of the Community. As directed by the Council, he shall deposit all funds, without limitation on the amount in any account, in any national or state bank whose deposits are insured by any agency of the Federal Government; or deposit funds with bonded disbursing officer of the United States. All deposits shall be made in the name of the Gila River Indian Community. The Council may require deposits in bands to be collateralized. He shall not pay or disburse any funds of the Community except when properly authorized to do so by the Council.*

At the second regular Council meeting each month he shall submit a written report of receipts, disbursements, and the balance in each separate account for the preceding calendar month.

He may designate a duty bonded agent to perform any of his duties under his direction. Executed copy of such designation must be filed with the Secretary.

The books and records of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once a year and at such other times as the Council may direct, by a firm of certified public accountants employed by the Council.

The Treasurer and all others handling Community Funds shall be bonded by a corporate surety on the list approved by the United States Treasury Department, in an amount satisfactory to the Council and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The Council may authorize a blanket bond.



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Robert Stone with the recipients of the veteran and elders of year. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Gov. Lewis during the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo in Sacaton. GRIC Photo

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coach, on top of his teaching position.

“A highlight of my coaching career was in 1981, the Cougars won the AAA State Cross Country Team title,” said Allen. On that team, six members from the Community, brought the state cross country title to CGUHS.

Allen said he enjoyed coaching the students, that came through the cross-country team, and the influence he’s had on them.

Allen said, in the face of opportunities and challenges, “When you adjust, change or deal with it, you will come out alright.”

“He definitely had to sacrifice a lot being a teacher and a coach, this really means a lot to him,” said Linda Soto, Allen’s daughter. She thanked several others, who supported their father during his time as a coach, educator and even while his health was recovering.

“I just want to thank the people that voted me to [this],” said Corrine Escalante, co-elder of the year. She said her life has taken her from state to state, while her husband worked for Lockheed Martin Aerospace Company. Escalante said she was apprehensive

about receiving the award, but that her family told her to be proud of the recognition.

Whether it consisted of providing volunteer


work with her church, raising a family, or working at Dave’s Trading Post in Sacaton for several years, Escalante was known by all to always have a smile on

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her face.

“My family has really helped me out on all kinds of things, I praise my Lord and I thank [him] for that, he’s brought me through a lot of trials,” said Escalante, who is also a cancer survivor.

Tammy Histia, Assistant Culture Coordinator for Tribal Education said “She’s a tough lady, but loving and strong in her church and community.” Histia said she has developed a long friendship with Escalante, that goes back to

her childhood.

“It’s about her faith, her devotion to her family, community and church,” said Lewis. He said her generosity spans across the many family members and those she has touched through her kindness.



GRIC RECYCLING CALENDAR 2020



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Sacaton Middle School Lady Braves during the championship game at Casa Grand Middle School on March 10. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Sacaton girls basketball team play in championship

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Sacaton Middle School girls basketball team competed against Casa Grande Middle School in a championship game held on Tuesday evening, March 10.

Littlefeather Renee Sundust is one of the players on the team and has enjoyed playing with her teammates and getting to know them more. "Since we made it this far, it was a good experience for all of us, we're all excited for ev-

erything," said Sundust.

"I'm very proud of my girls, they pushed very hard," said Dora Juan, the girls' basketball coach, who went on to share that the girls are disciplined in both sports and academics.

Unfortunately, the Sacaton Lady Braves fell short in the championship game against the Casa Grande Wildcats, with a final score of 15-22. In an emotional ending, the girls expressed mixed feelings but are still proud of their efforts as a team and support among

each other. "We pushed through the whole thing, big crowds, friends, everything," said Juan, "We made it to championship and I'm glad. Go lady braves!"

"This was a hard-fought game to the end! Our Sacton Lady Braves, they never gave up. It was close, the game went back and forth," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis who was present at the championship game, along with Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Pi haichu hekaj i:tham vu'voithag- 'Plants that are not used for anything.'

The name for this month translates to 'The sprouting of the Mesquite tree Moon' and called March in English. Due to the numerous weather systems that have passed through our community in recent weeks, the landscape received a significant amount of rainfall. This moisture is a blessing for all the natural plants in our deserts and mountain ranges. Unfortunately, there are other invasive plants that we deem a nuisance in our yards and gardens. Some unwanted plants include those known in O'otham as Makkum je:j, Bi:b'biak, Kothdop, Hoho'ipad, S-ho'ithkam s-puluv, and Tho:lo a'ag. Makkum je:j, which literally means "Caterpillar's Mothers." This is the plant known as Spider-

ling in Milga:n, and invades our yards, gardens and recognized by its tall erect stems. Bi:b'biak means "to coil or wrap around something" in O'otham and refers to the Field Bindweed, which are seen growing in fields and roadsides. Kothdop is Sacred Datura or Jimsonweed, which emits a noxious odor when cut down and is harmful to humans and animals. Hoho'ipad "lots of spines" is the plant called Filaree or Heronbill. These plants are easily recognized by their spiral seedling, which becomes wrapped around our shoestrings and socks when working in our yards. S-ho'ithkam s-puluv "spiny or thorny clover" is Bur Clover, the burrs of these plants are troublesome to remove from our pet's

coats and tails. They are also a nuisance on playing fields and yards. Tho:lo a'ag "bull's horns" is the plant known as Puncture Vine. These plants are the most bothersome, as their spiked seeds can puncture bicycle tires and prick the paws of our pets. We often find them embedded on the sole of our shoes. It is time to go out and get your kavmol "garden hoe" and sikwan "chop" those weeds in our yards before they get too large. Now that extended Spring Break is here, instruct your kids. "Him ko sikwannam heg shai!" (Go chop those weeds!). This month's word match will focus on nuisance plants in yards and gardens. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives.



Akimel O'Otham Loditha Kud Ki
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ATTENTION

Out of concern for the health and welfare of our community, the Community Court is implementing the follow;

If you are required to appear in Court or are called as a juror, and are experiencing any flu like symptoms, have a fever, are coughing or sneezing, or have a compromised immune system please contact the Court before appearing.

The Court will make reasonable accommodations and reschedule appearances and hearings as needed.

If you are not filing or a part of any pending matter, please refrain from appearing at the courthouse.

Visitors and spectators will not be allowed in the courthouse.

Westend Court at (520) 562-9862

Sacaton Court at (520)562-9860

Effective until April 13, 2020

Bands compete in annual battle



Midnite Sndz during the battle of bands competition at the 58th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha on March 7. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Chicken scratch bands competed during the Mul-Chu-Tha weekend under the newly added tent at the Sacaton fairgrounds. The battle of the bands was held March 7-8, where competing bands played warm up songs and were judged on three competition songs in the styles of chote, waila, and cumbia. The battle of the bands was also broadcasted live on the O'odham

Hewel Ni'ok radio station. This year's battle of the bands winners:
1st place Project Kumbia
2nd place Two Rivers
3rd place D-Faktion Nyne
Battle of the Bands also featured a dance contest held on Sunday night. Dance competition winners are:
Chote Competition
1st place Archie Miguel and Doreen Cooper
2nd place Matthew

Miguel and Christina Lyons
3rd place Sunigh Antone and Tyloria Antone
Waila Competition
1st place Juan Bustamante and Anaya Enos
2nd place Alexander Bustamante and Antonia Bustamante
3rd place Sunigh Antone and Tyloria Antone
Cumbia Competition
1st place Manuel Wickey
2nd place Anya Enos
3rd place Jasper Pilone

Pi haichu hekaj i:tham vu'voithag- 'Plants that are not used for anything.'
Word Match

Makkum je:j

Bi:b'biak

Kothdop






Hoho'ipad

S-ho'ithkam s-puluv

Tho:lo a'ag

Kavmol

Sikwan

Plant photos courtesy Southwest Desert Flora

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • March 4, 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, March 4, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Pamela Johnson

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Pamela Johnson; D5- Janice Stewart, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Thomas White; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Delmar Jones; D5-Marlin Dixon; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #4 AND #5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #6

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 AND #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #2 THROUGH #10 AND #12 THROUGH #18 ON THE

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE

REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Presentation – Forest Lakes Fire District

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

MS. CHERYL PABLO INTRODUCED MR. MR. PROVIDED WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND MR. READ THE FOREST LAKES PROCLAMATION FOR THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME. [LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:56A.M.]

2. Gila River Health Care SANE Department Presentation

Presenters: Joy Martin, Deanna Squires

MS. SUSAN KELLEY INTRODUCED MS. JOY MARTIN AND MS. DEANNA SQUIRES. MS. MARTIN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM SERVICES AND THEIR SUCCESSES. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED CONCERNS AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

3. Gila River Health Care Presentation "Fostering Pathways for Native Americans in Tribal Health"

Presenters: Katherine Lewis, Rachel Hernandez

MS. KATHRINE LEWIS PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR PRESENTATION TO THE YOUTH AT THE AISES CONFERENCE. MR. DOMINIQUE JACOBS, MR. MARIO TORRES, JR., MR. PHILIP AHMSATY AND MS. LISA ANTONE SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

REPORTS

1. Community Technology Center 1st Quarter Report FY 2019 – 2020

Presenter: Connie Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:39 A.M.]

2. Gila River Health Care 2019 Annual Report

Presenter: Myron Schurz

REPORT HEARD

>3. Office Of Prosecutor's October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 (First Quarterly Report)

Presenter: M. Lando Voyles

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. GRTI Notice of Filing – Federal Communications

Commission Form 555 Annual Filing

Presenters: Courtney Hogancamp, GRTI Board of Directors

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. GRTI 4Q 2019 Update

Presenters: James Meyers, Jennifer Burkhalter

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. FY20 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending January 31, 2020 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE CALLED FOR A 1-HOUR LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:02 P.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for January 2020 (Executive Session) Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE

SESSION

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 forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Dawn Coomer

APPROVED

>2. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity And An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Of Transportation For The Installation And Maintenance Of A Traffic Signal At The Intersection Of State Route 347 And Old Maricopa Road (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; LSC concurs and forwards for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Kathy Garcia

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity And An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Department Of Transportation For The Installation And Maintenance Of Three Traffic Signals Located At SR 87 And Gilbert Road, Sacaton Road, And Olberg Road (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Kathy Garcia

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2903) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotment 2173) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Requesting A Grade Expansion For The Casa Blanca Community School To Add Grades 5 And 6 From The Bureau Of Indian Education And For Other Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; ESC and NRSC concur)

Presenter: Michael Carter

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGEN-

DA

>7. A Resolution Declaring Intention To Reimburse Certain Expenditures With Borrowing Proceeds (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; ESC and NRSC concur)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Approving A State And Local Task Force Agreement Between The Gila River Police Department And The Drug Enforcement Administration (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with corrections and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenters: William Morago, Brandon Moore

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Gila River Police Department And The Federal Bureau Of Investigation For The Central Arizona Safe Trails Task Force (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional material and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Timothy Chavez, Tony Garcia

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Allotted Trust Land Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (Allotments 1165-B, 2130, And 2130) (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Warren Wiltshire, Eugene Blackwater

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Rescinding GR-05-98 And Approving The Establishment Of New Land Development Procedures For The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval; NRSC, LSC, EDSC and CRSC concur)

Presenter: Corinna Ortiz

APPROVED

>12. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America For Additional Permanent Irrigation Easement On The Memorial Pipeline On Portions Of Allotted Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundary Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Setting The Amount Of Compensation Due To The Community For The Community's Undivided Interests In Such Allotted Trust Land (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America For Additional Easement On The Memorial Pipeline On Portions Of Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundary Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America For The Mar 8B Site On Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundary Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Justina Yucupicio Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

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SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sacaton Elementary School District No. 18
SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
 The Sacaton Elementary School District No. 18 has two vacancies. The vacancies will be filled by appointment made by Pinal County School Superintendent Jill Broussard.
 The successful candidates will be seated until December 31, 2020.
 Any eligible resident within the Sacaton Elementary School District No. 18 who is interested in being appointed can apply online at:
<http://www.pinalesa.org/el/Board-MemberSchoolDistrictVacancies.aspx>
 The application can be completed online, but it must be printed out, signed, notarized and the original mailed or hand delivered by the deadline. The deadline for applying is no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020.
 You may also submit a request for an application by calling or writing to:
 Mark Krumrey
 Pinal County School Superintendent's Office
 P.O. Box 769
 Florence, AZ 85132
 Email: mkrumrev@pinalco.org
 (520) 866-6565

Court Date Notice

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE
 In Re Case: Jairyh Kadé Juan vs. Kristina Michelle Lewis**
 Docket Number: FM-2020-0008-PT
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be 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 be ordered.
 Answer/Response Hearing
 Westend Judicial Center,
 4751, West Pecos Road,
 Laveen, AZ 85339
 26th day of March, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom VIII before the Honorable Dallas Delowe

Court Date Notice

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE
 In Re Case: Gila River Indian Community vs. Tyler Boyd Bustos
 Docket Number: CR-2019-01308-CM
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on

the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be 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 be ordered.
 Motion Hearing
 Westend Judicial Center,
 4751 West Pecos Road,
 Laveen, AZ 85339
 13th day of April, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Dallas Delowe

GRICUA ANNOUNCEMENT SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM 2020

The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for Summer High School Student Interns to learn a little about how an electric utility operates. Three interns will be selected for summer internships.
 The students will rotate through various departments at GRICUA, learning about the tasks and responsibilities of the people who provide electric service to the Community.
OPPORTUNITY:
 • Student will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday.
 • Pay will be \$12.00 per hour (Arizona Minimum Wage).
 • Students will learn from experienced draftsmen, warehouse supervisor, meter technician, line workers, accountants, customer service representatives and others directly involved with the work in the utility.
REQUIREMENTS:
 • Students must be at least 16 years of age.
 • Student must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
 • Students should have some basic computer skills, such as word processing and spreadsheets.
 • Students must pass a drug screen and background check.
 • Students must complete the GRICUA Application for Employment which can be found at <http://www.gricua.net/employment.html>.
 • Deadline for filing applications is April 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
 • Applications will be evaluated upon receipt and interviews may be scheduled before closing date.
 • Return applications via e-mail to GRICUAHR@GRICUA.NET; by fax to 480-452-1429 or mail to GRICUA Human Resources Dept. at 6636 W. Sundust Road, Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226.
 • Apply online: <https://gricua.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=3>
 Preference is given to qualified Native American candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act. GRICUA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
 Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority 6636 W. Sundust Rd. · Box

5091 · Chandler, Arizona 85226-4211
 Office: 520.796.0600
 Fax: 520.796.0672
 E-Mail: GRICUAHR@gricua.net
 Website: www.gricua.net

GRICUA ANNOUNCEMENT

SUMMER COLLEGE STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM 2020
 The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) has an opportunity for a full-time Summer College Student Intern.
 The student will learn about the tasks and responsibilities of the people who provide electric service to the Community.
OPPORTUNITY:
 • Student will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday.
 • Pay will be \$12.00 per hour (Arizona Minimum Wage).
 • Program for student will be developed based on his/her major course of study – for example, a Business or Accounting major will work primarily with staff in that area; an Engineering or technical major will work primarily in the Operations areas of GRICUA.
 • Students will learn from experienced draftsmen, warehouse & purchasing personnel, meter technician, line workers, accountants, customer service representatives and others directly involved with the work in the utility.
REQUIREMENTS:
 • Student must be at least 18 years of age and currently enrolled as a full time student at an accredited college or university.
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Sells team wins thoka tourney



Skeg Komchud from Sells, Ariz. took home first place with "trophy" in hand. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
 Gila River Indian News

On Sunday, Mar 8, the south field of the Mul-Chu-Tha fairgrounds hosted its annual Thoka Tournament, where over ten teams competed for the day-long competition.

Girls and women of all ages made up the numerous teams that lined each side of the field. The double-elimination

tournament moved quickly as teams competed. Most of the teams came up from the Tohono O'odham nation, with only one local team competing for that day, Akimel O'odham.

The tournament concluded that afternoon with the following taking home their prizes. This year's trophies, which were one foot high "gourd dolls" adorned

with hair, arms, shirt, skirt, shells and thoka playing stick.

The 58th Mul-Chu-Tha Thoka Tournament winning teams were:

- 1st Place: Skeg Komchud-Sells, Ariz.
- 2nd Place: Stotoa Okokoi-San Xavier, Ariz.
- 3rd Place: Wiohum Kekiwa-San Lucy, Ariz.



Akimel O'odham from the Gila River Indian Community after winning their match. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GRICUA's

STEAM

Science • Technology • Engineering • Art
 Architecture • Agriculture • Math

SUMMER PROGRAM





June 1-5, 2020

Visit www.gricua.net for application and more info

- ◆ Must be an enrolled Community Member
- ◆ Field trips and hands-on activities
- ◆ Must be entering 5th - 8th grade
- ◆ Breakfast and lunch provided

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Henry Cruz Molina Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Joseph Angelo Michael Enos Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Henry Zepeda III Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. A Resolution Requesting That The Gila River Indian Community Election Board Set An Election On The Attached Proposed Constitution Amendments Pursuant To Article XVII Of The Constitution And Bylaws Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Enacts The Following Amendment To Title 2, Section 2.118, Of The Gila River Indian Community Code To Decrease The Number Of Associate Judge Offices And Setting A Sunset Period Of June 30, 2020 For This Amendment (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Off Reservation Boarding School Graduation And Travel Dates (ESC forwards to Council for any interested Council members to attend under Dues and Delegations)

Presenter: Trina Hart

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

2. Advertisement of Appointed Positions: Community Council Secretary, Community Treasurer (Advertise for 60 days; subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY POSITION FOR 60-DAYS MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE THE COMMUNITY TREASURER POSITION FOR 60-DAYS

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR MICHELLE RAMIREZ

~PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ANTHONY SWEED

~PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR MICHAEL ZILLIOUX

~IOPC MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020, 1PM

~SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020, 9AM

~CEOT THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020, 3PM

~PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR LOUELLA HENDRICKS

~CCSO BOOTH ASSISTANCE UPDATE

~MUL-CHU-THA EVENTS UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:51 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

MCT Headliner Grupo Metál

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Headlining the 58th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Entertainment Stage festivities was Chris Perez, backed by Grupo Metál Saturday, Mar 7. The band performed many classics from Perez's late wife and Tejano music legend Selena Quintanilla-Perez before a packed field for the Community.

The band Grupo Metál consisted of two original members of Selena's band Selena y Los Dinos, guitarist Chirs Perez, and Joe Ojeda, who played the keyboards. Carlito Miranda provided vocals for the group and would round out the trio who made regular appearances with community members throughout the fair.

Kicking off the performance, the band kicked into the disco medley Selena performed at the Astrodome in Austin, TX. Many may remember this medley as it was the opening scene from the 1997 biographical film, Selena. The concert stands filled quickly,



Chris Perez on the main stage Sat. March 7 at the 58th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair. Kyle Knox/GRIN

and at any given time, one could hear the crowd singing along to the numerous hits performed that night despite most being in the Spanish language.

Another memorable moment of the night was the closing song, that concluded with a slowed opening version of Selena's iconic song "Como La Flor." This version was reminiscent, again, to another scene from the Selena

film. After a quick break, the trio of Perez, Ojeda, and Miranda held a meet and greet and signed autographs for everyone. It was a memorable Saturday night for everyone, including the band who closed out the concert sharing their admiration for the Community, it's leaders and the land in which GRIC resides.

History of Earth Day

Department of Environmental Quality
Gila River Indian Community

Each year, Earth Day -- April 22 -- marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

At the time, Americans were pumping leaded gas into large automobiles with V8 engines. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or bad press, and air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity.

Although mainstream America remained oblivious to environmental concerns, the stage had been set for change.

The idea for Earth Day came to founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an

emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda.

As a result, on the 22nd of April, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, harmful pesticides, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife, suddenly realized they shared common values.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment with support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban and rural Americans. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the

passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

In 1990, Earth Day went global. It mobilized 200 million people in 141 countries, and lifted environmental issues onto the world stage. Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide, and helped pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In 1995, it prompted President Bill Clinton to award Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom -- the highest honor given to civilians in the United States -- for his role as Earth Day founder.

The fight for a clean environment continues in a climate of increasing urgency as the ravages of climate change become more evident every day.

For a number of years, the Community's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has celebrated Earth Day to raise public awareness about environmental issues lo-

cally, nationally and globally. We invite you to be a part of Earth Day and learn what the various DEQ pro-

grams are doing to protect the Community's resources. Please help us achieve more victories so we can

build a clean, healthy and safe environment for generations to come!

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Matthew B. Juan - Ira Hayes Memorial Park

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This interim guidance is based on what is currently known about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the transmission of other viral respiratory infections. The CDC will update this interim guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available.

To help control the spread of the coronavirus, the CDC recommends the following:



**WASH HANDS WITH
WATER & OR USE
HAND SANITIZER.**



**COVER YOUR NOSE AND
MOUTH WHEN SNEEZING**



WEAR A SURGICAL MASK

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. You can use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available and if your hands are not visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze in your sleeve and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid sharing household items: Dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items with a person who is ill with a respiratory illness. After a person uses these items, you should wash them thoroughly.
- Clean all "high touch" surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables daily.
- Monitor your symptoms – Seek medical attention if your illness is worsening and take steps to keep other people from getting infected. Call ahead and tell them you are coming, wear a facemask when you are in a room with other people. Masks are available at the entrances of most healthcare facilities.

For the most up to date information, please visit the CDC website:

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