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Anniversary Tribute to Antonio Azul Highlights Legacy Of 'Last Traditional Chief'

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Veterans groups, traditional dancers and representatives from across the Gila River Indian Community honored the legacy of Chief Antonio Azul during a special ceremony on the anniversary of his passing 112 years ago. A memorial tribute highlighting the life of Chief Azul was held from Oct. 1 to Oct. 2., beginning at the Governance Center and concluding at West Cemetery in Sacaton.

"We are here to honor the legacy of our last traditional Chief, Chief Antonio Azul. We thank the family for being present today and maintaining the connections we have to our great chief," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who

also expressed his gratitude to the GRIC veterans and auxiliary groups, first responders and traditional dancers who helped make the memorial possible.

The memorial highlighted different aspects of Chief Azul's life that made him a formidable leader in a changing world.

"Chief Azul was a warrior and a military strategist who served as a diplomat and negotiator between the Community and the U.S. government," said Gov. Lewis, who also recognized Chief Azul's focus on learning as an important way of elevating his people.

"(Chief Azul) saw the importance of education," said Gov. Lewis. "He made sure it was a priority among our tribal

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Wreaths made by District 1 elders, were presented at the memorial tribute, honoring the legacy of Chief Azul from Oct. 1-2. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Miss Gila River Crowned Miss Indian Arizona 2021-2022

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Miss Gila River Alyse Marrietta has a new title: Miss Indian Arizona. Marrietta, 25, represented the Gila River Indian Community in the 60th Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program on Oct. 9, at the Chandler Center for the Arts. She was crowned by the outgoing Miss Indian Arizona Amy Spotted Wolf after an impressive performance to capture the title.

Marrietta was overjoyed following her win. "This is truly unbelievable. I'm so grateful to have this experience with some awesome young women," said Marrietta. "I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has supported me and believed in me to get to this point."

Other competitors for the title included SuNigh Louise Antone, 19, Tohono O'odham Nation, Lorraine Renee Cooley, 19, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Vanessa Sloan Lister, 25, Navajo Nation and Skehg' Hiosik Amber Ariel Galindo, 24, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Marrietta will go from representing the Community to all 22 Native tribes while continuing to serve as a role model for American Indian youth. She was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship, a Chromebook, Miss Indian Arizona pendant, luggage and other gifts. Marrietta also won the Essay Award, which includes a \$300 scholarship.

Skehg' Hiosik Galindo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, was awarded Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant. She received a \$2,500 scholarship and gifts.

Lorraine Cooley, San Carlos Apache Tribe was awarded Miss Indian Arizona Second Attendant, and received a \$2,000 scholarship and gift basket.

Judges assessed each contestant on attire such as evening wear and traditional attire, traditional or modern talent, and an essay on the theme "Native Women Forging a New Path." Each of the contestants received a \$200 participants award.

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Alyse Marrietta was crowned the 2021-2022 Miss Indian Arizona, during a virtual pageant held on Oct. 9 at the Chandler Center for the Arts. Photo courtesy of Michael Schaaf of Schaaf Images

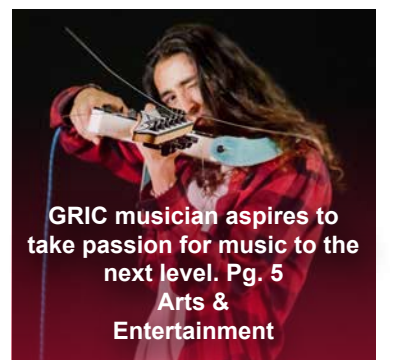
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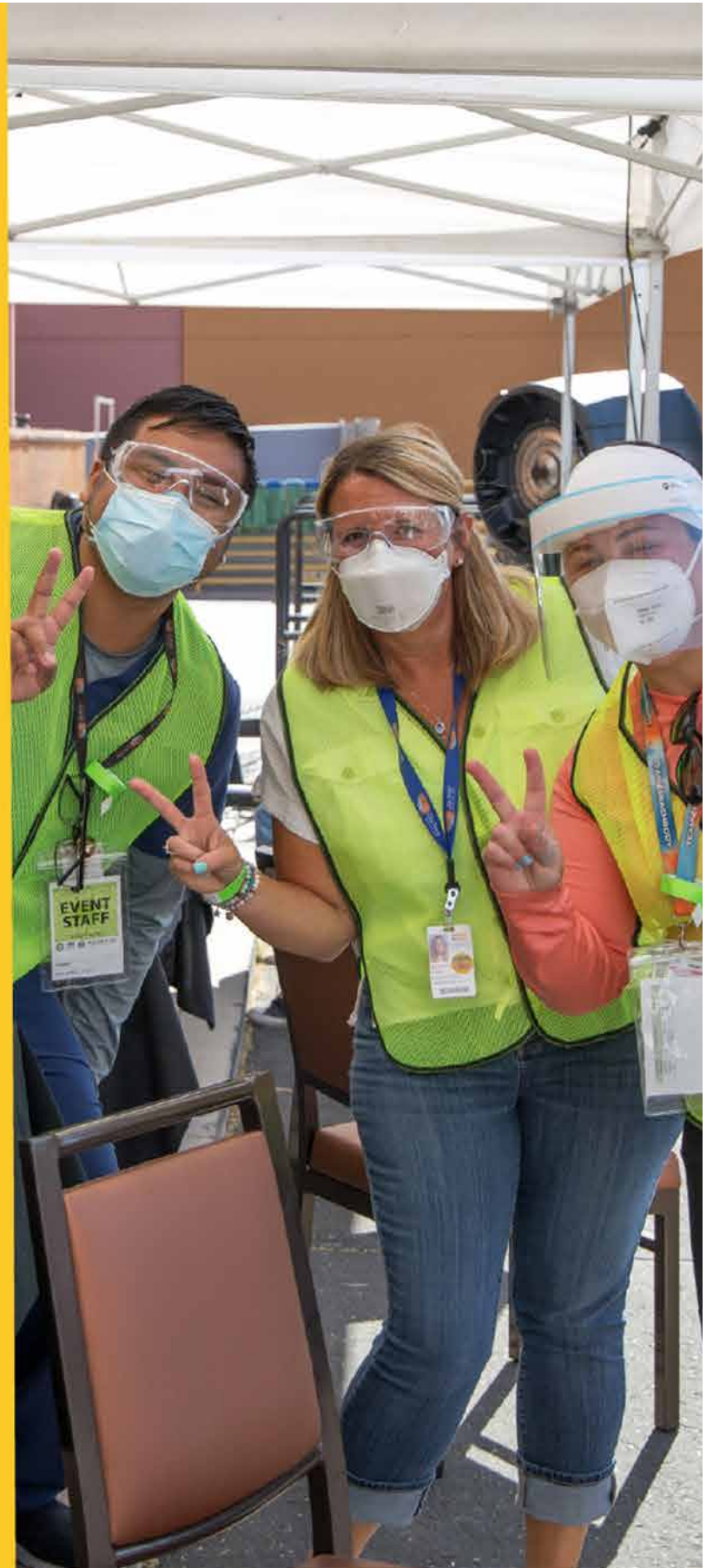
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2020-2021 Miss Indian Arizona Court Bid Farewells After Two-Year Reign

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Miss Indian Arizona Amy Spotted Wolf (Tohono O'odham Nation) and First Attendant Autumn Cooper (Gila River Indian Community) bid goodbye to their time as pageant royalty on Oct. 9th, after serving on the MIA court for the past two years. Both women served in their roles throughout the pandemic, amid social distancing that required them to participate in virtual programming while attending as many in-person events as possible.

On Oct 2, a drive-thru farewell event took place in Sells, Ariz., where both women had a chance to thank their families and to receive praise for their unique two years as royalty.

"I'm excited to give this title to the 60th annual MIA, and I'm honored to serve as the 59th annual MIA. I'm really happy to end this journey among the five other women vying for the title," said Amy Spotted Wolf. "I feel so honored to be a part of this legacy of strong indigenous women who have held this title, and it's amazing to know that Autumn and I were a part of this."

First Attendant Cooper echoed the sentiment: "It's a huge honor to be part of the 60th anniversary of this scholarship program, and we hope that it goes on for another 60 years because it is a great program for young women,"

she said. "Serving for two years, which has never been done, we accepted the challenge, and getting support from Arizona meant a lot to us."

Both women originally began their service in 2019 as attendants to 2019-2020 Miss Indian Audriana Mitchell (CRIT). When the MIA association decided to cancel its 2020 pageant due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the association decided to move both women into higher roles. Both agreed, making Amy the 2020-2021 MIA and Autumn the 2020-2021 First Attendant.

Since being crowned, both women began hosting regular Arizona Tribal Royalty meetings. The meetings promoted networking between the state's tribal royalty and helped provide personal and technical support during the pandemic. These virtual meetings turned into a plus, given that it was the first-time royalty could meet continuously. In addition, the meetings allowed everyone to learn how to serve their home communities better amid the pandemic.

Beyond serving an additional year in their royal roles, both women pursued important goals outside the MIA. In May, Amy Spotted Wolf graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. Autumn Cooper works for the Community at its Employment



Out-going Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant Autumn Cooper and Miss Indian Arizona Amy Spotted Wolf (Tohono O'odham Nation) concluded their reign, after serving in their respective roles for two-years. Kyle Knox/GRIN

and Training office. She plans to continue her education by pursuing a degree in Communications in the future.

The Saturday, Oct. 9th 60th annual event also marked the beginning of new reigns. The organization crowned 2021-2022 Miss

Indian Arizona Alyse Marrietta (GRIC). Her court consists of First Attendant Lorraine Cooley (San Carlos Apache Tribe) and Skehg' Hiosik Amber Ariel Galindo (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community).

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Marrietta presented the evolution of storytelling and the O'otham himdag for her talent. She discussed a 1939 film titled "An Indian Bible," which follows a grandfather showing his grandson Hohokam petroglyphs.

"This film also attempts to explain different aspects of our O'otham culture but does so in a harmful way because the information presented is false and told through a colonial lens," said

Marrietta during the presentation.

"It's time for us as Indigenous people to claim this visual storytelling tool as our own to rewrite and vocalize our peoples' real voices," said Marrietta, who works as a Media Editor for the Gila River Broadcasting Corp. She graduated Magma Cum Laude from Arizona State University's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts in 2019.

"I am committed to working with our elders and cultural leaders to revitalize, protect and preserve our O'otham himdag

through media," she explained.

To commemorate the special event, former titleholders were celebrated and featured through video messages. The event permitted judges and two guests for each participant. It was livestreamed for the public by the Chandler Center for the Arts website and is now available to watch through missindianarizona.com

Victoria Quintero, Gila River Indian Community member and Miss Indian Arizona 2000-2001, hosted the pageant. Along with

Quintero, Marrietta joins Pamela Thompson and Daryl Lynn Jay as Miss Indian Arizona winners from the GRIC.

Vanessa Lister won the Miss Congeniality Award, which includes a \$100 scholarship; Talent Award, which includes a \$300 scholarship; and the Oral Presentation Award and a \$300 scholarship. Lorraine Cooley won the Community Service Award, which includes a \$300 scholarship. Skehg' Hiosik Galindo took home the Evening Gown Award and a \$300 scholarship.

Phoenix Rising FC Honors Indigenous Peoples Day with GRIC Designed Jersey

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Phoenix Rising Football Club's Oct. 9th match against Oakland Roots honored the Oct 11 Indigenous Peoples Day (IDP). The team paid homage to the Gila River Indian Community with a jersey decorated with an O'otham warrior club and calendar stick, water designs, and the number seven on the back with every district and village listed within.

Before the match, Phoenix Rising players took to the field wearing special IDP warm-up jerseys designed by Jaime Jackson, District 3. In addition, the club invited Marcella Gonzalez, District 1, to sing the National Anthem alongside the Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51.

"The jersey was inspired by the number seven and having the calendar stick and warrior club on



Members of Phoenix Rising take to the field wearing special warm-up jerseys for Indigenous Peoples Day on Oct. 9. Kyle Knox/GRIN

the front mark the occasion [Indigenous Peoples Day] and presence the team holds on the field," said Jackson during the match's halftime.

The night of the match, blue jerseys peppered the stands as fans sported the IDP jersey in place of the traditional Rising Red. Proceeds from the jersey sales will

team also supports numerous charities through initiatives like the IDP jersey.

"We are very honored to be here with Phoenix Rising in the Community. It's been a great partnership," said Patricia Valenzuela, District 6, from Three Precious Miracles. "I feel honored to know that tonight honors Indigenous Peoples Day and brings awareness to Indigenous people and the children we serve."

Through a partnership and consultation with Ginger Martin, Rising's players have learned more about the Community since the move in 2020. As a result, several players have become well versed in the history of the Community, with many seeing themselves "defending their home" in the way the O'otham and Pee

go towards a charitable donation to Three Precious Miracles, which will use the contributions to help in its work to assist Native foster youth.

Phoenix Rising has maintained consistent game programming meant to be inclusive to communities throughout the state via various theme nights. The

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Culture Corner

O'otham Tha:gio, Cardinal Directions

Submitted by
Huhugam Heritage Center

There was a time when reading maps and using a magnetic compass was a common skill. Back in the day we had Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops organized at certain villages within our community. We had family members in both Scouting groups. One skill they learned was how to use a magnetic compass and read maps. From there they learned how to orienteer, which is travelling a fixed route with map and compass in unfamiliar landscapes. They learned how to set a bearing and travel that route to reach their appointed destinations. Once they mastered the art of orienteering they earned their Scouting Badge.

Today, we have Global Positioning Systems in our modern vehicles and the compass on our dashboard display indicates which direction we are traveling. We can download a compass

Application on our modern wireless devices. Despite these modern conveniences, some of us still manage to get lost, especially in the nearby large sprawling cities.

Since time immemorial, our Hekiu O'otham have named everything in our natural universe. The earth is called Jeved, which also refers to land and soil. The cardinal directions, underground and the heavens above are very important directions. Some O'otham refer to the east direction as Thai or Si'al. One prominent landmark is Sivan Vahki, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. Thai is a very important direction because that is where Thash rises (sun). O'otham track the movement of Thash to track time throughout the day. There are generally three parts to the day, Si'al at sunrise, Thamjuk at high-noon and Hudinig at sundown. Kwiva is the

direction of west. One prominent landmark is Komađk, the Sierra Estrella Mountain Range.

South is Vecho, also known as the direction from where the summer rains arrive. One prominent landmark is Table Top Mountain. North is Tha:m and is the direction from which the cold weather arrives. One prominent landmark is Mua:thag, Greasy Mountains, also called South Mountains. Jeved Vecho (underground) is very important because of the animals that live in dens and burrows. The roots of all plants and especially food crops take their nourishment from the soil. Another important direction is Tha:m Ka:chim, which is the blue skies above during the day and the star-filled heavens at night. One easily identifiable night-sky object is Tho:mag (Milky-Way). Si'al Hu'u is the morning star and Hudinig Hu'u the evening star (Planet Venus).

During the night Mashath (moon) provides moon-light during its phases and one cycle marks the passing of another month. Two useful terms are Mashath Chechshaj (Moon Rise) and Hu huđ g Mashath (Moon Set). A few lunar phases include vo'iva g mashath (moon in first quarter). 'E 'etha hu: mashath (half-moon). Thaha g Mashath (full-moon) and Mashath huhugig eđ (last-quarter).

We encourage you to learn the cardinal directions and observe the movements of Thash and Mashath. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and seek their knowledge of Thash and Mashath. Terms maybe slightly different between the villages. This month's word match will test your knowledge of the cardinal directions and prominent landmarks.

Information related from Edward F. Castetter and Willis H. Bell, Pima and



Tha:gio: O'otham Cardinal Directions, Match the direction phrases with its picture!

Kwiva	
Thash	
Mashath	
Thai	
Jeved Vecho	
Tha:m Ka:chim	
Tha:m	
Vecho	

Photographs Courtesy Night Sky and Robert Johnson

Papago Indian Agriculture, 1934. Answers to word Field Notes (unpublished), match puzzle on page. 10.



GRIC veterans and first responders provide a military salute, after placing wreaths at the gravesite of Chief Azul on Oct. 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Annette Rave, a descendant of Chief Azul lays a wreath on the grave of Chief Azul on Oct. 2. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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members to seek a higher education, to put them in a position to protect our community in a number of different ways."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone spoke about Chief Azul's steadfastness at a time when the Community was faced with possible relocation. She also focused on how Chief Azul utilized the trust of the people to prevent the two tribes (Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh) from being relocated from their traditional homelands.

"It is inspiring to look back at the life of Chief Azul, because he protected our land base and boundaries of the Community," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "I think it is only fitting for our two tribes, the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh, to celebrate the legacy of this historical figure who brought courage in keeping the people on our traditional homelands."

Others saw Chief Azul as a warrior among generations of individuals, who took up the call to

protect the Community and its people.

"I look at the aspect of traditions and being warriors on this land and stepping up when you have, that is one quality of Chief Azul," said Darrell Whitman, a U.S. Army veteran from District 1 and Veteran Peer Support Specialist with the GRIC Veterans & Family Services Office.

Whitman said the military honors, including the presenting of the colors and the playing of taps, were meant to recognize Chief Azul's military service. The tribute included veterans and first responders standing watch over his grave from evening to sunrise.

Many speakers at the memorial service touched on Chief Azul's role in forming Arizona's first National Guard along with Pee Posh Chief Juan Chavaria in 1865. Whitman said that the two leaders' cooperative efforts helped the tribes to secure the boundaries of the Community and to protect the people from within.

Pacer Reina, a descendant of Chief Azul

and member of the Salt-River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, shared remarks on behalf of the family of Chief Azul. He was accompanied by his mother, Annette Rave, and two aunts, Arlene Allison and Lois Evanston, each a descendant of Chief Azul.

"We want to thank the Gila River Indian Community and [those] who helped put this memorial together and again for the continued invitation that we receive," said Reina. "One of the first memories I have of Chief Azul was always seeing his picture in our homes back in Salt River. I always wondered who he was and it wasn't until I came back from the military that I began to explore who he was and the things that he accomplished."

Reina added: "I can't think of any other leader who had the ability to see what was coming, to understand that education for our people, modernizing and continuing to make important decisions at time when ... the world outside of our boundaries was

changing fast."

"For some who he (Chief Azul) was a warrior and intellectual who made hard decisions in difficult times, as is the case with our current times, these chapters of history repeat themselves in different ways," said Gov. Lewis.

The following are a list of groups, who volunteered to assist in the Chief Azul memorial tribute.

First Nations Warrior Society, Huhugam Heritage Center, Donald Sabori, Pamela Thompson, Darrell Whitman, Avery White, D1

Achim A'al - Traditional dancers, Haskell Osife Antone American Legion Post 51, GRPD, Pee Posh Veteran's association, Gila River Fired Department, Ira H.Hayes American Legion Post 84, Gila River EMS, Gila River Veterans & Family Services Office.



A member from the First Nations Warrior Society stands watch at the gravesite of Chief Azul in the early morning hours on Oct. 2. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Arts & Entertainment

GRIC Member's Musical Career Begins to Take Shape



District 5 member and local musician Adrian D. Thomas aka Smokey D Palm Tree, shares his passion for music, during a recent interview session. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Community member Adrian D. Thomas has been on a roll when it comes to his budding musical career and displaying his musical talents with each new opportunity that comes his way.

"Growing up, I got into music through my step-grandfather, Neil Banketewa," says Thomas,

a resident of District 5. "My house was full of musicians growing-up, like Neil and my uncle Buzz Banketewa, who was a part of a chicken scratch band here in the Community called 'Waila Express.'"

Thomas said that when his step-grandfather was away, he would pick up his guitar and play whatever came to him, trying to put the rhythm down with each chord. "I didn't have

any music experience or knowledge, but I was always interested and fascinated by the instruments, especially the guitar," he said.

He often would find himself daydreaming in class, Thomas recalled, distracted by thoughts of making music and wondering if he would ever have a chance to play an actual concert.

With music playing such a prominent role in

Thomas' life, he eventually worked up the courage to reach out to his uncle for help teaching him how to play the guitar.

"At first, he was kind of like, whatever about it, but over time I think I showed him more interest in what I wanted to do and I guess he really saw that," said Thomas, who later would receive a guitar as a gift at Christmas. "It changed my life. It was a black electric Peavey guitar. I was so amazed at how it looked and sounded. To me it was something that helped shape my future as a musician."

As Thomas' musical interest began to get stronger, his passion to see where it could take him started to take hold – which he credits with helping him stay away from bad influences around him.

"Even though I was building on that passion, I still wasn't hanging out with the best crowd," said Thomas. "Sooner or later, I found out and realized the people I was hanging out with and the stuff that I was doing wasn't exactly what I wanted to do in life."

As Thomas puts it, the challenges he's experienced have helped motivate him toward pursuing his life goal. He recalls that even friends he met along the way who succumbed to bad choices often had hidden talents sidetracked by the pursuit of darker paths.

"What I do as a musician now, the music that I make and the lyrics that I write are all off of the experiences that I had when I was young. It's just realizing that we all have something in us that makes us who we are," said Thomas.

In addition to his family and those life choices he cites, Thomas also says he's been influenced by listening to music of various decades. "A lot of my musical influences comes from classic rock bands, 80's and 90's alternative rock, especially because I love Metallica," he says. "That was like my main band growing up. It kind of motivated me to want pursue live entertainment."

He also mentions a slew of other musical acts, including the Red Hot Chili Peppers, 311 and genres such as reggae, hip hop and metal. Each has helped shape what he calls the "Alternative Chill sound" he's working on.

In Thomas' debut album, "Peace of Mind," he goes by the alias "Smokey D Palm Tree."

"It's an album that consists of nine alternative rock songs," he says. "It's based off my internal feelings and things that people can relate to at the same time, because we all deal with the same things in life that we don't really talk about."

Like the name of the album, Thomas says everyone is trying to find peace of mind, especially in the current times society finds itself in. He says it's about being comfortable with who you are and not being afraid of being different. As for a favorite song on the album:

"The song that I resonate the most off of the album is the third song called 'Inside Turning Out,'" he says. "The song is about turning out the emotions that you have emotionally and trying to find yourself."

Recently, one of Thomas' songs, "Time Drift," was played on air on local radio station Alt AZ 93.3 after he got the attention of one of the radio station's disc jockeys.

"I reached out to one of the Disc Jockeys at the radio station and they actually loved the song. They ended up giving me an offer to play on the radio," says Thomas. "I was like, 'Wow, I can't believe a song that I wrote on my phone made it to the radio.'"

The radio airplay wasn't Thomas' first public exposure. He also sang the National Anthem before a large crowd of baseball fans during the Native American Recognition Day event at Chase Field on July 18.

"Singing the national

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Grand Opening of Cahokia Ushers in Urban Space for Indigenous Peoples, Artists

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Cahokia SocialTech + Artspace officially opened its doors in downtown Phoenix on Oct. 11th, marking Indigenous Peoples Day and treating guests to a viewing of their "Rise/Reclaim" poster show, a music concert, and food and art from local vendors from across the state.

Cahokia, located in Phoenix's Roosevelt Row Arts District, will serve as an art gallery, retail space, and co-creative space to foster indigenous initiatives in Phoenix. The location affords opportunities to embed a stronger indigenous voice in the Arts district with programming to benefit all of Arizona's indigenous peoples.

"The intention of this space is to amplify the Indigenous voice and to support up-and-coming artists, creatives and social entrepreneurs," said co-founder Melody Lewis, Mojave, Tewa, and Hopi. "And we wanted to create a

space for all natives to use to amplify their own voice and mission and for us to support and uplift each other."

Eunique Yazzie, a member of the Navajo Nation, is another co-founder of Cahokia. "I've longed for a place like this," she said. "Nothing like this has ever existed, and it feels like home when I'm here surrounded by people that feel the same way and have the same value system."

Yazzie, a board member of the Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation, also hopes the city's growing art district will benefit from the addition of Native voices. "To me, this is all about collaboration," she said. "What I'm able to do is bring my community to the table and help think through some ideas by making a space for Native people in an urban arts district."

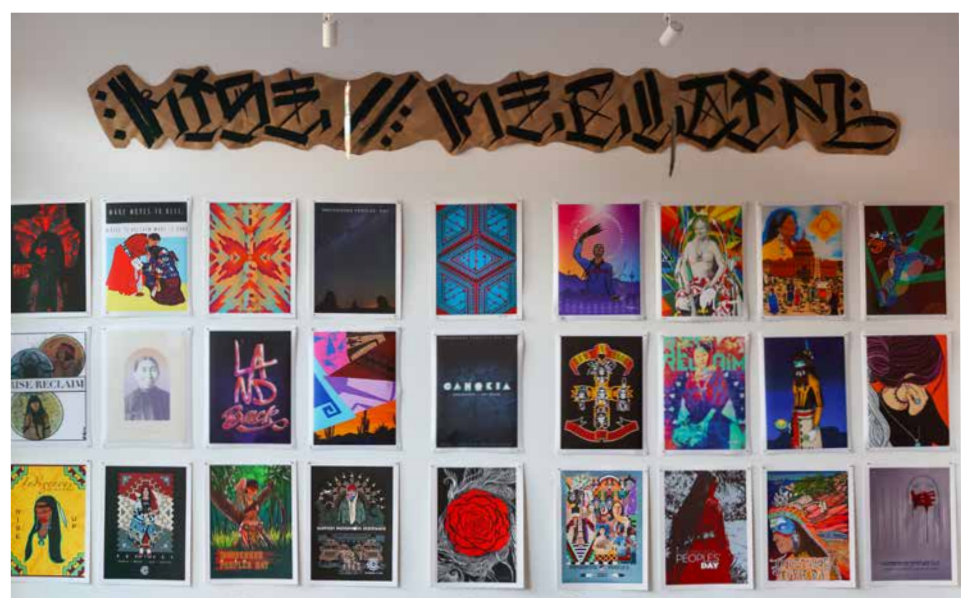
Both Lewis and Yazzie say the opening was crafted to recognize Phoenix as the ancestral home to the Akimel O'otham and Pee

Posh people. Both found it essential to include a land acknowledgment and blessing during the opening program by VOSA, the Voices of O'odham Students at ASU.

"We intentionally chose to open on Indigenous Peoples Day because we're on Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh lands. We wanted to make that known to everybody," said Lewis. "And that goes back to us reclaiming that narrative and say that 'This is where we have always been.'"

Cahokia recently hosted an "O'odham Artist Market," one of their most successful events to date. GRIC Community members Zachary Justin and Melissa Yazzie were present for the grand opening and served in ambassador and member roles. Both also showcased their submissions for the Rise/ Reclaim poster show.

In addition to the art, plans include Cahokia being used to bring up social issues and for civic engagement



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affecting indigenous communities. Many of their activities are planned to be member-driven, allowing for innovative new programming. This, the founders hope, will enhance the broader awareness of essential issues and design work relevant to Arizona's indigenous communities.

In Sept, Cahokia hosted a forum consisting of 2021

Hopi Tribal Chairman candidates led by Hopi youth from Phoenix. It utilized Cahokia's space for optimal viewing while keeping everyone safe during the pandemic. In early October, Cahokia members participated in Phoenix's Women's March. As a group, they made signs to bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous

Women Movement.

Moving forward, Cahokia will continue its work with Yazzie's Indigenous Design Collab, Lewis' Indigenous Community Collaborative, and additional First Friday art markets. You can learn more about Cahokia on Instagram and Facebook by searching CahokiaPHX and online at Cahokiaphx.com.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, October 6, 2021, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith, Christopher Mendoza; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr., Wahlean Riggs; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird(9:34)

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE NEW BUSINESS #5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 AND #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #38 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Department of Transportation, Ms. Sreedevi Manthra

Presenters: Suzanne Jones; Sreedevi Manthra

MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MS. SREEDEVI MANTHRA PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HER BACKGROUND OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING. MS. MANTHRA IS THANKFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL CONGRATULATED MS. MANTHRA ON HER NEW POSITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

REPORTS

>1. 3rd Quarter Pee-Posh Veteran's Association Budget Report

Presenter: Arnie Bread, Sr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Haskell Osife Antone American Legion Post 51 FY 2021 3rd & 4th Quarter Financial Reports

Presenters: David Anderson; Belen Molina-Lawlor

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

4. San Tan West Area Drainage Master Study

Presenters: Seaver Fields; Spencer Bolen; Paul Hoskin

REPORT HEARD

5. Head Start Monthly Report for August 2021

Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

TABLED PRESENTER ABSENT

6. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council August 2021 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gila River Gaming Commission Board; Melvin Sanderson

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report August 2021 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel; Tony DeMark; Richard Strafella; Dominic Orozco; Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

{GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 45 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:51 P.M.}

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Bahozhoni Development

(G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Corinna Ortiz; Kimberly Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Recycling Services Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The City Of Phoenix Providing Subsidized Rates For Recyclables Delivered By The Community To The City Of Phoenix Materials And Recovery Facilities (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Chris Huang; Will Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving The Designation Of Certain Portions Of The New Casa Blanca Community School For Community Use During Non-School Hours (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concur)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Peoria For Soldier's Best Friend Service / Therapeutic Companion Dog Training Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Arizona Center For Nature Conservation / Phoenix Zoo The Pride Campaign – Predator Passage (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Phoenix AKArara Foundation Education Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels Moms Mentoring Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Arizona Helping Hands Basic Needs Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Assistance League Of Phoenix Operation School Bell Wardrobes For Children In Poverty (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Arizona Sustainability Alliance Sow It Forward: Vertical Garden Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Valley Safe, Healthy And Successful Kids Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Children's Museum Of Phoenix Free First Friday Nights (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Educare Arizona Child Development Associate Certificate: A Two-Generation Anti-Poverty Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Elevate Phoenix Improving The Lives And Futures Of Low-Income Youth And Families Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Girl Scouts – Arizona Cactus-Pine Council Girl Scout Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Lost Boys Center For Leadership Development Youth Education And Leadership Development For Second-Generation Sudanese Refugees (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Mentorkids USA iLead Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For ResilientMe, Inc.

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R's Of ResilientMe Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Rosie's House \$5 Million More Than Music Capital Campaign (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For Southern Arizona Association For The Visually Impaired (SAAVI) Reaching Empowerment Through Achievement And Learning Program For Blind Children (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For St. Mary's Food Bank Skills Center (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix For USO Arizona Youth Programs And Phoenix MEPS (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Phoenix For Valley Of The Sun YMCA Childcare, Preschool, And Meal Programs For Low-Income Phoenix Children (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For Honoring / Hiring / Helping Our Heroes Of Pinal (HOHP) Veteran Transition Center (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Spingerville For The Boys And Girls Club Of Round Valley Club Van (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>26. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe For Jobs For Arizona's Graduates Career And College Readiness Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>27. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award

From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Tempe For Treasures 4 Teachers Free And Low-Cost School Supplies For Low-Income Students (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>28. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For Central Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation Achieve Pinal Initiatives: AARP Foundation Experience Corps Reading Program And Career Expo (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>29. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Chandler For Dignity Health Foundation – East Valley Extra – Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Life Support Pumps (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>30. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For American Red Cross Of Central And Northern Arizona Blood Saves Lives – Every Minute Of Every Day Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>31. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Audubon Southwest Engaging The Next Generation Of Conservation Leaders Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>32. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Honorhealth Foundation Scottsdale Shea Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Brainz Monitor (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>33. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Treasure House Employment & Life Skills Program For Young Adults With Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>34. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Ryan House End-Of-Life Services For Children At Ryan House (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>35. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Desert Sounds Performing Arts, Inc. The Jeremy Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval

and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>36. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Gene Lewis Boxing Club And Youth Center "We Embrace The Challenge!" Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>37. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Helen's Hope Chest Foster360 Culver Campus For Homeless Foster Youth (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>38. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community's 2021-2022 Tribal Membership And Designating Delegates In The National Congress Of American Indians (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Renewal of OGC Attorney Contracts (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling; Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Road and Right of Way Utility Corridor – Easement and Land Purchase Program Regarding Allotment 4520 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval, EDSC and CRSC concur)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier; Casaundra Wallace; Bartley Harris

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Electric Power for the Fourth Casino Project (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to proceed with negotiations with SRP to bring retail power to the project consistent with the terms set forth in the term sheet; NRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier; Casaundra Wallace; Bartley Harris

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. GRIC – Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report ending September 30, 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller; Chris Tyhurst; Wesley Benally; Elizabeth Bohnee; Mike Jacobs; Gary Mix
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

5. Gila River Indian Irrigation Drainage District (GRIIDD) Follow Up Audit (Executive Session) (NRSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session)

Presenters: Dena Thomas; Robert Keller

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

~ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

~LITIGATION TEAM MEETING, FRIDAY OCTOBER 8, 2021

~IOPC MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021 AT 9 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:25 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Submissions

New Blackwater Community School Continues to Serve as a Hub for Education and Culture for Generations to Come

Rosendin Completes Construction on the New School for Gila River Indian Community

Submitted by

Black Water Community School

Tempe, Arizona (October 4, 2021) – Construction on the new Blackwater Community School, a two-story structure on the Gila River Indian Community, located southeast of Phoenix, Arizona, was completed on August 31, 2021. The school serves pre-school, the Family And Child Education Program (F.A.C.E.) and K-5 Grade School. The two-year long build on the 7.43 acre campus was in conjunction with Rosendin, the nation's largest employee-owned electrical contracting company, along with Gilbane Building Company and design partner Breckenridge Group.

The \$25 million replacement campus incorporates culturally significant artwork throughout the two-story classroom building, media center, multi-purpose building and cafeteria. The Blackwater Community School Culture Committee provided the insight for the cultural art in partnership and with the approval of the Blackwater Community School Board. Rosendin's team worked on lighting, playground areas, basketball courts, sports fields, and reading patios.

The Blackwater Community School serves two distinct tribes, the Akimel O'otham who can trace their ancestry to the Hohokam and the Pee Posh, who come from the Yuma ancestry.

"The Blackwater Community School is the heart of the community and celebrates the Gila River Indian Community's heritage throughout the year," said Jagdish (Jack) Sharma, Principal of Blackwater Community School. "Agriculture is at the heart of the Akimel O'otham culture. Our educators take pride in our quality

educational practices and the presence of tradition's. This is the reason why traditional symbols of the culture are placed throughout the new campus."

The Hohokam made contributions to the earliest forms of technology in the Southwest with the introduction of agriculture, irrigation canals and extensive trade networks. Exterior and internal murals throughout the campus depict those contributions with scenes of crop harvesting, desert landscapes, petroglyphic symbols like the Man in the Maze or Se:he and more. A shade structure has been built with metal shaped to look like cactus ribs, a material the Akimel O'otham would use to build communal gathering space ramada's.

"There is a blue and pink mural in one of the hallways depicting the desert at night. Blackwater's name comes from the standing water getting dark with night. In the glow of the moon, fish would appear. In the moon, there are two flute players, a reference to "Man of the Moon." There are murals like this all over campus that reflect our student's culture enriching their overall learning experience," said Sharma speaking to the Blackwater Community School Culture Committee's interpretation of the artwork.

The school was originally built in 1939 and in 2018, received through other different funding sources, and Gila River Community Council, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), monies for a replacement school. Through the dedication and hard work of past and present board of trustee members and input from community members, the school was built through this collaborative effort.

"Rosendin is proud to have built the new elementary school in the Gila River Indian Community to give



An exterior view of the newly constructed Blackwater Community School, which will replace old school building located next door to the new structure. Photo courtesy of Photos courtesy of Rosendin Electric Company

students the very best environment to learn and grow," said Ben Miller, Rosendin Division Manager. "The school will serve as the hub of the larger community and support family education and culture in the local area. We Thank our partners for coming together to bring this project to life."

The two-year long campus build required an aggressive phasing schedule to implement construction while school was in session. Parts of the project were scheduled over winter and summer breaks to mitigate disruption to students.

"Blackwater Community School

will serve as a pivotal gathering and educational spot for children and adults on the Gila River Indian Community. Gilbane is proud to work with Rosendin and other trade partners to have safely built a new campus to support this community's families, cultures and traditions," said Jeff Keck, Sr.

Project Executive, of Gilbane Building Company.

Blackwater Community School administrators and tribal council continue to monitor COVID-19 trends in the Gila River Indian Community to keep students safe during an in-person learning experience.



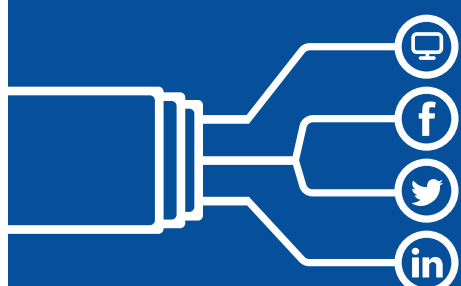
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Fiber Optics Can Speed the Growth of Rural Economies



In rural areas lacking modern fiber optics, businesses rely on dial-up technology or satellite service for their telecommunications needs. Enterprise owners and other professionals in these areas typically experience slow internet speeds and reliability issues. The absence of rural broadband limits a community's economic development.

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Read the full story at: www.alluvion.net/blog/mdivyrWL5

Join Us for a Digital Literacy Course Hosted by GRTI and DCI



Join Alluvion and members of the Digital Connect Initiative for a digital literacy course hosted by Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. on Wednesday, November 17th from 9:00AM - 11:00AM at the GRTI Office. Seating is limited to 10 participants due to COVID-19.

Call to reserve a seat (520) 796-3333

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Gila River Indian Community Council will be considering amendments to Title 3, Enrollment, Membership. Amendments are being proposed to sections 3.101 through 3.110.

TITLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.101. Definitions.
- 3.102. Duties and Responsibilities of Enrollment Department.
- 3.103. Duties and Responsibilities of Community Council.
- 3.104. Eligibility for Membership.
- 3.105. Enrollment Process.
- 3.106. Petitions for Membership.
- 3.107. Grounds for Denial of Membership and Appeals.
- 3.108. Relinquishment of Membership.
- 3.109. Dual Membership.
- 3.110. Removal from Membership.
- 3.111. Membership Decisions.
- 3.112. Protest.
- 3.113. Confidentiality of Records; Penalty.
- 3.114. Name Changes.
- 3.115. Severability.
- 3.116. Rules, Regulations and Procedures.
- 3.117. Effective Date.

A copy of the proposed amendments in their entirety is available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office. Public Notice is also being posted in the GRIN and the Community's social media. This amendment will be considered by Legislative Standing Committee on November 9, 2021.

Community members may comment on the proposed revisions to Title 3 by contacting their Council representative and/or Councilman Arzie Hogg, Chairperson of the Legislative Standing Committee. Written comments may also be sent to Bartley Harris at the Office of General Counsel, Post Office Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 or email to: OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us



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JOIN THE TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Gila River Indian Community Department of Transportation is seeking members for the new Transit Advisory Committee.

Members will meet quarterly to discuss concerns related to operating Gila River Transit. There is no stipend; this is a voluntary position.

Learn more and apply:
Ms. Dawn M. Coomer, Transportation Manager
(520) 562-6306 or dawn.coomer@gric.nsn.us.

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GRIC Members to Compete In Indian National Finals Rodeo

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) will be held October 19 -23 at South Point Equestrian Center in Las Vegas will feature several members from the Community.

Savannah Joe, Sacaton, will compete in the last qualifying event for the INFR. The daughter of a ranching family, Savannah quickly followed the lifestyle and won her first saddle when she was only seven years old, in the annual Havasupai Peach Festival. Joe has been competing in rodeos since. She has won four all-around saddles and won numerous awards in multiple age groups.

“She puts a lot of hard work and time into practice,” said Penny Mix,



L-R: Brother's Skye and Jalen Joaquin will compete in the 2021 INFR. Zachary Redbird/CPAO

Savannah's mother. “She'd been in 5 INFR events in rather rodeo than play basketball, volleyball or any other sport in high school.”

In 2019 Joe would have qualified for the breakaway and barrel racing junior events, but due to the COVID pandemic the INFR was cancelled.

Joe will now be attending the last chance qualifier for the junior breakaway event, scheduled for Oct. 14-17. She has

been in 5 INFR events in breakaway roping.

Another aspiring competitor to the arena Jocelyn Co'Nei'Sen'Ney, age 16, will also be competing in this year's INFR. She has won numerous buckles and saddles. She has competed in the annual White Mountain Apache Tribal Fair & Rodeo, winning the “all-around cowgirl” title, breakaway and team roping.

Clay Martinez will be competing in the last qualifying event for steer wrestling. His brother Colton Martinez will be joining the INFR to compete in steer wrestling.

Council Representative for District 5, Wahlean “Bobbie” Riggs, won the 2012 INFR Breakaway Championship and will be recognized during a Friday INFR event for past champions including Jalen Joaquin, 2017 INFR Saddle Bronc Champion.

Joaquin, 25, will be returning this year to again compete in the saddle bronc event. His brother, Skye Joaquin, 23, will be competing in bull riding.

The INFR event will be available to watch free on Pluto TV on channel 720 or you can watch online at pluto.tv or by downloading the plutoTV app.

From page 5, Adrian Thomas

anthem in front of an entire stadium is a dream come true for me,” he said. “Seeing all the people there at the stadium I was in amazement, especially with people from the Community. It was a surreal moment.”

His current run of success has left Thomas wanting more for himself

and his musical career.

“I'll always have a goal,” he explains. “Even if I complete one I'm always onto the next one. It's never the end, you never can be just satisfied with what you had at the moment, knowing you have a whole life to live and whole lot of opportunities to come.”

Word Match: Sha:chu 'o wud hegai sha'? SOLUTION!

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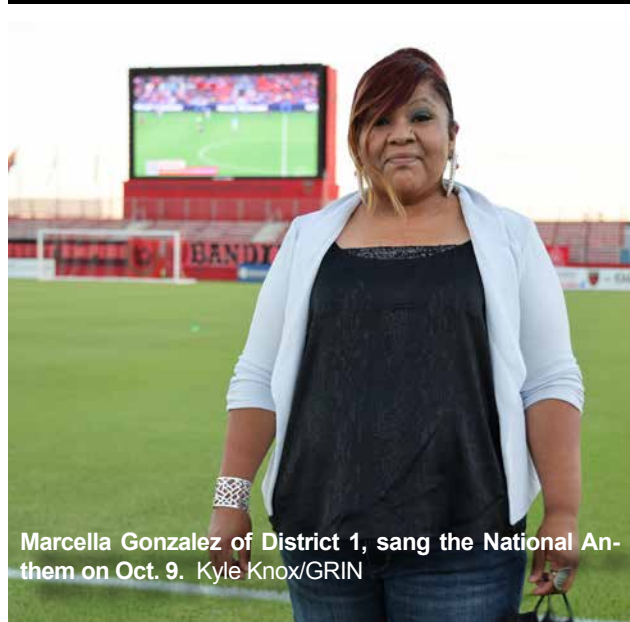
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Marcella Gonzalez of District 1, sang the National Anthem on Oct. 9. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Posh did in the past.

“We have to acknowledge that we're playing on sacred lands, like that of the Gila River Indian Community, and we want to show our appreciation with these jerseys,” said Phoenix Rising's Santi Moar. Moar wears number seven jersey for the team. He modeled the jersey for Rising's media event related to the release of the jerseys.

“This game is super important for our team and

club because we play here on the land of the Gila River Indian Community,” said Rising forward Arturo Rodriguez. “And we're proud to represent you, the Community, as a team with this jersey and during this important match.”

In the end, the game closed with a victory for Phoenix as they defeated Oakland Roots 1-0. Phoenix Rising will round out its regular season at the end of October, to be followed by the playoffs with hopes of a USL Cup Final victory in November.



BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, et. seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERHEAD DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM THE EXISTING HENSHAW SUBSTATION TO INTEL'S OCOTILLO CAMPUS, A NEW RS-28 SUBSTATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON INTEL'S OCOTILLO CAMPUS, AND AN OVERHEAD TRANSITION CORRIDOR AT THE EXISTING SCHRADER SUBSTATION, ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF CHANDLER, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

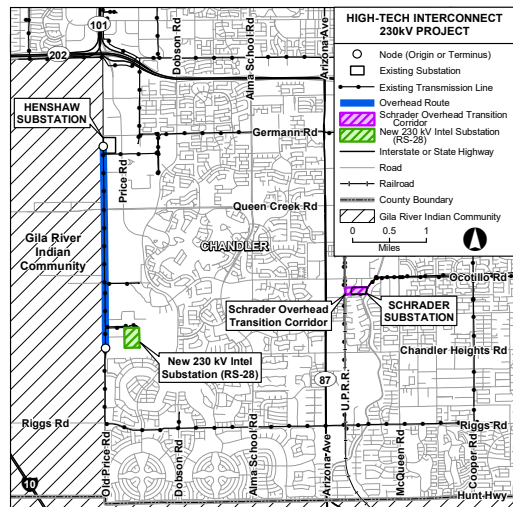
Docket No. L-00000B-21-0322-00195
Case No. 00195

NOTICE OF HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) regarding the Application of Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP or Applicant) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) authorizing construction of the High-Tech Interconnect Project (the Project). The Project consists of:

- An overhead double-circuit 230 kV transmission line from the existing Henshaw Substation to Intel's Ocotillo Campus;
- A new RS-28 Substation to be constructed on Intel's Ocotillo Campus;
- Two new overhead single-circuit 230 kV transmission lines within the Overhead Transition Corridor that will exit Schrader Substation, one along the south side of the substation and one along the north side.

A map of the Project is attached as Exhibit A.



The hearing on the Application will be held at the Hilton Phoenix Chandler located at 2929 West Frye Road, Chandler, Arizona 85224. The hearing will commence on November 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. and continue on November 9, 2021, through November 12, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m. each day, unless a tour is taken. There will be no hearing on November 11, 2021, due to the Veterans Day holiday. If a tour is taken, it will begin on November 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. or an alternative date and time set by the Chairman of the Committee (Chairman). If necessary, the hearing will thereafter continue on November 15, 2021, through November 19, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m. each day as necessary through the completion of the hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. VIA TELEPHONE, ZOOM, OR IN PERSON, AT THE HILTON PHOENIX CHANDLER, LOCATED AT 2929 WEST FRYE ROAD, CHANDLER, ARIZONA 85224. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION WILL FOLLOW CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, AS WELL AS STATE AND LOCAL, GUIDELINES ADDRESSING COVID-19. FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BY EITHER WATCHING THE MEETING ONLINE OR LISTENING TO THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE, RATHER THAN ATTENDING IN PERSON.

At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding COVID-19 safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule, will be posted on the Project website at <https://srpnet.com/electric/transmission/projects/HIP> and Arizona Corporation Commission's (ACC) website at <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>. Messages can be left at (855) 584-1484 and the call will be returned with information regarding hearing details as requested. The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project and ACC websites. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

If the Committee decides to conduct a tour of the Project area, the map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what is visible at stops, and the relevance of the location and view of aspects of the Project. No discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription. COVID-19 protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary.

Maps and detailed information about the Project are contained in the Application which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- Project website: <https://srpnet.com/electric/transmission/projects/HIP>
- ACC website: <https://www.azcc.gov>
- ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, 1200 W. Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- Ed Robson Public Library, 9330 E. Riggs Road, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
- Chandler Hamilton Public Library at Hamilton High School, 3700 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85248
- Chandler Downtown Public Library, 22 S. Delaware Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

The Applicant will make available final copies of the prehearing conference and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and the Project website referenced above.

Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before November 8, 2021, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is located that desires to become a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before November 8, 2021, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceedings.

Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before November 8, 2021. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. Substantive communication not in the public record may not be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter before the ACC must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

ORDERED this 28th day of September 2021.

Paul A. Katz
Chairman of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
Assistant Attorney General



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