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## Signing of H.B. 2705 Allows Traditional Regalia to be Worn at All Arizona School Graduations

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey held a September 1st signing ceremony for House Bill 2705 that included GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Marlena Whitehair, and Lourdes Pereira at the Arizona State Capitol. The bill ensures members of tribal nations can wear their tribe's regalia and objects of cultural significance during graduation ceremonies in the state of Arizona.

"When I heard stories of our community members being discriminated against, not being allowed to wear our traditional regalia, whether it's our shell necklaces or traditional attire, as a tribal leader, I felt duty-bound to get involved and back this bill," said Gov. Lewis.

Governor Lewis played a critical role in H.B. 2705's passing, testifying in committees before the state House and Senate. The bill was approved with sweeping majorities in both houses.

"Anyone celebrating one of the proudest moments of their life should be able to wear items that

represent their traditional culture and belief," said Gov. Ducey. "After all, it's oftentimes this culture and tradition that propel young people through school and afterward to graduation."

Gov. Ducey credited the work of Gov. Lewis and student advocates like Whitehair and Pereira for pushing this legislation "over the finish line."

For decades, Native American students in the state and country have been denied the right to wear their cultural clothing and regalia, including jewelry and feathers for school graduations and promotions. The bill changes that, providing all students the right to wear their traditional regalia at any graduation ceremony anywhere in Arizona.

Marlena Whitehair, District 3, was in attendance for the signing. During her senior year, she was denied wearing her tribal regalia, including the stole the Tribal Education Dept provided to students. She shared her story of overturning the decision by educating her school administration and helping



Miss Indigenous ASU Lourdes Pereira (middle-left) was joined by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Community member youth Marlena Whitehair (far-right) during the signing of H.B. 2705 by Arizona Doug Ducey on Sept. 1. Kyle Knox/GRIN

them understand her regalia's importance.

"I feel relief that no one else has to feel the frustration of not being heard, and I'm so grateful that now that my younger brother,

cousins, and other youth don't have to go through that rejection," said Whitehair.

"And I am proud that when the time comes, they can wear what they want and proudly display their culture and

tradition."

Lourdes Pereira. Pereira is Hia-Ced O'odham. She attends Arizona State University and

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## Tribal Leaders Discuss the Challenges of Water Supply in the Era of Drought Conditions

**Christopher Lomahquahu**  
Gila River Indian News

Tribal leaders came together to address water supply and usage during the "Progress Toward Building Water Resilient Communities" panel discussion at the virtual University of Arizona Water Research Review conference on Aug. 31.

"When I was asked to speak on today's panel, I immediately thought of our community's water planning and what our efforts have done to address the most pressing issues before us during the ongoing drought," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

He said the Community has developed a comprehensive water plan to address the rising costs of Central Arizona Project water, which GRIC receives in lieu of water from the Gila River. This allocation of CAP water is part of the Community's monumental 2004 water settlement, which allows GRIC to bring water to tribal lands for a wide range of

uses.

"The Community adopted a water plan, which has never really been done before in such a comprehensive way, with two goals in mind," said Gov. Lewis. One goal is to increase farming activity in the Community, which means supplying water to small family-run farms, said Lewis. The second goal is to reinvigorate the Gila River through the development of the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5, also known as MAR-5.

Joining Gov. Lewis on the panel discussion were the Colorado River Indian Tribe Chairwoman Amelia Flores and Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez. Each of the presenting tribal leaders provided an overview of how they are addressing water supply demands and instilling conservation programs along with their work.

"The cycle of drought with lack of rain and snow and higher temperatures and changes in the soil and every other change to the



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (bottom) was joined by Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and CRIT Chairwomen Amelia Flores, during the "Progress Toward Building Water Resilient Communities" WRR panel discussion on Aug. 31.

natural environment impacts all of us," said Flores, who connected climate change to the recent drought conditions experienced across the Southwest.

Flores said her tribe and many others have entered new territory – a period of uncertainty

as water resources are becoming depleted while water remains in high demand.

"Our homelands are not the same from when we lived off of the resources," said Flores, "We are discovering that our reservations are at the end of 'climate zones.'"

Flores touched on how every tribal community is drastically impacted by drought, climate change and the deepening struggle to access basic natural resources, like water.

"We are doing what we can to

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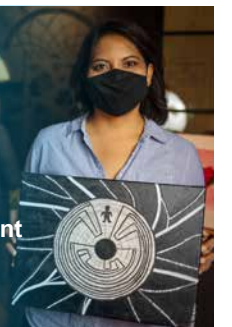
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# Gila River Indian Community Mobile Vaccine Unit

**Saturday, September 18  
9:00A.M. - 12:00PM**

**District 5 - Service Center  
3456 W. Casa Blanca Rd.  
Bapchule, AZ 85121**

**Saturday, September 25  
9:00A.M. - 12:00PM**

**District 4 - Service Center  
Santan Rd, Sacaton,  
AZ 85147**

*Vaccines will be available for 1st, 2nd doses for those who are eligible. If you attended the August 21 event, you are now eligible for your second dose.*

## **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

GRIC and Ak-Chin Indian Community tribal enrolled members and their household members, all federally recognized tribal members, GRIC essential employees and their household members, and community enterprise employees and their household members.

All individuals must be 12 years or older.  
Parent or guardian consent is required.



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# New Organization Unites, Empowers O'odham Students at ASU

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Voices of O'odham Students at ASU (VOSA) is a new organization created to bring together and empower O'odham students through mentorship, culture, advocacy and community outreach.

"We made a really strong presence here, in our own community, said Napoleon Marrietta, District 4, who co-founded the organization along with fellow O'odham students who felt the need for more representation and support in the institution, stemming from the launch of the Introduction to O'odham language class.

"We didn't have an O'odham language class but we had a lot of other indigenous languages and so with the collaborative effort of trying to get O'odham something here, it started with that," said Marrietta, "We now have something that is representative of our people as much as we can."

Marrietta made the choice to attend ASU soon after graduating high school in 2013. He was accepted to other universities, including the University of Arizona and Grand Canyon University, but chose ASU to stay closer to home and family. A student of Justice Studies as an undergraduate, Marrietta eventually majored in American Indian Studies and obtained a certificate in American Indian Governance.

"It's been an interesting journey so far," said Marrietta, who is now in the Master's program in American Indian Studies with an emphasis on indigenous rights and social justice.



## Voices of O'odham Students at ASU

Voices of O'odham Students at ASU (VOSA) provides support services to O'odham students and works to promote O'odham culture and language. Logo courtesy of VOSA

Since being at ASU, Marrietta has been actively involved with shaping activism, advocacy, and education about O'odham and other indigenous issues such as education, sacred site protection, border and water issues.

"We're educating a lot of people here within the institution, breaking these barriers of getting more O'odham in higher-end positions and represented, continuing their advocacy and why they came to school," said Marrietta who's focused on building representation and connecting O'odham communities.

The VOSA organization recently initiated the "land recognition committee," a group that advocates land acknowledgments in higher education.

"A lot of us advocate for our voices being heard in this decision, in what a land statement means, honoring those who have pushed for visibility," said Marrietta.

VOSA organizes student involvement, resources and services



**VOSA Co-founder Napoleon Marrietta helped start-up the student-led organization at ASU to bring together O'odham students and to promote tribal culture on campus.** Photo courtesy of Napoleon Marrietta

and virtual events with fellow O'odham such as a shell etching class with GRIC member Tim Terry and a community gardening class with Jacob Butler from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

ways to bring in O'odham to come in and share what they're doing," said Marrietta.

For more information on VOSA, email [vosa.asu@gmail.com](mailto:vosa.asu@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page: Voices of O'odham Students at ASU.



**Lourdes Pereira expressed her appreciation to Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey for signing H.B. 2705, allows Native American students to wear traditional regalia and attire during graduation ceremonies.** Kyle Knox/GRIN

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serves as the current Miss Indigenous ASU. "The passing of this bill means everything because this regalia is who we are as indigenous people," she said. "It's connected and deeply tied to our customs and traditions."

Before ASU, Pereira attended high school in Tucson, where she fought for and won the right for her and her classmates to wear their traditional regalia at graduation.

Reflecting on the signing of the bill, Pereira said: "Honestly, it's still unreal, even after all this time and even in 2021 that it's finally

passed and done. And no one else has to deal with this. It's kind of unbelievable that you don't have to fight anymore."

Whitehair and Pereira's stories helped fuel support for the passing of H.B. 2705 from tribal leaders to Arizona senators and legislators.

Gov. Lewis said, "This is so significant and historic when this bill goes into effect for the school year and into the future, as it will continue to protect our native students' rights to wear their tribal regalia."



# GRIC Celebrates 156th Annual Mustering-In Day

## Honoring Arizona's First National Guard

**Kyle Knox**

Gila River Indian News

The Community celebrated the 156th Annual Mustering-In Day virtually this year, online and on Gila River Broadcasting Corp.'s (GRBC) channel 29.1 on Saturday, Sept 11. The celebration continued the legacy of honoring what is known as Arizona's First National Guard. The event included awards presentations, traditional O'otham and Pee Posh songs, and performances by One Way Sky and Gertie and the T.O. Boyz.

"Today and for the past 50 years, The Gila River Indian Community



**Lt. Gov. Monica Antone provided a history about Mustering-In day, during the virtual event on Sept. 11.** Screenshot by Kyle Knox/GRIN

continues to honor the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh men who were mustered-in to help defend and protect the land," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in his opening remarks.

Following Gov. Lewis'

opening remarks, Lt. Governor Monica Antone read aloud the history of the significance of Mustering-In Day.

"Every year in September, the GRIC gathers to recognize the

significant event known as Mustering-In Day," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "The event takes place in District 7, where festivities commence in honor of the Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh, who were mustered in to help defend and protect the land."

Lt. Gov. Antone shared that in the 1860s, military presence in the Arizona Territory was limited due to the American Civil War. Few soldiers were available to protect the land and people against raids and territorial disputes. This led to the U.S. authorizing five companies of volunteer soldiers in the fall of 1865.

"Pee Posh Chief Juan Chavaria led Company B with 94 men, and Akimel O'otham Chief Antonio Azul led Company C with 88 men," Lt. Gov. Antone explained. "Together they became known as the First National Guard of Arizona."

District 7 elder Nathan Mercado sang a Pee Posh honor song during a slideshow presentation featuring images from past Mustering-In Day celebrations. The slideshow included photos of this year's honorees, including Elgin Sunn; 2021 Mustering-In Day Grand Marshal; Devin Redbird, District 7 Councilman; and

Marcos Martinez, the 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

Woven throughout the speakers and performances were numerous traditional O'otham and Pee Posh songs and dances, from "Bird Singing and Dancing By the River" (SRP-MIC), Kevin Stevens (District 7), and "Achem A'al Basket Dancers" (GRIC).

The event began and ended with the presentation and retiring of the colors by the Pee Posh Veterans Association. In addition to the performances, District 7 Community Members were treated to an evening fireworks display, viewable from home.

# As Pandemic Continues, District 1 Mobile Vaccination Event Draws 51 For COVID Shots

**Christopher Lomahquahu**

Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community continues to utilize its fleet of Mobile Vaccination Units to vaccinate members. The most recent MVU event, held on Saturday, September 11th in District 1, attracted 51 people who received vaccinations, including a number of younger GRIC members.

"I just wanted to get it done," said Stephen Jackson, District 2, got his second dose of the vaccine. "I feel so much better about the pandemic, after I got my second shot," said Jackson, who explained that the rising number of deaths related to COVID-19 prompted him to get vaccinated. "I think being out here it motivates and gives us a chance to protect ourselves."

Jayden Cardenas from District 1 also came to get his vaccination. "He's the oldest (child) and I know it will protect him," said his



**Stephen Jackson received his second dose of the Pfizer vaccine during the D1 MVU event on Sept. 11.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

mother, Rachel Cardenas.

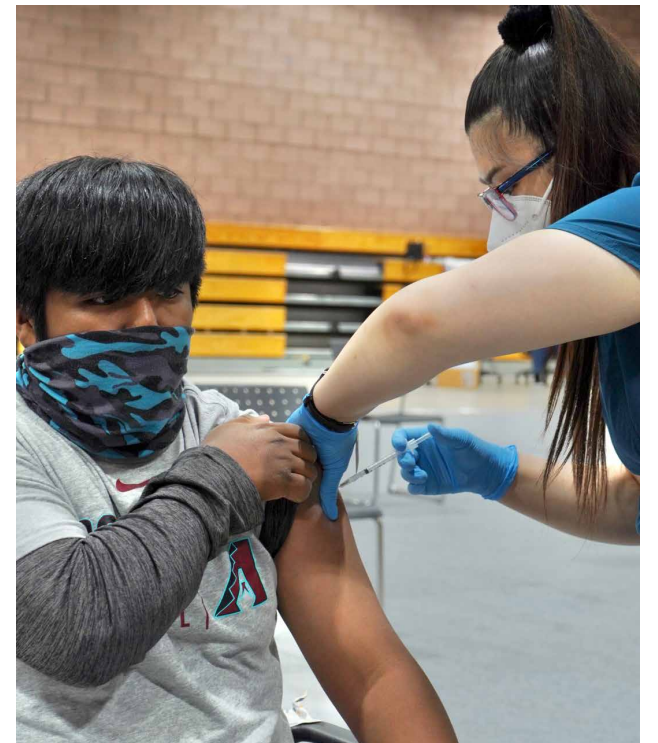
Cardenas, a student at Santan Junior High School, said he feels good about getting vaccinated because his school is conducting in-class instruction. His mother said that although the Chandler Unified School District has COVID-19 restrictions in place, getting vaccinated is the best way to

stay safe against the virus.

For many in attendance at the D1 MVU event, it was their second vaccination. Gila River Health Care is offering free vaccinations to those who need the first or second shot at the VLJ Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 21-23 and again between September 28-30.

GRHC has also started to make available a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for some Community members.

Individuals age 12 or older with certain conditions which compromise their immune systems are eligible to receive their third dose at least four weeks after receiving their second dose



**A youth Community member receives their shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at the D1 MVU event on Sept. 11.** Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. The individual must be a Community member, a member of the Ak-Chin tribe or Community or member of another federally recognized tribe.

For more information on criteria to receive the third shot, visit <http://grhc.org/vaccine/> or call the GRHC COVID-19 Hotline at 520-550-6079.

# Assistance Program Offers Range of Help, Services to Improve Quality of Life for GRIC Elders

**Emma Hughes**

Gila River Indian News

The Elderly Services Program (ESP) assists and advocates for elders in the Community, offering programs and services. Located at the old Council Ke in Sacaton, ESP houses a team of staff members to assist elders with their needs.

"We're here if you need anything, even just to talk," says Lindsay Antone, District 1, Elderly Services Program Coordinator.

Antone has previously worked with Gila River Health Care and the Employment & Training Department working with youth and adult programs.

Antone says the goal of ESP is to improve health and quality of life for elders in the Community through programs like the Homemaker program, a part-time non-medical assistance program designated for elders and adults with a qualifying health condition who live alone, assisting them

with basic housekeeping assistance and giving them a chance to socialize.

The Caregiver program, another ESP offering, assists non-paid caregivers, grandparents raising grandchildren and other Community members who care for a loved one with a physical or mental disability. The program provides resources, information and support.

ESP also offers elderly liaisons, whose role is to advocate for elders and assist them with the application

process for benefits such as Social Security or any other services they may need. The liaison also can assist with power of attorney authorizations and the drafting of a will. They can also provide welfare checks. Before the pandemic, liaisons provided transportation for clients, but service is currently on hold.

ESP also hosts the elderly concerns meeting that occurs twice a month. The meetings have been entirely virtual since the

pandemic, but continue to be "a good platform to know what's going on in the Community," said Antone.

GRIC Departments have been invited to participate and present more information or services to the elders during the meetings, which have been well-attended.

Antone says due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the Community there are no plans for in-person events this year. "The goal is to hopefully start having events next

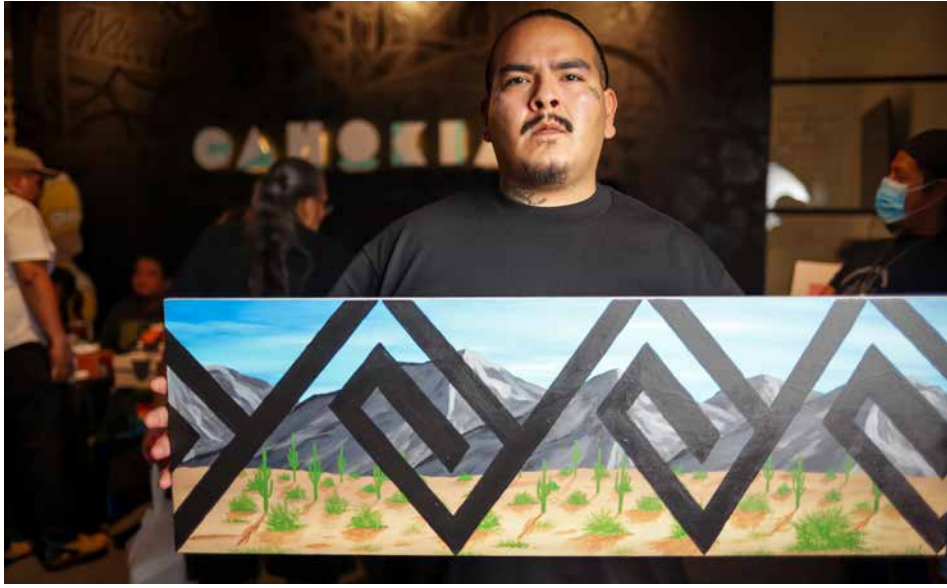
year," she explained, "but at the same time that depends on where we are. Hopefully vaccination rates are much higher than what they are now."

ESP is located in at 40031 E. Pima Street, in Sacaton. Their office is located next to the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council office. For more information, contact the office at (520) 562-5253.



# Arts & Entertainment

## O’otham Artist Market Hits Phoenix’s First Friday at Indigenous-Owned Art Space



**Zachary Justin of District 6, the organizer of the O’otham Artist Market on Sept. 3, stands with a piece of art he created for the event. Kyle Knox/GRIN**

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

District 6 member Zachary Justin successfully organized the first-ever “O’otham Artist Market” during Phoenix’s First Friday Art Walk on Sept. 3. The market featured O’otham and Pee Posh

artists from the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the Tohono O’otham Nation. The market took place at Cahokia, a Socialtech and Artspace, located in the heart of downtown Phoenix.

“To my knowledge,

this is the first of its kind, I don’t think there’s ever been an all O’otham artist market in Phoenix before, and it makes me proud,” said Zachary Justin. As a member of Cahokia, Justin had the opportunity to host an event at the new space.

In total, nine artists

were in attendance to showcase and sell their work. Those artists were Zachary Justin (GRIC-District 6), Paul Molina (GRIC- District 7), Jupiter Customs (GRIC-District 7). Chadwick Pasqual (GRIC-District 3), Angelo Cortez (GRIC-District 5), Melissa Yazzie (GRIC- District 5), Tiffany Enos (GRIC-District 4), Dayanara Carlos (T.O. Nation), and Rachel Espinoza (SRP-MIC).

Seizing this opportunity, Justin created this event to elevate artists’ visibility among those attending the recognized First Friday art walk in Phoenix. “I wanted to bring O’otham artists together for an opportunity to sell their work,” said Justin. “There’s a lot of talent out there and sometimes they just need a push to get their name out there.”

And in addition to the artists, alternative rock band

One Way Sky, from the Gila River Indian Community, performed a set for everyone’s enjoyment.

“I’m proud to see all our fellow O’otham and Pee Posh artists displaying their beautiful art,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who thanked the event organizers and Cahokia for providing the space. “It’s exciting because you have numerous galleries around, but tonight here at First Friday, we have our own O’otham Artist Market. It makes all of us proud.”

Cahokia is Arizona’s first indigenous women-owned art gallery and the nation’s first indigenous, women-led art and social tech space.

“For this [O’otham Artist Market] to happen in Downtown Phoenix, in the Arts District, with Natives coming in and running things is inspiring and empowering,” said Cahokia

co-founder Eunique Yazzie.

While Cahokia has yet to hold its official grand opening, it’s already making an impact serving as a space for members to express curated perspectives, retail space, podcast recording studio, rotating events, and much more. The grand opening will take place Monday, Oct 11, or Indigenous Peoples Day.

The event’s success has Justin looking forward to producing new works, more shows, and even a solo showcase in the future. Keeping Cahokia’s mission in mind, Justin hopes the market and future markets inspire future generations of artists to come.

“Tonight’s not only for these artists and me, but it’s also for the upcoming youth and artists” he said. “Maybe this will be something for them to look up to and look to achieve.



**Rachel Espinoza from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community displays her artwork at the O’otham artists event on Sept. 3. Below, Chadwick Pasqual takes on a more abstract approach to his artwork. Kyle Knox/GRIN**



**Under the name “Jupiter Customs,” this District 7 artist showcases some of the wearable artwork found in his collection. Below, Tiffany Enos of District 4 presents one of her works of art displaying a floral motif. These artists and many more were featured at the O’otham Artists Market, during First Friday on Sept. 3. Kyle Knox/GRIN**





# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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**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, September 1, 2021, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Councilman Arzie Hogg at 9:03 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz

## ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone (10:13)

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman (9:42), 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

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Absent:

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #8; #10 THROUGH #14; AND #16 THROUGH #24; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #21 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS PRESENTED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

### REPORTS

#### \*1. WHPDA Monthly Report

Presenters: David White; WHPDA Board of Directors; Alex Yazza; Michelle Bowman; Martin Sepulveda; Mark Grado; Jason Croxton

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### >2. Gookin Engineers FY'21 Annual Report

Presenter: Ed Gookin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC FY'21 Annual Report

Presenters: Brian Westfall

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting FY'21 Annual Report

Presenter: Peter Mock

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### >5. Public Policy Partners FY'21 Annual Report

Presenter: Meghaen Dell'Artino

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. The Center for Applied Research, Inc. FY'21 Annual Report

Presenter: Chad Linse

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### >7. Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority

Presenters: Lt. Governor Monica Antone; J. Brian O'Neill; Ryan Smith

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### >8. GRAM Great Call Response 3Q Report

Presenters: Miane Men; Jim Myers; Board

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 9. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

## REPORT HEARD

{LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:32 A.M.}

#### >10. K-12 Education Program Quarter 4 Manager's

Report for School Year 2020-2021

Presenter: Jeffery Thornburgh

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Blackwater Community School Quarter 3 Tribal Allocation Report SY 2020-2021

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### >12. Head Start Monthly Report – June 2021

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### >13. Head Start Monthly Report – July 2021

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### >14. GRTI 2Q Report

Presenters: Jim Myers; Jennifer Burkhalter; Board

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15. Report – Covering Storm 1 – July 9, 2021 and Storm 2 – July 10, 2021

Presenters: Pamela Thomas; Leonard Gold; Belinda Nelson

## REPORT HEARD

>16. Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP FY'21 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Don Pongrace; Jason Hauter

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. Dorsey & Whitney, LLP FY'21 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Mary Streitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. DR Law, PLLC FY'21 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Denten Robinson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. Lippes Mathias Wexler & Friedman, LLP FY'21 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Ian Shavitz

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. Osborn Maledon, P.A. FY'21 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: David Rosenbaum

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. Rothstein Law Firm FY'21 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Eric Dahlstrom

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. Yoder & Langford, P.C. FY'21 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Robert Yoder; Catherine Langford

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council for July 2021 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Dale Enos; Gaming Commission Board; Melvin Sanderson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report July 2021 (Executive Session)

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

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## RESOLUTIONS

\*1. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas; Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\*2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Gaming Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with

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Presenters: Dena Thomas; Treasurer Robert Keller

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>3. A Resolution Approving The Sacaton Police Department Facilities Lease, The District 6 Substation Police Department Facility Lease, The Wild Horse Pass Development Authority Police Department Facility Lease, And The Lone Butte Police Department Facilities Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace; Steve Heeley; Katie Brossy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Fire Department 421 Facility Lease, The Fire Department 423 Facility Lease, The Fire Department 426 Facility Lease, The Fire Department 429 Facility Lease, The Fire Department Fleet Facility Lease And The Fire Department Prevention And Training Facility Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace; Steve Heeley; Katie Brossy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving The Land Use Planning And Zoning And Department Of Transportation Facility Lease And The Department Of Transportation Yard Facility Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace; Steve Heeley; Katie Brossy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving The Family Advocacy Center Facility Lease, The Residential Program For Youth Facility Lease And The Domestic Violence Shelter Facility Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace; Steve Heeley; Katie Brossy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving The Community Court Facility Lease And The West End Court Facility Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace; Steve Heeley; Katie Brossy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Approving The GRIIDD Administration Facility Lease And The GRIIDD Well Rehabilitation Yard Facility Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to

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Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace; Steve Heeley; Katie Brossy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving The Governance Center Facility Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The United States Department Of The Interior (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace; Steve Heeley; Katie Brossy

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement (Defined Benefits Plan) Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And BOKF, NA For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And RVK, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And REDW,

LLC. For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gabriel, Roeder, Smith, & Company Benefits Consulting LLC For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. A Resolution Approving The Modification Of Fiscal Year 2022 Gila River Indian Community Indian

Housing Plan For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution On Monies From The Gila River Indian Community Permanent Water Fund And Water Settlement Fund For The Operations Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller; Gary Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller; Gary Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 50 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2022 Through 2026 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller; Gary Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Operating Budget And Capital Projects Budget For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel; Tony DeMark; Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. A Resolution Designating And Approving 19.3996 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land Located In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Community For The Development And Construction Of A Tribal Subdivision As Shown In Drawing #40418-0412A-TP (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Samantha Johnson; Corinna Ortiz; Kimberly Antone; Sandra Thayer; Linda Andrews; Deanna Mendoza

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Demetria James From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF

**AGENDA**

- ORDINANCES
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS

\*1. Revenue Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report FY 2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Dena Thomas; Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT NEW BUSINESS #1 AND #2

\*2. Gaming Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report FY 2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Dena Thomas; Treasurer Robert Keller

ACCEPTED AT NEW BUSINESS #1

>3. District Five Motion Sheet for the Housing Advisory Committee (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Community Treasurer Transitional Plan (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller; Gary Mix

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. GRHC Board of Directors Notice of (3) Vacancies (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation to advertise for 60 days following the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Robert Pablo

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

6. Proposed Revision on Tribal Allocation Policy (ESC motioned to amend the allocation policy by removing Community Council from Section 9(A) and to have ESC provide FYI to Council if changes are made)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE MINUTES

1. May 19, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. June 16, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. August 4, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

4. August 18, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Special G&MSC Meeting September 2, 2021 at

9:00 a.m.

~Special ESC Meeting September 2, 2021 at 9:00

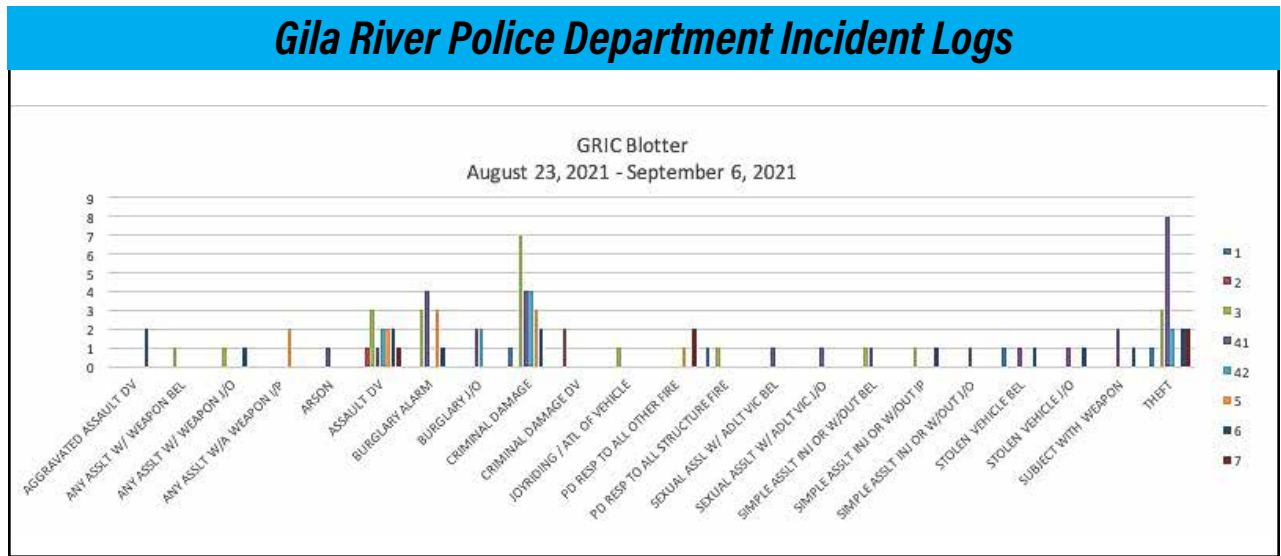
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ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:06 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



**Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education**

**Submitted by Tribal Education Dept.**

Growing Readers & Developing Leaders Virtual Celebration  
Monday Sept. 27th & Wednesday Sept. 29th, 2021  
6:00PM-7:00PM  
On behalf of the Growing Readers and Developing Leaders project we would like for you and your family to join us as we celebrate the work of

the Growing Readers and Developing Leaders project.  
This virtual celebration will take place over two virtual gatherings. We will have guest speakers, special appearances by some of the GRIC authors who wrote the GRIC community books, and many more to help say "Thank you" to everyone who participated. We will also share upcoming announcements where Growing Readers and Developing Leaders is headed!  
GRDL Gift bags and books will be giving to all participants!  
If you would like to join us please RSVP or have questions contact: Anthony Gray, Anthony.Gray@gric.nsn.us or Charlotte Forte' Charlotte.Forte.EDU@gric.nsn.us  
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# Submissions



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## Alluvion Supports Digital Connect Initiative Tech Training for GRIC



Alluvion is a proud supporter of the Digital Connect Initiative (DCI), a collaborative work to help individuals and communities use digital communications technologies to connect with each other, with creative expressions of language, history, and culture.



As part of the Digital Connect Initiative, Alluvion continues to provide technology training to GRIC Elders. We are proud to give back to our community by sharing knowledge and providing education.

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## Alluvion Representatives Discuss Tribal Broadband at NTTA Summit



David Ackerman and Duncan Wiston discussed the past, present, and future of Alluvion Communications with attendees of the 2021 National Tribal Telecom Association Broadband Opportunities & Engineering Summit. We proudly offer our support to all tribal nations working to enhance broadband in their communities.

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- Artworkz:** Virtual Art program
- Makerspace:** DIY Stem Projects!
- A Healthy Start:** Start your healthy journey!
- Watcha Thinking?:** Introduction to youtube, podcasts, and more!
- Gamer's Paradise:** Design 8-bit games!

**Tweens (ages 11-13)**

- ExPLR:** Explore a variety of STEM activities.
- National Fine Arts:** Virtual Art Program

**Teens (ages 14-18)**

- Building an Empire:** Star Wars STEM
- CSI: Sacaton:** Learn all about law enforcement and solve your own crime!

**KOMATKE**

- The Joy of Art:** Virtual hands on projects! Several sessions held for youth and tweens.
- Chess:** Learn how to play chess regardless of experience! Several sessions held for youth and teens.
- Smart Girls:** TBD. Several sessions held for youth and teens
- Among Us:** Work as a team to figure out who is the imposter! Several sessions held for youth and teens
- Dungeons & Dragons Club:** Explore a story as a protagonist in a fun new campaign. (ages 11-13)
- STEM:** Hands on activities dealing with various STEM topics. (ages 11-13)

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save the life of the Colorado River, which is threatened by climate change and overuse," she added.

President Nez said that for the Navajo Nation, the top priority is gaining access to reliable sources of water. "The diverse water challenges facing the Navajo Nation are plentiful," he said. "Water is among our most needed resources and there are multiple uses for it on the Nation."

Nez said what makes the challenge more of an uphill battle is the fact that much of the Navajo Nation is spread out across 27,000 square acres. He also explained that about 40 percent of homes on the reservation currently lack indoor plumbing.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has also made our citizens lives more challenging," said President Nez, "showing a direct correlation between basic needs, the availability of water and other supplies."

He added: "Economic hardship has hit many members, as they often pay and haul water on their limited budgets. This includes gas, maintenance for vehicles on a regular basis."


Nez touched on the federal government's trust responsibility for tribes, adding that it's one of the reasons the Navajo Nation is seeking federal financial support.

"The Tribal Access to Clean Water Act of 2020 is one way we are looking to get much-needed infrastructure onto the Nation," said Nez, adding that the measure would include funding to support the tribe's water infrastructure. The pending H.R. 3684: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act should also help the Navajo Nation address its needs, said Nez.

## CANDIDATES for OFFICE of CHIEF JUDGE


### October 22, 2021

**Brianna Lynn Rhodes**



My name is Brianna Rhodes and I am running for the office of Chief Judge. I am currently residing in District 6 with my husband, Dugan Rhodes. We have 6 wonderful children; Aimee, Sebastian, Caedon, Dean, Garrison and Addison. My father is David Sneed, Sr. from Co-Op Village. My paternal grandfather is the late Reverend Kenneth Sneed from Co-Op Village in Laveen, Arizona and my paternal grandmother is Emily Adams Sneed from Second Mesa, Arizona. My mother is Freida Smith and my step-father is Johnny Smith, Sr. My maternal grandfather is the late Fred Norris from Tuba City, Arizona and my maternal grandmother is Etta Musket Norris from Mexican Springs, New Mexico. I have worked for the Gila River Indian Community for 18 years, 10 of those years were with the Gila River Tribal Courts in many capacities. I am constantly working hard for Our Community and willing to do what is Right and Honest. Therefore, I am asking for your vote to elect me as the new Chief Judge of the Gila River Indian Community.

**Anthony J. Hill**



Our Community is facing so many problems. The court system has a responsibility to face these issues and the next Chief Judge must find solutions to these problems.

We must make our neighborhoods safe by cracking down on crime. Repeat offenders must face more jail time. Defendants on probation must be held accountable to ensure they complete all their probation terms including finding a job or going to school. To end the destructive cycle of abuse, defendants must receive drug and alcohol treatment, domestic violence counseling, and parenting classes. Defendants must pay restitution to their victims. Enforcing our laws and holding defendants accountable are the first steps in making our streets safer.

We must stop the destruction of our families. The court must hold parents who do not raise their own children accountable. When the court removes a child from their parents, the justice system must ensure the parents receive counseling services and participate in child visitation. Most importantly, those parents should pay child support to grandparents and relatives taking care of their children. If parents refuse to take care of their children, they should face jail time. The court must never return a child to a home where the parents are not ready to receive them. Our children must be in school, so the court must take an aggressive approach to those parents who do not send their children to school. For family issues, the court must enforce its orders and streamline the process so parties do not have to return to court over and over. The court can increase efforts to collect child support through garnishments and jail time for those who do not pay.


The court system must work for our people. This means having a court that values justice and is competent. Anyone seeking to be a judge should have minimal education and experience requirements. Judges should be evaluated each year on how well they handle their cases. Technology can make the court more efficient by allowing people to file on-line, make electronic payments, and receive jury duty information to avoid trips to the court. We must fix the jury duty system so that the same people are not called over and over to jury duty. The next Chief Judge must find a way to address the backlog of jury trials due to the pandemic.

I thank the Community for electing me to a fourth term as an Associate Judge and two terms as Chief Judge. Prior to my return as Associate Judge, I served as a rules analyst with the Arizona Department of Economic Security and assisted in creating regulations for the state's social services programs and reported to the governor's regulatory review council. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Classics Studies from the University of Arizona and a law degree from Arizona State University.

I am from Co-Op Village. My mother is Janet Hill and Kyle Hill is my brother. I serve as the president of the Gila Crossing Community School board. I am an Elder at the Gila Crossing Presbyterian Church and a member of the commission on ministry for the state Presbyterian Church USA. I have served the Community in several capacities: member of the District Seven Housing Committee, District Six Executive Committee, District Six Community Board, Wild Horse Pass Development Authority and Tribal Constitution Reform Project.

The ideas I have talked with you about are my vision for the court. That vision is my plan as your Chief Judge. Some people argue the court needs new leadership. I say the court needs the right leadership. The right leadership will help the court meet the challenges our justice system faces. Thank you for allowing me to serve you over the years. I humbly ask for your support in this special election.

**Franklin Pablo, Sr.**



Hello

My fellow Community members and family, I am from District 5, Vah Ki. My father, the late Chester Pablo and Mother, Wanda Pablo. I am fluent in speaking and understand the Indian Pima Language.

I am a retired United States Navy, retired in 1995. Upon returning back to my Community I became employed in the following positions:

- Tribal Gaming Inspector, Tribal Ranger, Tribal Police Officer, Criminal Investigator, Chief Probation Officer, Council Representative for District Five.

I am running for the Position of Chief Judge for Gila River Indian Community and seeking your support, with my background in Criminal Justice Administration and Enforcement of the Laws of the Community for Tribal, Federal, and State.

As a former Councilman I have heard issues from Community Members in reference to the Courts, these are just some of the issues.

- Elderly not given the opportunity to be heard on issues that come before the courts, which are Jury duty appearances.
- Customer Services, Communications, Etc..

I realize I cannot fix all the issues, but if elected I would evaluate within the administration and work from there. I will not promise change all at once but will work and strive to make the process of our court system better for the Community.

Thank You.

**Submitted by Tribal Health Dept.**

Make Summer Safety a Priority

As we begin to spend more time outdoors and away from home. The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Health Department would like you to observe a few of the following safety tips.

Beat the heat by taking extra breaks and drinking a lot of water to help avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Be bug safe by protecting you and your family from mosquitos at home by assuring doors and windows are kept closed preventing mosquito bites by using an EPA registered insect repellent and wearing long sleeve shirts and long pants. Remove all standing water around your home that may collect water to prevent mosquitos from laying eggs. Turn on air conditioner because mosquitos prefer warm, damp and dark places.

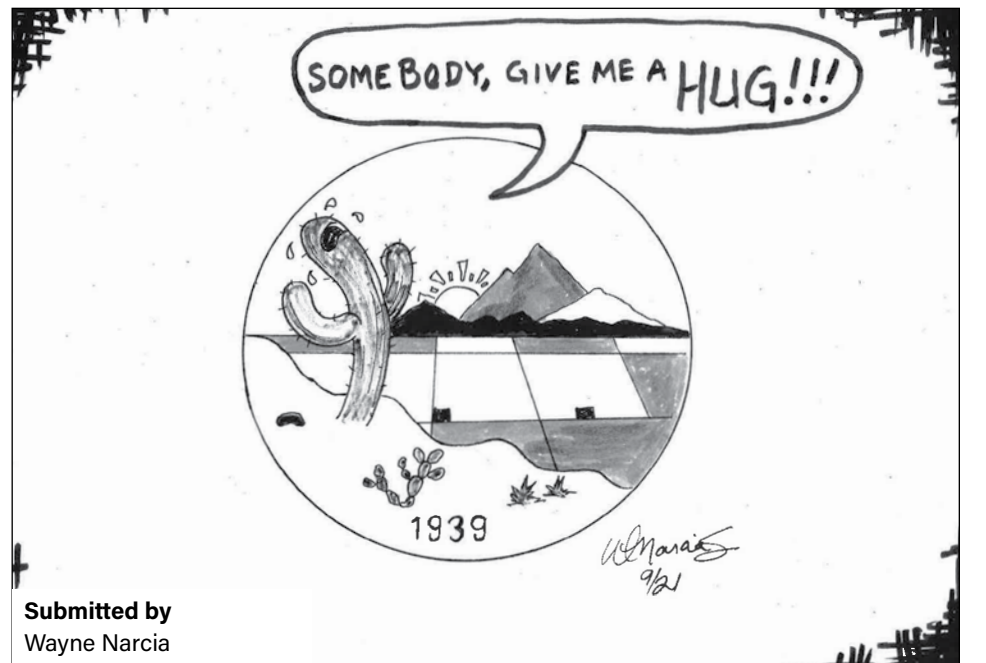
Be swim safe and be a swim watcher by never going in the water unless you know how to swim. Always have a swim buddy, swim in only areas where there is a lifeguard, no rough housing, no diving in unfamiliar areas, feet first are the safest, again drugs and alcohol and swimming never together.

Enjoy your bike and observe bike safety by having your bike ready for the road and is the right size for you. Make yourself VERY visible to all others. Always wear the proper fitting helmet. Let others know where you are going and how long you will be gone

Be skateboard savvy by checking your board and body safety gear. It is important to wear the right fitting body protecting equipment at all times to avoid injury from falls. Obey all local laws and skate where permitted. Practice skateboard etiquette by being respectful to others. Only one person per skateboard and never hitch a ride on a car or bike.

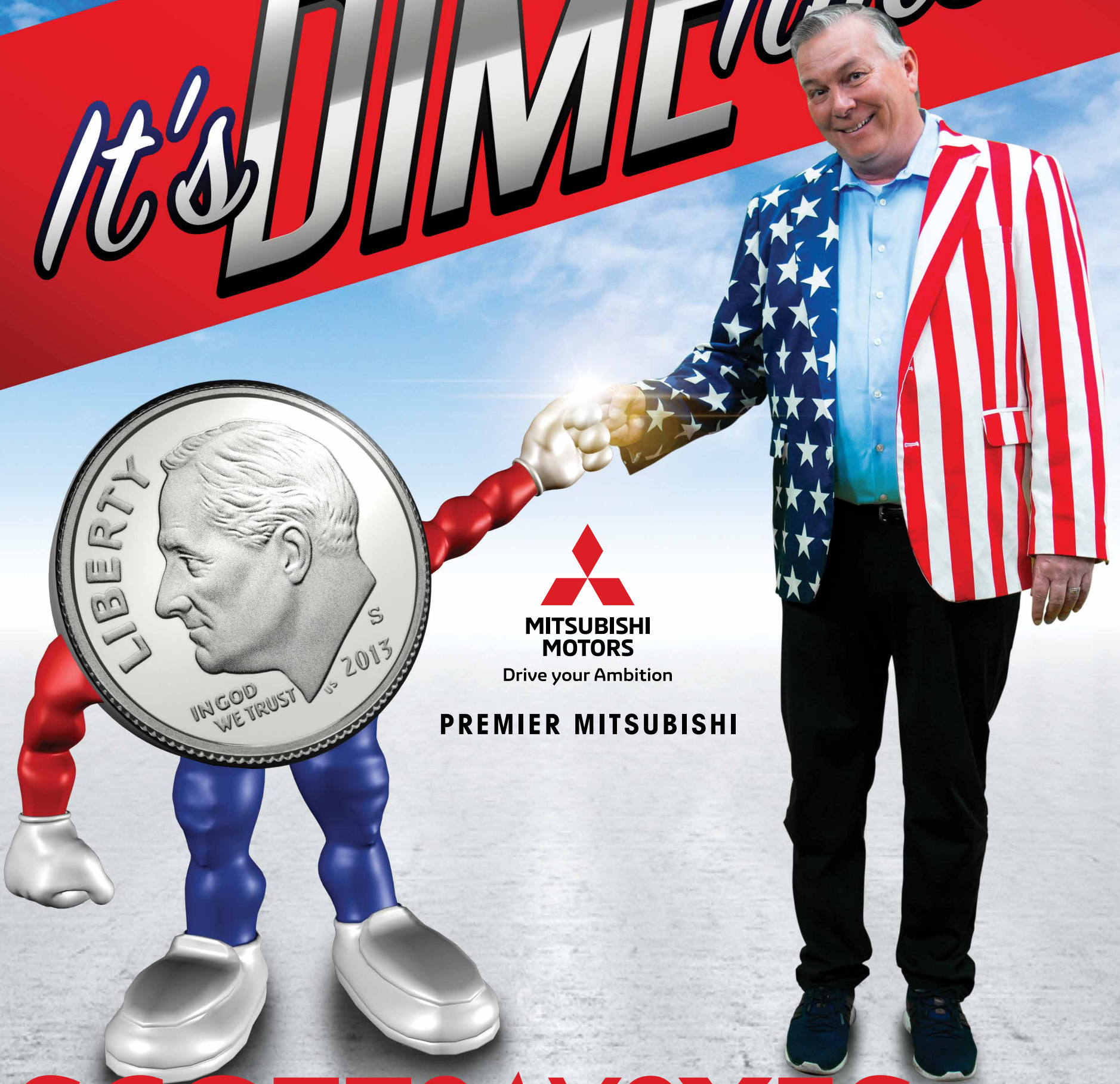
Walk and run safely by walking or running on a sidewalk. Walk or run facing traffic so you can observe oncoming traffic and avoid hazardous situations. Control how close a vehicle is to you, cross at crosswalks. Obey all signs and rules of the road. It is important to wear bright colored clothing. Never walk or run while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

As there are other more in depth safety tips about the activities previously mentioned, the Gila River Indian Community would like to get you to start thinking about safety and having a safe Summer experience. Remember, we just started an introduction and conversation about Summer safety, if you would like to further research, please feel free to access the National Safety Council on their website at [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) or contact the Tribal Health Department Community Health Education Department at 520-562-5100.





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