

Hybrid 2022 Gila River Royalty Pageant Held In Person, Streamed

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The Gila River Indian Community held a unique hybrid event for this year's Gila River Royalty Pageant on April 2. Contestants vying for the title of Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River, their families, judges and GRIC leadership convened in person at the District 4 Service Center while the rest of the Community could watch it on the Gila River Broadcasting Corp.'s Facebook page and television channels.

This was the first in-person pageant for Gila River Royalty since 2020, when Miss Gila River 2020-21 and 2022-23 Miss Indian Arizona Alyse Marrietta and Jr. Miss Gila River 2020-22 Sineca Jackson were crowned at the District 4 Service Center with 200 people in attendance. Both extended their reign for two years due to the pandemic.

This year, Kelsey Martinez of District 3 was crowned Miss Gila River 2022-23 and Eliana Rhodes was crowned Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23.

"I'd like to thank everybody for allowing me to represent our Community these past two

years," Jackson said. "I just hope that I represented you all well." For her farewell Jackson shared a social dance with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and pageant judges.

"I am so proud of our Community members who have followed COVID safety guidelines and/or gotten vaccinated," said Marrietta, who also hosted the pageant. "It is because of all of you that we are able to gather here again and have events like this."

COVID-19 precautions remained in place for all attendees to this year's pageant. Contestants presented their platforms on stage in the gymnasium in front of judges while their families watched and supported them from the service center lobby.

The Judges panel included District 4 Council representative Regina Antone, former Jr. Miss Gila River 2015-16 Charisma Quiroz, Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant 2021-22 Skehg' Hiosik Galindo, Miss Indigenous ASU 2021-22 Lourdes Pereira, and Candace Hamana (Hopi).

Each contestant showcased traditional and business attire and underwent interviews and impromptu questions with the



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone with the newly crowned 2022-2023 Gila River Royalty, from left to right: Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Caiden Lewis, 2022-23 Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes, 2022-23 Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez, Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia and Miss Gila River Second Attendant Cheyenne Johns. Emma Hughes/GRIN

judges.

All contestants must demonstrate knowledge of the Community, government, culture and history of the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh.

"One of the greatest honors

as a Miss is to carry a platform during their reign," Marietta said. "This is an opportunity to bring awareness to a topic or issue that they are passionate about."

Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23 Rhodes, daughter of Vincent

Blackwater and Antonia Sanchez, competed under the platform of "mental and spiritual well-being." She feels this topic is very important, especially to Indigenous people who face generation-

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Vietnam Veterans Honored at Gathering

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Gila River Indian Community veterans gathered March 29 to commemorate the service of military members during the Vietnam War. The Veterans & Family Service Office hosted the National Vietnam Veterans Day event at the District 4 multipurpose building.

"It is glad that we are able to get back together again," said Eric White, VFSO Coordinator. "This is the first event we have hosted to commemorate the service of Vietnam War veterans since the office was established in 2019."

White said the gathering also honored those soldiers whose names are etched in black granite at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., and who paid the heaviest costs of the war with their lives.

"We understand the different feelings associated with what you have gone through as Vietnam veterans, not receiving the welcome home you respectfully deserve," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. "I want to say 'Welcome



Left to right, Leonard Jim a U.S. Air Force veteran and Victor Jones, a U.S. Army veteran display challenge coins created by the GRIC VFSO. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

home,' because you were not given the respect when you first came back from the war."

The Vietnam veterans gathering had been much anticipated, said Gov. Lewis, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event had to be postponed until it was safe for everyone to meet in one place.

"I think being that we have gone through a pandemic, that really tested who [we] are as a Community," said Gov. Lewis, who also spoke of those who

made the ultimate sacrifice.

"I look at the POW/MIA (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action) flag, which gained a lot of significance during the Vietnam War, because some of your brothers and sisters who didn't come back - even now we do not forget them."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone called the pandemic a "trying time" for the Community. She, too, paid tribute to the service of those called to Vietnam. "Without

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Fourth COVID-19 Booster Now Available

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Gila River Indian Community members and Gila River Health Care patients can now receive their fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccination. Health & Social Standing Committee approved the COVID-19 Vaccine 2nd Booster Dose plan presented by the COVID-19 Task Force on April 4, which outlines the second COVID booster dose guidance after the FDA authorized the additional doses for certain groups.

The plan is based on the eligibility provided by the FDA and CDC with fourth doses for those 50 and older, younger individuals who are immunocompromised as well as those who previously took the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine.

Who can get the fourth dose and when?

- Second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine is available at least 4 months after the first Janssen booster dose for adults ages 18-49 years (those who received the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine as their primary series



GRHC healthcare providers administer a COVID-19 booster shot at a vaccine clinic. Emma Hughes/GRIN

dose and first booster dose).

- Second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine is available at least 4 months after the first booster dose for people ages 12 years and older with weakened immune systems.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available in the Gila River Indian Community as well as COVID testing along with flu vaccines. Remaining dates and times can be found at GRHC.org/hub. You may also visit a GRHC Primary Care Department for vaccines. Walk-in or schedule an appointment by calling (602)528-1482.

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Former Jr. Miss Gila River Competes at Health Care Conference

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Just days before former Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson wrapped up her two-year term representing the Community, she attended the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference March 30-April 1, where she competed in the Cultural Diversity and Disparities in Healthcare testing competition.

"I was amazed at the amount of competition there was and honored to even make it to the HOSA State Competition," Jackson said. "It was an amazing experience to grow and learn as an aspiring medical assistant."

HOSA – Future Health Professionals is a global student-led organization providing unique classroom experiences and opportunities in the health professions with enhanced leadership development and recognition opportunities for career-minded students in middle school, high school, postsecondary and collegiate institutions.

Held at the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson, Ariz., the HOSA State Leadership Conference brought together over 1,500 HOSA students from across the state. It allowed students to use the skills learned through career and technical education courses



Sineca Jackson competes at the HOSA State Leadership Conference, March 30 – April 1 at the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson. Photo Courtesy of Sineca Jackson.

and apply them in a competitive program.

Jackson will graduate from Hamilton High School next month and also attends the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) in the Medical Assistant Program, where she got involved with HOSA.

She says her EVIT teacher was adamant that she should test for competitions, which was entirely new for Jackson. "I wasn't very sure if I wanted to do any of

the tests, but the confidence my teacher had in me made me gain interest," she said.

Jackson tested for the HOSA Bowl (team competition), Medical Assisting, and Cultural Diversity & Disparities in Healthcare before the conference. She was ranked 19th in the state for testing, which allowed her to attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference.

"Entering the testing room was intimidating, but I studied

and tried my best," she said.

Jackson competed in the Cultural Diversity and Disparities in Healthcare competition, which provides members the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills regarding cultural competence in the promotion of better health. The category consists of 100 multiple choice questions.

"I, unfortunately, did not

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those gathered and their fellow soldiers," said Lt. Gov. Antone, "and your service to our country, for our families and all the way to our own family members, we would not feel as secure."

Lt. Gov. Antone recalled seeing Walter Cronkite's news reports on the Vietnam War and her own thoughts about family members and members of the Community who served in the war.

"For me as a young woman trying to understand what was happening with our servicemen going over from our Community, including my uncles who came back, they weren't quite the same," she said.

Lt. Gov. Antone also spoke of Community veteran, Martin Porter, who described harrowing events as a soldier in the Vietnam War and how life back home was a tough adjustment.

"Just hearing what you have to do to survive just for our freedom, that speaks a lot to the sacrifices," added Lt. Gov. Antone. "It is just good to see you and meet and honor you for your service."

For some of the Vietnam veterans in attendance, returning home felt almost like a miracle. "I got put in for three other purple hearts, but I turned them down, because I didn't think they were that great of a wound," said David Molina from District 1.

Molina was an U.S. Army Aviation Helicopter Crew Chief during the Vietnam War.

"I went into the service in '69 and in January of '70 I ended up in Vietnam. I put in for another

tour in June 17, 1971," said Molina. "I got sent home from my second tour after being wounded in combat. I almost didn't make it...a round (bullet from enemy fire) came up through my wrist and it severed the artery and nerve."

Molina remembered how his surgeon came to speak with him post-surgery, saying that if it were not for the swift actions of his fellow soldiers, he wouldn't have made it, due to severe blood loss.

"I am grateful I made it and for the people that got me out of there," said Molina, who also recalled turning down the possibility of additional Purple Hearts

for additional wounds.

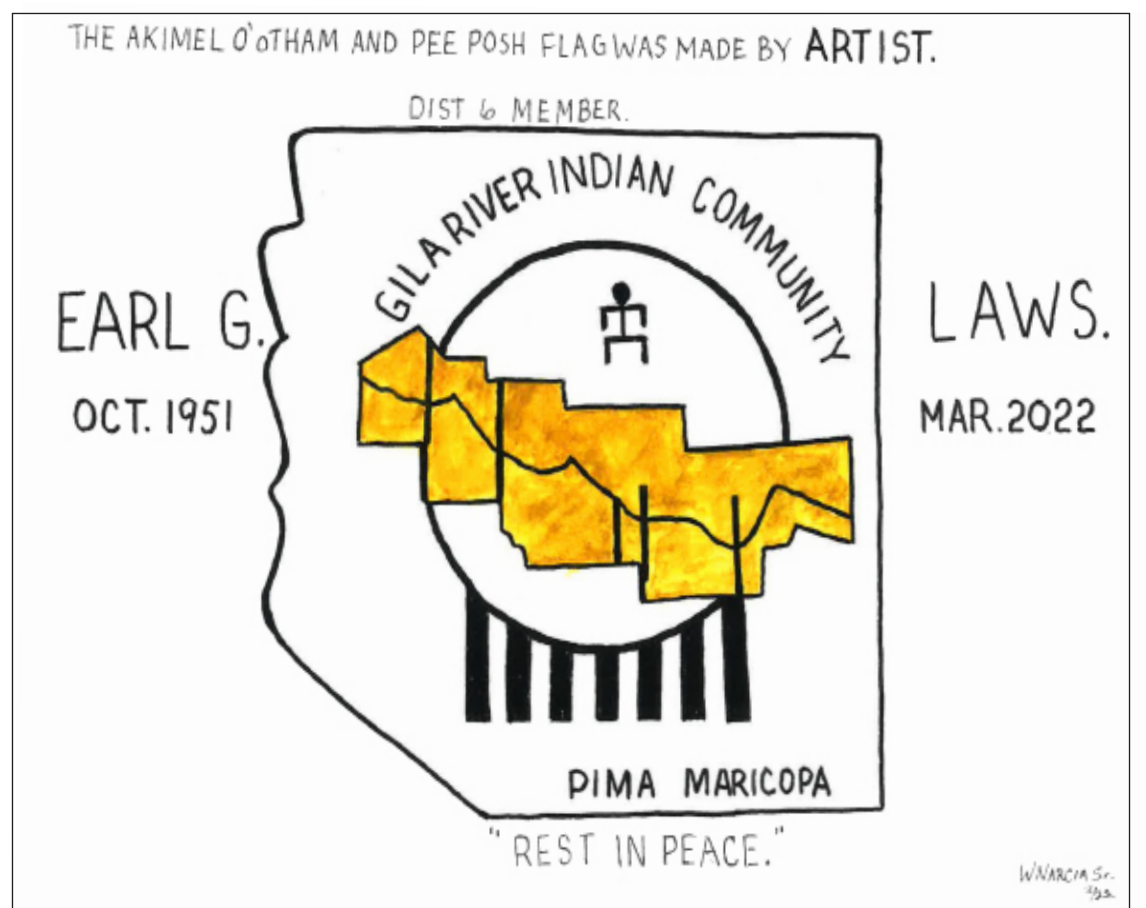
Molina recalled how he and other Vietnam War veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder have visited the Washington memorial dedicated to the over 58,000 American service members killed during the course of the war in Southeast Asia.

"To see my cousin and uncle on that wall meant a lot to me, because nobody gave them thanks or anything for giving the ultimate sacrifice for their country," said Molina. "So, when [we] have a little gathering like this and being recognized – it's a big thing for us, a privilege. But just think of those who didn't come

home."

Ernie Bread from District 7, a member of the Pee Posh Veterans Association, expressed his thanks to the VFSO for putting on the event. Bread was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 and was sent to Vietnam shortly after. An infantry member, he received a Purple Heart for injuries inflicted by an enemy boobytrap.

"It's nice that we have an office that thinks about us and I appreciate VFSO for doing this," said Bread. "There are a lot others that were in the Vietnam War and they made sacrifices along with others who paid the ultimate sacrifice."



Cutting-Edge New Sign at Wild Horse Pass Casino Makes a Huge Statement

Christopher Lomahquahu
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The Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass unveiled a new sign, making it the cornerstone in a series of expansion projects to the thriving property. Team members flipped the switch on the 116-foot tall multimedia sign during a lighting ceremony on April 1.

The new sign marks the culmination of Wild Horse Pass’s \$180 million expansion project, which completed work in January. To conclude the project, the new sign was installed on the south-facing side of the

Sunset Tower.

The large multimedia sign features several visual effects, such as a roulette table, tumbling dice and a slot machine. These and other eye-catching graphics will be displayed on the large sign to help promote the Gila River Resorts & Casinos brand.

“We are so happy to see everybody out here for this momentous occasion, lighting one of the most captivating signage projects that you will see in all of the state of Arizona,” said Justin Sullivan, Gila River Resorts & Casinos Corporate Director for

Marketing.

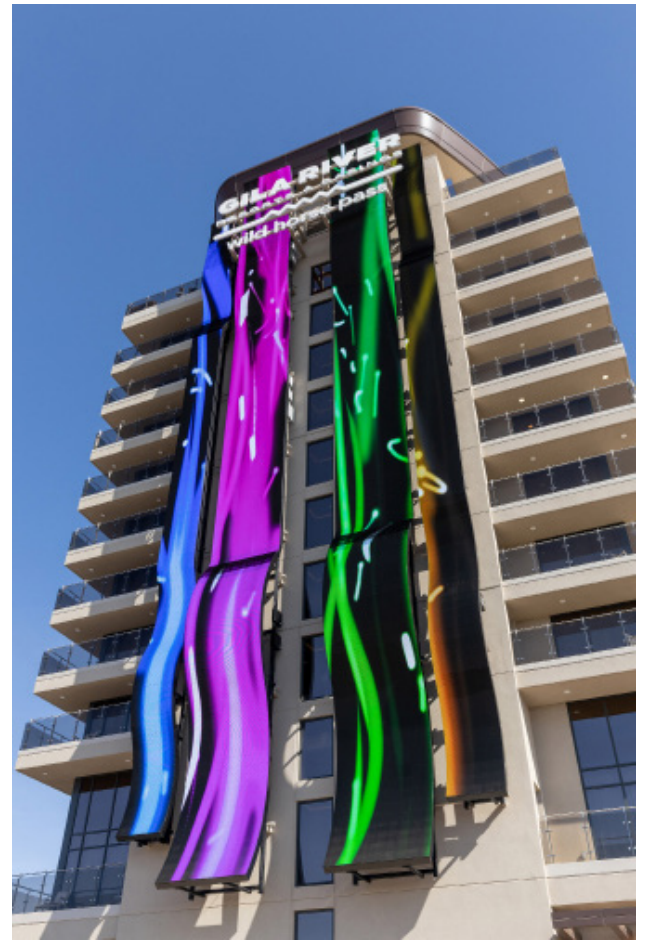
“This project took over 1,800 man-hours to install. What [you] are looking at is over 90,000 thousand pounds of signage,” said Sullivan, who explained that the project was completed in partnership with Young Electric Sign Company (YESCO), based in Salt Lake City, Utah.

“We cannot be prouder to have been involved with this current project. We’ve been partners for a very, very long time,” said Jeffrey Young, YESCO Executive Vice President. The new sign, “has been in the works for the last couple of

years. And we know as the sign gets turned on today, it is the capstone to show the world how important [this] resort and casino is to [this] community.”

Kenneth Manuel, CEO for Gila River Resorts & Casinos, recognized the efforts of staff who played a huge role in the expansion, Barney Enos Jr., Executive Director for the Casino Expansion Owners Team and CEOT’s members, and the Community for its backing of the casino project.

“Today is just a perfect time for us to really cap this project off and light the sign up,” said Manuel.



On April 1 the new sign switched on and illuminates the Sunset Tower’s south side at Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



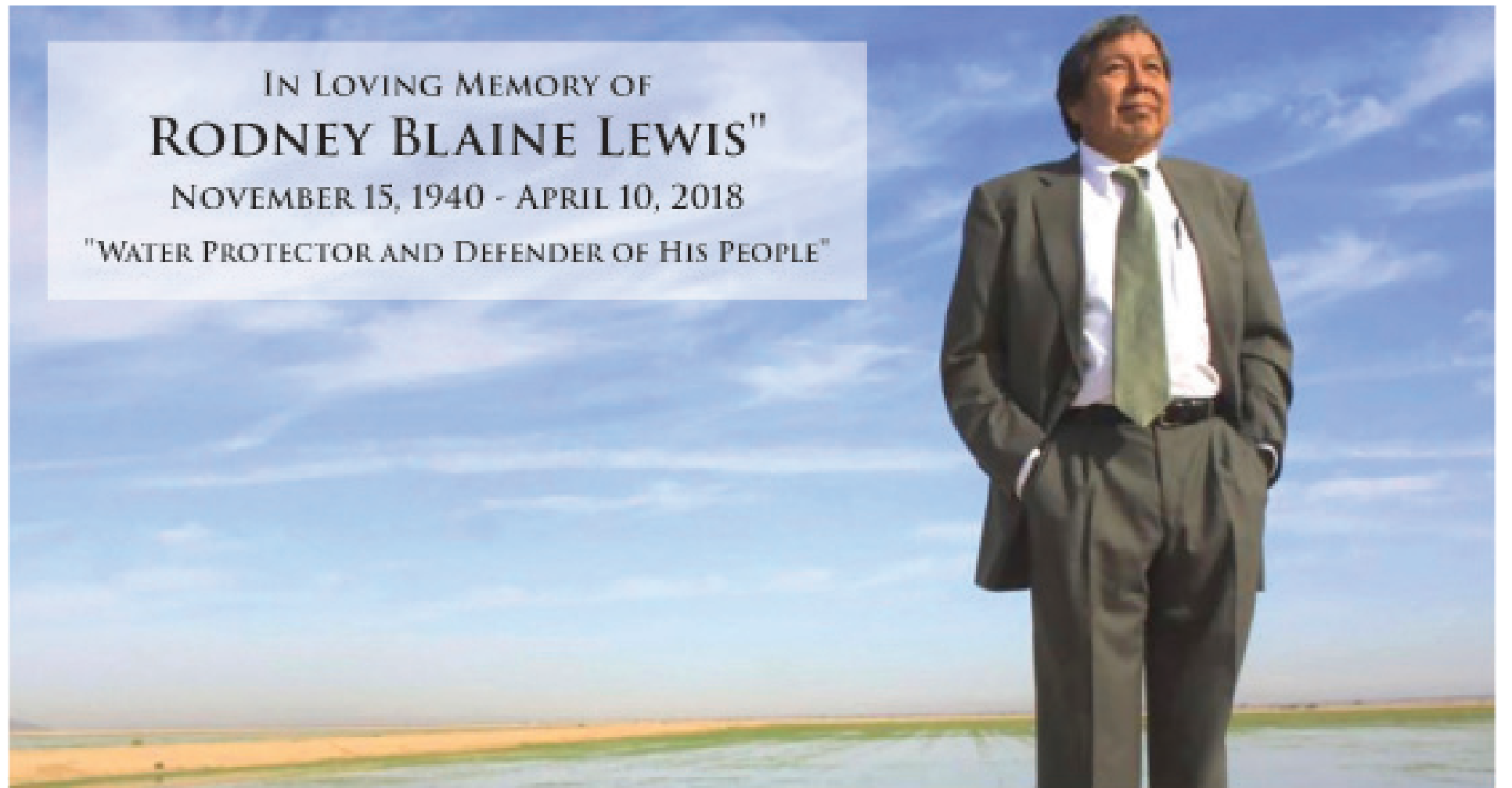
Gila River Indian Community leadership attended the sign unveiling at Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass on April 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

“The leadership of the Gila River Indian Community is so important to all of us at Gila River Resorts & Casinos. Their support and their trust and their belief in what we do on a daily basis. I can tell you from the bottom of my heart, it is truly tremendous.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis cited the new sign as “next-level digital design,”

calling it very reflective of the Community.”

“It reinforces the brand, that we are leaders in gaming and leaders in hospitality,” said Gov. Lewis. “This is going to be our trademark for the property here. I think it sets the standard and speaks for itself by how much of a presence it creates for visitors to the Community.”



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Phoenix Rising Continues Another Year at Wild Horse Pass Location

Will Bring Back Indigenous Peoples Night in October



Phoenix Rising team members pay homage to the fans after taking the win over LA Galaxy II on their home turf. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

The Phoenix Rising FC was in fine form for its April 9 home game at Wild Horse Pass against the LA Galaxy II, securing a 3-1 victory over its USL Championship League rival. Rising, now playing their second season on Community land, are looking to build off last year's successful playoff run.

A season ago, Rising racked up an impressive 20 wins against five losses. The team's run was halted last November, when they were defeated by the Rio Grande FC Toros in the conference championship game, falling 4-3 on penalty kicks.

Phoenix Rising's matchup against LA Galaxy II marked another impressive outing for the club. Thanks to Phoenix Rising midfielder's Luis Seijas's two goals and Marcus Epps' single goal, the home

team was able to give themselves some space heading into the final moments of the game.

LA Galaxy II would sneak a goal past the Phoenix Rising goalkeeper Ben Lundt to put them on the board. But the visiting team would get no closer, as Rising dominated the ball for most of the game.

Looking ahead for the season, Phoenix Rising plans to host another Indigenous Peoples Night on October 10, a day before the national day recognizing Indigenous peoples. According to Jason Minnick, Phoenix Rising Director of Marketing and Communications, the team has reached out to Community artist Paul Molina from District 7 to design a commemorative scarf for the special occasion.

Last year, a warm-up jersey was designed by Jaime Jackson, District 3 GRIC artist. The proceeds from the special Indigenous

Peoples Night Jersey sales were donated to Three Precious Miracles, a non-profit organization that supports Native children.

For Community members who would like to attend a game, Phoenix Rising has a special offer available throughout the season for 25 percent off tickets. Simply insert GRICRISING when purchasing tickets online.



Phoenix Rising Midfielder Marcus Epps, who scored the teams third goal puts up a number one sign in support of the teams victory over LA Galaxy II. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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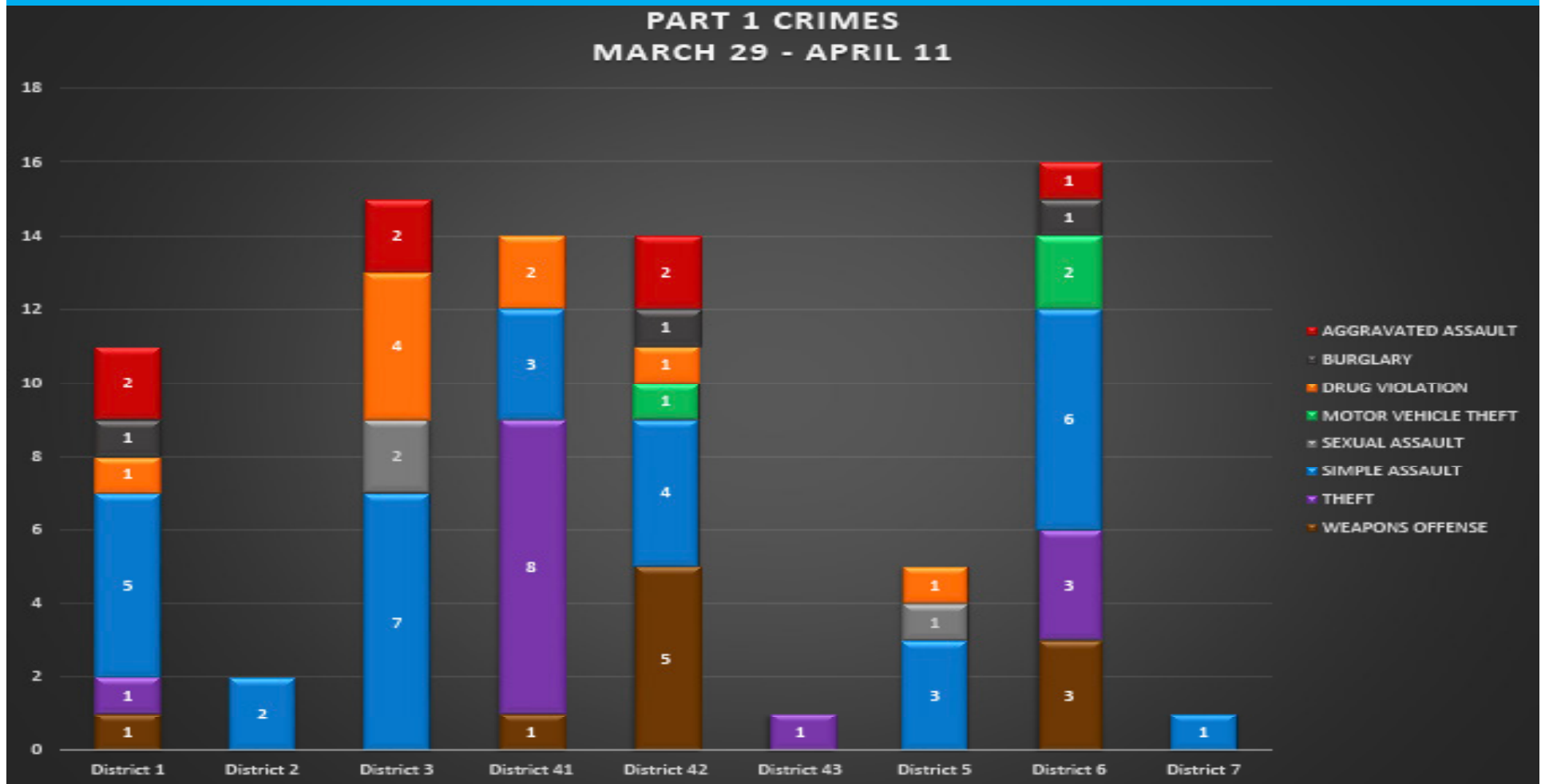
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Kwi Hiosig Mashath

Submitted by
The Huhugam Heritage
Center

The name for this month refers to the blossoming of the Mesquite trees. This month, the cotton growers have planted this season's crop of commercial cotton, which in Akimel O'otham is called thoki. Beginning with our Hekiu O'otham, we have been growing thoki for a very long time. Thoki was grown for their fibers and seeds, the fibers were spun into yarn and the seeds used as a food source. Remnants of yarn and woven textiles have been recovered at many Hohokam archaeological sites throughout our state.

When Padre Kino ar-

rived in 1694, he discovered that Akimel O'otham not only grew thoki, but also wove it into blankets, sashes, and belts. A few examples of Akimel O'otham weaving is on display in our museum. The collection includes a weaving loom, blanket and a spindle. At the time when the anthropologist Frank Russell was researching our O'otham in 1901 – 1902, the art of thoki weaving was disappearing from our culture. He recorded that the women spun the cotton into thread and yarn, while older men performed the actual weaving on a horizontal loom.

The thoki developed by Hekiu O'otham is known as Pima Aboriginal Cotton. In

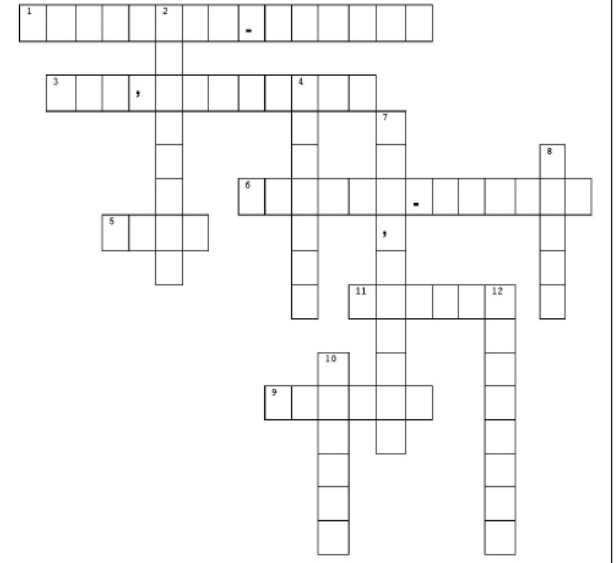
1907, the Agricultural Experimental Station was established in Sacaton. Over the years, this station developed a strain known today as "Pima Cotton." Several strains further developed and are called "Supima Cotton" which is sought after by textile manufacturers in several countries. During this growing season, we can observe the fields of cotton, as they grow from seedlings to mature plants. When this season's cotton crop is harvested in fall, we may observe the large rolls in every cotton field. After ginning, the cotton bales are shipped overseas. We should be amazed that our cotton is exported to industrial nations. When we

shop and observe the Pima Cotton and Supima labels we can be proud that these strains were developed in our community and that we have been cotton growers since time immemorial. This month's Thoki Haichu Nathoi crossword puzzle will focus on items made of cotton.

We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and learn to say the clothing names. Names may be slightly different between the villages. Our museum is open for tours only at this time, with a maximum of 10 participants. To schedule a tour contact Donald Sabori at (520)-796-3500 ext. 4238 or, via email at: Donald.Sabori@gric.nsn.us.

ba:shokam shaliv (overalls), ipuḍ (dress), kavidk shaliv (shorts), shaliv (jeans), cheḍom (blanket), kak'kalsi:tha (socks), koksikuḍ (pajamas), thovash (bandana), givoḍ (belt), kamish (shirt), monjulik

Thoki Haichu Nathoi – Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Overalls
- 3. Socks
- 5. Dress
- 6. Shorts
- 9. Pants
- 11. Blanket

Down

- 2. Pajamas
- 4. Bandana
- 7. Jacket
- 8. Belt
- 10. Shirt
- 12. Scarf

(scarf), va:k'thalik (jacket). A special Thank You to Mr. Robert Stone, former General Manager of Gila River Farms. He shared his knowledge of cotton production during a Seed Keeper Course that made this article possible. Additional information related from, At the Desert's Green Edge: An Ethnobotany of the Gila River Pima by Amadeo Rea, 1997, University of Arizona Press.

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District 1 Opens New, Larger Senior Center Building

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Elders in District 1 now have an upgraded space for recreation and healthy living at the newly constructed Senior Center, which significantly increases capacity and amenities for more activities and programming. The new center, which opened March 28, is just north of the District 1 Service Center.

"It means so much to be able to move into our new senior center," said Joyce McAfee, District 1 senior organization Chairperson. "It feels like moving into a new home. Finally, we have a large, adequate facility that provides so

much space both inside and out, which allows us to do much more."

McAfee was overjoyed to see the new building come to fruition and is looking forward to the future in the new space. "My grandmother and the elders from back in that time would be so amazed at the new building," she said. "We must follow in their footsteps, working to make our Community strong and successful for those who will come after us."

District 1 Community Council Representative Arzie Hogg is pleased to have a new center and said, "I'm happy the effort was pushed



Exterior view of the new District 1 Senior Center, features a shaded drop-off area for easy access to the center. Kyle Knox/GRIN

to build the new center, despite other development priorities and it's now here to serve our elders." He is also grateful for everyone that helped in the centers planning and development.

Councilman Hogg said, "This center provides more meeting space, an additional kitchen, and has more room for indoor recreational activities."

Additionally, the building also includes an elderly-friendly workout room and a craft room/office. Also, there are more bathrooms than at the previous center. And elders now have a large back porch with lounge fur-

niture and tables for outdoor meetings and meals.

The building's exterior is aesthetically appealing, and inside, art adorns the walls to reflect District 1's unique place in the Community. It includes a mural by Donnie Miles titled "Mok Tash Uhb Echu'shach" (Where the Sun Comes Up).

McAfee recalled its inspiration came from an elder from the Westend, who told her, "Blackwater are the ones that push the sun up in the east every day." McAfee said, "That was inspiring to me. I thought, 'We have an important job, and we better do the best we can for the

Community every day."

Today, the center is only open on a limited basis and continues to abide by the Community's Executive Order 14. It provides limited meals, small workouts, chair volleyball and elder committee meetings.

McAfee stated that if the pandemic subsides and executive orders allow it, they hope to have a grand opening this fall. "We look forward to having holiday parties, monthly bingos, birthday pot-lucks and having our dances inside or outside when the center opens up," she said.

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"Where the Sun Comes Up", painted by Donnie Miles, hangs in the front entrance of the Senior Center. Kyle Knox/GRIN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, April 6, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Terrance Evans

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, 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 (9:11)

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #4 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #3, #7 AND #8; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Tribal Social Services Director, Kelly Vickrey

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Kelly Vickrey

MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MS. KELLY VICKREY AS THE NEW TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR. MS. VICKREY HAS BEEN THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES SINCE 2018 AND HAS OVER 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE HUMAN SERVICES FIELD. MS. VICKREY PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE COMMUNITY FOR ALMOST 14 YEARS IN VARIOUS ROLES AND AS THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES. MS. VICKREY IS EXCITED TO HOLD THE TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR POSITION AND IS GLAD TO BE BACK WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATED MS. VICKREY ON HER NEW POSITION, PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

2. GRHC Introduction of Ross Wilkoff, The Caring House Administrator

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Ross Wilkoff, Dr. Anthony Santiago

MR. MYRON SCHURZ, GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE BOARD CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED MR. ROSS WILKOFF AS THE

NEW CARING HOUSE ADMINISTRATOR. MR. WILKOFF HAS OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE LONG TERM CARE FACILITY FIELD SERVING AS AN EXECUTIVE LEADER WITH ROLES IN OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT, FISCAL OVERSIGHT, REGULATORY PREPAREDNESS AND EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT. MR. WILKOFF LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING FOR GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDED WELL WISHES FOR MR. WILKOFF IN THIS NEW ENDEAVOR.

REPORTS

>1. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY22 Q1

Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell, GRSG Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Alluvion Communications 2022 GRIC Council Update

Presenter: David Ackerman

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Human Resources Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) Report

Presenters: Layla Cisneros, Margarita Valdez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Notice Of Intent To Proceed With Draft Pesticide Code Public Notification

Presenter: Daniel Hoyt

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. COVID-19 Update (March 29, 2022)

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

6. 7th Annual Governor's Education Summit Report

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Anthony Gray, Lance Reyna, Nadia Huff

REPORT HEARD

>7. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Annual Report FY2021

Presenter: Teresa Mandelin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. GRICUA FY22 1st Quarter Report

Presenters: Ken Stock, GRICUA Board of Directors, Arnold Mejia, Kathy Galloway, Erica Dawahoya

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

{GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:11 A.M.}

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. FY2022 COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Payment Report #3 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones, Sheila Valenzuela, Neomi Martinez

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gila River Indian Community Minors Trust March 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez, Samuel Fuller, Jason Fuller

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council February 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia R. Acosta

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for February 2022 (Executive Session)

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

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. FY2022 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending February 28, 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Authorizing A Seventh General Assistance Payment To Adult Gila River Indian Community Members From Available COVID-19 Relief Funds (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with amendments in Executive Session; and the Enrollment Office is to work with the Office of the Treasurer to compile the required information to expedite the process)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

APPROVED AMENDED RESOLUTION

>2. A Resolution Amending Resolution GR-060-21 To Increase The Project Budget For The Santan Mountain Casino (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval of option #1 and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Barney Enos, Jr.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Rescinds Ordinance GR-02-17, The 2017 Membership Ordinance, As Amended By Ordinance GR-004-20, And Enacts The Amended Ordinance As The 2022 Membership Ordinance Of The Gila River Indian Community To Permit One-Time Re-Enrollment As Outlined In The Amended Ordinance (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Bartley Harris

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

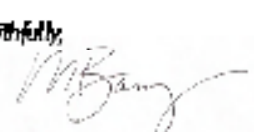
1. Update on Infrastructure Fund Projects and Financing (G&MSC Work Session to be scheduled on April 29-30, 2022, with the location to be determined; and G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)



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Announcement on behalf of Michael D. Barry, Interventional Cardiologist
In March of 2020, Aloha Cardiology was offered an opportunity to collaborate with Southwest Cardiovascular Associates. It is with sincere appreciation, I notify both my patients, their families, and professional colleagues of my departure from SWCVA. Over this pandemic, we have collectively faced and overcome various challenges but these challenges have created opportunities to adapt and grow.


To my patients; you have allowed me to grow as a physician and it has been my honor to serve as one of the medical stewards for the diverse communities in the East Valley. I am genuinely humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me over the years. As I continue to challenge myself to learn, grow, and expand my therapeutic skill set, I have incorporated valuable insights and experiences from patients and colleagues.

It has been my privilege to practice medicine over 20 years. My staff and I look forward to continuing our journey in encouraging cardiovascular health at Ohana, where we believe in practicing complimentary, guideline driven, yet compassionate cardiovascular care in a supportive, culturally sensitive way.

Yours faithfully,

Michael D. Barry, DO, FACC
 Interventional Cardiologist, Principal, Ohana Cardiology


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From the front page
al trauma.

“In my personal experience, reconnecting with my people spiritually and traditionally has helped me so much,” said Rhodes. “I am very excited to repre-

sent you all and see you all in the future.”

The new 2022-23 First Attendant to Jr. Miss Gila River is Caiden Lewis, District 4, daughter of Derek Lewis and the late Malorie Miguel. Lewis also presented her platform that focused on mental health.

“I can’t wait to work with you all in the future and we hope you all stay safe,” said Lewis.

Miss Gila River 2022-23, Martinez, is the daughter of Melanya Sue Pasqual and the late Lionel Martinez. Her platform is “implementing traditional

teachings into our modern lifestyle.”

“Words can’t even express how I feel,” she said. “I look forward to representing my Community throughout this year.”

During her introduction, Martinez honored her late aunt and former Miss

Gila River 1973, Pamela Pasqual. “As I reflect on the life of my dear aunt, I can’t help but smile and remember her determination and her unconditional love that she had for her family,” she said.

Miss Gila River First Attendant is Gabrielle Gar-

cia, District 3. “I’m so glad and hope to enjoy this year with these ladies,” said Garcia.

“I look forward to what this year will bring us,” said Miss Gila River Second Attendant Cheyenne Johns, District 3.

Photos from the 2022 Miss Gila River Royalty Pageant



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes, Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Caiden Lewis, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Emma Hughes /GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, outgoing Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson, Miss Indian Arizona 2021-2022 Alyse Marrietta, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone join in a farewell social dance for Jackson. Emma Hughes /GRIN



Miss Gila River 2022-23, Kelsey Martinez and Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23, Eliana Rhodes were crowned at the District 4 Service Center during a virtual pageant on April 2. Emma Hughes /GRIN



The 2022-2023 Miss Gila River Court poses with the pageant judges. From left to right, Miss Indigenous ASU 2021-22 Lourdes Pereira, District 4 Council representative Regina Antone, Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia, Miss Gila River 2022-23 Kelsey Martinez, Miss Gila River Second Attendant Cheyenne Johns, Candace Hamana (Hopi), Former Jr. Miss Gila River 2015-2016 Charisma Quiroz, Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant 2021-22 Skehg’ Hiosik Galindo and Candace Hamana (Hopi). Emma Hughes /GRIN

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Number of Vacancies	Term of Service	Deadline
Five (5)	3 years	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Royalty Committee (GRRC) must submit a Letter of Interest to the Communications & Public Affairs Office, (include your address and phone number). Provided below is the GRRC Purpose and Terms of Membership outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of the positions.

The purpose of the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be to coordinate the annual Gila River Royalty Pageant as well as oversee the travel itinerary and coordinating activities within the Gila River Indian Community, State of Arizona agencies, and organizations throughout the United States.

Membership to the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be open to any enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Committee, of which, two seats will be specifically filled by former Miss Gila River title holders

Members of the Gila River Royalty Committee are expected to maintain a positive attitude and influence to the Gila River Royalty.

Letters of interest can be submitted:
Executive Office
PO Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147

By Mail to :
Executive Office
Attn: Royalty Committee
P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147

By E-mail to:
missgilariver@gric.nsn.us

For more information please contact: 520-562-9840



HOSA story from page 2

place in the top five. Those are the only places they announced and recognized,” said Jackson.

Aside from that, she got to attend workshops and served as a voting delegate for the 2022-23 Arizona HOSA Executive Board. In addition to graduating next month, Jackson

will take her certification test to become a clinical medical assistant. In the fall, she will attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s pre-nursing program.

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District 1 Green Thumb Cultivates Wellness at Senior Center

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Darlene Antone can be found outside the new District 1 Senior Center on almost any given day, but it wouldn't be for chair volleyball, meals or workouts. Instead, she's tending to the center's garden area and newly sprouted plants, a welcome addition to the center. Antone, an elder from District 1, has been gardening at the center for the last year and has found joy in growing crops to share with fellow District 1 elders.

"When I first started, I started small," Antone said. "Then, each day I came in to water the plants, I talked to them and hoped they would grow, and they flourished." She began with foods she knew the elders would enjoy, like watermelon, chilies and squash.

Antone helped with planning the senior center, including the outdoor garden. When the building was completed in early 2021, she took the initiative to start the garden and even

invested her own resources to get it going. Currently, the garden is in raised bed garden boxes in a fenced-in area at the back of the building.

Her harvest from 2021 yielded enough for Antone to bag and distribute to elders throughout District 1. Each delivery was an enjoyable occasion because of the happiness it brought to families.

"All that I'm doing here is for the elders in the district and those that come here," Antone said. "And I feel like we need to keep this [gardening] up because our ancestors were farmers." This year she has expanded her selection to include chilies, peppers, tomatoes, carrots, squash, brussels sprouts and onions. In the future, she hopes to include gourds so the center can use them for craft projects.

For Antone, the garden bridges two passions of hers: planting food and caring for elders. Tending the garden keeps her active, and watching new seedlings



Darlene Antone stands among the District 1 Elder Center planting boxes where she is growing tomato plants, chili, mint, carrots, and other vegetables to share with the elderly. Kyle Knox /GRIN

grow brings hope and peace every time she visits, she noted. And more importantly, the crops are good,

healthy choices that provide nourishment.

Antone hopes more people will start gardening

so they can experience the same benefits as she has. "Start a garden," she said. "Gardens are good to have

even if it's just one plant, because this is part of who we are."



Tomatoes plants and carrots begin sprouting in time for a summer feast for everyone to enjoy at the new District 1 Senior Center. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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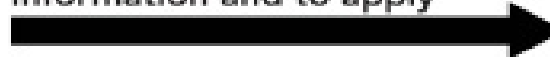
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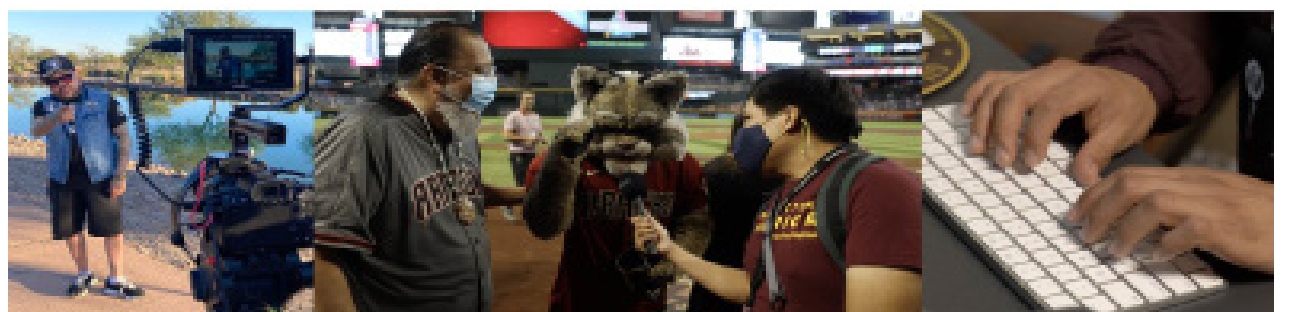
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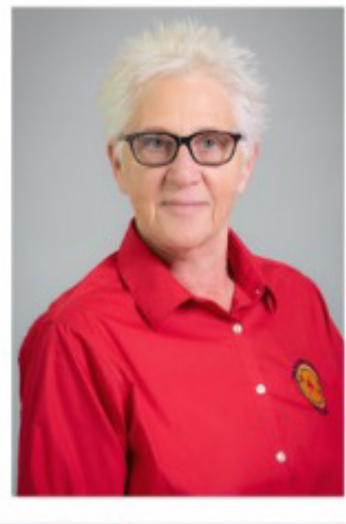
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GRICUA's Operations Director, Kathy Galloway, will be retiring from GRICUA on April 15, 2022. Ms. Galloway started her career with GRICUA in 2008. Ms. Galloway has over 32 years of technical experience in power and security system design, operations and maintenance. Ms. Galloway holds an A.S. in Engineering Technology from Eastern Idaho Technical College and has attended Idaho State University and Southern Utah University. We would like to thank Ms. Galloway for all her hard work and years of service to GRICUA and the Gila River Indian Community. She will truly be missed and we wish her all the best!! With all her hobbies and activities, we know she will have a happy, BUSY retirement.

What's New at GRICUA?

High School and College Summer Internship Programs

GRICUA is now accepting applications for its High School and College Summer Internship Program. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 6, 2022 by 4:00 PM. Students must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community, have some basic computer skills, and will be required to pass a drug screen and background check prior to employment. Please visit our website at www.gricua.net for more information. Interviews will be held the week of May 9th and start dates will depend on the student's last day of school.

GRICUA's Technical Training Program

Program

GRICUA would like to congratulate Dewey Newton, Rohian Blackwater and Joseph Martinez for completing GRICUA's Technical Training Program (TTP). The TTP is a 12-month training program used to prepare incumbents for possible acceptance into the GRICUA Line Worker, Solar Technician or Meter Technician Apprentice Programs. The TTP candidate is not guaranteed employment beyond the 12 months of training. The TTP candidate will be required to complete a structured, self-study, online academic program on their own time. Tuition, fees and books will be paid by GRICUA. GRICUA will provide tutoring if needed.

Thoki Haichu Nathoi - Crossword Puzzle - SOLUTION!

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3 k a k k a l s i t h a

4 h v

6 k a v o d k - s h a l i v

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13 s h a l i v

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During normal business hours, the TTP candidate will participate in a rotational training and work assignment program that includes warehouse work, underground locating, electric utility meter technology and groundman responsibilities with the GRICUA Line Crews. GRICUA is accepting applications for the TTP. Please visit www.gricua.net for more information.

2022 In-Person STEAAAM Summer Program - Register Today!

GRICUA is now accepting applications for the 2022 In-Person STEAAAM Summer Program. The In-Person STEAAAM Program is open to GRIC enrolled members in 5th - 8th grade, regardless of where they reside. GRICUA's In-Person STEAAAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Architecture, Agriculture, Art and Math) Summer Program

offers students interested in science, technology, engineering, art, agriculture, architecture and math an environment to explore these diverse subjects. The STEAAAM program will be held from June 13-17, 2022 and is designed to engage and sustain a STEAAAM student-centered learning culture where passion, self-discipline, technology-enhanced collaborative teamwork and STEAAAM career awareness are part of the learning settings. Please visit www.gricua.net for application. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 13, 2022.

Budget Billing Program

GRICUA's Budget Billing Program is a no cost program that averages out your seasonal highs and lows based on a rolling twelve-month average of your bills. Customer bills will vary from month to month, however they should

stay at a consistent average based on your rolling usage. Budget billing amounts will be able to be submitted to your District Service Center for Community assistance based on your eligibility. Please call (520) 796-0600 for more information.

Bill Payment Options for GRICUA Residential Customers:

- GRICUA Drop Payment Box
- Online (VISA and Mastercard Credit/Debit Cards and E-check)
- GRICUA Mobile App
- By phone (520-796-0600, 24 hours a day)
- By mail (6636 W. Sundust Rd., Box 5091, Chandler, AZ 85226)

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2022 - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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GRICUA welcomes your comments. You can email comments to gricuacomments@gricua.net. You can also go to our website at www.gricua.net.

GRICUA's Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the renewal of the air quality operating permits for the following facilities:

Facility Name	Facility Type	District
CEMEX Maricopa	Concrete Batch Plant	4
Arizona Materials	Concrete Batch Plant	4

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

Public Notice Start Date: April 1, 2022
Public Notice End Date: April 30, 2022

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

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review on the AQIP website at:

<http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education-outreach/public-notice>

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

Gila River Indian Community
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Ryan Eberle
Physical Address: 168 Skill Center Rd, Sacaton, AZ 85147
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information or to schedule an in-person review, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 / ryan.eberle@gric.net

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Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Economic Development Standing Committee Concerns (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council for Discussion and Action)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE THE GRICUA BOARD PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 5 AND ADVERTISE THE POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY FOR 90 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT EDSC AS THE OVERSIGHT BOARD UNTIL THE GRICUA BOARD SEATS ARE FILLED

MINUTES

1. March 16, 2022 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LITIGATION TEAM MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.
- LT. GOVERNOR CONCERNS ON DOCUMENTS WAITING FOR SIGNATURE IN GOVERNOR'S ABSENCE AND LACK OF COMMUNICATION WHEN OUT ON TRAVEL

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:25 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

What happens to your recyclables after your bin is collected?

Submitted by Department of Environmental Quality

Most of us do not think much about recycling after we close the lid on our curbside recycling bin. Where does it go after the bin is emptied into the collection truck? What kinds of materials are in the bin, and how

much material do GRIC residents recycle? Gila River Indian Community Department of Public Works empties the contents of your blue bin into collection trucks and delivers the material to a transfer station managed by the City of Phoenix. Each truckload is weighed which allows the Community to keep track of how much material is being recycled. The City

then transports the recyclables to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in North Phoenix where items are placed on a conveyer belt and the sorting process begins in several different stages. Hand sorting removes some of the larger items considered trash. Afterward, a series of sophisticated machinery separates the plastic, paper, glass and metal. The paper and plastic

are compressed into 60-90 cubic foot bales weighing approximately one ton each. The bales are shipped to various facilities, often outside of the country, where the recyclables are further processed into raw materials that are used to make usable items. Following the manufacturing process for plastics, the water bottle you used today might reappear as a completely

different plastic item - a chair, toothbrush, even a piece of clothing. It may also reappear as another plastic bottle, ready to begin the journey all over again. Prior to the pandemic the Community recycled over 30 tons of material per month, but COVID affected staffing for collection services and processing (local, national and global) and restrictions were placed

on facility operations. It is extremely important that materials are properly recycled to limit the impact on the environment. Depending on the type, it can take 500-1000 years for plastic to decompose. Unfortunately, some of the chemicals that seep into the ground are there forever. Please consider this when you throw your plastic bottle in the trash rather than recycling it!

Alluvion Communications

An enterprise of the Gila River Indian Community.

Alluvion Extends Fiber Optic Network to West Valley

We have successfully installed fiber optics along the Arizona Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway, a route exclusive to Alluvion Communications. This project expands our reach to enterprises in the West Valley and future developments along the freeway.

The Loop 202 (South Mountain Freeway) adds 22 miles of freeway to the existing Phoenix metropolitan transportation system. The freeway connects the East and West Valleys while providing much-needed relief to existing freeway corridors and local streets. Similarly, our newly installed fiber path offers diversity and relief to congested networks. Companies looking to reach Valley data centers or add a layer of diversity and redundancy to their existing network can now do so along this segment of our network.

Since opening to traffic in 2020, land along the 202 has been in high demand by developers. Anticipated developments in the area include the South Mountain Technology Corridor, a new retail power center, and the future job corridor. Fiber optic infrastructure is critical to the success of these developments.

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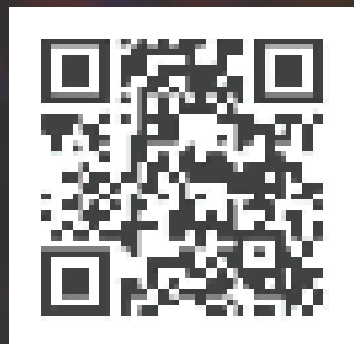
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