



GRHC Photo Exhibition Debuts at the University of Arizona

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The University of Arizona (U of A) College of Medicine-Phoenix Campus held a reception for its “Healthcare Promise: Dignity and Respect” photography exhibition. The exhibit was created in partnership with Gila River Health Care (GRHC) and showcases seven images captured by GRHC’s Digital Media Manager and District 7 artist Paul Molina.

“The collection allows us to tell our brand story and how our employees are committed to delivering care based on our corporate promise. ‘We promise to treat you with dignity and respect,’” said Paul Molina.

Each photograph captures moments when GRHC employees and patients connect in unique ways while delivering on the promise of providing care with the utmost dignity and respect. In addition, the collection offers a two-prong approach to understanding the people and culture of the GRIC and how this has influenced the corporate culture of Gila River Health Care.

Four photographs feature a custom border with the portrait title, written in the O’otham language with a description of the image. An example is Shegoi, the O’otham word for creosote. An



Dr. Cartsonis views the “Healthcare Promise: Dignity and Respect” exhibition at the opening reception at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix on Nov. 18. Kyle Knox/GRIN

added feature to the photos is a QR code that leads viewers to a webpage where the word is translated and pronounced.

“I’ve always thought that the university needed to shift its focus to communities that deserve more visibility than they traditionally receive from the broader Arizona community as well as representation within our college,” said Jonathan Cartsonis, M.D., Director of the Rural Health Professions Pro-

gram at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix. “This includes Indigenous communities, and it was a dream of mine to create broader integration between the U of A College of and GRHC.”

Dr. Cartsonis has led the development of a new Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) at the U of A. The program works to place medical students in rural and underrepresented communities

actively. Dr. Carstonis hopes the images will provide some cultural context of the Community for students that may find placement at GRHC in the future. The primary goal of the LIC program is to enroll students from those placement communities and then later place them back home and work with and for their people.

“This LIC program that we’re starting will provide opportunities that aren’t always available for our

kids,” said Robert Pablo, from District 3, Vice Chair for the GRHC Board of Directors. Pablo was pleased to see the exhibition that showcases the work of GRHC’s employees in different capacities outside of the Community. He said each image truly represents the hard work they do for the Community day in and day out.

Gila River Health Care’s “Healthcare Promise: Dignity and Respect” photography collection is open to the public and will be exhibited at the University of Arizona (U of A) College of Medicine-Phoenix Campus until February, 2023.



“Hau’pul” is one of the images displayed with border art designed by Paul Molina. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GRIC Member Collects Christmas Donations for O’otham in Mexico

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Marshall Sunna, District 4, President of the International Pima Delegation Cultural & Traditional Exchange, is continuing the annual Christmas donations for O’otham in Mexico.

Since 2004, Sunna has been visiting O’otham communities in the Sierra Madre Mountains in northern Mexico along the boundary between the States of Chihuahua and Sonora.

O’otham in Mexico, called Pima, speak the same language

and share a similar culture as their relatives, the Akimel O’otham and Tohono O’odham.

Sunna began visiting these communities with friends and because O’otham is his first language, he began to notice similarities in their dialect. As a result,

he could understand better and communicate using the O’otham language.

Sunna developed friendships and enjoys visiting the Pima in Mexico, often going a few times a year because it reminds him of growing up and living a simpler life closer to the traditional values of O’otham culture.

While visiting during Christmas, he saw an opportunity to provide more for the remote communities.

“When I first saw what they were getting for Christmas, it was nothing like our kids, you know, electronics, toys, and games, nothing like that... but they were happy with what they got,” said Sunna. He witnessed children receive numerous everyday essentials like food, clothing, and hygiene products instead of toys. Though shocking to Sunna, he saw this as an opportunity.

“So, I went back and brought about 30 toys,” said Sunna, who began collecting Christmas gifts on his own, eventually receiving help from family and the public, obtaining over 150 donations in



the first year. With the increase in donations, he could distribute them to more communities, children, and families. He recalls collecting over 386 toys at one point.

This year, Sunna is accepting all donations but is particularly seeking winter wear, such as new jackets, sweaters, gloves, scarves, etc., for infants to 18-year-olds.

If you would like to donate, contact Marshall Sunna at (520) 424-1561, gifts can be picked up or dropped off at Sunna’s residence in District 4: #226 Gila Butte Circle and State Highway 587. The deadline for donations is Thursday, Dec. 17. See the flyer on page 3 for more details.



O’otham children with their gifts from the 2021 Christmas donation in El Cambio, Mexico. Photo courtesy of Marshall Sunna

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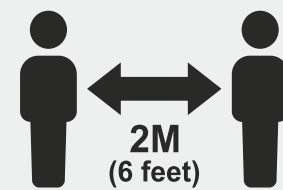
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Revolt Run Returns, Honors O'otham Revolt of 1751

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Saturday, Nov. 26, saw the return of the Community's "Revolt Run" in person at District 2. The run commemorates the historic 1751 O'otham revolt against the occupying Spanish on Nov. 21, 1751.

"I feel the run went very well considering it was our first in-person run in a couple of years, and the feedback we received was good," said organizer Jivik Siiki, District 2.

Siiki has been organizing the run with his family for over ten years. During the pandemic, the in-person run was paused but proceeded virtually. Siiki received a good deal of support from the District 2 service center, District 2 elders, Warriors Code, and all the volunteers that morning. He also thanked Diana Antone and Kelly Whitman, who provided the t-shirts and incentives this year in addition to helping with registration.

This year 138 runners attended, and six participated virtually. The event features four options for runners and walkers to choose from. The event is non-competitive and offers the following course options, a half-marathon

(13.1 miles), 10K (6.2 miles), 5K (3.1 miles), and a 1-mile fun run/walk.

Alyse Marrietta, District 3, ran the 5K that morning and enjoyed returning in person for the run. "It was exciting to run with so many Community members again, and everyone kept encouraging me to keep going throughout the three miles," said Marrietta. "Virtual running events can't give you that Community aspect like we see today. There are so many people here, and we're all headed the same distance, and you can't get that when you're running alone."

Mildred Youvella and her sister Bella Grover came from the Hopi Reservation, and both ran the 10k course. "This morning's run was amazing. I'm grateful to be here and run on the O'otham homelands, the elevation's different, but I felt great running today," said Youvella. She further stated, "Running this morning gave us all so much strength and medicine. It was good to be here and offer prayers for everyone, everything here, for moisture, and I want to thank all the O'otham, Jiviik, and his wife for hosting us."

That morning, many runners were excited to rejoin others for the challenging courses. Siiki



Over a hundred runners make their way through District 2 navigating the surrounding desert terrain at the 2022 Revolt Run on Sat. Nov 26. Kyle Knox/GRIN

mentioned that numerous runners initially signed up for the 10k course but proceeded on and completed the half-marathon after being inspired by fellow runners and event organizers.

"This event is not timed, but more of a prayer run, hopefully this will continue and more and more people will acknowledge the O'otham Revolt of 1751," said Siiki.

The O'otham Revolt of 1751 forced the Spanish to retreat from O'otham villages and established a small outpost known as Tubac. O'otham villages remained Spanish-free and inspired neighboring tribes' rebellions against the Spanish. Lessons of survival and resiliency are gained through learning history. And those are vital takeaways that Siiki hopes everyone takes with them.



A pair of runners embark on their course at this year's Revolt Run. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Pictures taken at Pima Community El Cabelo Chihuahua, Mexico, December 2021

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Arts & Entertainment

GRIC Member Launches "Save Our Stages" Concert Series

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"Music is the language of the world," proclaimed District 6 member Jackson Harris as she began to discuss her "Save our Stages" concert series she

will launch in Mar. 2023. Spanning over 20 years in the Native American music scene, Harris has her eyes set on providing new spaces for Native American musical artists after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The pandemic forced

a lot of artists to pack it up, go back to school, or work full time to support themselves and while the music may have been on pause, I know they still want to perform," said Harris.

After three years of the pandemic, many artists and

concert venues experienced increased hardships. Many performance venues closed their doors due to financial burdens leaving many musical acts without a space to perform. After the pandemic, providing that space for musicians again is vital to

Harris' goals with the Save our Stages effort.

Another goal is to provide live music experiences once again, specifically by Native American musicians and performers.

"They [musicians] tell me, 'Seeing the crowd during performances is what drives us to keep going, making music, and performing,'" said Harris. She recalls numerous instances where people leave changed, for the better, after a concert. As a concert promoter, these experiences also drive her need to provide more shows for the Native American community.

Utilizing her resources and network, the Mar. Save our Stages concert will feature a wide range of performers from Arizona, mainly, if not all. From rock & roll to reggae, the audience will be treated to such acts as Ed Kabotie and the Yoties, Casper Lomayesva, Gertie 'n' the T.O. Boyz, and Smokestack Lightening, to name a few.

The Save our Stages concert will take place Mar. 4, which will coincide with



A guitar adorned with a Zuni inscription hangs in Harris' husbands office along with other musical instruments. Kyle Knox/GRIN

the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market. The timing will capitalize on the influx of Natives in the valley during that time and draw on them to attend the concert.

While the first set of plans for next year are in place, she hopes this initial concert will reinvigorate Native performers. Harris looks forward to continuing the concert series throughout 2023 and plans to host two more.



District 6 member and concert promoter Jackson Harris reflects on her history in the Native American music scene while sharing her goals for the "Save our Stages" concert. Kyle Knox/GRIN

A'AGA



Submitted by
Billy Allen

As a child, I remember my father's uncle and aunt being early risers and working in their Casa Blanca garden. Ka:k keli's prize was ha:l mammad (baby squash). I helped too—working the garden was training for farming: laying canvas across the vaika, digging "gates" to direct the water, changing water to the

next row. Historically, O'otham farmers grew abundant crops. Their success helped others too, like our Tohono O'odham hahajun/cousins, Spanish explorers, and missionaries, then the early-day Beverly Hillbillies headed to California to find gold in "them thar hills." Nowadays, seems like large-scale farming in our community is mostly for animal feed.

So, I wondered are we still home gardeners? We put the question out on Facebook and some GRIC

members responded with a loud, HA'O or HEU'U! I enjoyed learning their experiences as they shared the "sweat of their brow." Maybe these GRIC gardeners can be "influencers" and encourage more of us to grow our own way.

Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade." – Rudyard Kipling, famous author.

From about the age of 7, Clinton Kalka helped his father prepare, plant, and maintain the family garden in Upper Santan. Almost sixty years later, the youthful gardener is still at it. Basic plants included summer O'otham melons, squash, and ha:l mammad. Clinton follows himdag by sharing his bounty. Clinton was also taught to keep an eye on the water. Allowing water to overflow or go beyond the garden was/is a big no no.

Gardening is a humbling experience. –Martha Stewart, lifestyle expert and Snoop Dog's pal or navoj.

Ya gotta love technology! Facebook inspired Lana Allen to start a garden. Photos of potatoes, squash, pumpkins, chiles, strawberries must've made her really hungry. Her inspiration became a family project—some did the actual garden

work, while others made lunch to power them on.

First efforts of green beans, carrots, and eggplant didn't fare well, but when sunflowers opened up, it was a heartfelt reward. There were other humbling setbacks like when gophers feasted on all the young sprouts. Heartfelt became heartbreak, but sitting in the shade wasn't on the agenda, pia/no. They replanted watermelon and squash. Diligence was upped, checking for ants and various bugs, particularly underneath squash leaves. Getting out there early in the morning was challenging, but serenading birds brought smiles.

"It's a learning experience, so be prepared for anything," Lana said. Her best advice may sound discouraging — "not all plants will survive," so her experience this year is moving her to use containers for some plants next time, and to plant more squash. Lana added, "Having your own food at your backdoor and knowing there are no chemicals or pesticides in your veggies was extremely satisfying."

"Gardening is learning, learning, learning. That's the fun of them. You're always learning." – Helen Mirren, British actress and

Academy Award winner.

Angel Marie Blaine's wosk/vosk sparked an interest in agribusiness. She didn't know much about gardens, but wanted to grow some of her own food. Taking advantage of free O'odham seeds from Native Seeds of Tucson, she began by potting plants early in the year. Early spring, she dug up the ground allowing the sun to warm up the soil. Jegos — NOT "monsoon" — arrived with nourishing rainwater that softened the soil. A three-sister planting method was used with O'odham corn, tepary beans, and squash. Sunflowers, cucumbers, watermelon, and gourds added color. As blossoms opened, winged helpers— bees and butterflies—came to assist. Soon family began to help and the work became therapeutic. Another bonus was having her children learn living cultural/agricultural history.

If veteran gardener Clinton and rookies Lana and Angel have you thinking about starting a garden, December would be a good time to get your soil ready for spring. Three other gardeners will drop more knowledge in the next GRIN. Stay tuned.



FITNESS & WELLNESS

Jiviik Siiki Completes New York City Marathon

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District 2 member Jiviik Siiki completed the TCS New York City Marathon on Nov. 6, challenging more than 50,000 to run 26.2 miles throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Siiki completed the journey in under five hours and shared his experience, road to the marathon, and the support that drove him to finish.

While Siiki is an avid runner and has participated in numerous long-distance runs throughout his running career, the New York City Marathon posed new challenges.

“I’m a trail runner, and this marathon was all flat, and the air was stagnant and filled with smog, those were probably the biggest challenges for me,” said Siiki. Fortunately, Siiki sought help from some tenured runners on how to

prepare. Triathlete Caroline Sekaquaptewa, from the Hopi Reservation, provided some insights on what to expect. Her suggestion of quality insoles proved effective for Siiki.

The marathon brings in international runners each year, but many find the setting too challenging, forcing many to quit. Siiki recalled seeing many others stop and faint mid-run due to the weather. Thankfully, Siiki was more than ready the day’s 75-degree weather citing it as a “nice, cool run.”

He also attributes his work staff from Warrior’s Code in Phoenix as critical to his participation and success. Warriors Code staff partnered with an organization, Native Strength Revolution, which secured five spots for the marathon and offered Siiki the opportunity.

Additionally, Siiki cites his co-workers Johan-

na Corpeno and District 7 member Waylon Pahona Jr. Their assistance helped him train and eat better in preparation for the marathon.

“Leading up to the day, I didn’t run at all, the longest I ran beforehand was 10 miles,” said Siiki. “But on the day of the run I found that it was Waylon’s and Johanna’s work that helped me the most because I didn’t experience any soreness, my body was ok the whole way through and I was good.”

Their training and diet programs assisted Siiki in learning how to lose the weight he needed to run at a better pace. And their yoga program gave him the a critical understanding of his body, how to stretch, and proper breathing techniques in preparation for the run.

While training was vital to his success, fundraising for the entry fee, airfare, food, and lodging was another challenge for Siiki. Siiki and his family held several auctions to help raise money, where he sold his jewelry and art.

Another saving grace was a food sale fundraiser that the GRIC Urban Members Association held on his behalf.

“I’m so grateful for the Urban Members Association because their fundraising pushed me over the top and allowed me to fund the trip fully and not have to worry about how I would get there,” said Siiki.

Through the partnership with Native Strength Revolution, Siiki and the other four Native American runners had the honor of leading the Parade of Nations before the marathon. Siiki was proud to carry a GRIC flag during the procession and was grateful for the opportunity to have Native American representation front and center of the opening ceremony.

Another highlight in New York was meeting Eliud Kipchoge from Kenya. Kipchoge is an Olympian runner who holds the world record for the fastest marathon time, finishing at 2:01:09 at the 2022 Berlin Marathon.

While Siiki is proud of this accomplishment, he wants to see more Community members attempt to challenge themselves through physical activity.

“Anyone can run a marathon if they want to, but it starts in your head with your mind, once you believe you can do it than you’ll be fine, but it all starts with your support,” said Siiki.

For Siiki, he attributes his family, wife Isabel, Warriors Code staff, GRIC Urban Members Association, and Native Strength Revolution as the support that helped him accomplish this year’s New York City Marathon.



Jiviik Siiki stands with his finisher medal after completing the 26.2-mile trek through New York City. Photo courtesy of Jiviik Siiki



Jiviik maintains a steady pace in order to finish the marathon in under five hours. Photo courtesy of Jiviik Siiki

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Arizona Cardinals Donate Funding to Gila River Fire Dept.

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On, Sunday, Nov. 27, Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwill presented a check for \$5,000 to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and GRFD Chief Kathy Garcia during a pregame ceremony between the Cardinals and the San Francisco 49ers.

The donation will support the GRFD's new year-long Firefighters Appren-

ticeship Program for youth.

"We feel very honored and privileged to have this partnership in place for the Cardinals to help support our work," said GRFD Chief Garcia. "I want to send a huge thank you to the Community, The Arizona Cardinals, and our Gila River Resorts & Casinos."

This donation is made possible through the long-time partnership between

the Gila River Resorts & Casinos and the Arizona Cardinals. In addition to monetary donations to the Community, the Arizona Cardinals continue to host flag football camps for Community youth throughout the year.

"This partnership with the Cardinals organization speaks volumes, they are always willing to partner and collaborate with our Community," said Gov. Lewis. "This partnership didn't happen overnight, it took years from providing football camps to help enrich our youth to donations like today, this partnership brings so much benefit to our Community and I'm proud to see what it has become."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone also attended the game and said, "I want to share my appreciation to the Bidwell's, they have been a partner of the Community since the nineties. They're always willing to support

our youth, public safety, and Community through yearly contributions, we all greatly appreciate everything they do for us."

The presentation ceremony was aired during the

game for everyone in attendance, including the 300 Community members that were invited to attend.

In addition to the donation the pregame programming featured the Haskell

Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51. Before the game, Post 51 presented the colors for all during the singing of the National Anthem.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, GRFD Fire Chief Kathy Garcia, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone at the Nov. 27 Arizona Cardinals game. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwell presents a \$5,000 donation to Kathy Garcia and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Photo Courtesy of Manuel Hernandez/Gila River Resorts & Casinos

Lt. Gov. Antone Highlights GRHC and GRIC at Tribal Health Symposium

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Gila River Indian News

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona, and Arizona Blue Cross Blue Shield held a Tribal Health Symposium on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass.

Healthcare leaders and staff within tribal communities throughout the state came together to present, discuss, and engage in sessions on the impacts of COVID-19, access to health care, community engaged health research, and more.

Lt. Gov. Monica An-

tone was in attendance and was featured in a panel discussion among tribal leaders, where she spoke of her involvement as a member of the state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Study Committee. She is the only tribal leader to serve on the study committee.

She shared the continuous work of the MMIP Study Committee, which has made compensation available for families of those missing or murdered. In Oct., the study committee began holding hearings in tribal communities.

Lt. Gov. Antone also

highlighted the Gila River Indian Community which has led by example and inspired other tribal communities by establishing their own healthcare entity, Gila River Health Care (GRHC) in 1995.

"Gila River Health Care has been able to grow its footprint and enhance services to patients," said Lt. Gov. Antone.

GRIC and GRHC worked together to combat the COVID-19 virus and mitigate the spread by implementing drive-thru testing and vaccinations made available for all GRIC

members, residents, and employees. Establishing an incident management team, COVID-19 hotline, and dedicated hub with the latest information and resources were additional highlights Lt. Gov. also shared.

Gila River Health Care received further recognition during the event for its continued work addressing the Community's needs. One

such effort included spotlighting a new innovative approach to meet behavioral health needs through technology.

With grant funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield, GRHC has developed a mobile app geared towards substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention.

"This project gave us the ability to dive deep and

collect information from key stakeholders and the Community to personalize the app to match our Community efforts," said Jaime Lee, Assistant Director for Gila River Health Care.

The grant also supported a mobile RV that will allow mobile behavioral health visits throughout the Community.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT RESIDENT NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2023

- ✓ The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.
- ✓ All non-member residents 18 years of age and older who reside within the boundaries of the Community must register their residency with the Enrollment Department by January 31st each year.
- ✓ Previously registered non-member residents will receive a renewal form by mail. All other non-member residents should contact the Enrollment Department to request a registration form.
- ✓ The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office, a photo ID is required.
Governance Center
525 W Gu U Ki
Sacaton, AZ 85147
- ✓ Registration Forms can be submitted by email, fax or mail. Notary required. Mailing address:
GRIC Enrollment Department
P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone during a tribal leaders panel discussion at the 2022 Tribal Health Symposium. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Questions? Contact Enrollment!
Phone: (520) 583-8790
Fax: (520) 563-4103
Email: enrollment_dept@gric.nai.us



Linda Paloma Soto Presented as Assistant Administrator for Caring House



Linda Soto is presented as the Caring House's new Assistant Administrator at the Nov. 16 Community Council meeting. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Linda Paloma Soto has been selected as Assistant Administrator for Gila River Health Care's Caring House Skilled Nursing Facility.

During the Nov. 16 Community Council meeting, Ross Wilkoff, current administrator for the Caring House, introduced Soto and her new role before the council.

Soto holds a Bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Science from Arizona State University and a Master's degree in Public

Health Services Administration from the University of Arizona.

Before her new role, Soto served as the Administrator in Training (AIT) since Mar. 2021. Upon completing her AIT rotations, passing state and federal licensing exams, and attaining her Master's degree, she earned her Licensed Nursing Home Administrator credential in Sept.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Council Representatives congratulated Soto on her accomplishments and wished her well

in her new position.

Soto acknowledged the support of her family and others who have helped her along her educational journey, including her parents, grandparents, husband, and son.

She said that through her experience with caregiving for her grandparents, she developed a passion for elder care and end-of-life care. In addition, she spent the last ten years working in early childhood special education for tribal communities as a home visitor for children with special needs.

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
TO: Miguel Bandin
IN THE MATTER OF JOANNA MATTIA,
Petitioner/Plaintiff vs.
MIGUEL BANDIN, Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: CV-2022-0177-ZMV
CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:
Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom 1,

AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.
If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
DATED this 4th day of November, 2022

NOTICE of PUBLIC SCOPING

Environmental Assessment for the Project Revel Development District 6 of the Gila River Indian Community

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency (BIA) and the Gila River Indian Community (Community) are releasing this public notice of an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Project Revel (Project) in District 6 of the Community. The Project would consist of a new warehouse and distribution park that would provide a major regional hub for the storage and movement of goods and services. Willis Road would be extended west from 40th Street to the Project. This notice is intended to provide details about the Project and to request your input.

Proposed Action

The Project proponent, Revel-Scannell LLC, is pursuing a commercial master lease from the BIA for the development of a new warehouse and distribution park on approximately 270 acres (20 Tribal; 250 allotted) of Community land. The Project would be located approximately 0.5-mile west of 40th Street and Willis Road (refer to Vicinity Map). The warehouse and distribution park would include multistory buildings for light industrial and commercial uses. Final site design would depend on prevailing business needs; however, key project components would include:

- A total of 8 new buildings providing approximately 3.6 million square feet of space.
- Future build-to suit buildings providing approximately 1.0 million additional square feet of space.
- Buildings would range between 24 to 48 feet in height.
- Employee and visitor parking lots and interior roadways.
- The Project would connect all required utilities associated with the warehouse and distribution park, including electrical service, water, sewer, communications, etc. through coordination with the Community and local service providers.
- Stormwater would be detained in basins or swales and allowed to percolate onsite, instead of being discharged.
- Extension of Willis Road west of 40th Street to the Project to provide 2 to 4 travel lanes.

Site development would begin in early 2023, with build-out expected to occur over a 10-year period. Vehicle access along 40th Street and Willis Road would be maintained throughout construction periods; however, vehicle traffic along these roadways could experience occasional short-term temporary delays. No transportation detours or changes in transportation access are anticipated.

The Project proponent coordinated with the BIA on an approximately 205-acre project site located east of 40th Street within District 4 (referred to as Project Scannell) which was noticed in June 2022 and published in the June 17 and July 15, 2022 issues of the Gila River Indian News. The Community and the Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation expressed interest in developing land east of 40th Street that is more compatible with existing development. Based on this information, the Project proponent is reviewing the development of a commercial project on the currently proposed 270-acre site in lieu of the previous location.

Development of the proposed Project on allotted land requires approval of the commercial master lease by the BIA, which is considered a federal action subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA will include analysis of allotted and Tribal land, should the Community decide to have Tribal land and allotted land in the same lease. An easement is anticipated for the extension of Willis Road and would also be evaluated in the EA.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Project is to build an approximately 270-acre business park on Community land to support new light industrial and commercial uses. The Project would create business opportunities within the Community that would facilitate and diversify economic growth, provide needed goods and services and employment opportunities, and provide lease payments to the Community and allotted landowners.

Scoping Period

As part of NEPA, federal agencies are required to consider the potential social and environmental impacts of proposed actions. This letter serves as the BIA's invitation to you or your agency to submit comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the proposed action. All comments received become part of the public record associated with this EA. Accordingly, your comments (including your name and address) will be available for review by any person that wishes to view the record. At your request we will withhold your contact information to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act. Please submit your comments within 30 days of posting of this notice.

Cecilia Baker, Superintendent
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency
P.O. Box 8
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
Telephone: (520) 562-3326
Email: Cecilia.Baker@bia.gov

What you can do to help prevent getting sick this holiday season and protecting your loved ones from:

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Get VACCINATED and boosted when possible.
Vaccines can help protect you and boosters help in extending that protection.

AVOID close contact with sick people
Celebrate with those who already live in your household and limit outside guests.

Wash your hands OFTEN

- For 20 seconds with soap and water
- Especially after you cough or sneeze
- Be sure to monitor and assist young children

AVOID touching your face
Try not to touch your nose, eyes or mouth as you may contract or spread any bacteria you came in contact with. If you must touch your face, wash your hands immediately before and after doing so.

Clean and Disinfect
Frequently wipe down objects and surfaces that are touched often such as: light switches, handles, remotes, bathrooms, etc.

Cover your coughs and sneezes
Most diseases are spread through droplets from a cough or sneeze. COVER your mouth with a disposable tissue or napkin.

Wear a mask
Protect you and your family by wearing a face mask around those who do not live in the household. *Especially infants and elders who are at higher risk.

Practice Physical Distancing whenever possible

- Limit the amount of people you invite
- Keep tables apart if possible
- Avoid hugs with other individuals if possible

If you feel unwell...
Or believe it is "just" allergies OR a common cold GET TESTED and **STAY HOME**

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Community Health Education Program at: (520)562-5100

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE

2023 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2023 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 20, 2023**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 20, 2023.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
**Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2023.*

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • Nov. 16, 2022

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, November 16, 2022, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Regina Antone

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Arzie Hogg, Joey Whitman; D2- Ann Lucas;

D3- D3- Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-

Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada

Celaya, Regina Antone; D5- Marlin Dixon, Brian

Davis, Sr.; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Attending via WebEx Plat-

form:

D5- James De La Rosa

D6- Terrance Evans

Council Members Absent:

D5- Wahlean Riggs (Travel)

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (Travel)

D6- Charles Goldtooth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #7 AND NEW BUSINESS #3 THROUGH #7 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 AND #3; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #2; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE ORDINANCE #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

*1. The Caring House Administrator in Training Transition

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

MR. ROBERT HORTON, BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCED MR. ROSS WILKOFF, ADMIN-

ISTRATOR FOR THE CARING HOUSE, INTRODUCED MS. LINDA SOTO. MR. WILKOFF

STATED MS. SOTO HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CARING HOUSE AND HAS FULFILLED

ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION. MS. SOTO HAS A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN

SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCE FROM AR-

IZONA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER’S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. MS. SOTO ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUPPORT OF HER FAMILY AND OTHERS WHO HAVE HELPED HER ALONG HER EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. VARIOUS COUNCIL CONGRATULATED MS. SOTO ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WISHED HER WELL IN HER NEW POSITION.

REPORTS

>1. September 2022 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Carolina Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Point of Choice Behavioral Health, Inc.

Presenters: Sunshine Manuel, Ginger Martin,

Chareis Hoeffel, Michael Hoeffel

REPORT HEARD

>3. Community Technology Center

FY2021/2022 4th Quarter and Annual Report

Presenters: Connie Jackson, Camille Miguel

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. HOT Work Session Report

Presenters: Avery White, Howard Reno, Wayne

Allison

REPORT HEARD

5. Community Services COVID-19 Transitional

Housing Proposal

Presenters: Laurie A. Thomas, Joanne Brewer,

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

REPORT HEARD

6. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

7. St. Peter Indian Mission School Tribal Allo-

cation Annual Report for School Year 2021-2022

Presenters: Father Antony Tinker, Fabian Terry,

Sister Martha Mary Carpenter, Jeffery Thorn-

burg

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The I-10 So-

lar-Over-Canal Project Located In District 4

Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila

River Indian Reservation And Approving An

Agreement For The Project Under The Tribal

Partnership Program With The United States

Army Corps Of Engineers (G&MSC forwards

to Council with a recommendation for approval

and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC

concur)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, David DeJong

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL

OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving A Programmatic

Agreement Among The Arizona Department

Of Transportation, Arizona State Historic Pres-

ervation Officer, Gila River Indian Community

Governor And Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Interstate 10:SR202L (Santan) To SR387, Arizona Project No. 010-C(22)S, TRACS NO. 10 MA 161 F025201D, Pinal And Maricopa Counties, Arizona (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and CRSC concur)

Presenters: Barnaby V. Lewis, Larry Benallie, Jr., Reyllynne Williams

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

{GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 1 HOUR BREAK; MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:25 P.M.}

3. A Resolution Authorizing A Ninth General Assistance Payment To Adult Gila River Indian Community Members From Available COVID-19 Relief Funds (G&MSC forwards to Council at the next Regular Meeting for discussion and consideration)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

>1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Amends The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Repealing Current Title 18, Chapter 3 And Enacting The 2022 Pesticide Code As An Amendment To Title 18 Chapter 3 Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and LSC concur) Presenters: Ryan Eberle, Tony McCandless ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tres Rios Golf Course Expansion (G&MSC forwards to Council to authorize the Office of General Counsel to forward the attached Maricopa County and Bureau of Land Management Letters with a recommendation to authorize Governor Lewis to execute and send both letters, CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Javier G. Ramos, Ian Shavitz

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO FORWARD THE MARICOPA COUNTY AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LETTERS AND AUTHORIZE GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS TO EXECUTE AND SEND BOTH LETTERS

2. 2022 Colorado River Water Users Association Conference (NRSC forwards to Council to approve Governor Stephen R. Lewis and Councilman Arzie Hogg, and any other interested Council mem-

bers, to attend the 2022 Colorado River Water Users Association Conference during December 14 through 16, 2022, being held in Las Vegas, Nevada Utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG TO ATTEND THE 2022 COLORADO RIVER WATER USERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE DECEMBER 14-16, 2022 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

>3. Blackwater Community School Written Plan for Tribal Allocation FY2023 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Misty Lopez, Jeffery Thornburg

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Sacaton Elementary School Written Plan for Tribal Allocation FY2023 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Stephanie Celis, Lynnette Michalski, Jeffery Thornburg

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>5. Sacaton Middle School Written Plan for Tribal Allocation FY2023 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenters: Debbie Ybarra, Lynnette Michalski, Jeffery Thornburg

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>6. Casa Blanca Community School Written Plan for Tribal Allocation FY2023 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Kim Franklin, Jeffery Thornburg

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>7. Gila Crossing Community School Written Plan for Tribal Allocation FY2023 (ESC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Jim Mosley, Jeffery Thornburg

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MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

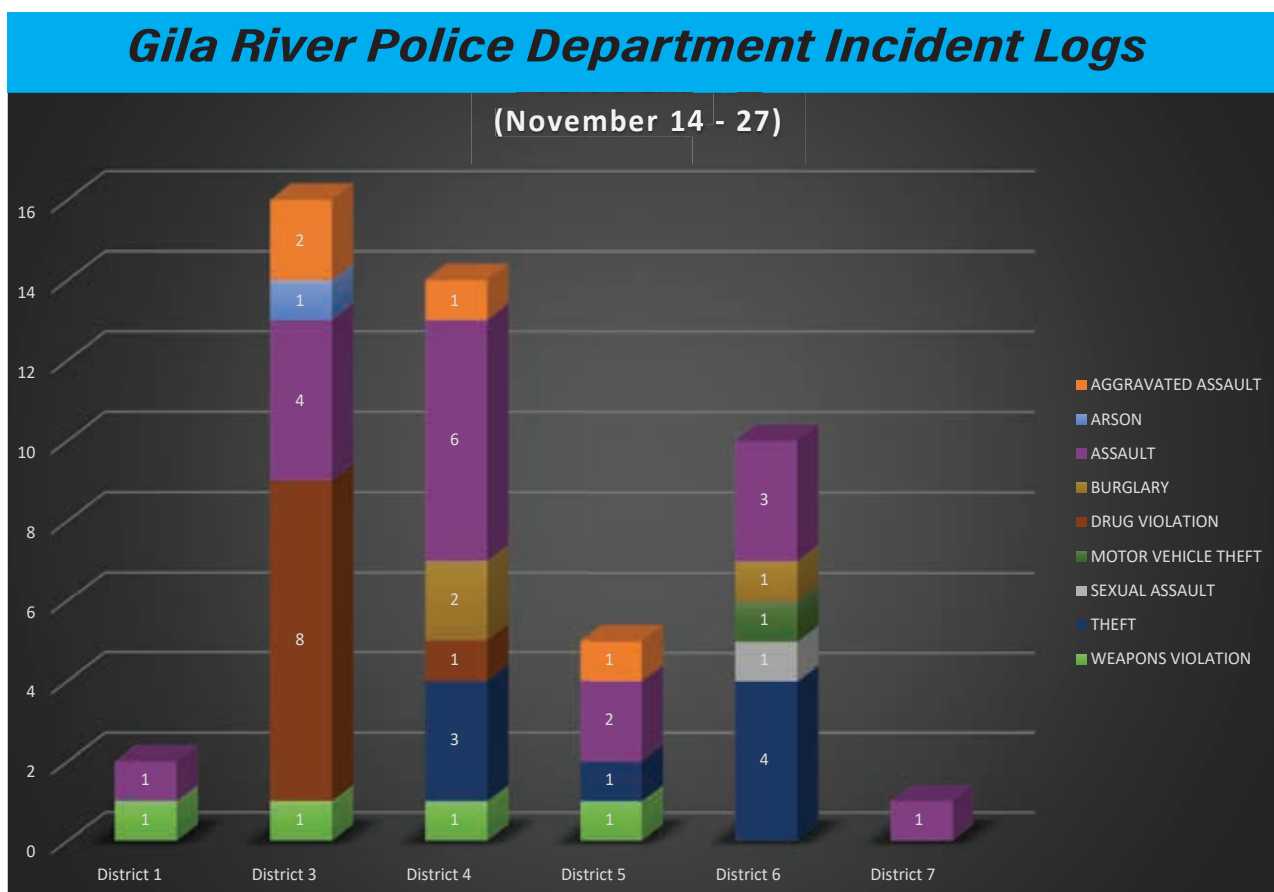
• LITIGATION TEAM MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:04 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



Community CLEAN UP
SAVE THE DATES

- District 1 - November 5, 2022 @ 7:00am
- District 2 - December 17, 2022 @ 8:00am
- District 3 - January 21, 2023 @ 8:00am
- District 4 - February 18, 2023 @ 7:00am

More information will be provided on location.

For more information or questions contact
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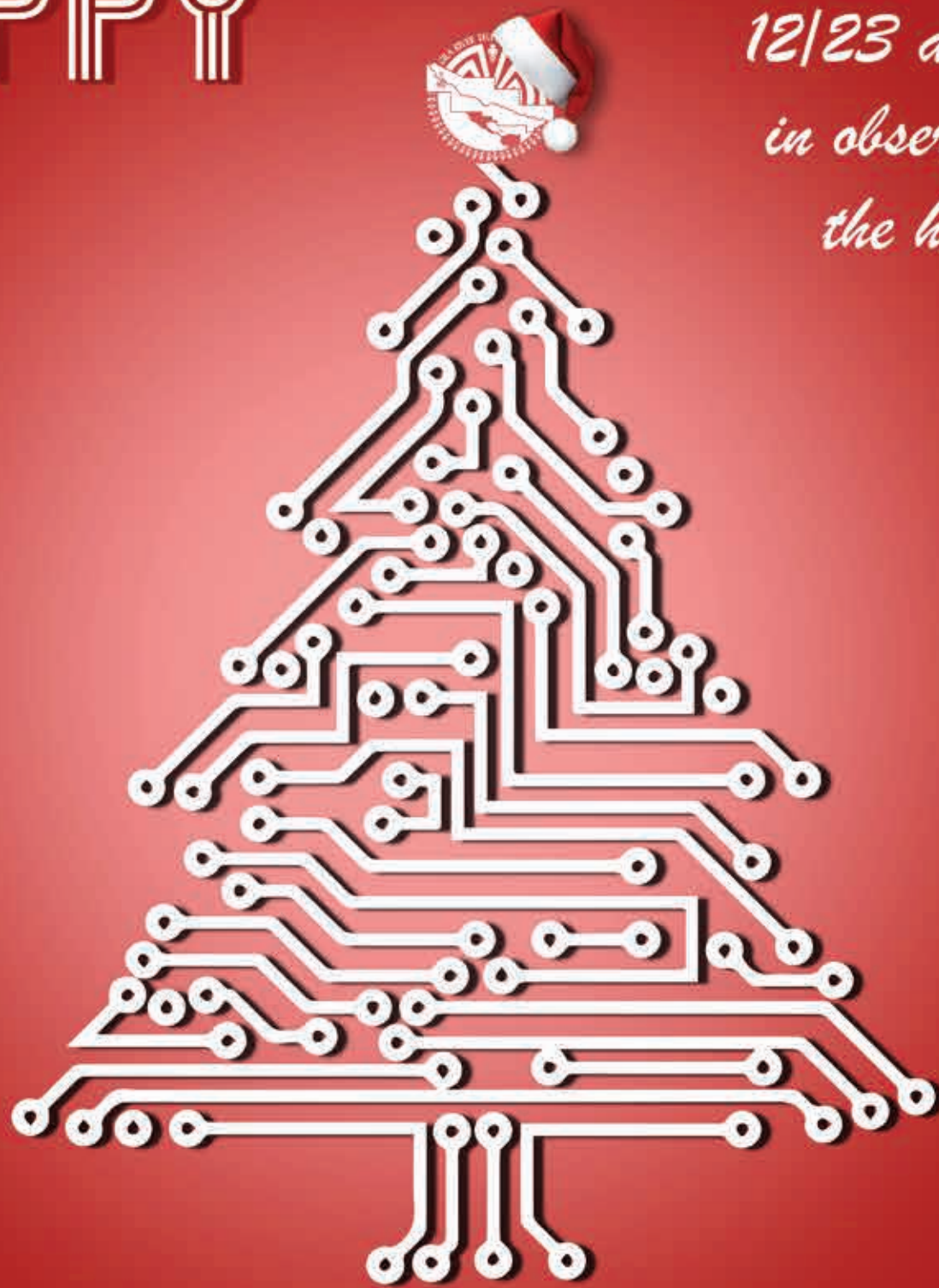
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