



District 3 Multipurpose Building Grand Opening

Jonella Rivers
Gila River Indian News, Intern

Dozens of Community members attended the much-awaited grand opening on July 2 of the new District 3 Multipurpose building, a 52,000-square-foot structure designed around O’otham ancestry and beliefs. The unveiling included food and live entertainment.

The building features various sections for different Community uses, including health and wellness needs, recreation and Community service assistance. It houses a fitness center, gymnasium, and a room to provide elders with a wide range of activities such as meals, crafts and chair volleyball.

The event opened with a welcome by Marcella Ortega, who introduced the color guards, and a welcoming prayer by 2022-23 Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provided welcome remarks as well.

“This [center] is going to be a beautiful amenity, a beautiful gathering place for our elders and our youth,” Gov. Lewis said.



District 3 Service Center staff and recreation committee members with District 3 Community Council Rep. Rodney Jackson, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and District 3 Community Council Rep. Avery White after the ribbon cutting. Kyle Knox/GRIN

“The last two-and-a-half years out strong.”

have been so hard on us. We’ve Gov. Lewis then acknowl- lost loved ones and gone through edged the group of individuals much adversity, but we’re coming who helped with the process of

completing the building after years of planning. They included District 3 Community Council Representative Avery White,

District 3 Community Council Representative Rodney Jackson, Sherwin Whitman, Richard Thompson, Karen White, Carolyn Williams, Myron Schurz, Dale Enos, Eugene Blackwater and Christina Morago.

Later, Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 member Tony McDaniels gifted a roadrunner wood carving to the new center as part of the morning’s program.

“Today, we have a piece of that oak tree from the old service center, that is representing the old that is going out on that, on this tree,” said McDaniels. “For those who know the roadrunner when he’s young: his tail is all black. But as he gets older, the tips of his tail turn white. So, I want you to know that this is a young roadrunner representing the new service center.”

District 3 staff and volunteers gave tours to groups of 15 people to keep everyone safe and follow COVID-19 precaution guidelines.

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Vaccine Cohort Expands for Children



GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) is expanding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility following the CDC’s recommendation to now include children 6 months to 4-years-old. Governor Lewis’ COVID-19 Taskforce presented a Pediatric COVID Vaccine Plan to the Health & Social Standing Committee during a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

The committee approved the plan to expand the pediatric vaccine to include the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines as approved through Emergency Use Authorizations for children age 6-months to 17-years.

Vaccines for 6-month to 4-year-old children are available by appointment only. Same day appointments are available as well. Call (520) 562-3321 ext. 7337 to schedule.

For ages five and above, vaccines are available by walk-in, by appointment with the Primary Care Department or walk-in at any Community vaccine event. Call (602) 528-1482 to schedule an appointment.

GRIC recommends vaccinations for all Community members and residents. Children and teens of all ages can get very sick from COVID; have both short and long-term health problems after COVID infection and spread COVID-19 to others.

For any vaccines related questions or concerns, parents and guardians should contact the COVID Hotline at (520) 550-6079.

The Gila River Indian Community has averaged approximately 88 positive COVID-19 cases a week from June 20 to July 10, according to the Tribal Health Department’s (THD) COVID-19 data report released on July 11. These numbers include positive cases and reinfections. The report also lists 162 deaths. In the last week from July 4 to July 10 there were 115 COVID-19 cases

The Omicron subvariant continues to spread with BA.5 now the dominant strain in the United States. It is critical Community Members become Up to Date with their COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as you are eligible to protect yourself, your family and your Community.

2022 Go Skateboarding Day



Local skateboarder, Jacob, performs tricks during the contest at the District 4 San Tan skate park. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community celebrated national “Go Skateboarding Day” on June 21, after a two-year pause due to the pandemic. Hosted by District 4 Recreation and Seven Layer Army (SLA), the event held at the San Tan Skate Park featured music, best trick contest, prizes and product toss.

The celebration brought out 30 participants along with families and spectators of all ages, despite the summer heat and sudden high winds of an evening dust storm.

Reuben Ringlero, District 6,

co-founder of SLA was pleased with the turnout, “It was an amazing experience to be back with the local skateboard community and to see all the fresh new faces. It was such a fun time,” he said.

During the pandemic shutdown, SLA did their best to stay connected with the GRIC skateboard community through social media, but found it difficult.

“[I’d] never been to one of these and it was my first time, but I loved it,” said Sianna, age nine. She’s been practicing skateboarding at home and came along with her brothers.

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COVID VACCINE LOCATIONS

You may also visit a GRHC Primary Care Department for vaccines.

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- 7/19** Ak-Chin Elements Center
10 am - 2 pm
- 7/21** Casa Blanca Community School
10 am - 2 pm
- 7/23** Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center
10 am - 2 pm
- 7/25** District 4 Service Center
9 am - 3 pm
- 7/26** District 4 Service Center
9 am - 3 pm
- 7/28** Sacaton Elementary School
10 am - 2 pm
- 7/30** Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center
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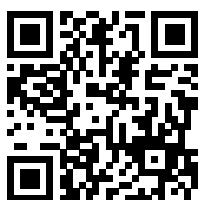
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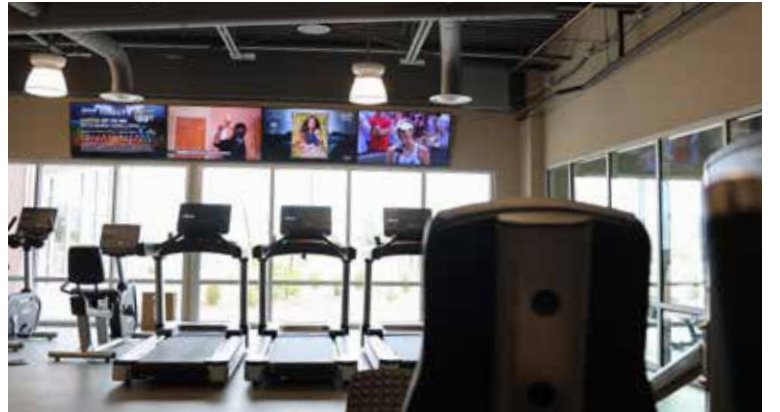
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The roadrunner carving gifted to District 3 on behalf of the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Groups toured the new gymnasium with a basketball court and areas designated for chair volleyball. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The fitness room offers various cardio machines, weight training equipment, and free weights. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Jonella Rivers Joins GRIN for Summer Internship



Jonella Rivers
Gila River Indian News, Intern

Hello, my name is Jonella Rivers. This summer, I have the opportunity to work with the Gila River Indian News as an intern with the help of the Employment and Training's Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). I come from Sacaton, District 3, and have lived here my entire life.

The isolation of the pandemic sparked the reason for participating in this summers program. During that time, I wanted to be able to do something with all the time wasted prior. This summer I hope to learn how the GRIN is published from article development, printing, and delivery.

My decision to be placed at the GRIN was that I wanted to try something different and out of my comfort zone since I'd never had a job prior. My only job experience was volunteering, such as helping the homeless or visiting/helping the elders.

My free time consists of painting. I prefer to paint in acrylic, and I usually paint landscapes. Currently, I'm practicing drawing realism by studying the anatomy of the human body. Other than that I often enjoy reading a lot too. I read a little everything from Jane Austen to Patti Smith,

Rick Riordan, C.S. Lewis, and even Shakespeare.

As for my education, I am currently planning on doing online school for the remainder of high school and attending the East Valley Institute of Technol-

ogy (EVIT) to be an aesthetician. Later, I plan to become a dermatologist.

Overall, I look forward to working with the Community, which I've always wanted to try and experience meeting people

and employees working within the Community. I also hope to learn how education has excelled Community professionals, help understand their work and how they make a difference for our Community.

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Digital Connect Initiative Assists GRIC Elders

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Ten elders from District 1 received help learning more about how to use their smart phones and other devices from Digital Connect Initiative (DCI), a subsidiary of Gila River Telecommunications Inc., (GRTI) during a “Bring your own device (BYOD)” learning lab, held at the new District 1 Senior Center on June 20.

DCI was created by the GRTI Board of Directors to work in collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community, GRIC entities, Community service organizations and relevant agencies and partners to provide technology related education, training, resources and advocacy.

“Our whole goal is to bridge the digital divide through digital literacy trainings and resources for members here in Gila River,” said DCI Executive Director Mikhail Sundust.

Typically, the learning lab is held monthly every third Wednesday at GRTI headquarters in Chandler and provides one-on-one assistance for a better digital experience. This is the

first the DCI has brought the learning labs out to the Community.

“What we’re doing here today is helping elders with digital literacy—whether that means helping [them] get into their tablets, access email, connect to WebEx, managing files on their computers, all that kind of stuff,” said Sundust. “We’re happy to be here and we look forward to doing other BYOD digital literacy trainings in other districts.”

Leatrice Davis joined the class to better understand her mobile phone, including learning more about the settings and how to setup a wi-fi connection.

“I came to try to learn my phone,” Davis said. “I ask my grandkids [and] they’ll do it for me, but you know, sometimes they are in a hurry. I wanted to know how to do what they do; how it works.”

“We’ve been needing this for so long, ever since the pandemic,” said Joyce McAfee, chairperson for the District 1 Elders Group.

“We were fortunate the district was able to buy us mobile devices, although a lot of elders were not fa-



Carmen Baldwin-Ortega, DCI Community Liaison assists an elder during the digital learning lab. Emma Hughes/GRIN

miliar with them,” McAfee added, “They took them and they tried working with them, but there’s so many questions, so many things that we weren’t able to answer. And because

everyone was at home, we weren’t able to get together and try to work out how to use these devices.”

The elders all had questions about their devices such as how to down-

load apps, access games, do online shopping, and troubleshoot.

“I’m just really fortunate that we are able to get this together,” McAfee said. “We’re just hoping

that all elders in the community are able to take advantage of this training.”

For more information on DCI, visit digitalconnect.org or contact (520) 610-6659.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 15, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:07 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Ann Lucas

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Ann Lucas; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Regina Antone, Christopher Mendoza, Nada Celaya; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Wahlean Riggs; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (Travel)

Council Members Absent:

D5-Brian Davis, Sr. (Illness)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #4 AND RESOLUTIONS #2 AND #3 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #3, #5, AND #6; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1, AND NEW BUSINESS #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

>1. WHPDA Monthly Report for April 2022

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. GRHC Tobacco Tax Grant FY22 Second Quarter Report (October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022)

Presenters: Board of Directors, Deborah Tinsley, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Judith Roth, Dr. Viji

Murugavel, Carolyn Thompson, Susan Kelley, Priscilla Foote, Max Haake

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Second Quarter Report for Four Rivers Indian Legal Services

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. K-12 Education Program Quarter 3 Manager's Report

Presenters: Lance Reyna

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Office of the Prosecutor's FY2022 Semi-Annual Report (October 1, 2021-March 31, 2022)

Presenters: Michael Lando Voyles; Carleton Giff

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. FY2022 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending May 31, 2022 (Executive Session) Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Title VI Implementation Plan For Gila River Transit A Program Of The Gila River

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

Presenter: Dawn Coomer

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-119-98 And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Internal Control Policy For Community Departments & Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-118-98 And GR-58-09 And Approving A New Internal Audit Charter For The Internal Audit Department Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution To Schedule A Special Council Meeting For A Revocation Hearing For The Homesite Assignment Of Lot 11 In The George Webb Village Subdivision, 2465 W. Buzzing Feather Street, Located In District Four Within The Gila River Indian Reservation Pursuant To Gila River Indian Community Code Section 20.215(C) (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Javier G. Ramos, Kimberly Antone, William Morago, Wayne Allison

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lone Butte Solar LLC For The Operation Of A Solar Power Generating Facility And Ancillary Activities (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Bartley Harris, Teresa Mandelin, Denten Robinson

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. PLFC Audit FYE2021 (EDSC approves and forwards to G&MSC for their consideration; G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and approve)

Presenters: Anthony Gerlach, Albert Cheung, Gwen Rawlins, Teresa Mandelin

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE

>2. Gila Crossing Community School Request to amend the GCCS 2021-2022 Tribal Allocation (ESC forwards to Council under New Business as FYI and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Jim Mosley

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

1. May 4, 2022 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. June 1, 2022 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• SPECIAL GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELED

• ESC WORK SESSION WITH TED SCHEDULED

FOR FRIDAY, AY 17TH AT WILD HORSE PASS ACACIA

ROOM AFTERNOON SESSION IS CANCELED

• HOUSING OWNERS TEAM MEETING IN

DISTRICT 6

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:26 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, July 6, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:08 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Monica 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- Joey Whitman (9:40), Arzie Hogg; D2-Ann Lucas; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Regina Antone, Christopher Mendoza, Nada Celaya; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Wahlean Riggs, Brian Davis, Sr; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2, #3, #4, AND #7, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #2, AND NEW BUSINESS #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

*1. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

>2. Wild Horse Pass Water Main Break After Action Report Presenters: Jesus Haro, Bruce Harvey ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Pee Posh Wetland Briefing Report

Presenter: Samuel Rector

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. GRHC BHS Traditional Counselor Overview

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Kerry Van Volkinburgh, Wade Brandimore, Lisa Pedro, Mary Pablo, Jivik Siiki, John James, Alvis

Robertson, Dr. Anthony Santiago

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

6. St. Peter Indian Mission School Tribal Education Allocation 2nd Quarter Report for School Year 2021-2022

Presenter: Sister Martha Carpenter, Fabian Terry

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

>7. GRSG Quarterly Report Q2 FY22

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

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. GRICUA FY22 2nd Quarter Report

Presenters: Ken Stock, Arnold Mejia, Chris Miller, Andrew McBride

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. WHPDA Monthly Report for May 2022

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, Michelle Bowman

REPORT HEARD

10. WHPDA Biannual Operational Report FY 2022

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

REPORT HEARD

11. Phoenix Rising Supplemental Final Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Rosette, LLP, Elizabeth Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Gila River Gaming Enterprises Inc. Monthly Report for May 2022 (Executive Session)

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

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. May Financial Activity Report – Update May Investment Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE

SESSION

{GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A LUNCH BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:11 P.M.}

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-119-98 And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Internal Control Policy For Community Departments & Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

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>2. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-118-98 And GR-58-09 And Approving A New Internal Audit Charter For The Internal Audit Department Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Approving The Submission Of Year One Of The Five Year Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start, American Indian And Alaska Native Programs For Renewed Funding For The Gila River Indian Community Head Start/Early Head Start Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community Head Start/Early Head Start Program To Submit Year Four Of The Five Year Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start, American Indian Alaska Native Programs For The Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Amending The Housing Owner's Team Composition (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to appoint District Two Councilwoman Ann Lucas and District Four Councilman Christopher Mendoza)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving A Community Wide

Policy For The Utilization Of Unmanned Aircraft

Systems (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)

Presenter: William Morago, Tamatha Villar,

Rebecca Hall, Laura Pacheco

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving The Community Services Department's District Assistance Programs Amended Policies And Procedures (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and with the changes of increasing the HRP amount to \$20,000 and decreasing the years for the EDQLP from 10 years to 5 years; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Laurie A. Thomas

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Asset Management, Inc. To Construct, Maintain, Operate, And Repair A Communications Facility And To Sublease Any Portion Of The Leased Premises To A Sublessee To Construct, Maintain, Operate, Repair The Communications Facility And Related Uses In District 6 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John M. Martin, Teresa Mandelin, Bartley Harris, Jim Meyer, Joan Burke

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. To Construct, Maintain, Operate, And Repair A Communication Facility And To Sublease Any Portion Of The Leased Premises To A Sublessee To Construct, Maintain, Operate, And Repair Communication Facility And Related Uses In The Wild Horse Pass Development Area In District 4 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Jennifer Burkhalter, Tom Judd, GRTI Board of Directors

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Barry vs. Flores CV-2021-0187-MO (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to adopt the recommendations in the Office of the General Counsel memorandum dated May 9, 2022; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Litigation Team Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to appoint District Two Councilwoman Ann Lucas to fill the vacancy on the Litigation Team) Presenter: Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DISTRICT TWO COUNCILWOMAN ANN LUCAS

2. FY2023 Budget Work Session Request (G&MSC Work Session scheduled for July 29th -30th, 2022 with the location to be determined and G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE WORK SESSION USING DUES AND DELEGATIONS

3. GRHC Letter of Request for GRIC Community Council Orientation (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation to hold the orientation virtually on August 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD A VIRTUAL ORIENTATION WITH GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE AUGUST 23, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M

>4. Appointment of District Six Planning & Zoning Commissioner (LSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept the appointment of Shelby Francisco and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sharon Lewis

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. Gila River Health Care & The Caring House FY2021 External Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and approve; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Chris Tyhurst, Pauline Tang, GRHC Board of Directors, Judith Roth, Max Haake, Dr. Anthony Santiago

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE EXTERNAL AUDIT

6. Gila River Indian Community – DTPA FY2021 Financial Statements (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and grant special approval for the Treasurer to submit the FY2021 Department of Tribal Programs and Administration Financial Statements to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse by the June 30, 2022 deadline)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Wes Benally, Marcus Benally

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND GRANT SPECIAL APPROVAL FOR THE TREASURER TO SUBMIT THE FY2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MINUTES

1. June 15, 2022 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- JOINT GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE, HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE, AND LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

- HOUSING OWNERS TEAM MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M.

- DISCUSSION WITH SCHOOL LEADERS THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT GILA CROSSING COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- INTERIM OVERSIGHT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022 AT 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:36 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

GRIC Community Court Notices

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
In Re Case: Jesus Carrillo Encinas vs. Laura Mae Thomas

CASE Number: FM-2022-0037-PT

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:

1st day of August, 2022 at 1:30 PM

in Courtroom I before the Honorable Anthony Hill

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 13th day of June, 2022

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
TO: ERIN ENOS

IN THE MATTER OF JAIME MATIS MONJARAZ,
Petitioner/Plaintiff vs.

ERIN ENOS, Respondent/Defendant

CASE Number: FM-2022-0015-PT

CIVIL SUMMONS 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:

Monday, September 19, 2022 at 2:30 PM in Courtroom I,

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.

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DATED this 14th day of June, 2022

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
TO: APRIL MAE FRANCISCO

IN THE MATTER OF TRISTAN RAY LOPEZ,
Petitioner/Plaintiff vs.

APRIL MAE FRANCISCO, Respondent/Defendant

CASE Number: FM-2022-0013-DV

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DATED this 13th day of June, 2022

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
TO: ALICIA FLORES LUCERO

IN THE MATTER OF MARCOS RICO RODRIGUEZ,
Petitioner/Plaintiff vs.

ALICIA FLORES LUCERO, Respondent/Defendant

CASE Number: FM-2022-0012-PT

CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING

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Monday, September 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom I,

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721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

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DATED this 5th day of June, 2022

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
TO: ROBERT ADAM VALDEZ

IN THE MATTER OF NEISHA JOYCE CARLETON,
Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. ROBERT ADAM VALDEZ,
Respondent/Defendant

CASE Number: FM-2022-0025-PT

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:

Monday, August 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom VII,

Westend Judicial Center,
4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ.

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GIVE under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

DATED this 20th day of June, 2022

July 2022 - Monthly Recipe brought to you by GRIC Nutrition Coalition

WATERMELON FIRE & ICE SALSA



INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups chopped watermelon
- ½ cup chopped green peppers
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onions
- 1-2 tablespoons chopped jalapeno peppers
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Wash hands with warm water and soap. Wash fresh fruits and vegetables before preparing.
2. Combine all ingredients; mix well.
3. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour before serving.

NUTRITION FACTS (PER SERVING)

Makes six (1/2 cup) servings

Calories 25; Carbohydrate 7m; Protein 1m; Total Fat 0m; Saturated Fat 0m; Trans Fat 0m; Cholesterol 0mg; Fiber less than 1m; Total Sugars 5m; Sodium 92mg; Calcium 8mg; Folate 2mcg; Iron 0.3mg; Percent Calories from Fat 0%.

Find online at <https://www.azhealthzone.org/recipes/arizona-grown-watermelon-fire-and-ice-salsa/>
Recipe provided by the National Watermelon Promotion Board

For any addition information or questions, please contact the
Community Health Nutrition Program @ 520-562-5126

ASU INSPIRE Summer Camp Hosts Native Youth



Diondre Palmer, Alexiana Goldtooth, and Ami Hernandez stand with items they created as part of the cultural learning at INSPIRE. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

This summer, three Gila River Indian Community youths attended INSPIRE at the ASU main campus in Tempe, a weeklong camp June 20-24 sponsored by ASU's Office of American Indian Initiatives. The goal is to increase college access by introducing students to the campus, creating opportunities for students and fostering understanding of the process to attend college.

"By experiencing the college life, we hope they create friendships and take away the necessary tools to prepare for the future," said Annabell Bowen, Director for the Office of the President on American Indian Initiatives.

Community members Ami Hernandez, District 5, Diondre Palmer, District 6, and Alexiana Goldtooth, District 6, attended this year's in-person camp after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. This year was the first time for each student, and they said they enjoyed everything INSPIRE had to offer.

"I came this year to get the college experience and explore different colleges within ASU. And I wanted to learn from ASU students and the resources they have to offer," said Hernandez. During the week, she took a beading class and liked the cultural activities. She said, "I've been wanting to learn to bead, so I think it was cool that they let us learn a new skill."

Palmer was excited to meet new people, and said, "I think it's a cool experience here because it's interesting to learn about your culture and other Native American youth and their cultures here." However, he also noted that it challenges him socially, stating, "being here defi-

nately tests our social and public speaking skills because they always want us to introduce ourselves."

This year INSPIRE hosted 105 students from across the state and offered five learning communities based on each student's interest. Students were divided into groups focusing on STEM, arts and design, health solutions, law, business, and Indigenous leadership.

Sahmie Joshevama, Office of American Indian Initiatives coordinator, said, "We had a great group of students this year who were eager, engaged and ready to learn. It was beautiful to watch friendships foster and see the growth in the students throughout the week."

New for INSPIRE this year was the collaboration with local organizations for more program-

ming. This year was the first time working with Phoenix Indian Center to assist in facilitating the Indigenous Leadership Learning Community. They also introduced new cultural activities, including arts and painting by Deonoveigh Mitchell of Kaallogii Kisses, beading by Tahnee Baker, ribbon skirt bag making by Kevin Duncan, traditional and contemporary singing by Sampson Siquah, and drum making by Phoenix Indian Center.

Goldtooth would advise GRIC youth to attend next summer. "INSPIRE was a really good learning experience.... And not only that, but just there's so many different cultures here that you get to interact with that you don't even know about, and I think that's the best part."

Skateboarding Day from page 1

Paul Molina, District 7, SLA co-founder, was excited to resume in-person events and none better than Go Skateboarding Day. The last SLA skateboard event was for the District 7 Mustering In Day celebration on Sept. 7, 2019.

Molina said, "The

skaters have definitely been waiting for something to happen. We heard remarks like 'Haven't seen you in a long time' or 'I'm rusty', meaning they haven't been skating since the pandemic hit."

"This is our first skate event since the pandemic. We've always celebrated Go Skate Day," said Kelly Whitman, District 4 recre-

ation coordinator.

Skating participants received a commemorative Go Skate Day T-shirt and an SLA skateboard deck featuring a photo of Aji Mountain.

Additional sponsors for this year's event included the CowTown Skateboards, Casa Grande Skateshop and Etnies footwear.



Go Skateboarding Day participants with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (third, far right) and SLA founders Paul Molina (far right) and Reuben Ringlero (third, far left). Photo courtesy of Reuben Ringlero



L-R: Reuben Ringlero, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Paul Molina with the 2022 Go Skate Day skateboard deck gifted to Gov. Lewis. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



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Annual State Bar of Arizona Convention Highlights Tribal Gaming

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis served as a keynote speaker highlighting the innovations of the Community's Gila River Gaming Enterprise (GRGE) on June 27 as part of the State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention held at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler.

Gov. Lewis addressed the state of gaming for the Community during his talk on "Bigger, Better, and Balancing in Today's Indian Country" during the Indian Law Section on the first day. He highlighted the ongoing progress GRGE is making on behalf of the Community since signing the new 2021 Arizona Gaming Compact. His presentation focused on how tribal attorneys remain instrumental in the partnerships and compacts required for tribal gaming to progress into the 21st century.

"Here within the Community, we have the largest



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis pictured with the presentation panel including Jonodev Chaudhuri, Charlene D. Jackson, , Dominic Orozco (GRGE), and Eric Dohlstrom. Kyle Knox/GRIN

gaming operation in Arizona," said Gov. Lewis. "It was an important goal that every tribe, whether they were non-gaming, would benefit in

some way from this gaming compact."

Since the signing of the new 2021 Gaming Compact, one of the most significant

accomplishments for the Community is the construction of its fourth casino, Santan Mountain Casino, in District 4. The \$150 million

project broke ground in October 2021 and is expected to open in 2023.

During his speech, Gov. Lewis also praised the deci-

sion to include sportsbook betting in the Gila Resorts & Casinos.

"We were the first to roll out sports betting within our gaming facilities," he said. "As you know, sportsbooks have recently come to Arizona, and Gila River is proud to be at the forefront of sports betting in the state of Arizona."

After two years of planning, the Gila River Gaming Enterprise carefully sought a reputable partner and eventually chose BetMGM.

Closing out his remarks, Gov. Lewis emphasized how gaming benefits tribes and their neighbors thanks to good partnerships.

"Gaming revenues provide so much in housing, infrastructure and the basic needs for the Community," he said, "but we continue working closely with the City of Phoenix and City of Chandler to improve the roadways and other infrastructure to accommodate public safety concerns as well the anticipated increase in visitors."

Over 70 GRIC Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

More than 70 employees of the Gila River Indian Community were honored for their years of dedication and service during a "20-Year Club" ceremony hosted by GRIC's Human Resources Department at the Governance Center in Sacaton on June 23.

"This is the first time we were able to do this in a couple of years because of the pandemic," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

The ceremony honored those who had served the Community for over 20, 30 and even 40 years as of 2020 and 2021. Each employee was welcomed and presented with an award and a small gift as well as a to-go steak lunch.

"I think it's really just a special opportunity to be

able to reach out to those employees that have dedicated their professional careers to our Community, bettering our tribal government," Gov. Lewis said.

"Congratulations, and we look forward to many more years of service; thank you!"

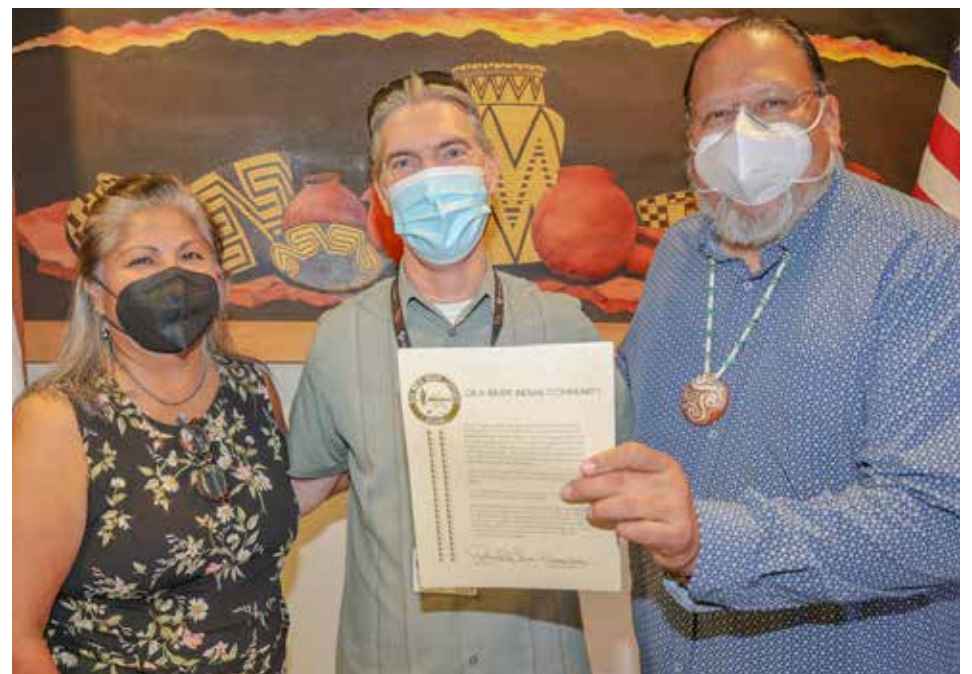
"It's an honor to see them—all the employees and their commitment and dedication," said Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

She added, "I just want to say a big shout out to each of them for all of their dedication and service to our community. Thank you, Gila River employees; thank you for your service. God bless."

20 Years of Service:

- Bruce Ballard, GRFD
- Martha Begaye, Gaming Commission Office
- Sandy Brown, GRPD
- David DeJong, P-MIP

- Ruben Gonzales, MIS
- Ja Ja Hastings, Department of Community Housing
- Christopher Huang, Department of Public Works
- Michelle Johns, Facilities Maintenance Division
- Caroline Johnson, GRPD
- Ann Long, Finance Dept.
- Ileta Meredith, Finance Dept.
- Candida Munoz, Finance Dept.
- Delmer Peters, District 6
- Salvador Ramirez, DCH
- Tonya Raphael, Gaming Commission Office
- Robert Russin, Gaming Commission Office
- Jennifer Talas, CRMP
- Kathleen Terrazas, Head Start Program
- Mary Thompson, Gaming Commission Office
- Randy Valdez, DHD
- Johnny Valenzuela, DCH
- Erma Antone, CSD
- Donna Apodaca, OGC
- Linda Blodgett, Facilities Maintenance Division
- Valerie Bustos, Procurement Department
- Teodoro Cuellar, DRS
- Eddie Duarte, District 1
- Rosemary Garcia, Judicial Department
- Mandra Gutierrez, P-MIP
- Abel Hernandez, DCH
- Jeffrey Hunter, GRPD
- Nelson Johnson, District 1
- Gordon June, MIS
- Roland Justin, DRS
- Gary Kisto, District 4 Service Center
- Christopher Marbell, GRPD



Lt. Gov. Antone and Gov. Lewis with Kyle Woodson (Cultural Resources Management Program) who has been with GRIC for 25 years. Emma Hughes/GRIN

- Anthony Mccandless, DEQ
- William Morago, GRPD
- Katrina Santos, Council Secretary's Office
- John Taraskiewicz, P-MIP
- Pamela Torres, Gaming Commission Office
- Freddy Trujillo, DPW
- 25 Years of Service:**
- Jacqueline Allison, District 6
- Anthony Antone, LUPZ
- Clyde Antone, Head Start Program
- Carlos Cabanillas, DCH
- Carmen Duarte, DRS
- Cynthia Harris, DRS
- Shirley Jackson, HHC
- Andrea Johnson, Gaming Commission Office
- James Martinez, DPW

- Keith Mcdonald, LUPZ
- Diana Sangster, CRMP
- Leslie Stovall, LUPS
- Laurie Thomas, CSD
- Kyle Woodson, CRMP
- Christopher Bauer, GRFD
- Donald Jackson, GRIID
- Dwayne Justin, DHD
- Lawrence Makil, Procurement Department
- Deanna Mendoza, Finance Department
- Susan Morago, Finance Department
- Keith Williams, DCH
- 30+ Years of Service:**
- Lanadine Allen, GRPD – 31 years
- Marie Stewart, Finance Department – 31 years

- Carleton Giff, Office of The Prosecutor – 31 years
- Lana Chanda, Employment & Training – 32 years
- Eugenia Franklin, Judicial Department – 32 years
- Dorothea Guy, Finance Department – 34 years
- Valerie Johnson-Antone, District 3 Service Center – 34 years
- Cheryl Pablo, Office of Special Funding – 37 years
- 40+ Years of Service:**
- Alan Blackwater, Community Services Department – 40 years
- Danielle Jackson, Finance Department – 41 years



Employees who served 30+ years, received crystal awards in recognition of their dedication. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Community Celebrates Fourth of July

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Hundreds of Community members celebrated the Fourth of July holiday early with a limited in-person drive-thru event at the Sacaton Fairgrounds in District 3 and Kalka Park in District 6 on June 25. Families received giveaway items and boxed meals, and they enjoyed entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display to end the night.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis attended both events, first at District 6 and then District 3, to provide remarks.

“Tonight, across the Community, we are celebrating, and I thank you all for coming out,” said Gov. Lewis. “This is the first time we’ve had any

real big celebration in two years, so let’s thank everyone that made this event possible.” He recognized all the extra support staff and volunteers required for both events.

Tribal Recreation and Wellness Manager Angel Orque, said, “We wanted to do something for the Community but had to adjust the approach to planning.” Orque was happy because every district and new tribal departments assisted with the event, a collaboration missing from past years. “We’re just happy to have been able to do something this year for the Community and have fireworks to share with all the families tonight,” she added.

Lt. Governor Monica Antone opened the eve-



Vehicles lined up at the Sacaton Fairgrounds while staff and volunteers handed out food and items for the event.
Kyle Knox/GRIN

ning at District 3, saying she was excited to see many cars line Seed Farm

Road in Sacaton. “After all we’ve been through the last two years, it feels really good to be back at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds again,” she said, adding, “This is probably the biggest event I’ve been to in the Community in a long time.”

Districts 3 and 6 featured the same programming for the night. After families received meals, they used their vehicle radios to listen to the on-stage entertainment. First,

District 3 featured comedian Teresa Choyguha and music by Dfaktion 9 and Gertie N’ the T.O. Boyz. Then District 6 hosted comedian Wolf Brown and music by One Way Sky and O’odham Traditions.

District 4 Community Council Representative Regina Antone volunteered at the District 3 site assisting with the distribution line. She helped everyone get their giveaway bags and meals throughout the evening.

“I personally want to thank everyone involved in the success of this event, from the volunteers to all the employees who came out to help,” Antone said. “They have been working for months to make sure this was our first large celebration and a safe event. I just wanted to express my appreciation and thanks to all who made this a successful event. Your dedication to our Community does not go unnoticed.”



Fireworks light up the sky at the Sacaton Fairgrounds for all to enjoy as the Fourth of July Celebration closes. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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- Licensing
- Adoptions
- Spaying and Neutering
- Basic Examinations
- Animal related questions and concerns

Hours of Operations: Sundays thru Saturdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For questions or concerns pertaining to dogs or cats, call Animal Control at 520-562-5177. When leaving a message, please speak clearly and detailed with your name, number and your concern. A staff member will return your call within a 24 hour time frame.

Emergencies: If you have an emergency between the hours of 5:00pm to 8:00am, please contact the Gila River Police Department at 520-562-4511 and give your name, number and type of emergency.

D5 Animal Shelter: The Shelter is open to the public Monday thru Friday between the hours of 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Please be mindful the Shelter is closed on both Federal and GRIC recognized Holidays.

Spay and Neuter Program: Basic pet examinations, treatments, and sterilizations are provided by appointment only.

Vaccinations: Accepting walk-ins Monday thru Friday from 12:30pm to 4:00pm at the District 5 Animal Shelter.

Please contact the Animal Control Program at 520-562-5177 for questions and to schedule an appointment.

All-Indigenous Documentary Premieres at Heard Museum

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

A documentary by the Gila River Broadcasting Corporation (GRBC) featuring all Indigenous talent premiered June 21 at the Heard Museum in Phoenix. “She Still Walks Among Us” illustrates the story of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa artisan Royce Manuel. The film was co-directed by Cordell Parker, Navajo, and Marissa Johnson from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The film was televised simultaneously on GRBC channel 29.1 for viewers to watch at home.

“This was an all-Indigenous production from the filming, editing and writing,” Parker said. “Every aspect was done within both GRIC and SRPMIC communities. I am so happy we were able to create this film and help the general public understand the value of filming our own stories.”

GRBC Executive Director Clarice Chiago-Jones

said she can’t wait for the public to view their future productions. “I am so proud that people could see the wide range of talent GRBC has,” she said, adding that they can produce films now as well as shows and hybrid/virtual events. She also served as an executive producer for the film.

The film highlights the history of Manuel’s work reviving the art of making O’otham burden baskets and documents Johnson’s walk from SRPMIC to neighboring Scottsdale

wearing a basket made by Manuel. The film premiered on the summer solstice, and Johnson’s walk occurred on the summer solstice a year prior.

After Johnson approached Parker about the idea of filming the walk, they decided to develop it into a documentary film. “Filming is a passion of mine, so I thought it was a cool idea to film it and highlight the walk,” Parker said. “Then it snowballed into a public walk with more than 30 participants.

This led to sharing Royce’s story about relearning the construction of the ‘Kiaha’ (burden basket).”

He added, “As an indigenous person, it’s good to be able to help my colleagues and friends capture their people’s stories and elevate the conversations and ultimately have a good look in the mirror and reflect on the ways we can make our communities better.”

Production for the film took place from May to August 2021 and features in-

terviews with Manuel and his family and apprentices, footage of the burden basket construction, and documentation of Johnson’s walk in June 2021.

Currently, GRBC airs the film on its channel periodically, but it aims to submit the film to festivals in the future. In addition, Parker said, “We hope the film receives broader attention to Indigenous self-determination and reclamation of old traditions and cultural values.”



The screening at the Heard Museum hosted 200 visitors to view the GRBC documentary film “She Still Walks Among Us”. Photo courtesy of Zachary Redbird

GRIC Youth Attend Phoenix Suns Basketball Camp

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Eleven GRIC youth attended the annual Phoenix Suns’ basketball camp June 20 to 24 at Williams Field High School in Gilbert, where they learned basketball fundamentals from seasoned trainers and coaches.

In all, 425 youth from around the Valley attended the camp that welcomed all players from every skill level to attend fun training and conditioning sessions every day.

“I learned dribbling, passing, pivoting, and I

liked playing with my team every day,” said Jace Escalante.

“Everything was great,” said Keely Joaquin. “I learned how to pass and it was cool to see the [Phoenix Suns’] Gorilla.”

Mark Gretter, director of youth basketball programs for the Phoenix Suns, said, “We want to be good stewards of basketball in the state with all cities and tribal communities in the state.”

Before the COVID shutdown, Gretter mentioned that Gila River would typically send around 60

kids to the camps every year, so it was good to see some families bring their kids from GRIC.

Former ASU Basketball coach Bill Frieder serves as the Phoenix Suns’ basketball camps operator and organized the camps for the last 25 years. He has seen them grow over the years and admires the work everyone puts into the week.

“Basketball is fun for everyone to play,” he said. “All you need is a ball and hoop, so here we just want the kids to have fun and learn how to shoot, run drills, and make new friends.”



Youth Jace Escalante, Keely Joaquin, and Abel Jackson stand with their parents and Bill Frieder (center) and Mark Gretter (center right). Kyle Knox/GRIN

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GRIC Royalty Attend NCAI Conference in Alaska

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

After tireless fundraising efforts, Miss Gila River 2022-23 Kelsey Martinez and Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23 Eliana Rhodes attended the National Congress of American Indians’ midyear conference in Anchorage, Alaska June 12-16.

GRIC Royalty served as goodwill ambassadors for the Community at the conference, where the theme was “Thinking Beyond

Self-Determination.”

The journey was enlightening for both women as they learned more about the surrounding tribes’ culture, language, songs, and food. Both also attended NCAI workshops and were fortunate to hear speakers address various issues throughout Indian country.

Antone said she felt empowered after the conference, and stated, “We all come from a strong bloodline and must continue to make sure our voices are

heard.”

Martinez shared that a highlight was attending a workshop called Medicine Obstacle Course, where she learned more about yoga, meditation, lacrosse and traditional food preparation.

“This workshop was my favorite because it reminded me of how I’m implementing traditional lifestyles within our modern one and how learning those traditions could be the best thing for our spiritual and physical well-being,” she said.



L-R: Tohono O’odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris Jr., Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes, Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Mazey Ortega, Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis pause for a photo at the 2022 NCAI Midyear conference. Photo courtesy of Miss Gila River Royalty Committee



Jukbig Mashath 2022

Submitted by
Huhugam Heritage Center

The name for this month translates to ‘the rainy month’ and refers to the arrival of the summer Monsoon rains. During this time of year, we experience an increase in moisture both in the form of high humidity and

periodic rainfall brought north by the summer rains. This increase in moisture is beneficial to plants and animals. The “little living ones” or insects also benefit from this added increase in moisture. In this article, we will introduce six insects that you might be able to observe until the landscape dries out in

the fall.

Some insects are considered pests, as they are troublesome to pets and O’otham. Insects that are easily heard are the kok’thpol (cicadas), we can hear them buzzing amongst the mesquite trees throughout the community. In former times, O’otham captured the kok’thpol and roasted them over an open fire and ate them as a snack. Today, cicadas are a source of for different cultures around the world. One insect that is a troublesome pest to our go’gogs (dogs) are ma:msh (ticks) that imbed themselves under the fur of our shoiga (pet). We often purchase collars, powders and soaps to fend off these troublesome insects. Vi:psh (mud wasps) like to build their mud nests under the eaves of our roofs and abandoned buildings, its best to leave them alone as they will defend their nests.

One insect that defends itself with a chemical spray is the bithokoi (stinkbug). It is best not to let young children and pets bother these insects, as they can spray an oily, stinky secretion several inches away. The agitated bithokoi will stand on its head and point its rear end toward the offender before releasing its chemicals. There are several different species of sho:’o (grasshoppers) that we encounter in our yards and when we are out walking our pets. It is hard not to miss them, as they fly up ahead of us with wings making a clicking rasp and land several feet away. This is also the time of year when we observe male hiañ (tarantula) leaving their underground burrows to look for females to mate with

Jukbig Mashath 2022, Match the O’otham Insect Name with its picture!

vi:psh

ma:msh

bithokoi

sho:’o

hiañ

Kok’thpol



Photographs from InsectID.org

and reproduce the species. Hiañ can be observed crossing roadways and open ground, they are experts at climbing walls.

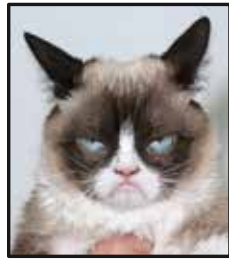
This month’s word match will focus on these six insects. We encourage you to learn their names and use them in your everyday lives. Speak with an El-

der or Speaker and learn to say the names. Insect names may be slightly different between the villages. We also encourage you to use caution around certain insects as they can bite, sting or spray chemicals.

A special Thank You to our Community Elders whose

knowledge about haichu mu:val that made this article possible. Additional source related from O’odham – Mil-gahn Dictionary, Dean & Lucille Saxton, University of Arizona Press, 1969.

Word Match Solution on Page 12



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Department of Environmental Quality Tamarisk Beetle Report

Tamarisk Beetle – What is it?

Tamarisk trees and shrubs – or salt cedar - have long been one of the worst invasive species in the Community. Originally introduced to Arizona in 1800 for a windbreak and erosion control, the Tamarisk quickly out-competed and displaced native riparian vegetation. It oozes salt from its leaves, and renders the surrounding soil unfit for many native plants. It is hard to remove - it burns hot enough to damage the soil and stop other plants from growing back, it has deep enough roots that pulling it out is difficult, and many herbicides don't work well.

Basically, Tamarisk is terrible. To try and combat the spread of Tamarisk and help conserve more water the USDA Agricultural Research Service researched biological controls throughout the 80's and 90's and came across an insect that only eats Tamarisk - *Diorhabda carinulata* (the Tamarisk leaf beetle). In 2001 the USDA began an experiment by the conducting a limited release of the tamarisk beetle to control invasive salt cedar (tamarisk). The trials went well and the beetle was more widely released in 2005.

Over the past 20 years the beetle has been successful in decreasing the amount of Salt Cedar in many part of the western United States – particularly in Utah and Northern Arizona. DEQ has long tracked the spread of the beetle, but most experts believed that it would be many more years before the beetles adapted to the hotter weather of the Gila River Indian Community. All estimates showed the beetle only spreading at the rate of one mile per year, giving the Community plenty of

time to prepare.

However, in October of 2021 DEQ staff identified the beetle in the meeting of the Salt and Gila Rivers near District 7. Since then the beetle has spread much faster than anticipated and has caused a much higher rate of damage to trees in District 6 and District 7 where the Tamarisk grows the thickest.

What does this mean?

- Community members will see major browning of Salt Cedars throughout the Community – but especially in District 6 and District 7 where the beetle is most concentrated.
 - The beetle only eats Tamarisk trees and shrubs and should not pose a danger to other Native Plants such as Gooding's Willow or Mesquite.
 - Because the beetle has spread far faster than original estimates and because of the ongoing drought it is highly recommended that all Community members clear out brush and dead trees around their homes and property to safeguard against wildfire.
- DEQ is committed to providing ongoing support to other Community departments in understanding and adapting to this beetle. If there are any questions about the effects of the Beetle on the local ecosystem, please call us at 520-562-2234.



Browning Tamarisk (Salt Cedar) trees in the western side of the Community observe visible damage from the Tamarisk Beetles spread. Photo courtesy of GRIC Department of Environmental Quality



Close up view of the Tamarisk beetle in the wild. Photo courtesy of GRIC Department of Environmental Quality

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ma:msh

bithokoi

sho:'o

hiañ

Kok'thpol

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NOTICE of PUBLIC SCOPING
Environmental Assessment for the Project Scannell Development
District 4 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 Scannell (Project) in District 4 of the Community. The Project would be a new warehouse and distribution park that would provide a major regional hub for the storage and movement of goods and services. This notice is intended to provide details about the proposed project, and to request your input.

Proposed Action

The project proponent, Revel-Scannell LLC, has submitted a commercial master lease application to the BIA for the development of a new warehouse and distribution park on approximately 203 acres (16 Tribal; 187 allotted) of Community land. The Project would be located near the southeast corner of 40th Street and Willis Road. The warehouse and distribution park would include multistory buildings for light industrial and commercial businesses. Final site design would be dependent on prevailing business needs; however, key project components would include:

- A total of 11 new buildings providing approximately 3.6 million square feet of space.
- Buildings would range between 24 to 48 feet in height.
- Employee and visitor parking lots and interior roadways.
- A new plaza and park area.
- A potential turn lane would be constructed from Willis Road into the Project.
- 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.

Early 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.

Development of the proposed warehouse and distribution park 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.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Project is to build an approximately 203-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.

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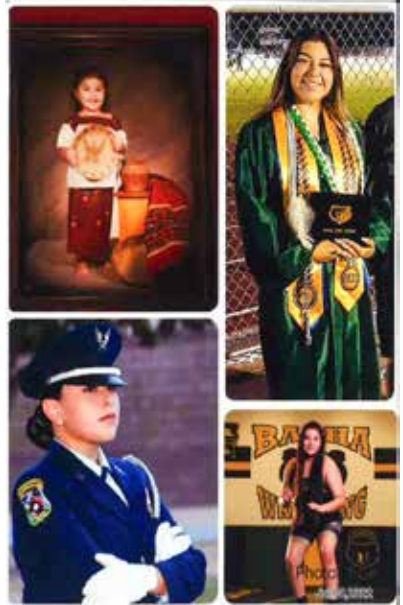
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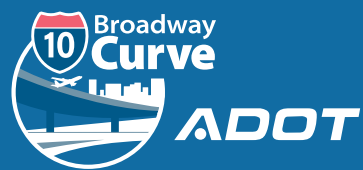
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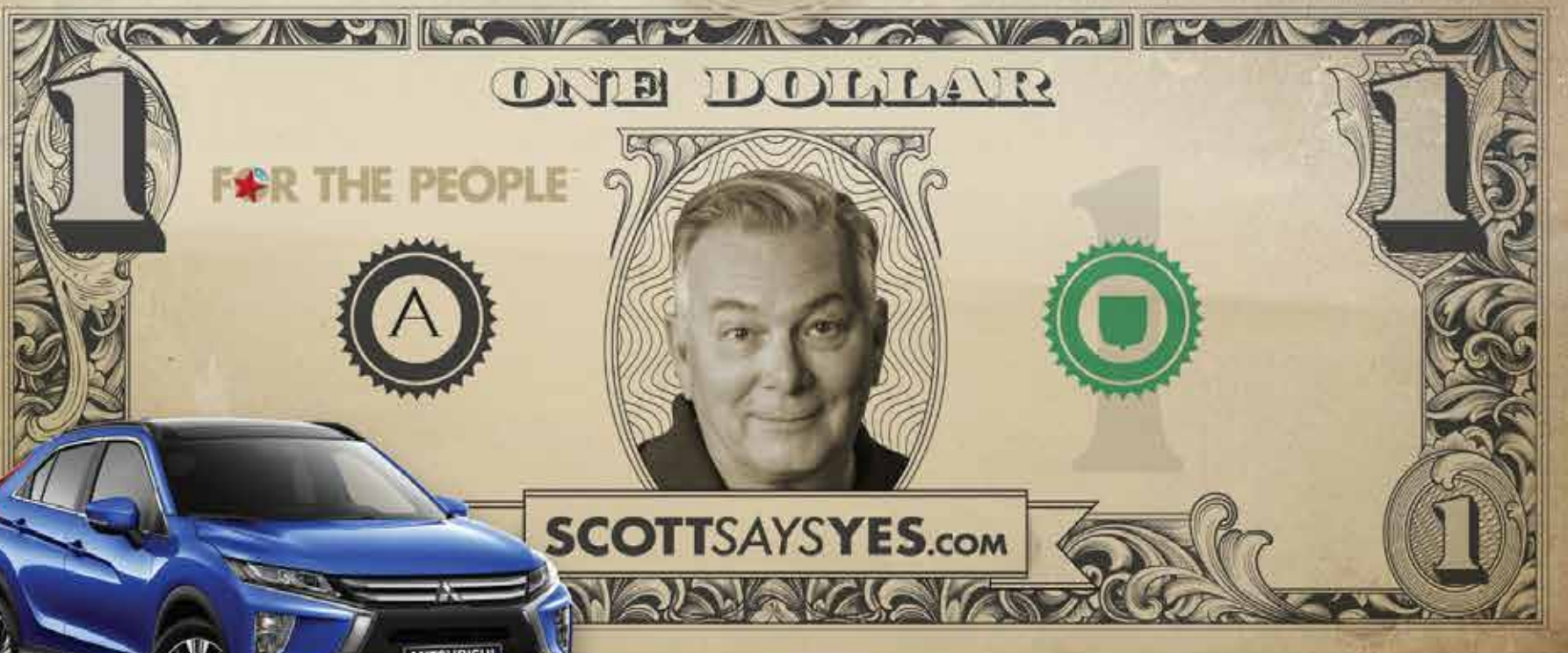
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