



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY RECEIVES \$4.4 MILLION GRANT TO EXPAND BROADBAND AS FEDERAL OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE \$77 MILLION IN NEW TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES

Tribes in 10 States Receive American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Better Connect Tribal Communities, Small Businesses and “Close The Digital Divide” In Indian Country

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Press Release

SACATON, AZ. - The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) is among 19 tribes in 10 states nationwide to share in nearly \$77 million in federal grants meant to improve broadband service and better connect residents and businesses across Indian Country.

The Community’s \$4.4 million grant was announced on Wednesday, May 4 during a press conference featuring Special Representative for Broadband Andy Berke of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Rep. Ruben Gallego, GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Gila River District 5 Councilman James De La Rosa.

The grants, funded by the Biden Administration’s American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, will be used to improve broadband for tribal communities in Arizona, Alaska, California, Connecticut,

Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Washington. The grants will fund broadband use and adoption projects to improve healthcare, workforce development, education, housing, and social services in tribal communities.

“This \$4.4 million in funding is vital for the Community, because it will allow us to take the next steps toward digital equity,” said Gov. Lewis. “We plan to expand access to affordable broadband programs throughout the Community and to create opportunities for all of our members to utilize technology in their everyday lives, whether that is for work, school, healthcare, or just to stay connected to each other.”

Arizona Congressman Ruben Gallego called the grant critical to improving technology across Indian Country. “The pandemic underscored the critical need for

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Andy Berke, NTIA, stands with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Congressman Ruben Gallego, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and District 5 Councilman James De La Rosa at the conclusion of the press conference held at the Governance Center in Sacaton. Kyle Knox/GRIN



GRIC youth Sayuri Jackson wears the 2022 GRIC MMIP T-shirt before the newly revealed MMIP billboard along Gilbert Road and Highway 87. The billboard will help bring awareness to the ongoing epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People in the highly traveled area. Photo courtesy of Jaime Jackson

May 5 Marked First Anniversary Recognizing Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

May 5 marked the first anniversary of two important milestones: The Gila River Indian Community in 2021, proclaimed it as Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Awareness Day in an executive order signed by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and President Joe Biden last May also designated the date as National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day.

Several cases involving missing indigenous people are unreported throughout the U.S. and state and homicides rates are not recorded. MMIP Awareness Day recognizes “the injustice to the victims and their families,” Lt. Gov. Antone said, “We have been very involved, tribally, state-wide and at all federal levels.”

As of 2016, more than 5,700 Indigenous women and girls were reported missing and only 14 of

those cases were logged with the Department of Justice, according to the National Crime Information Center.

The murder rate for Indigenous women is 10 times higher than the national average with indigenous women making up a significant portion of missing and murdered individuals, according to a study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Initially known as the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) movement to shed light and awareness on the longstanding crisis of violence against Indigenous women and girls, more awareness is being brought to the overall violence against Indigenous people. In the U.S. alone, 85 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women and 81 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native men will experience violence—higher than any other demographic, ac-

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THE CARING HOUSE ACHIEVES FIVE-STAR RATING BY CMS

On behalf of Gila River Health Care leadership, we are pleased to announce that on April 20, 2022, the Caring House reached an important milestone and was designated as a Five-Star certified facility by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This accomplishment places the Caring House among the top 10% of skilled nursing facilities in the country to receive a five star rating.

In 2017, the Caring House was rated a One-Star facility by CMS. Since, the staff have focused on measures to enhance compliance and operational improvement to ensure a high level of service provided to the residents. The newly achieved Five-Star designation demonstrates the team's commitment to not only maintain, but improve the care given to residents and members of Gila River Indian Community.

The Five-Star CMS rating system, formalized in 2008, created three domains to allow consumers to compare one nursing home to another. The domains are health inspections, staffing ratios, and quality measures which are then summarized in a one to five star rating system. One-Star is the lowest ranking and a Five-Star rating is the highest.

Members of the Gila River Indian Community Council, Health and Social Standing Committee, Gila River Health Care Board of Directors, Executive Leadership, and the entire team at the Caring House have worked in partnership to bring about this result. The Caring House could not have reached this result without each individual contribution. The entire Community has supported this effort.

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GRIC Members Help Preserve Huhugam History at Casa Grande Ruins

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Gila River Indian Community members Precious Vicente and Hunter Nish are helping to preserve Huhugam history by working as the only tribally affiliated members at the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge, which is one of the oldest structures in Arizona.

Vicente, from District 1 Uhs Kehk, has served as the interpretation and education intern for the past six months. "I work side-by-side with park volunteers and [National Park Service] staff to learn more about the depths of preservation and the work that is done here at the monument," she said.

Vicente also recently served as the historic preservation intern through the Indian Youth Service Corps Traditional Trades Advancement Program (TTAP), in partnership with the Department of Interior.

"When I came in here, it was a fresh start into learning a whole different field," said Vicente. "I was a little bit nervous when I came in here, too, because in [this] park specifically, there wasn't a lot of representation coming from the six affiliated tribes, considering this is a part of our ancestral lands."

Nish, from District 2 Hashan Kehk, started working on maintenance and ruins preservation in late January. "I definitely have an interest in not just the O'otham culture, but the culture of the Southwest," he said.

Nish said the cultural signif-



L-R, Sara Sutton, Lead Interpretive Park Ranger and Education Coordinator, Precious Vicente (District 1), Interpretation and Education Intern and Ben Littlefield, Superintendent. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

icance of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument transcends beyond the boundaries of the park and neighboring O'otham tribes. "[They] not only have a relation to O'otham communities, but the Hopi Tribe and Zuni Pueblo, as I've learned when starting work here," he said.

Working with the staff at the monument is one way he can connect and keep the culture alive, Nish noted. "We have this respon-

sibility to pay our respects... to places like these, places where we still see, that date back hundreds and hundreds of years ago," said Nish.

Sara Sutton, lead interpretive park ranger and education coordinator at the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, said the site was lucky to already have Vicente to bring a tribal and cultural perspective. "The whole project for this internship is around a project

called mission resilience... which is the idea to draw on the resilience of Casa Grande Ruins—the history here and the ancestral Sonoran Desert people," she said.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Superintendent Ben Littlefield said, "The Casa Grande Ruins was the first unit that was able to benefit from two Indian Youth Service Corps interns, and they are also part of the TTAP"

Having interns from neighboring tribal communities is a great opportunity for them to learn traditional trades and work on adobe walls to preserve them for future generations," said Littlefield. "We are really proud of taking advantage of the opportunity to bring in some local tribal youth in to the park to learn more about this site that is part of their ancestry and to learn some skills and hopefully get an interest in the park service and seek a career with us," he said.

Nish and Vicente both agreed that it would be beneficial to the park and the Community to see greater representation in the internship opportunities available at the Casa Grande Ruins. Sutton and Littlefield, agree and said they're trying to actively recruit from local tribal partners.



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Program Benefits

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Hunter Nish, enjoys learning how important Casa Grande Ruins are to many tribes in the Southwest. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

USDA Launches Grants for Rural and Tribal Communities for Increased Healthcare Improvements

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development made a stop in the Gila River Indian Community on April 18 to announce it is giving \$5.1 million in Emergency Rural Health Care Grants from expanded American Rescue Plan funds to 12 organizations and community groups in Arizona, including four tribal communities.

These funds provide critical dollars for health care providers to develop or implement telehealth, create nutrition assistance programs, increase staffing, construct or remodel facilities and purchase necessary medical supplies.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone welcomed USDA Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small and U.S. Rep. Tom O'Halleran along with representatives from the other 11 communities to Gila River Health Care at the Viola B. Johnson Building. The visit included a tour



Charlene Fernandez AZ State Director, Rural Development, Rep. Tom O'Halleran, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Xochitl Torres Small outside the GRHC Viola B. Johnson building in Sacaton, Ariz. Kyle Knox/GRIN

of the Huhukam Health Care Center and the Community's Mobile Vaccination Units used during the pandemic.

At the opening of the round table, Gov. Lewis said, "The

American Rescue Plan Act funding we're discussing today was historic not only for the amount of funding directed to tribal governments but also [as] an acknowledgment to our sovereignty to al-

low us to have the flexibility and how we address the pandemic on the ground in our communities."

Gov. Lewis applauded the Community's partnership with the Biden Administration and

congress for continuing to include rural and tribal communities in relief efforts. Under Secretary Small concurred.

"The Biden/Harris Administration knows that in order for rural communities and Indian Country to thrive into the future, you need to have quality healthcare, and that's why I was so proud to get to be here at Gila River Indian Community to celebrate \$5.1 million in emergency rural healthcare grants that are going to healthcare providers all across rural Arizona," Small said.

"It was encouraging to see the work that healthcare providers are doing and the way that they responded to COVID-19."

O'Halleran, serving Arizona District 1, said the USDA distributed funding quickly and efficiently and worked with rural hospitals and other health institutions to help battle COVID-19. "USDA grants have become critical to the overall success of getting us through the pandemic, especially for rural America and the tribes in Arizona," he said.

Broadband from the front page

increased broadband access in communities across Arizona," said Rep. Gallego, "especially in Indian Country, where citizens have historically been the most disconnected. NTIA's announcement and the Gila River Indian Community's leadership under Governor Lewis is a critical step to closing this gap, improving connectivity, and removing burdensome barriers to health care, education, and economic opportunity. I look forward to continuing my long partnership with

the Community and seeing the success stories that come from Gila River's use of these funds for services for their members."

Councilman De La Rosa, who began his career in the tech sector, spoke about how the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted broadband and technology deficiencies in his more rural district.

"At a time when the pandemic forced us into our homes for school, work, and our everyday activities, the technology deficiencies

became all too apparent," said the Councilman. "Today's award, coupled with the Community's long-term plans for broadband connectivity, education, and training, will help to create the infrastructure we need to put in place the comprehensive, integrated plan that we have long envisioned."

Arizona Congressman Tom O'Halleran, whose First District includes multiple tribal communities, also hailed the ARPA grants.

"Closing the digital divide starts with connect-

ing areas that have long been left behind, like far too many tribal communities in Arizona's First District," said O'Halleran. "Governor Lewis and I both know just how important high-speed, affordable broadband is to the holistic success of the Gila River Indian Community—that's why I couldn't be more pleased to see long-overdue funding I voted to secure headed to GRIC to connect families, health centers, and small businesses. I'm looking forward to continuing to work together on this issue."



Gov. Lewis, District 5 Councilman James De La Rosa, Congressman Ruben Gallego, and Andy Berke address the gathered Community and media at the press conference highlighting the new funding for broadband. Kyle Knox/GRIN

MMIP from the front page

cording to the National Institute of Justice.

In 2019, GRIC created the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples/Persons Response Team and began work in the Community with the Executive Office, Office of General Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor, Gila River Police Department, Tribal Social Services and Protective Services.

Later, Human Resources, the Communications & Public Affairs Office, Gila River Health Care – BHS and SANE, and Gila River Gaming Enterprises were also added.

The Gila River Police Department also established a cold case unit in collaboration with their violent crimes and homicide unit which identified over 74 cases from 1997 to present. So far, 18 of those cases have been closed, ac-

cording to GRPD Chief of Police, Timothy Chavez.

"We are one of very few tribal agencies throughout the country to have developed our own cold case unit," said Chief Chavez.

GRPD has made a silent witness number available at (520) 562-7144. Anyone with any information is encouraged to call, "if you see something, say something", is their motto and all calls remain anonymous.

To improve the cold case unit, GRPD has added a K9 unit and began working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the state's universities who teach and provide technical assistance with investigations.

Additionally, in 2019, state rep. Jennifer Jermaine (White Earth Ojibwe) sponsored the passing of HB2570 which led to the creation of the state's Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMI-

WG).

MMIWG study committee determines how the state can reduce and end the violence against Indigenous women and girls, establishes methods for tracking and collecting data on violence against Indigenous women and girls, reviews policies and practices, and identifies any barriers to state resources in tracking and reducing violence against Indigenous women and girls.

Lt. Gov. Antone and Chief Chavez were appointed to serve on the State's Study Committee for MMIWG which featured 23 members, which released a statewide study report, in partnership with Arizona State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2020.

• 160 Native American women and girls in the state were known to be missing from 1976-2018 and data shows the trend continued in 2019 and 2020, according to the

FBI's Supplemental Homicide Report and Just for Native women data.

•Native American women and girls of all ages are missing and murdered, ranging from infants to elders. Women are missing for almost twice as long as men, who average 12 years and while women average 21 years.

•Indigenous Peoples go missing across the state with the most in Maricopa and Navajo counties.

•Counties in Arizona that have higher populations such as Maricopa and Pima, have more Indigenous female homicides compared to counties with smaller populations.

•Most Native American women and girls were killed in urban cities of Phoenix, Mesa, and Scottsdale followed by rural areas. Women from 20-40 years old are at a higher risk of being killed.

•Majority of murders involved firearms followed

by knives and other weapons.

The Committee examined the problem through multidisciplinary and multi-jurisdictional lenses to identify the issues leading to cold cases, to missed opportunities to act quickly and rescue people, and to systematic problems with access to victim services, as stated in the final report.

Many families and victims faced jurisdiction issues, lack of support and resources, no data in law enforcement database, and financial impacts were also addressed.

Crime Victim Compensation is available to cover cost for medical, funeral, crime scene clean-up, counseling, and transportation for victims and families.

May 5, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day Events:

The Gila River Indian Community encouraged everyone to wear red on May

5 as a symbol of support, hope and acknowledgment and a virtual two-mile walk/run was held for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day.

Specially designed t-shirts were given to Community members who registered, designed by GRIC member Jaime Jackson. Participants are encouraged to share their journey and photos with social media with the hashtag #GRM-MIP22 or email Special.Events@gric.nsn.us.

At the state capitol, an MMIP Awareness Day event "Silent No More", was held and featured educational workshops on the state's existing and new laws on MMIP/victimization, youth leadership and MMIP awareness, advocacy for families and more.

Informational booths, event speakers and a memorial walk was also held followed by the lighting of the capitol.

District 5 Residents Celebrate Earth Day with Cleanup

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

At the second annual District 5 Earth Day cleanup April 22, a dozen Gila River Indian Community residents armed with trash bags and gloves assembled to gather debris near the road and parceled area of the recently demolished Arts and Crafts Center. The effort helped the Community ensure it remains clean and safe for the remaining plants and wildlife at the site.

“We started as an Earth Day cleanup during the pandemic in 2021, consisting of a small gathering of folks,” said Nichole Roderick, District 5 Community Services Department. “Today, we decided to include the Arts and Crafts site since it’s our second beloved project in the Community. Right now, there are plans to develop this area in the future, so we’re trying to keep it as clean as possible and let people know it’s very dear

to us.” Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, who also joined the effort, said, “Being out here for Earth Day, what does that really mean? It means being stewards of the land, the wildlife, the water, and when you do that, it takes care of us, as people. Whenever there’s a cleanup in the Community, I love to help because we’re all taking care of our land together, keeping it clean and safe. It’s a way of showing how



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone (far right) assisted District 5 members in the Earth Day cleanup at the former Arts & Crafts Center site. Kyle Knox/GRIN

much we appreciate our land.”

While carefully observing a nest of cactus wren chicks, Robert Johnson, Huhugam Heritage Center’s language specialist, reminded everyone of how important wildlife is when talking about Earth Day.

“Our history tells us

that we need to take care of the Earth, and we all have to respect the land, plants and the wildlife; the Earth in general,” said Johnson, who is from District 5 and helped build the Arts and Crafts Center, providing him with a unique tie to the site and a vested interest in helping keep it clean.

After the cleanup, Lt. Gov. Antone stated, “The land is always going to be important, especially when we think about the climate change we’re facing. For us, it’s about being stewards of the land, as Indigenous people, to take care of Mother Earth, which is sacred and also something we live off.”



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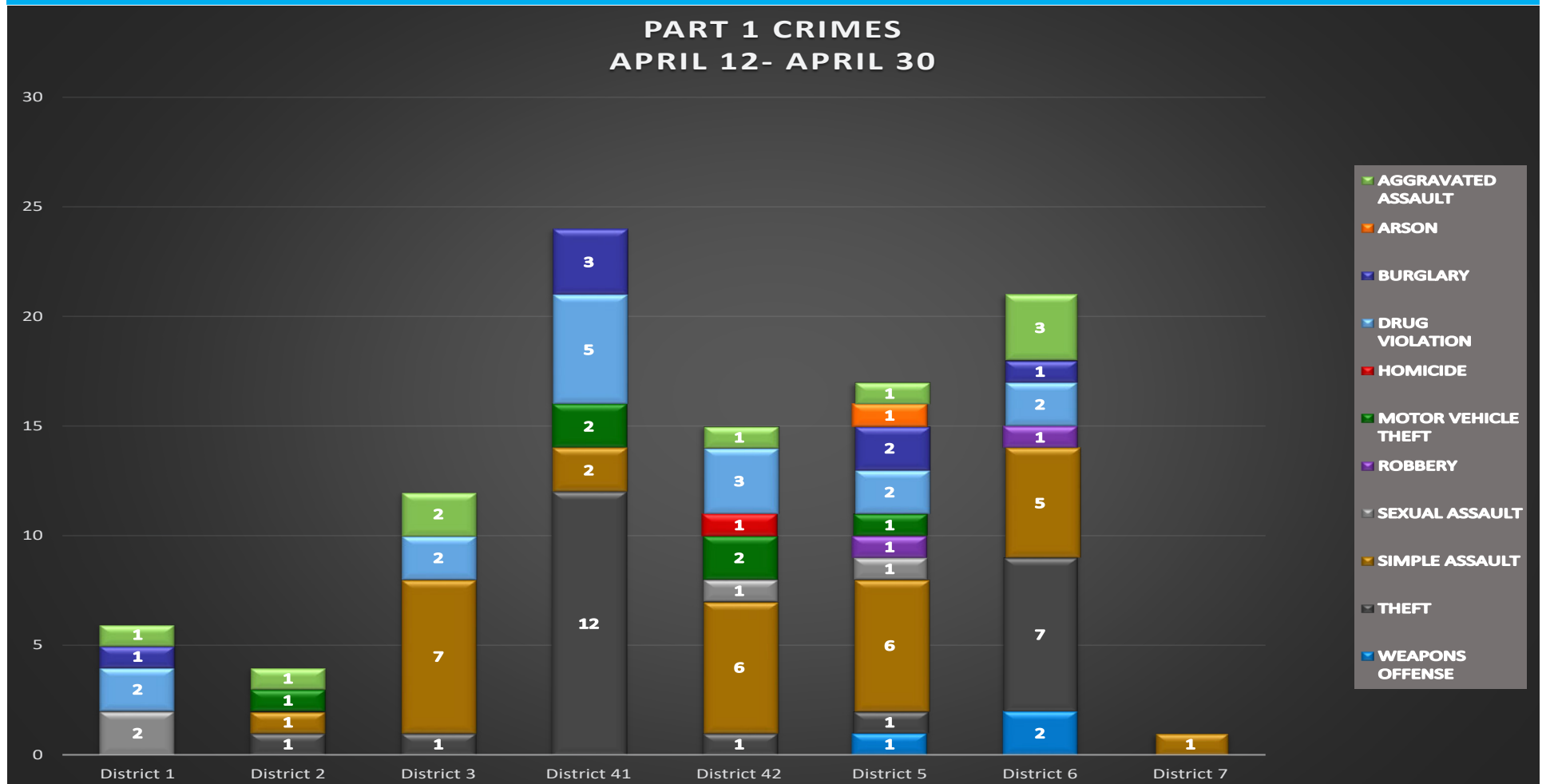
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Three Cactus Wren Chicks nest in a cactus near the Arts and Crafts Center in District 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



Community Members' Contributions Recognized on Earth Day

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) celebrated Earth Day April 22 with a virtual presentation aired on the Gila River Broadcast Corporation's Facebook page and via Zoom.

DEQ Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist Tison Gill said the focus this year was on Gila River Indian Community members doing their part to make the environment a better place for people and animals. Speakers included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River royalty, Community gardeners and others.

Gov. Lewis provided an overview of the Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 2004 that allowed the Community to protect the waters of the Gila River and receive water from the Colorado River as a supplement to their Keli Akimel (Old River). He said the Community's significant water supply would protect against drought and help it with "climate resilience."

With regard to resiliency, Gov. Lewis said, the Community embodies a sense of stewardship over the land and the history going back to the Huhugam, who lived in harmony with the land and the canals they constructed to sustain themselves.

"It is a proud legacy we all should embrace, because it is in our DNA and our connection to the Huhugam," he said.

Gov. Lewis also emphasized the importance of climate change and how it affects the Community in terms of the mega-drought, and how the Community must be a leader in devising solutions to water issues.

"We have been such good stewards of our natural resources—our shudag (water) with MAR 5 [Interpretive Trail] and implementing cutting-edge con-



Barnaby Lewis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Members from the Achem A'al (We Children) traditional O'otham Basket Dancers take part in a pre-recorded performance at the Manage Aquifer Recharge Site 5 on April 11. The pre-recorded performance, was part of the DEQ Earth Day virtual presentation aired on Gila River Broadcasting Corporation on April 22. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

servation practices—that's all in our value system," he said.

"During past events, DEQ has really focused on outreach and what DEQ does," said DEQ Acting Director Ryan Eberle. "For this year's Earth Day celebration, we have switched gears a little... and instead of solely talking about DEQ... we want to focus more on what [you] all are doing in the Community to improve the environment."

"No Earth Day celebration would be complete without cultural enrichment and a little competitive learning," Eberle added. "I am really excited to show you this presentation and extend a sincere 'thank you' to Tison Gill, staff at GRTI and all the participants and planners that contributed to this Earth Day event."

Gila River Royalty Kelsey Martinez, Miss Gila

River 2022-23, and Eliana Rhodes, Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23, offered their perspectives on what it means for Community members to seek greater participation in environmental stewardship.

"As stewards, we have great reverence for the whole Earth," Martinez said. "Earth Day is a special day to give our thanks and to keep [it] clean, which should be every day." She said it is a reminder to preserve the environment for future generations, and said elders are crucial for teaching Community members about the environment and cultural practices.

Rhodes echoed Martinez's remarks on keeping the environment clean for future generations. "As O'otham, we really know how to appreciate Mother Earth, especially all that she has done for us, with our crops and water," she said.

Norman Wellington from District 4 gave a tour of his garden, which consisted of tomatoes, onions, squash and garlic, among other vegetables, and noted that he helped his father farm alfalfa during his older years. Indigenous plants are both healing and healthy, he said, and can be used in basket and gourd making.

"It takes a commitment as far as putting in time into your garden and staying at it and being out every day and being active," said Wellington. He added it takes daily maintenance, but as things start to grow, people will see the fruits of their labor and understand how rewarding it is to grow edible plants.

"Everything comes full-circle ... and so it pays off," he said.

Abel Flores, a teacher at Gila Crossing Community School (GCCS), said they

grow vegetables including peppers, cilantro, garlic and tomatoes. He provided an overview of the schools' greenhouse, where students can work at several stations to plant, pot and take their vegetables home.

"I've been gardening most of my adult life," said Flores. "Here at GCCS, for the past five or so years, I have been helping with the garden." Flores said his introduction to gardening came in his high school years working for local nurseries in south Phoenix.

Christina Pablo, a Community gardener from District 5, went over how she developed her green thumb. "For the past three-and-a-half years on and off, I have been figuring out what works and doesn't work," she said.

She added that she is part of the agriculture committee and enjoys getting to know the local farmers and gardeners and learning valuable information from them. Her stepdad is a farmer who grows alfalfa and corn for cattle, so she said she has learned by watching and helping him.

It is important for her kids to live off of the land on what they have grown, she said, because they will get a better sense of accomplishment when they grow their own fruits and vegetables.

Commitment is a large part of growing food, Pablo commented, because a lot of work goes into gardening. "You need to treat [plants] as you would your kids," she said.

Former GRIC Lt. Governor and District 5 resident Robert Stone said he has been gardening most of

his life and has a sprawling garden called "Hothai," or Stone Gardens.

"I've been doing this in my backyard for as long as I have lived here," said Stone as he showed viewers around his garden, which largely consists of heirloom plants and vegetables. "I get the crops from other areas and research online through the seed catalogs."

Stone's property includes purple hullless barley, Sonoran wheat, Salt River peas and other crops from across the globe, like Karma Tibetan barley. Stone explained how crops can be grown and re-grown without tilling the soil, which allows for the continued growth of harvestable plants in a small area. "Start small if you're not experienced, because it is a lot of work," he said.

Other subjects covered during the virtual presentation included an overview of the Gila River MAR 5 Interpretive Trail, which is part of the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5. The area is maintained through the removal of invasive species and trimming out the trees to keep them healthy.

Many cottonwood trees and Gooding's Willow that line the Gila River Interpretive Trail came from various locations around Southern Arizona and the Community. Some were planted so Community members can use them for cultural purposes.

The virtual presentation concluded with a traditional dance by the Achem A'al (We Children) Traditional Pima Basket Dancers and a quiz that covered various Earth Day topics.

DEQ Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist Tison Gill, Gila River Royalty Kelsey Martinez, Miss Gila River 2022-23, and Eliana Rhodes, Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23, took part in the Earth Day virtual presentation. Screenshot by Gila River Indian News



Gila River EMT Brett Woodard Retires after 32 Years

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Emergency Medical Services (GREMS) gathered on April 20 to celebrate the retirement of Brett “Spike” Woodard, who dedicated 32 years of service to the Community. Coworkers

shared stories of their time with a Gila River EMS “original,” who talked about how much he meant to the department and Community, and showered him with praise and gifts.

“It feels pretty surreal,” Woodard said. “This has been a part of my life

for most of my life. When I first started, we only had two 24-hour ambulances, and now we have at least one or two in every district.” He reflected on the changes he’s seen over his time working in Gila River, recalling a time when the Community’s Bureau of

Indian Affairs law enforcement only had one to two officers to patrol the entire Community.

“I’m going to miss the job and my coworkers; they’re like my second family,” Woodard added. “I really enjoyed this job; it’s something I have always

wanted to do since I was a kid.” He noted that the television show “Ambulance” was his career inspiration from a young age.

Now, Woodard plans to move to northern Arizona, where he can enjoy cooler temperatures. However, he intends to remain

a friend to all in the Community and, upon departing, said, “To all my friends I’ve made over the years, I wish you well; don’t be a stranger in the future.”

GREMS Chief Kurt Rainbolt, a 29-year veteran, said Woodard started with the department before the Community had casinos or its own hospital. “He’s touched a lot of people’s lives in the Community and we’re going to miss his knowledge and his wonderful spirit,” Rainbolt said. “He’s been a pleasure to work with, and we’re all going to miss him.”

“He’s an incredible example of service and dedication,” GREMS Deputy Chief Kevin Knight said of Woodard’s character. “The legacy he’s left with our department and employees is incredibly important.” Knight also mentioned the running joke about Woodard’s lack of directional skills in his early days with GREMS, when he was always kidded about going the “wrong way.”

Knight added, “For Brett to be here for 32 years is pretty incredible. He has been a rock for our department. He’s trained a lot of our employees and has been a great example of service for our Community.”



GREMS Chief Rainbolt presents Brett Woodard with a shadowbox commemorating his 32 years of service to GREMS adorned with all of his former badges and patches over the years. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Class of

2022

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Arizona Cardinals Team Up with Gila River Resorts & Hotels to Host Football Camp

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Youth from the Gila River Indian Community took to the field to learn the fundamentals of football from the pros on April 23 when the Arizona Cardinals organization and Gila River Resorts & Casinos teamed up to host a youth football camp at the District 4 ball field.

The team's mascot, "Big Red," former Cardinals guard Taitusi "Deuce" Lutui and Cardinals Community Relations and Youth Football Manager Coach Mo Streey led about 40 young Community members in a series of drills.

The morning started out with stretches and warm-ups to get everyone ready. The drills tested participants' ability to pass, rush and catch a pass, all while in continuous movement.

At each station, the Cardinals cheerleaders along with Lutui and Big Red encouraged the youths to try their hardest. Big Red and Lutui often switched roles, playing both defense and offense depending on the station.

"The purpose of today's camp is to have five stations where the kids get to interact and catch the football, throw and run with it to get them more fit," said Streey. He said the youth football camps are part of the NFL's "Play 60" initiative that brings the Cardinals to communities in and around the Phoenix area.

According to the NFL's website, "NFL Play 60 is the league's national youth and wellness campaign that encourages kids to get physically active for at least 60



GRIC youth took part in the first Arizona Cardinals Youth Camp since the re-opening of gatherings in the Community. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

minutes a day."

"I've been with youth football in Arizona for almost 30 years," said Streey. "This year (we have) about 30 to 40 events, which can serve as many as 200 kids a week." The football camps vary in size and are geared for youths of various ages, he added.

After the football camp was over, each participant received an autographed poster of the Cardinals Cheerleader squad.

"[We] love bringing these types of activities out to the kids," said Manuel Hernandez, Gila River Re-

sorts & Casinos public relations coordinator. "This is the first one we've hosted coming out of the pandemic. It is really good to have the kids out, meeting Big Red and the players and having a good time."

Hernandez said the youth camp is one way Gila River Resorts & Casinos and local sports teams give back to the Community. "Everything we do with our partners reflects the Community, so we invite them out to the Community to interact with the members and youth."



Arizona Cardinals mascot Big Red goes through a stretching exercise with youth from the Community. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A GRIC youth catches a long pass by Big Red during the football drills on April 23. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



12 Students Honored with Scholarships at Annual Benefit Dinner

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

After two years on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 26th Annual Josiah N. Moore Memorial Scholarship Benefit Dinner was held to recognize students' academic success and Moore's legacy. Twelve students in all received scholarships at the dinner, held at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass on April 23.

Organized by the Arizona State University Native American Alumni Chapter, the benefit dinner helps fulfill Moore's life-long vision of providing and improving educational programs for Native Americans.

Moore, a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation (TON), was raised in the village of Santa Rosa and Ajo. He paved the way for Indigenous peoples in education as an English professor at ASU, and after, returned to his homeland to serve as chairman of the TON.

"We are so happy to have our scholarship recipients and alumni gather for this year's program," said Sahmie Joshevama, president of the ASU Native American Alumni Chapter. "Every year, the Native American Alumni chapter hosts [this] significant event to recognize the scholarship recipients as a way to reconnect to ASU, as ASU alumni."

Joshevama said the COVID-19 pandemic halted plans for an in-person dinner the last two years. "There have been many hurdles and challenges that we had to overcome in order to be in this space where we are able to come together," she said.

"We appreciate all your support for all of the students," said Jacob Moore, ASU assistant vice-president of tribal relations and son of the late Josiah Moore. He said many of the

recipients are going to take on meaningful roles in their careers.

"We have a lot of bright and talented young minds ... attending all of our universities, especially at ASU; we are proud of our students," Moore said. He added it is a pleasure to foster a new crop of students from tribal communities across the state of Arizona.

Moore read a manuscript on his father's life and notable achievements. According to Moore, when his dad took office, he introduced greater autonomy to the TON through infrastructure building. He also worked to improve the economic welfare of the TON and revise the constitution to reflect its culturally appropriate name: Tohono O'odham.

"He spoke softly and bridged the gap between two worlds that distrusted each other," Moore said. He noted that his father wanted better education, housing, jobs and economic prosperity for the TON while respecting the traditions of the Nation's members.

"Moore's life was spent teaching others how to seek improvement, without destroying tradition... how to walk in two worlds with grace," said the younger Moore.

The dinner included a special performance by the Chi'chino Spirit Dance Group led by Kristopher Dosela of Gila River Indian Community District 6. The group includes members from each of the southern O'otham tribes as well as traditional female basket dancers.

Dosela told the story of how the traditional dances came into creation, with some of them passed on from generation to generation based on history, noble acts and special meanings in O'otham culture.

Annabell Bowen, the 2022 Native American Alumnus of the Year, also gave remarks. "I come

Singers and dancers from the Chi'chino Spirit Dance Group perform at the Josiah Moore Scholarship Dinner held at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos–Wild Horse Pass. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Miss Gila River 2022-2023 Kelsey Martinez provides the opening remarks at the Josiah Moore Scholarship Dinner on April 23. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

from a long line of teachers, healers and medicine people, and those are my first 'professors,' as I would say," she said. Bowen, a member of the Navajo Nation with ties to the Seneca Nation of New York, was raised on the western Navajo town of Tuba City.

Throughout her educational and professional



Alumnus of the Year Annabell Bowen is surrounded by current and alumni whom she's supported throughout her years at ASU. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

journey, she said, she is reminded to be respectful of her own history, because that was her strength as a college student away from home. "This is what I always share with my students: The first university is the community you come from and to be proud of that, because you carry [those] teachings with you when you come to campus," said Bowen, who reflected on years of service to Indigenous students at

ASU.

All scholarship recipients are listed below.

2022 scholarship recipients:

- Josiah N. Moore Memorial Scholarships**
- Savannah Nelson
- Nicholet Deschine
- Parkhurst
- McKenzie Allen-Charmley
- Dahpne Leonard
- Dollie Yazzie Outstanding Student Leadership Scholarship**
- Jai Bitsoih

- On Q Financial, Inc., Sponsored Josiah N. Moore Scholarship**
- Royce Perez
- ASU Native American Alumni Chapter Scholarship**
- Anyell Mata
- Adrianna Martinez
- Cheneil Jones
- Kaela Henry,
- Keena Numkena
- Michael LaValley

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Ira H. Hayes American Legion Auxiliary Unit 84 Members Gather to Celebrate Service

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Auxiliary Unit 84 gathered at the Matthew B. Juan – Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, April 24, to celebrate more than two decades of service to the Gila River Indian Community. The post has

served the veterans, community, state and nation for 23 continuous years.

They enjoyed a meal and cake at the park, which had been closed due to the pandemic.

“It was good, but we were only allowed 50 people for a gathering, so it was mostly us and the post,” said Carlotta McDaniel,

president for Auxiliary Unit 84 since 2016. There are currently 52 members and 10 junior members.

Open to spouses or relatives of military veterans, the Auxiliary Unit 84 supports the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 with events and activities. These include planning and coordinating the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary events, which draws thousands of visitors and spectators from around the country for the annual parade, along with holiday visits with veterans at the Caring House Skilled Nursing Facility and more.

“It’s rewarding, especially when you do things for the veterans,” said McDaniel. She joined the auxiliary under her late father, Army veteran Johnathan Enos.

McDaniel said it was difficult not being able to visit the veterans in person during the pandemic, but care packages were left at their doors.

At the celebration, the Auxiliary Unit 84 also honored the late Katherine Zepeda, who was president when the charter was signed on April 24, 1999.

“It was hard for everyone, especially the older members,” said McDaniel of Zepeda’s passing.

As for the next anniversary of Auxiliary Unit 84, McDaniel says they will skip next year and focus on planning something special for their 25th anniversary in 2024.

In the future, members of the auxiliary unit and Post 84 will focus on Me-

morial Day, when they will pay a visit to the memorial monuments throughout the Community.

For more information on the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Auxiliary Unit and Post 84, visit irahayes-post84.org or call (520) 562-8484.



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Ira H. Hayes Auxiliary Secretary, Emilie Lopez and President, Carlotta McDaniel during the 23 year celebration at the Ira H. Hayes - Matthew B. Juan Veterans Memorial Park. Photo courtesy of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Auxiliary Unit 84



Ira H. Hayes American Legion Auxiliary Unit 84 celebrates 23 years of service to the Community on April 24. Photo courtesy of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Auxiliary Unit 84

GRIC Wellness Center Hosts First Annual Youth Free Throw Contest

Submitted by Tribal Recreation and Wellness

On Saturday, April 30 2022, Tribal Recreation & Wellness held the First Annual Youth Free Throw

Contest at the District 2 Service Center, one of the first in-person sports activities. The three age divisions

included ages 10-12, 13-15, and 16-17. The youth participants had the opportunity to show off their free


throw skills! Each participant attempted to make 10 free throws in a row in order to be considered the champion of their respective division. A total of 25 Indigenous youth participated this year with most being from the Community.

“It felt really good to come back out and see all the kids that entered into the free throw contest. Especially after coming back from COVID. I know a lot of kids had to get back into things and it felt good to see all the parents that made it out in a safe way and be able to try to get back into sports again which is good for the community and good for the kids,” said Camille Miguel, a District

proud parent of one of the contestants.

Jace El, from District 3 Community won the free throw title in the 10-12 age division, Amare P., from District 2 took the champion title in the 13-15 age division, and Alexander S., from District 5 secured a winning spoils as the champion in the 16-17 age division. Gila River Tribal Recreation & Wellness would like to thank all of the parents and youth who participated this year as well as the District 2 Service Center for graciously providing their facility. For more information on upcoming events, please call (520) 562-2026 to be put on the TRW email listing.

Alexander Setoyant stands with his award for winning the free throw contest in the 16-27 year old division. Photo courtesy of Tribal Recreation and Wellness


Pesticide Control Office

Things to Ask When Hiring a Pest Control Company

Pesticide related activities within the Gila River Indian Community are regulated by the DEQ Pesticide Control Office (PCO). Each pest control company applying pesticides must be permitted by the PCO.

When looking to hire a pest control company, ask them some general questions to determine if they are the right company for you:

- **Do you have a Pesticide Use Permit from the PCO?** (Company can contact PCO for information on obtaining a permit, or you may ask for a current listing of permitted pest control companies.)
- **Are your applicators certified to apply pesticides?**
- **Where will pesticides be applied? Inside or outside?** (Precautions required to allow pesticides to dry before children and pets can enter sprayed/treated areas.)
- **What types of pesticides are used?**
- **Do you follow an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program?**



What to Know About Pest Control

- **What is a Pest?** Any insect, animal, or plant that are harmful or a nuisance to humans, crops, or livestock.
- **What is a pesticide?** A chemical substance that is meant to kill or repel a pest. Types of pesticides include:
 - Insecticides – insects;
 - Herbicides – plants (weeds);
 - Rodenticides – rodents (rats & mice);
 - Bactericides – bacteria;
 - Fungicides – fungi;
 - Larvicides – larvae (mosquitoes).

Contact the Pesticide Control Office at (520)562-2234
www.GRICDEQ.org

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 20, 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, April 20, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Arzie Hogg

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-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Christopher Mendoza; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

D4-Regina Antone

D5-Wahlean Riggs

D6-Terrance Evans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF MARCH OF MARCH 17, 2022 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #4, #5, AND #6 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #2; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD NEW BUSINESS #3 – REQUEST FROM SALT RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO MEET WITH GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Facilities Maintenance Department Director, Henry Quintana

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Henry Quintana

MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MR. HENRY QUINTANA AS THE NEW FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR. MR. QUINTANA IS FROM CALIFORNIA AND WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 22 YEARS. MR. QUINTANA HOLDS A CERTIFICATE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION. MR.

QUINTANA HAS IDEAS ON IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS NEW EMPLOYMENT. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS WELCOMED MR. QUINTANA TO THE COMMUNITY AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM.

REPORTS

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

Presenter: Daniel Hoyt

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Haskell Osife Antone Post 51 FY2022 2nd Quarter Budget Report

Presenters: David Anderson, Belen Lawlor

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

>4. NYCP Final Report

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Anthony Gray, Charlotte Forte

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Gila River Head Start Self-Assessment 2022

Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Head Start Program Monthly Report February 2022

Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. FY22 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending March 31, 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget Modification No. 1 For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with amendments and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Amendment to Declaration of Vacancy (EDSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business with a recommendation to reduce the advertisement for the GRICUA Board of Directors Vacancy from 90 days to 60 days pursuant to the Code of Conduct) (EDSC motions to make amendments to the qualifications of the GRICUA Board of Directors job description)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REVISE THE VACANCY FROM 90 DAYS TO 60 DAYS AND REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE BOARD POSITION

NEW BUSINESS
1. GRIC Assessment (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with additional material to schedule a work session on May 12th -14th, 2022, utilizing Dues & Delegations for any interested Council member to attend, with the location to be determined)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones, Steve Olkewicz, Jeffrey Yefsky

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE A WORK SESSION ON MAY 12-14, 2022

>2. Gila River Sand & Gravel External Audit and Financial Statements FY2021 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda, EDSC concurs)

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

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

{ADDENDUM TO AGENDA}

3. Request from Salt River Indian Community Council to meet with Gila River Indian Community Council

Presenter: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FORWARD TO THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

MINUTES

1. March 17, 2022 (Special)

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. April 6, 2022 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:04 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

“FRAME MY FUTURE”

Submitted by
Deante' Moore
University of North Texas

My name is Deante' Moore, and I am a Master's student at the University of North Texas, the top ranked Counseling program in Texas, pursuing my degree in clinical mental health. I am also a UNT alumni, I graduated in 2015 with my undergraduates in psychology minoring in counseling. I have BIG NEWS I would love to share! I applied for my first national scholarship "Frame My Future Scholarship Contest 2022". This scholarship had 2,064 applicants and I have been selected as one of the 25 Finalists in Church Hill Classics' Frame My Future Scholarship Contest 2022. The entrant with the most votes, Grand Prize Winner, will earn a \$6,000 scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year! The entrant with the 2nd most votes will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, the entrant with the

3rd most votes will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and the entrant in 4th will receive a \$500 scholarship. The voting will end on May 20th and you can vote every 24 hrs! This is their 14th annual Frame My Future Scholarship Contest. You can vote using my direct link <https://m.lndg.page/Lwvwfh?sre=pjnmWJSn-WwqAN> or going to bit.ly/FMF2022 and then searching for my artwork and hitting the heart icon under my entry. I am the only UNT student as a finalist and the only Native American Tribal member as a finalist. This scholarship required applicants to submit a original artwork that represents how they vision their future. As a artist I was drawn to this scholarship because art has been the way that I best communicate and reach others in a way that is sometimes hard to put into words. My artwork is a self portrait, featuring symbolism representing both my black and native culture

and the colors consist of all different shades of brown. As a student on-campus I currently hold the Vice President position for the Native American Student Association. I am Akimel O'odham and Tohono O'odham enrolled with the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona and my family is from District 5. I am also Black and serve as the Chief of Operations and Social Media Coordinator for the Coalition of Black Counselors. Off-campus I am an ambassador for the American Indian Heritage Day in Texas and a member of the United National Indian Tribal Youth in Dallas and am a member of the Texas Counseling Association. I will be the first in my immediate family to graduate with my Master's and I hope to continue to be the first in my family to receive a Ph.D. in the future! I would be grateful to have my story shared to increase my chances and also to have your support to help me achieve my goals and dreams. This scholarship will serve not just as finan-



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Frame my Future National Scholarship Finalist

M.S. Clinical Mental Health Graduate Student at the University of North Texas

*** Please Vote by clicking the Heart icon on my Entry Every 24 Hrs ***

cial assistance but as the additional time that I can be granted to continue to serve my communities. I am closer to the end of my academic career in the counseling

program and I will be entering the stage of practicum and non-paid internships. This will take more of my time which would limit my ability to stay involved in my community service. I

would be grateful to not only continue my work but also do more in the community with this scholarship as my support.

Dive Into Summer at Gila River Resorts & Casinos With a Thrilling Season of Fun

Submitted by Gila River Resorts and Casinos

CHANDLER, Ariz. (May 2, 2022) – As a leader in entertainment, Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte, and Vee Quiva, wants you to “Own Your Moment” with 120 Ways to Summer. Kicking off Memorial Day weekend, Gila River is hosting the exclusive Summer Oasis Pool Party series, grand opening of the Topgolf Swing Suite, and \$75K Resort Life Giveaway.

Oasis Pool Party

Gila River is excited to launch the Summer Oasis Pool Party series at Wild Horse Pass. Hosted by Phoenix Suns player Jae Crowder, celebrity DJs are taking over the Oasis Pool for the hottest party in the Valley. The last Saturday of every month through September, the Oasis Pool will transform into a Las Vegas-style pool party where people can splash to the beats of internationally recognized DJs. This can't miss event of the summer is open to all ticketed guests and the general public. The recently expanded pool area features two new pools with posh cabanas that are available to rent. General

From the Topgolf Swing Suite to massive pool parties, Gila River offers an unforgettable experience for all guests



Rooftop view of the new Oasis Pool area that featuring a variety of guest DJ's and performers this summer. Photo courtesy of Gila River Resorts and Casinos

admission tickets are \$40 per person and cabana rentals start at \$1,400 for up to ten people. The concert series lineup includes:

- May 28 – 3lau
- June 25 – Breathe Carolina
- July 30 – R3hab
- Aug. 27 – Side-piece

- Sept. 24 – Nicky Romero

Topgolf Swing Suite

Guests can escape the heat by heading indoors to test their golf skills at the Topgolf Swing Suite at Wild Horse Pass. This is the first-ever Topgolf Swing Suite in Arizona. Not only can guests practice their

golf game, but they can play other virtual sports such as soccer, baseball, and other classic games. The space overlooks the lively casino floor and has a bar with tabletop games, live table games, a broadcast booth as well as TVs to watch live sports. Additionally, people can rent out the

space for private parties or corporate meetings. The Topgolf Swing Suite's grand opening is set for Friday, May 27.

\$75K Resort Life Giveaway

Gila River is hosting the “\$75K Resort Life Giveaway” promotion. Every Monday in June,

THE Card® members have a chance to win the ultimate suite life experience. Members can visit any Gila River location to win free bonus play and exclusive prizes including \$25,000 cash or a VIP Resort Package stay at Wild Horse Pass with dinner at the new rooftop restaurant Prime, a Shula's Steak House, spa treatments, and more.

“We are thrilled to elevate our entertainment offerings to give our guests the ultimate one stop shop for summer fun,” said Dominic Orozco, president and chief marketing officer at Gila River Resorts & Casinos. “This is our first year with the resort designation, and we are proud to bring an upscale vibe where people can indulge and soak up summer with refreshed amenities and exclusive offerings.”

Every Gila River Resorts & Casinos location offers exhilarating experiences where guests can enjoy 120 Ways to Summer. From new live table games, to the BetMGM Sportsbook, and luxury accommodations, Gila River has something for everyone.

For more information on 120 Ways to Summer, visit [PlayAtGila.com/Summer](https://playatgila.com/Summer).

Gila River Resorts & Casinos to Donate Jackpot Funds to Local Nonprofits

Submitted by Gila River Resorts and Casinos

CHANDLER, Ariz. (April 27, 2022) — Gila River Resorts & Casinos

– Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte, and Vee Quiva, are accepting applications from nonprofits state-wide for its self-excluded jackpot fund beginning June 1. The deadline to apply is Thursday,

June 30 at 5 p.m. All Arizona 501(c)(3) organizations that are recognized by the IRS and focus on education and children's welfare are eligible for consideration to receive

self-excluded jackpot funds. The nonprofits can apply online through June 30. The selected applicants will be notified in September and honored during a special Gila River Cares event in October.

“We are privileged to further support Gila River Cares mission of giving back through the self-excluded jackpots,” said Kenneth Manuel CEO of Gila River Resorts & Casinos. “The funds help smaller yet influential organizations thrive and we look forward to discovering and supporting new nonprofits each year.”

Last year, more than \$84,000 was distributed across three nonprofits benefiting Arizonans including one•n•ten, ICAN: Positive

Programs for Youth, and The Tommy Two Shoes Literacy Project for Children. Self-excluded jackpot funds are accumulated when a gaming winner is ineligible to receive their winnings on table games, slot machines or bingo. This

money is distributed to help further support Gila River Cares mission of giving back to locals in need.

To apply and view eligibility qualifications visit <https://playatgila.com/gila-river-cares/>.

Contaminated Recycling

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY RECYCLABLE ITEMS HAVE FOOD RESIDUE OR LIQUID LEFT IN CONTAINERS?

Dirty recyclables can affect everything in your bin. Do your best to empty liquids from containers and give a quick wipe to remove food residue. Contamination is the primary reason why China (formerly our largest buyer) now accepts only a fraction of recyclables from the United States. Food residue also creates unsanitary & unsafe conditions for employees sorting the material!

Thank you!

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
TO: ALICIA FLORES LUCERO
IN THE MATTER OF ALICIA FLORES LUCERO Petitioner/
Plaintiff vs. ALICIA FLORES LUCERO Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: FM-2022-0012-PT
CIVIL SUMMONS NOTICE
TO: ALICIA FLORES LUCERO
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:
Friday, July 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM 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.
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 3rd day of May, 2022



Miracle League is awarded is awarded \$25,397.99 during a check presentation in 2020 Photo courtesy of Gila River Resorts and Casinos

For additional information on recycling and the Department of Environmental Quality programs, please visit our website: GRICDEQ.ORG (520) 562-2234



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

Letters of interest can be submitted:

Executive Office
PO Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147

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

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

For more information please contact: 520-562-9840



2022 ANDY HARVEY INDIGENOUS YOUTH MEDIA WORKSHOP, "Tell Your Story"

Submitted by Northern Arizona University

FLAGSTAFF, AZ - Applications are currently open for Northern Arizona University's 10th annual Andy Harvey Indigenous Youth Media Workshop to all students currently in grades 8 - 12, with preference given to Native American high-school juniors and seniors.

This year's workshop will be held June 19-25. Students will live on the NAU campus and learn how to tell stories using the creative skills of digital filmmaking, photography, audio production, and

broadcast journalism. The workshop concludes with a live student produced newscast in NAU's 3-camera high-definition TV studio.

This year's workshop will also include a Broadcast and Media Career Fair, where students will learn about internships and career opportunities from Arizona broadcast and media professionals.

Tuition is \$50. Scholarships are available.

This workshop encourages Native American and other high school students to work together to tell the stories that are most important to them and their

communities. This was the vision of the late Andy Harvey who told stories important to him at KPNX 12News in Phoenix. His hope was that the next generation would take up the torch and be the storytellers of their communities. At the workshop named in his honor, students tell stories important to them with this year's focus on sports, arts and entertainment, education, environment, and technology.

The workshop began in 2012 and is supported by the TEGNA Foundation/Channel 12 KPNX, Dow Jones News Fund, Chauncy Foundation, Ari-

zona Broadcasters Association, Cook Native American Ministries Foundation, Hearst Foundation, Scripps Foundation, NAU Native American Cultural Center, Native Public Media, KTNN Radio, NAU President's Office, NAU Economic Policy Institute, and NAU School of Communication.

To learn more visit: nativeamericanbroadcastworkshop.org.

To view last year's work, check out our YouTube channel and to get updates, like us on Facebook!



Andy Abishai Harvey, Jr. (1976-2012). Photo courtesy of Northern Arizona University

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IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: GWENDOLYN MARIE STEPHENS IN THE MATTER OF RAMON GARCIA JACKSON Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. GWENDOLYN MARIE STEPHENS Respondent/Defendant CASE Number: FM-2022-0011-DV CIVIL SUMMONS NOTICE 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: Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUO 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 May, 2022

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: DAVIS WADE ANTONE IN THE MATTER OF DORIAN ANTONE Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. DAVIS WADE ANTONE Respondent/Defendant CASE Number: FM-2018-0109-DV CIVIL SUMMONS NOTICE 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: Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom I,

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