



## GRIC Leaders Attend Women’s Leadership Forum Conference in Nation’s Capital

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Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Community Council Representatives Jennifer Allison, Ann M. Lucas, and Wahlean J. Riggs made an historic visit to Washington D.C. late last month, becoming the first all-female delegation to represent the Community at the federal level by taking part in the Democratic National Committee Women’s Leadership Forum (WLF) conference held on Sept. 30.

The delegation’s visit to the nation’s capital included a meeting with Vice President Kamala Harris, which Lt. Gov. Antone described as a life highlight – during which she exchanged compliments and extended an invite to come and visit the Community.

“It was very much an honor and humbling,” said Lt. Gov. Antone. “We were in awe to meet her. It was something that happens once in a lifetime. You’ll always remember and cherish a memory like that.”

In addition to the Vice President, the WLF event featured a number of high profile female leaders, including First Lady Jill Biden, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, and former U.S. State Sec-



(L-R) District 4 Comm. Council Rep. Jennifer Allison, District 5 Comm. Council Rep. Wahlean J. Riggs, DNC Chair Jaime Harrison, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and District 2 Comm. Council Rep. Ann M. Lucas meet in Washington, D.C. Emma Hughes/GRIN

retary of State and WLF co-founder Hillary Rodham Clinton.

“We’re so glad that WLF members were able to gather together again after years of being virtual,” said Women’s Leadership Forum Director Emma Rosenthal. “We made this the most successful WLF Conference ever, and we are so grateful for

your support.”

Citing the motivating speeches and inspiration she garnered from fellow female leaders, Lt. Gov. Antone called the trip a “powerful” experience for all in attendance – and the sort of gathering likely to create more women leaders at all levels of government.

“If I can do it, you can do it too,” said Lt. Governor. “As women, we have a service to our country, we’re public servants, we’re servants of the people. And no matter what it takes, you should never give up. You have to believe in yourself.”

Councilwoman Allison, who represents District 4, echoed this sentiment, calling it an honor to be in attendance on behalf of GRIC and all Native American communities across the U.S.

“Representation matters,” said Allison.

Actor, philanthropist, and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Priyanka Chopra Jonas led a conversation with Vice President Harris at the event. Their discussion touched on the climate crisis, gun legislation, diversity in office, and the progress of the Biden Administration.

Vice President Harris also spoke of maternal mortality and healthcare as topics of concern.

“Black women are three times more likely to die in connection with childbirth,” said the Vice president. “Native women are one and a half times more likely to die. Rural women are about 60 percent more likely to die. We need to deal with it – and a lot of it

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## Arizona Coyotes Debut GRRC Patch on Home Jersey

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The Arizona Coyotes and Gila River Resorts & Casinos (GRRC) celebrated a milestone in their 15-year partnership on Sept. 22 with the reveal of the new Arizona Coyotes home jersey adorned with a GRRC patch. The businesses also announced a multi-year partnership extension agreement with branding entitlement.

“Today is an incredible day and cele-



Kenneth Manuel, GRRC CEO and Xavier A. Gutierrez, Arizona Coyotes President and CEO at Gila River Resorts & Casinos - Wild Horse Pass. Kyle Knox/GRIN

bration—not only of a business partner, but a true community partner—and we are honored to have the GRRC logo on the front of what’s considered the most popular jersey in Arizona history for the world to see,” said Arizona Coyotes President and CEO Xavier A. Gutierrez.

As the first Latino president and CEO of the National Hockey League, Gutierrez said representation matters. “These are the opportunities we get to bring to the foreground,” he said, adding, “I am so honored that the world will see our partnership and what we and the Gila River Indian Community stands for.”

Kenneth Manuel, CEO of GRRC, said, “Growing up in District 4, I know what it’s like before and after gaming, so to see what GRRC is able to do and give back through these partnerships, it warms my heart, because I know it will all ultimately benefit the Community.”

Manuel said he was amazed to see how the Coyotes partnership has evolved over the years and considers the addition of the GRRC patch a “great honor as a member of the Gila River Indian Community and CEO of GRRC and as a symbol of the ever-evolving [Coyotes] partnership.”

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## Voter Registration Events Begin in Community



District 5 Community Councilman James De La Rosa with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the District 5 voter registration event on Sept. 27. CPAO Photo

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National Voter Registration Day was Sept. 20, and to help the effort, the Gila River Indian Community Communication & Public Affairs Office and Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) launched voter registration events throughout the Community with a kickoff that day at the District 3 Multipurpose Building. The events aim to register new voters, verify existing voter information and inform Community members about election day resources.

Tables lined the parking lot for Community members to quickly access information on voting, registering to vote, and updating existing voter information.

“It’s definitely important to be involved in local, state and federal elections, especially this midterm, because there are things on the ballot that can affect our day-to-day lives,” said Alexander Castillo-Nunez, Civic Engagement Coordinator for ITCA. “It was a great turnout today;

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Thursday October 27	D3 Headstart 10 am - 2 pm
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# Miss Indian Arizona Looks Back at 2021-22 Reign

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As Alyse Marrietta, District 3, nears the completion of her reign serving as the 60th Miss Indian Arizona (MIA) 2021-22, she looked back on her experiences serving the Gila River Indian Community and the state's 22 tribes. A farewell event recognizing the completion of her reign took place Sept. 18 at the Shelde Building at Wild Horse Pass, where friends, family and GRIC leadership gathered to celebrate her accomplishment.

"It's been one of the greatest honors of my life to hold this title and to represent all the tribes of Arizona," said Marrietta, who graduated in 2019 from Arizona State University's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said, "She's incredibly poised with dignity and just wisdom; we're all proud of her."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone provided a prayer for the event, spoke of Marrietta's humbleness and thanked her for taking on leadership among other women in the Community.

"Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone have always supported my endeavors and tribal royalty," Marrietta said. "So the fact that I stepped up to run for Miss Indian Arizona couldn't have been without their support."

Marrietta, who also was Miss Gila River 2020-21, served both her reigns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It means a lot to me," Marrietta said. "I knew that it was going to be a special time, almost like a revitalization, because the last two years they hadn't had a pageant."

She continued, "I knew that we needed to kind of step things



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Miss Indian Arizona 21-22 Alyse Marrietta, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone celebrate Marrietta's successful reign at her farewell celebration Sept. 18.** Emma Hughes/ GRIN

up in terms of just reminding people of the role that Miss Indian Arizona has for the communities and being an ambassador for outside organizations and other events."

Marrietta shared how the role of Miss Gila River helped her run for Miss Indian Arizona.

"I think that [it] really prepared my speaking skills, and just being able to think outside the box in terms of how to outreach to people," she said, "especially during a time when we're trying to transition ourselves as a whole world from the pandemic to post-pandemic."

Marrietta's platform as Miss Indian Arizona has been to encourage others to practice and focus on self-care, "finding the balance

between our physical, mental and spiritual well-being," she said.

She implemented this approach by sharing her ideas, thoughts and self-care practices during speaking engagements and on social media.

Marrietta added, "I really enjoyed reaching out to the youth and encouraging them to learn more about their Indigenous identities."

She said she didn't know much about who she was as an Indigenous person when she was young, but it was important to learn about the cultural aspects and the issues that face our people today so she could pass them on to the youth. "They're the next generation that is going to find solutions and be innovative to help our

people," Marrietta said. Highlights of her reign as Miss Indian Arizona included being involved with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness event at the Arizona State Capitol in May of this year.

"My experience being Miss Indian Arizona was quite an amazing journey for me," Marrietta said. "I saw myself grow a lot."

District 4 Councilwoman Regina Antone, who also was present for the celebration, said, "I followed [Marrietta] all the way through, and I've been her support, through letters and things that she needs."

Antone added, "I feel like she's still going places. She's not done yet."



**Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis commends Alyse Marrietta on a successful reign as Miss Indian Arizona 21-22.** Emma Hughes GRIN



**Outgoing Miss Indian Arizona 21-22 Alyse Marrietta and the current Miss Gila River 22-23 Kelsey Martinez during the farewell celebration.** Emma Hughes/ GRIN

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has to do with disparities.”

Democratic National Committee Chair Jaime Harrison invited the GRIC delegation for an opportunity to discuss tribal sovereignty, voting efforts, and challenges within tribal communities. GRIC leaders explained the significant voting barriers tribal and rural communities face during elections. Part of the issue, they explained, is often the lack of a physical address necessary to register to vote.

“I’ve seen firsthand how impactful your roles, your positions in leadership can be in terms of transforming lives,” Harrison told the GRIC delegation, “Thank you all for what you do, for your leadership that you have in your community. It’s important.”

This year’s WLF focused on the many issues and challenges women continue to face and what’s at stake during elections.

“It was really important to hear all the issues out there in our whole United States and other communities. They have the same

problems we have here within the state of Arizona.” Lt. Gov. Antone said.

In an afternoon discussion among women leaders from the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Sharice Davids emphasized some of the efforts made to ensure that Indian Country has a voice.

Rep. Davids is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Along with Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna, Davids was one of the first two Native American women elected to Congress in 2018.

Davids highlighted her work with Sec. Haaland, Congressional colleagues, and tribes to revise the initial Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Their efforts directed Congress to include \$8 billion in funding for tribes to assist in recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“There are some people who serve in Congress who have already been thinking about issues that happen in Native Communities, but it’s absolutely different when you have conversations with people as peers



DNC Chair Jaime Harrison greets District 2 Council Rep. Ann M. Lucas along with Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Emma Hughes/GRIN

about the things like federal-tribal relationships and the importance of federal trust and responsibility,” said Davids.

After listening to Rep. Davids, District 4 Councilwoman Allison said, “She [Davids] was authentic

and true to who she is. You know, I am really proud of her.”

The WLF was established in 1993 to ensure

women remain an integral part of the DNC by engaging them in policy and platform discussions. In addition, WLF serves as

the centralized hub for activation, information, and fundraising for Democratic women and their allies.



GRIC Community Council members Wahlean J. Riggs, Jennifer Allison, Ann M. Lucas, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone at the DNC Women’s Leadership Forum conference. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Priyanka Chopra Jonas with Vice President Kamala Harris during their afternoon conversation at the DNC Women’s Leadership Forum conference. Emma Hughes/GRIN



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there was a lot of voter registration forms filled—more than what I’m used to seeing at similar events.”

The outreach drew a wide age range of voters looking to learn more about what to expect for the Nov. 8 election.

Rayanne Antone, 20, of District 3, who has been

voting since she was 18, went to the event to update her voter information. “Voting is a good thing and [it] is important for us to decide who we think is responsible for leading this Community and state,” said Antone. She also said she wants more of her peers to consider voting, and stated, “As long as you’re 18, it’s important for you to vote.”

Voter registration events continued throughout the month in the Com-

munity, including on Sept. 27 in District 4 and District 5 and Oct. 3, in District 1, where the Pinal County Clean Election Voter Outreach Mobile was present to assist.

ITCA offers a Native Vote Election Protection Hotline at 1-888-777-3831 and voter news and information on its website at itcaonline.com. The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 8 general election is Oct. 11.



Alexander Castillo-Nunez (right) provides voter information to Community members at the Sept. 20 National Voter Registration Day event at the District 3 Multipurpose Building. Kyle Knox/GRIN

# GRIC Tribal Elections Program Update

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In 2023, the Gila River Indian Community is scheduled for three Constitutional elections: Community Council (May), Primary (September) and General (November).

The Tribal Elections Program wants to get you ready to vote!

We want to make sure there are no hiccups (correct address, name and district on file) when you come to the

polling sites.

As of to date, we have 6,483 registered voters eligible to participate in the Gila River Indian Community tribal elections. But only a fraction of that come out and vote in each election.

This chart shows the number of GRIC registered voters who are up to date with their information and the number of “outdated” registered voters we are unable to contact because their information is not up to date.

We will be out and about at community events to assist all Community Members over the age of eighteen to register or to update your information to vote in next years’ elections.

Whether it is within the Gila River Indian Community, State of Arizona, County elections or school board elections; your vote is important!

You can also call our office (520) 562-9735 or 562-9758, to register or contact your District Election Judge.

# ADOT Holds Public Hearing on I-10 Expansion



GRIC members review the design concept for the I-10 expansion that highlight portions that pass through the Community. Emma Hughes/GRIN

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is working on expanding Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Tucson, the state’s largest metropolitan cities. The expansion study plan is to widen the I-10 in each direction, from Loop 202 to State Route 387 near Casa Grande, also known as the Wild Horse Pass corridor to meet the projected travel demand, decrease congestion and improve travel times.

As part of the process for such a project, a public hearing was held at the District 4 Multipurpose Building with ADOT to formally present the I-10 to Loop 202 Wild Horse Pass corridor study plans and provide a listening panel for public comments on Sept. 16.

“There are some very significant changes that’s going to be happening and so it is important that our Community members have the opportunities for them to voice their opinions, their concerns, both for or against,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Many consider the I-10 as a ‘Key Commerce Corridor,’ supporting the commercial and economic growth of the region, state, and nation.

The proposed expansion includes the addition of a general-purpose lane in both directions, extending the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-10 from Loop 202 to Riggs Road. This segment provides GRIC with crucial access to public safety, medical, educational, employment, and other essential needs and

services.

ADOT’s Project Manager Carlos Lopez provided the project overview and discussed the environmental and alternative processes at the Sept. 16 hearing. ADOT also shared some impacts the development could have within the Community.

ADOT has coordinated with the GRIC Cultural Resources Management Program and Tribal Historic Program and shared the identified impacts on cultural resources, including archaeological sites, Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs), and the Hohokam-Pima National Monument.

A Historic Properties Treatment Plan is in development to minimize adverse effects on cultural resources. Currently, there are no adverse effects to TCPs, and access to the sites will remain.

Environmental impacts are another consideration of the project. Tribal and allotted land, including farmland, would be affected by the new I-10 right-of-way.

Construction could also affect wildlife; however,

mitigation measures will be in place to avoid or minimize impacts. In addition, the Community is working with ADOT on design features that allow wildlife to cross beneath I-10.

GRIC, ADOT, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have collaborated and drafted an environmental assessment and design concept for the Wild Horse Pass Corridor project.

The expected cost of the project is a total of \$990 million. The state and MAG has allocated \$640 million towards the project. As for the residual \$360 million, ADOT has applied for a MEGA grant to cover the remaining cost. Acquiring the MEGA grant will secure complete funding for the project, allowing construction to begin promptly.

For more information on the study, including a draft of the design concept report and environmental assessment, visit [i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com](http://i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com).



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomes attendees to the public hearing with ADOT. Emma Hughes/GRIN

GRIC VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTS					
DISTRICT	CURRENT ADDRESS ON FILE		OUTDATED ADDRESS ON FILE		TOTAL
	On Reservation	Off Reservation	On Reservation	Off Reservation	
District 1	435	58	117	86	696
District 2	183	19	72	11	285
District 3	812	159	269	160	1,400
District 4	678	131	269	170	1,248
District 5	644	159	342	161	1,306
District 6	521	110	323	160	1,114
District 7	165	53	140	76	434
	3,438	689	1,532	824	
	4,127		2,356		
	GRIC REGISTERED VOTERS				
	TOTAL:				6,483

# State-of-the-Art Facility Coming for Gila River Police Dept.

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Former Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Robert Stone on Sept. 19 provided a ground blessing on the site of a new facility slated for the Gila River Police Department south of their current building in Sacaton. It will feature state-of-the-art amenities for officers and staff, adequate floor

space for training, a gym, and much-needed additional office space.

The blessing was part of a ceremony held by Gila River Indian Community's Construction Owners Team and the Gila River Police Department. Construction on the facility—made possible with federal funding from a buyback lease—will begin later this year and take an

estimated 14 months to complete.

"The officers are excited," said GRPD Acting Chief William Morago. "We've all had our input on what we'd like to see, and it's going to be a beautiful building[where] people can come and learn about the police department."

District 6 Councilman Anthony Villareal, Sr. and

member of the Owners Team, said, "A lot of these officers, they mainly work out in the field. Sometimes you see them pulled over, they're actually writing up their police reports. They spend very little time in the office. There's not enough room."

A "healing room" will be developed along with a garden and patio for officers to use at the facility.

"One of the things that our facilities lack is a place where officers can go to collect themselves, heal and receive counseling services, especially when they've been involved in some very traumatic incidents," Villareal said.

District 4 Councilwoman Regina Antone said, "It's been years in the making. There's been crowding, and they've just never had their own personal space and their time to defuse from seeing so many problems and crimes and things in our Community."

"It's just a special occasion, knowing that it's finally coming together," Antone added.

In addition to the GRPD facility, District 4 will also be receiving a location for a public safety building that will house GRPD, Gila River Fire and EMS.



**Community Council Members Anthony Villareal, Sr. and Regina Antone during the ground blessing.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**Former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone provided the blessing for the future police department construction site, located south of the current GRPD building on Sept. 19.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**Lt. Gov. Monica Antone provides welcome remarks for the ceremony.** Emma Hughes/GRIN



**GRIC Community Council members and Lt. Gov. Antone were presented a personalized Coyotes jersey by Kenneth Manuel (far left) and Xavier A. Gutierrez (center right) at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos - Wild Horse Pass Top Golf Suites.** Kyle Knox/GRIN

## AZ Coyotes from page 1

The jersey debut is a landmark moment for GRRC, as it is the first-ever Native American-owned gaming enterprise with its logo on an NHL jersey. Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and GRIC Community Council members attended the festivities at Wild Horse Pass Casino's Top-golf Swing Suites, where the Arizona Coyotes recognized the Community leadership by presenting the

new jersey to each Community Council member.

"This patch represents the Community in a great way, and the Coyotes have always supported our Community youth through outreach activities and sports camps," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "They always involve our Community so it feels like more like a family."

District 5 Councilwoman Wahlean J. Riggs said, "I'm very proud that the GRRC and the Community leaders built this partnership to this point. It's a long time coming, and I'm honored that the Coyotes

will have our GRRC logo on their jersey."

Coyotes fans in attendance got a sneak peek of the jersey and Coyotes swag, and were able to meet Coyotes players Clayton Keller, Nick Schmaltz and Lawson Crouse.

As a season-long presenting sponsor, GRRC will also participate in various community activations throughout the season. The Coyotes' first home game will be Friday Oct. 28, where they will wear the new home jersey at Arizona State University's Mullett Arena.




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## Glow-in-the-Dark Volleyball Tournament Kicks off "Road to Trail of Doom"

**Kyle Knox**

Gila River Indian News

Dozens of players showed up for a glow-in-the-dark volleyball tournament Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the District 1 Gymnasium to kick off a monthlong series of events leading up to the "Trail of Doom" family Halloween celebration from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Sacaton Fairgrounds.

Aleshia White coordinated the tournament with the support of Tiffany Boni and Tribal Recreation & Wellness (TRW) staff. This marked the first sporting event held since the pandemic closures that began in 2020.

"We were encouraged to think outside the box, and I suggested a volleyball tournament," White said. "Then we just had to fit the Trail of Doom theme, so we said glow-in-the-dark." She added, "It feels really good to have teams come out and seeing everyone active, because as Native



**Team "Rezurrected" faces off against team "WR" to start the volleyball tournament hosted by the GRIC Tribal Recreation and Wellness on Friday Sept. 30.** Kyle Knox/GRIN

Americans, that's what we do: We're always active, so it's good have everyone here tonight."

Glow-in-the-dark volleyball is new at TRW. Teams enjoyed the extra challenge of working to-

gether with little light. UV black lights lit the gymnasium to accentuate the neon-colored volleyball, shirts worn by each team adorned with glow-in-the-dark paint, and glow sticks worn by players.

Team "WR" came from Whiteriver, Ariz., on the San Carlos Reservation, to participate in the tournament. Team captain Rochelle Antonio, who works in the Community, saw the flyer and asked her family to come and play.

Leander Quintero from team WR said, "This was my first time playing in a glow-in-the-dark tournament and it was good; I liked it a lot. We play a lot of sports, but never glow-

in-the-dark, so that made it fun, and our whole team enjoyed it, from my nieces to aunties here tonight."

After two days of single-elimination gameplay, team "Rezurrected" from District 6 won the tournament. The team was made up of family led by captain Terrance Peters. In second place were "The Ghostbusters," led by captain LeiAnn Champagne, and in third place was team "O'le Skool" led by captain An-

gela Williams.

TRW will host events every week leading up to the Trail of Doom family night, which will include a "Trunk or Treat," pumpkin patch, haunted maze (age 12 and up only), live music, games, contests, food vendors, and arts and crafts vendors.

To learn more about the various events and the Trail of Doom, search for "Gila River Wellness Center" on Facebook.

## Women's Prayer Run Day Camp

**Emma Hughes**

Gila River Indian News

Twenty women from the Gila River Indian Community participated in the Women's Prayer Run Day Camp on Sept. 17 in preparation for the ninth annual Women's Prayer Run happening Nov. 5-6.

Founders Renee Jackson, Pamela Thompson and Alie Walking Badger gathered at the Aji Mountain campsite along with participants, volunteers and Women's Prayer Run hosts.

"The camp was held to prepare women for the upcoming run and to answer any questions newcomers may have had," said Walking Badger.

Beginning at sunrise, the women shared introductions, a blessing and brief history of the Women's Prayer Run before trekking through District 4.

The route offered two options: one mile for those who like to walk or run and a five-mile route for the relay runners.

Convening at the end of the route in District 4, the women walked as a group back to Aji Mountain to enjoy a meal together.

The official Women's Prayer Run, "A Prayer Journey of Gratitude," will start in District 7, camp overnight at M Mountain and end in District 1.

For more information, contact Renee Jackson at (480) 404-2543, Pamela Thompson at (480) 721-0939, or Alie Walking Badger at (520) 610-3754.



**Participants of the Women's Day Camp Run at Aji Mountain in District 4 which included 22-23 Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez (far left).** Photo courtesy of Shannon Redbird



**Winners of the tournament, Team "Rezurrected" from District 6, stand with their first place trophy.** Photo courtesy of TRW



**Second place winners, "The Ghostbusters" stand proudly with their trophy on Sat. Oct. 1.** Photo courtesy of TRW

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

## Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Sept. 21, 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, September 21, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:16 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Ann Lucas

### ROLL CALL

Standing Committee Assistant Lisa Hendricks called the roll

### Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

### Council Members Present:

D1- 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(10:50), Wahlean Riggs, Brian Davis, Sr. (9:23); D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans(9:27)

### Council Members Absent:

D1- Joey Whitman

D7- Devin Redbird

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #1 AND #3 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2, #4, #6 AND #7; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #14; ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #1 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

### THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of Child Development & Education Support Services Manager, Tamara Thompson

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Tamara Thompson  
MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MS. TAMARA THOMPSON AS THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES MANAGER. MS. THOMPSON HAS DONE A MAJORITY OF HER TEACHING AND WORK IN THE NAVAJO NATION, AND HAS BEEN IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD FOR 25 YEARS. MS. THOMPSON HAS OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN A DUAL MAJOR OF SPECIAL AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS A MASTER IN EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION. MS. THOMPSON LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL CONGRATULATED AND WELCOMED MS. THOMPSON AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

{GOVERNOR LEWIS SUSPENDS THE RULES TO HEAR REPORT #8 FIRST UNDER REPORTS}

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORTS

8. 2022 General Election Update (Executive Session)

Presenter: Meghaen Dell'Artino  
ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*1. Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District – FY 2022 Third Quarter Report – April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

Presenter: Ronald Allison

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. GRIC Minors Trust Investment Update

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

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. FY2022 3rd Quarter Executive Travel Report as of 06/30/2022

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Santan Mountain Casino Project and Infrastructure Projects Updates

Presenter: Barney Enos, Jr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

>6. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Education Allocation 3rd Quarter Report for School Year 2021-2022

Presenter: Kim Franklin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. K-12 Education Program Quarter 4 Manager's Report for School Year 2021-2022

Presenter: Lance Reyna

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. 2022 General Election Update (Executive Session)

Presenter: Meghaen Dell'Artino

ITEM HEARD FIRST UNDER REPORTS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #9 AND #10

\*9. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council July 2022 (Executive Session)

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

10. FY 2022 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending August 31, 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Decreasing The Wild Horse Pass Enterprise Fund From Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) To Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) And Directing The Community Treasurer To Replenish The Enterprise Fund At Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) (G&M-SC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections to the supporting documents removing Exhibit D)

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Florence For Pinal County Historical Society (G&M-SC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

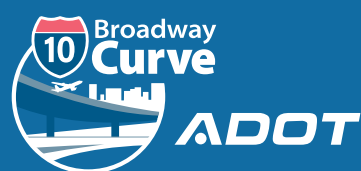
>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State

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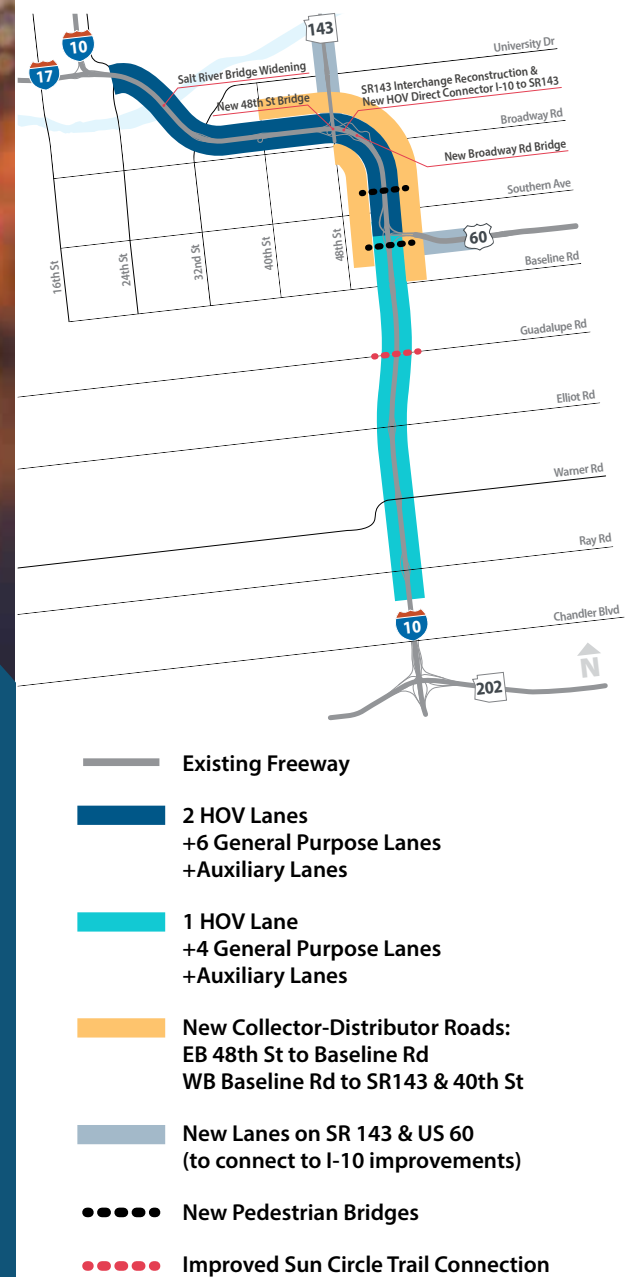


# Good info is a good thing.

Get the best info about the Broadway Curve Improvement Project and upcoming summer road closures with "The Curve" app. Download to your phone today or visit [i10BroadwayCurve.com](http://i10BroadwayCurve.com) and #StayAheadOfTheCurve. When complete, the project will improve your commute and help support our growing economy.



### An eleven-mile stretch of Interstate 10 between Loop 202 and I-17.





**Please print the following media release as a free public service announcement.**

Today, GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HEAD START/DISABILITIES PROGRAM announced its sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Arizona Department of Education, Community Nutrition Programs. Meals will be made available to enrolled participants at no separate charge without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Household income determines the amount of money institutions will be reimbursed to provide meals to enrolled participants. The income-eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine the amount of reimbursement.

Household Size	Free					Reduced-Price				
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annually	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annually
1	\$322	\$644	\$698	\$1,396	\$16,744	\$459	\$917	\$993	\$1,986	\$23,828
2	\$436	\$871	\$944	\$1,888	\$22,646	\$620	\$1,240	\$1,343	\$2,686	\$32,227
3	\$549	\$1,098	\$1,190	\$2,379	\$28,548	\$782	\$1,563	\$1,693	\$3,386	\$40,626
4	\$663	\$1,325	\$1,436	\$2,871	\$34,450	\$943	\$1,886	\$2,043	\$4,086	\$49,025
5	\$776	\$1,552	\$1,682	\$3,363	\$40,352	\$1,105	\$2,209	\$2,393	\$4,786	\$57,424
6	\$890	\$1,779	\$1,928	\$3,855	\$46,254	\$1,266	\$2,532	\$2,743	\$5,486	\$65,823
7	\$1,003	\$2,006	\$2,174	\$4,347	\$52,156	\$1,428	\$2,855	\$3,093	\$6,186	\$74,222
8	\$1,117	\$2,233	\$2,420	\$4,839	\$58,058	\$1,589	\$3,178	\$3,443	\$6,886	\$82,621
Each additional member, add.	\$114	\$227	\$246	\$492	\$5,902	\$162	\$324	\$350	\$700	\$8,399

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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**Meals will be provided at the site(s) listed below:**

Site Name: SACATON D/3	Site Name: SANTAN D/4
Site Address: 112 W SEED FARM ROAD	Site Address: 1467 SANTAN ROAD
City, Zip Code: SACATON, 85147	City, Zip Code: SANTAN, 85147
Phone Number: 520-562-6901	Phone Number: 520-418-3471

Multi-Site Sponsors: Complete one form and attach a list of the names, addresses, and contact numbers for all operating sites.

**Meals will be provided at the sites(s) listed below:**

Vah-ki D/4 3341 W Casa Blanca Rd Casa Blanca, 85221 520-315-3636	Komatke D/6 16675 S St John Rd. Laveen, 85339 520-550-2434	Childcare Partnership 280 S. Ocotillo rd Sacaton, 85147 520-562-5097
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**COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: Mark Johns  
IN THE MATTER OF NICOLE JOHNS, Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. MARK JOHNS, Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2022-0053-DV  
CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.  
YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:  
Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 3:00 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.  
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 20th day of September, 2022

**COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: Miguel Bandin  
IN THE MATTER OF JOANNA MATTIA, Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. MIGUEL BANDIN, Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: CV-2022-0177-ZMV  
CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.  
YOU shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on:  
Thursday, November 3, 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.  
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 29th day of September, 2022

**COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: Rafael Soriano  
In Re Case: CHRISTINA SORIANO, Petitioner/Plaintiff vs. RAFAEL GOMEZ SORIANO JR., Respondent/Defendant  
CASE Number: FM-2021-0060-DV  
Please take notice that a(n) Motion Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time

set forth below:  
Monday, November 28, 2022  
at 2:00 PM in Courtroom VII,  
Westend Judicial Center,  
4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 20th day of September, 2022

**COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, WAYNE NELSON JR.  
CASE Number: PB-2022-0059-DE  
Please take notice that a(n) Adjudication Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place

and time set forth below:  
Monday, November 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 19th day of September, 2022

**COURT DATE NOTICE**

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, DELAINE RENEE MANUEL  
CASE Number: PB-2022-0058-DE  
Please take notice that a(n) Adjudication Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place

and time set forth below:  
Monday, November 28, 2022 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ.  
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.  
DATED this 19th day of September, 2022



**\*\*COMPLETED LEGISLATION\*\*  
REVISIONS TO TITLE 5, CRIMINAL CODE, TO DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA AND TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION**

The Community Council enacted revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code to decriminalize marijuana and allow medical marijuana on the Reservation at their regular meeting on September 7, 2022. A copy of the enacted revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code in their entirety is available for review at each District Service Center and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

The Community Council enacted revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code to decriminalize marijuana and allow medical marijuana on the Reservation at their regular meeting on September 7, 2022. The new revisions permit medical marijuana and decriminalize possessing limited amounts of marijuana for individuals 21 years of age or older. Below is a summary of the legislation (A copy of the enacted revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code in their entirety is available for review at each District Service Center and the Community Council Secretary's Office) and frequently asked questions we have been receiving about the new revised code.

- If you are 21 years old or older
- You can possess 1 ounce or less of marijuana as long as not more than five (5) grams of marijuana be in the form of marijuana concentrate.
- You can possess up to six (6) marijuana plants for personal use at a homesite if the following conditions are met
  - o One person is at least 21 years old
  - o The cultivation/growing takes place in a locked, secure room that prevents access by individuals under 21
  - o The plants are not visible from public view
  - o You register with the Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning and follow their policies and procedures.
- It is still illegal for you to possess greater than one (1) ounce of marijuana. Depending on the amount of marijuana, you can be guilty of a petty offense, misdemeanor or a felony.

Amount of marijuana	Offense
Greater than 1 ounce, less than 2.5 ounces. (no more than 12.5 ounces is in the form of marijuana concentrate)	Petty Offense - only a fine is authorized. The fine shall be no more than \$300
Greater than 2.5 ounces, less than 2 pounds	Category I Misdemeanor
Greater than 2 pounds	Category II Felony

**Frequently Asked Questions**

- Q- I am a Community employee, does this mean I will no longer be tested for marijuana as a condition of employment?  
A- No, nothing in this legislation prevents the Gila River Indian Community and its entities from enforcing policies restricting the use of marijuana by employees or prospective employees. The Community's Employee Policies and Procedures Reverence Guide currently does not allow the use of marijuana for employees.
- Q- Can I smoke marijuana anywhere in the Community?  
A- No, it is still illegal to smoke marijuana within 100 feet of a public place or open space.  
Public place: area which public is invited or permitted, common areas of housing, health care facilities, hotels/motel, laundromat, public transportation, restaurants, entertainment venues, casinos, bars,

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A healthy community is important. It's okay to ask for help. We're here for you.



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# Phoenix Rising FC Match Celebrates GRIC, Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

The Phoenix Rising Football Club professional soccer team hosted its annual Indigenous Peoples' Day match Oct. 1 at their Wild Horse Pass Stadium to celebrate the Community and recognize Indigenous Peoples throughout the nation in advance of the official Oct. 10 holiday. The occasion featured an O'otham basket dance performance by the Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkam dance group, color guard presented by the Pee Posh Veterans Association and singing of the national anthem by District 1 member Marcella Gonzalez on the field before the match.

This is the second year Phoenix Rising has held an Indigenous Peoples' Day (IPD) match since arriving at their new stadium at Wild Horse Pass. The organization strongly believes in honoring the various communities contributing to

their fanbase, staff and place in Arizona, including their home on the Gila River Indian Community.

"It was exciting," said Yesenia Espinoza, O'otham, a basket dancer. "I felt really respected being here tonight because we're important and played a role in America's founding." Fighting off nerves, she and her group performed two songs inside the stadium.

Irie White, another dancer, said, "It was cool to have Rising give recognition to Indigenous peoples tonight, especially for the O'otham, since they're from Arizona and not everyone around here is familiar with who we are as O'otham."

As part of the IPD match programming, Paul Molina of District 7 designed a commemorative scarf for the occasion featuring O'otham and Pee Posh designs. The red fall colors pay homage to the Pee Posh red buff pottery and bright desert flowers found



Paul Molina wears the IPD scarf he designed for the Phoenix Rising FC's IPD match. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkam dance group perform two basket dances before the start of the Oct. 1 Phoenix Rising FC Indigenous Peoples' Day match. Kyle Knox/GRIN

throughout the Community.

The scarves proved popular and sold out that night. Proceeds from the scarf sales will benefit the Boys & Girls Club—Gila River, Komatke Branch.

Although a Shongivul (O'otham Kickball) demonstration was scheduled on the lawn before the match, the demo could not take place due to safety concerns caused by the overcrowding. However, Community member Antonio "Gohk" Davis provided some education on Shongivul to those

in attendance in the area.

"Being here tonight shows how we're taking back our history and honoring Indigenous peoples in a big way," Davis said, "and Rising has given us the chance to showcase who we are from the culture, language, art, song, and dance; it's great. It's an honor to be here and recognize the significance of this area in the Community, and for Rising to invite us sets a precedence for other professional sports teams to follow in the future."



Members of the Pee Posh Veterans Association after presenting colors for the opening ceremonies. Kyle Knox/GRIN

### Gila River Indian Community Celebrates WIC National Enrollment Week Join the celebration and #StartWithWIC – October 10-14, 2022

Sacaton, Az. — As grocery prices continue to rise in the US due to inflation, Gila River Indian Community WIC is partnering with the other WIC (Women, Infants and Children) agencies across the country to remind families of the services it provides during WIC National Enrollment Week, Monday, October 10th through Friday, October 14th, 2022.

WIC empowers families with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, supplemental foods, and referrals to other health and nutrition services - all free of charge to those who qualify. During National Enrollment Week, Gila River WIC will provide breastfeeding and nutrition tips on social media and encourage WIC supporters and current WIC clients to share their success stories with #StartWithWIC.

We want to let people know that Gila River Indian Community WIC is here for all families seeking support, which makes WIC National Enrollment Week so important. Our WIC team is ready to assist families with healthy choices and save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs.

Gila River WIC is following COVID guidelines and a mask is required while in the office. During this enrollment week of October 10th through 14th, we are accepting walk-in's between 8 am to 11:00 am. Families can also choose to make appointments to see their WIC specialists. WIC can be reached at 520-562-9698 to set up an appointment or sign-up online at <https://itcawic.itcastars.net/apply>

Every child deserves a healthy start! Help us celebrate National Enrollment Week by promoting Gila River Indian Community WIC and sharing what WIC means to you with #StartWithWIC on social media.

#### About WIC

The WIC Program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The WIC program was established in 1974 to provide Federal grants to States for nutrition education, supplemental foods, and health care referrals for low and moderate-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, as well as infants and children who have a health or nutrition need.

To assess eligibility or to find out more about WIC services, visit: <https://itcawic.itcastars.net/apply> or call ITCA WIC at 1-800-360-6150.



MARICOPA VILLAGE

# Family Fun Day

BE A PART OF THE FALL FESTIVITIES!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH,  
NOON - 5 P.M.

MARICOPA VILLAGE SDA CHURCH  
8001 WEST BASELINE ROAD, LAVERN

FOOD, FUN, GAMES FOR ENTIRE FAMILY

BOUNCE HOUSE, PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES,

FREE



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Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Peoria For Benavilla (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Junior Achievement Of Arizona (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Arizona Museum Of Natural History Foundation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila

River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Anthology, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Family Promise - Greater Phoenix (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For House Of Refuge, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila

River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Arizona Burn Foundation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa For Desert Sounds Performing Arts, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >11. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And BOKF, NA For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sharon Harvier  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >12. A Resolution Approving

And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And RVK, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sharon Harvier  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >13. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And REDW, LLC. For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sharon Harvier  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >14. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement (Defined Benefits Plan) Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sharon Harvier  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
 >15. A Resolution Rescind-

ing Resolution GR-046-19 And Designating Nine Parcels Containing 87.90 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Community To The Department Of Land Use Planning And Zoning For The Purpose Of Establishing, Managing, And Maintaining Drainage Easements And Applicable Appurtenances (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval) Presenters: Samantha Johnson, Corinna Ortiz, Kimberly Antone, Seaver Fields III  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ORDINANCES UNFINISHED BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS  
 >1. Tribal Gaming Office Compensation Study 2022 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones, Gaming Commission Board, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia Acosta, Carol Cochran, Margarita Valdez, Cliff McNary  
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Committee & Council Meetings Phase III (G&MSC forwards to Council for discussion with a recommendation to schedule a Council Work Session on October 6, 2022; NRSC, LSC, ESC, EDSC and CRSC concur) Presenter: Government & Management Standing Committee  
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE A WORK SESSION ON OCTOBER 6, 2022 MINUTES ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 • DISTRICT 4 PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING TOMORROW AT 8:30 A.M. IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL WITH BREAKFAST TO BE PROVIDED  
 • HOUSING OWNER'S TEAM MEETING ON FRIDAY AT 9:00 A.M. AT WILD HORSE PASS CASINO  
 • REMINDER TO TURN IN TRAVEL RECEIPTS  
 • REMINDER TO RSVP WITH TREASURER MIX FOR NEXT WEEK'S MONEY MANAGER DINNER WITH UBS  
 ADJOURNMENT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:11 P.M.  
 \* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)  
 > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

**WANTED: GRIC COMMUNITY ARTIST!**  
 The Tribal Elections Program is looking for a community graphic artist who can create a design depicting the Gila River Indian Community and Voting!  
 If that's you, we'd like you to submit your ideas to us by October 28, 2022, 5:00 p.m.  
 We are located at 291 W. Casa Blanca Road, Building 9, Sacaton, Arizona  
 Contact our office at (520) 562-9758 or 562-9735.

**GRICUA Notice: Purchase Power Adjustment FY2023**  
 Over the past year, natural gas and purchased power prices have been extremely volatile and rose dramatically. Specifically, the market price of natural gas has been affected by many factors, on both the supply and demand side of the equation. Conflict in Europe has created volatile energy markets and is putting upward pressure on natural gas prices. The natural gas markets are global and the demand for liquefied natural gas has risen dramatically over the past year. Sellers are currently able to demand a premium for its production and buyers; especially international consumer nations are willing to pay substantial premiums.  
 In addition, post COVID lockdown has seen demand increase as business production and consumer demand dramatically increased within the United States markets. Climate change has also affected demand as our climate becomes increasingly hotter. All of these factors have caused the market for natural gas to more than double.  
 Drought conditions have also affected GRICUA's ability to replace or backfill its energy production with hydro-electric. GRICUA currently relies on natural gas fuel for 86% of its energy production. In the future GRICUA will reduce its reliance on natural gas when future utility scale solar projects come to fruition. GRICUA's Purchase Power Adjustment component on customer bills can be used to recover unexpected changes in the cost of purchased power as previously described. During this unprecedented time, the GRICUA Board monitored the changes in the cost of purchased power and chose to adjust the Purchase Power Adjustor in Fiscal Year 2022.  
 Unfortunately, as GRICUA's Board has reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023 budget there will be a need beginning in October 1, 2022 to increase its Purchase Power Adjustor to \$.028500 since GRICUA's rates are still under recovering the cost of natural gas and purchased power. Please see below an example of an AVERAGE use Winter Bill and an AVERAGE use Summer Bill.  
 GRICUA has received notice that the monthly HEAP assistance program, which benefits residential customers, will be increased from \$225 a month to \$325. GRICUA believes that this benefit increase will be sufficient to cover the increase in the PPA for an AVERAGE residential customer.  
 Example of Winter and Summer AVERAGE bill:

GRICUA	Winter	Jan	GRICUA	Summer	Aug
Customer	\$15.00	\$15.00	Customer	\$15.00	\$15.00
Energy (1st 500)	\$0.09500	\$47.50	Energy (1st 500)	\$0.09500	\$47.50
Energy (next 1000)	\$0.10500	\$73.50	Energy (next 1000)	\$0.10500	\$105.00
Energy (next 1000)	\$0.11200	\$0.00	Energy (next 1000)	\$0.11200	\$67.20
Energy (all above)	\$0.11300	\$0.00	Energy (all above)	\$0.11300	\$0.00
PPA (all kWh)	\$0.02850	\$34.20	PPA (all kWh)	\$0.02850	\$59.85
<b>Total Bill</b>		<b>\$176.20</b>			<b>\$294.55</b>
Winter Average	1200 kWh		Summer Average	2100 kWh	

Should we begin to see that natural gas prices have substantially decreased GRICUA will reduce its Purchase Power Adjustor. GRICUA's inflationary situation is not unique and is being experienced by most utilities and their customers across the region and United States.  
 If you have any questions about the Purchase Power Adjustment or any questions about your electric bill, please call our Customer Service Department at (520) 796-0600.

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retail stores, shopping malls  
Open space: public park, public sidewalk, public walkway

Further, the Community, its entities, schools, day care centers, health care facilities, correctional facilities or any other business operating in the Community are able to maintain a drug and alcohol free property and prohibit marijuana on their property.

While it is not a criminal offense to smoke within your own home, it could be a violation of Community Housing Residential Dwelling Leases and policies for RHIP housing which could result in civil penalties.

The Department of Community Housing receives federal funds and the federal funding agreement requires compliance with certain federal laws; marijuana is still illegal under federal law and therefore DCH cannot allow marijuana in DCH housing units.

Q- Will I be able to obtain a registry identification card and receive medical marijuana treatment through Gila River Health Care?

A- No, Gila River Healthcare will not issue medical marijuana licenses, make medical marijuana referrals or provide medical marijuana treatment to any patients.

Q- Can I possess up to six marijuana plants for personal use at my homesite now?

A- Prior to obtaining or growing marijuana plants, individuals need to register with the Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning ("LUPZ") and meet certain conditions. LUPZ is finalizing their policies and procedures for obtaining registry tags and will make an announcement once they begin processing marijuana plant permits. Individuals are not permitted to have marijuana plants at their homesite until they receive a permit from LUPZ.

Q- I have a criminal conviction for the possession of marijuana in the Gila River Indian Community Court, will this newly enacted legislation drop that conviction from my criminal record?

A- No, the newly enacted legislation does not remove any old convictions for possession of marijuana as it was still illegal at the time the offense

occurred. However, individuals can reach out to Defense Services Office at (520) 562-5700 to discuss the possibility of having the conviction expunged from their criminal record under GRIC Code § 5.409.

**CHAPTER 4. SENTENCING**

5.407. Classification of Offenses and Sentencing Structure.

A. When an offense is punishable as either a felony or a misdemeanor, the offense shall be considered a misdemeanor except when specifically charged as a felony. An offense punishable as either a felony or a misdemeanor is a felony when (1) one or more aggravating factors, as identified in subsection 5.407.C.7.(a)-(aa) are specifically included in the charging complaint as an additional element or (2) an additional element is included in the offense and the charging complaint, and proved beyond a reasonable doubt or admitted to by the defendant.

B. Classification of Offenses.

1. For purposes of sentencing, felonies are classified into the following three categories: category I felony; category II felony; or category III felony.

2. For purposes of sentencing, misdemeanors are classified into the following three categories: category I misdemeanor; category II misdemeanor; or category III misdemeanor.

3. For purposes of sentencing, petty offenses are offense for which a sentence of only a fine is authorized.

H. Felony Offense Categories.

1. Felony Offense, Category I (Offense, Code Section):

- a. Homicide, 5.601.B;
- b. Aggravated Assault, 5.603.B;
- c. Kidnapping, 5.607.B;
- d. Child Abuse, 5.705.E;
- e. Elderly or Vulnerable Adult Abuse, 5.706.D;
- f. Sexual Assault, 5.801.D;
- g. Sexual Abuse, 5.802.C;
- h. Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 5.803.D;
- i. Molestation of a Child, 5.804.C;
- j. Arson, 5.909.B.2;
- k. Participating in or Assisting a Criminal Street Gang, 5.1005.K;
- l. Drive-by Shooting, 5.1010.E;
- m. Sale of Marijuana, 5.1207.1.B.2.

2. Felony Offense, Category II (Offense, Code Section):

- a. Bribery, 5.501.C;
- b. Perjury, 5.502.C;



# ATTENTION LICENSED TRIBAL VENDORS!

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

## Mini PUMPKIN TARTS

### Ingredients

- 8 oz light cream cheese (softened)
- 30 Mini-Nilla wafer cookies
- 1/4 cup light sour cream
- 1/4 cup Splenda Sugar Blend
- 1 eggs
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup canned pure pumpkin
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Line mini-muffin pan with paper baking cups and place one Nilla wafer in the bottom of each cup.
3. In medium bowl, add remaining ingredients and mix with an electric mixture until smooth.
4. Fill each muffin cup with pumpkin-cream cheese mixture.
5. Place muffin pan in oven and bake for 30 minutes or until done. Serve cool.

### Nutrition Facts

Makes 30 Servings, Serving Size - 1 tart, Calories 40, Total Fat 2.5g, Saturated Fat 1.2g, Cholesterol 15mg, Sodium 40mg, Total Carbohydrate 4g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Total Sugars 3g, Protein 1g, Potassium 30mg  
Fine Online at <https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org/recipes/mini-pumpkin-tarts.html>

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





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October 2022 – December 2022  
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**Guadalupe**  
9405 S. Avenida del Yaqui Guadalupe, AZ 85283 **602.263.1558**

**Gila River Indian Community WIC**  
66 W. Pima Street, PO Box 157 Sacaton, AZ 85147 **520.582.9698**

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2423 W. Dunlap Ste 140 Phoenix, AZ 85021 **602.279.5351 X 3511**

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- Saturday, October 1 10 am**  
**NATIVE HEALTH 13th Annual Native American Children's Pageant**  
Phoenix College Sulphur Auditorium  
1202 West Thomas Road – Phoenix  
602-279-5262 / nativehealthphoenix.org
- Saturday, October 1 9 am-12 pm**  
**Veterans Stand Down – Yoori Taowai**  
9201 S Avenida del Yaqui – Guadalupe  
602-815-1555 / guadalupepost124@gmail.com
- Saturday, October 1 12 pm-10 pm**  
**PIPAASH MATASHEEV Community Social**  
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Lehi Gathering Area  
3221 N. Stapley Drive – Lehi, Arizona  
Ardell Moore: (480)362-7465; Emily King: (480)362-2626; Elaina Osife: (480)625-6629
- Friday, October 7 4 pm-8 pm**  
**October First Friday: The Future Starts Now**  
Herald Museum - 2301 North Central Ave – Phoenix  
astanley@heard.org
- October 8, 2022 8 am-4 pm**  
**Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center Open House**  
Band Building - 300 E Indian School Rd – Phoenix  
(602) 648-9713
- Saturday, October 8 9 am-11 am**  
**Native American Connections 39th Annual Parade**  
Parade Route starts on 3rd Street & Oak Street, and runs to Indian School Road – Phoenix  
602-254-3247 / nativeconnections.org
- Saturday, October 8 10 am-2 pm**  
**NATIVE HEALTHS Annual Open House and Health Fair**  
NATIVE HEALTH Central  
4041 N. Central Avenue – Phoenix  
602-279-5262 / nativehealthphoenix.org
- Saturday, October 8 11 am-10 pm**  
**Phoenix Indian Center Social Powwow & Gourd Dance**  
Gourd Dance: 12pm / Grand Entry: 6pm  
Steele Indian School Park  
300 E. Indian School Rd – Phoenix  
602-264-6768 / phoenixcenter.org
- Saturday, October 8 10 am-4 pm**  
**Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration**  
Herald Museum - 2301 N. Central Ave – Phoenix  
602-251-0263 / heard.org
- Saturday, October 8 6:30 pm-10 pm**  
**Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program**  
Chandler Center for the Arts  
250 N. Arizona Ave – Chandler  
928-662-6028 / missindianazassoc@outlook.com
- Saturday, October 8 7 pm**  
**Native American Bar Association of Arizona 13th Annual Seven Generations Award Dinner & Silent Auction**  
Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort  
15406 N Maricopa Rd – Maricopa  
naba-az.com
- Monday, October 10 3 pm-10 pm**  
**Indigenous Peoples' Day Phoenix Fest**  
1st Street & Garfield – Downtown Phoenix  
Info@cahokiaphx.com
- Monday, October 10 8:30 am-3:30 pm**  
**Changing the Narrative: K-12 Indigenous Literacy & Literature Symposium**  
ASU Tempe Campus – Tempe  
(live-az-ade.pantheon.site.io) / indianeducation@azed.gov
- Wednesday, October 19 – Thursday, October 20**  
**Banner Alzheimer's Institute's Native American Outreach Program 2022 Annual Public Conference**  
602-839-6958 / (banneralz.org) \$25 person
- Friday, October 21 4 pm-7 pm**  
**39th Annual Silver & Turquoise Ball**  
The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown  
340 N 3rd Street – Phoenix  
602-264-6768 / Silver & Turquoise Ball (phxindcenter.org)
- Friday, October 28 4 pm-7 pm**  
**NATIVE HEALTH Mesa Trunk or Treat Drive Thru**  
777 W. Southern Avenue – Mesa  
602-279-5262 / nativehealthphoenix.org
- Friday, October 28 4 pm-7 pm**  
**PICINAC Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru**  
NAC Service Center - 4520 N. Central Avenue – Phoenix  
602-279-5262 / nativehealthphoenix.org
- Saturday, October 29 10am – 2pm**  
**National Drug Take Back Day – Drive-Thru Event**  
Phoenix Indian Medical Center  
4212 N 16th Street – Phoenix  
602-263-1576
- Friday, October 28 – Sunday, October 30**  
**38th Annual Roy Track Memorial Powwow**  
Friday- Contemporary Concert 7 pm-10 pm  
Saturday- Gourd Dance – 11 am & 5 pm  
Grand Entry- 1 pm-7 pm  
Sunday- Gourd Dance- 11am, Grand Entry- 1pm  
Riverview Park - 880 North Riverview – Mesa  
602-799-0260 / mesapowwow@gmail.com
- Wednesday, November 2 – Friday, November 4**  
**"Fatherhood is Leadership" 18th Annual Conference**  
Wednesday & Thursday 7 am-5:15 pm; Friday 7 am- 1 pm  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
1011 West Holmes Avenue – Mesa  
480-833-5007 / www.nativeamericanfathers.org/events




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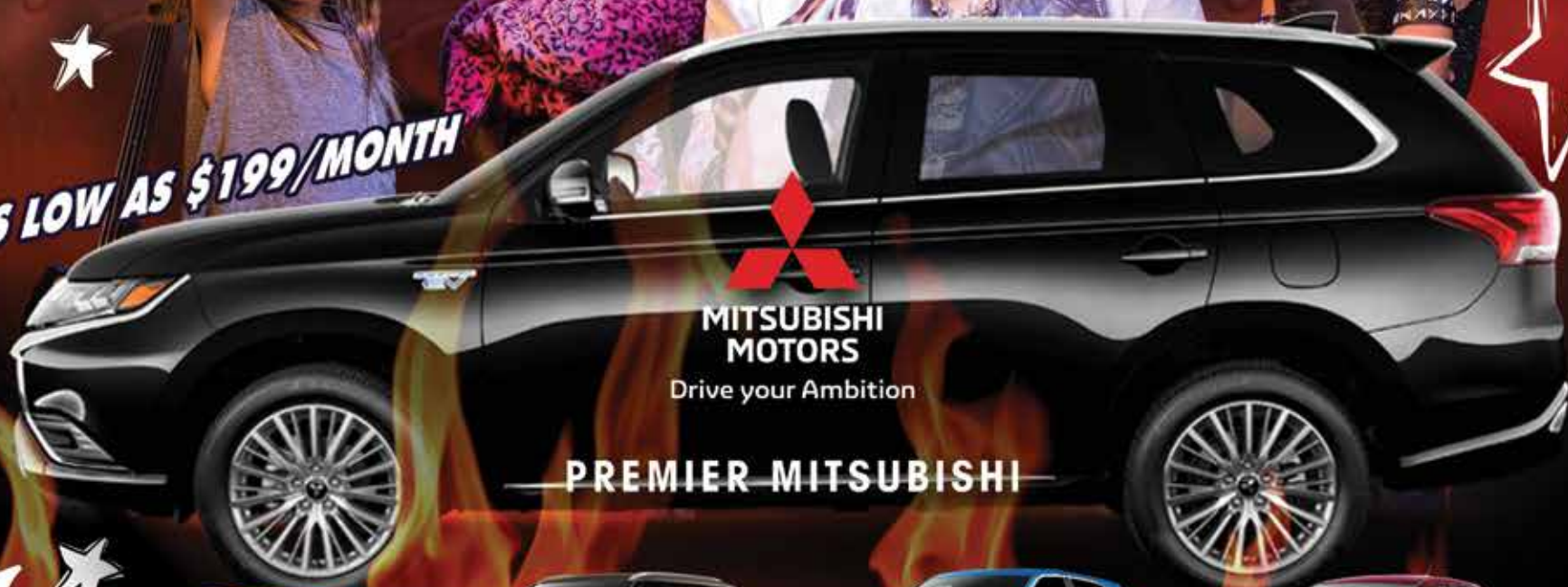
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