



GRIC Proclaimed a “Purple Heart Community”

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The Gila River Indian Community has been designated a “Purple Heart Community” by the Military Order of the Purple Heart – Department of Arizona (MOPH-Dept. of AZ) on Aug. 26. The MOPH-Dept. of AZ is part of a national organization for combat wounded veterans.

On Friday, Aug. 26, a ceremony was held by the Veteran & Family Services Office (VFSO) where a proclamation of the Gila River Indian Community was presented, declaring GRIC a purple heart community, signed by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

“This is a tremendous honor for our Community, that we honor our veterans, those purple heart recipients; It’s such a high honor,” said Gov. Lewis.

The purple heart medal, initially created as the Badge of Merit in 1782, is the oldest military decoration and is presented to those that have been wounded or killed in combat.

67 GRIC members have been



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with GRIC purple heart recipients: Ernie Bread, Bruce Hutchinson, David Molina, and Gary Rodriguez. Emma Hughes/GRIN

awarded the purple heart for their sacrifice, including 23 who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The GRIC proclamation “recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice of our nation’s men and women who are wounded or

killed during service to protect the freedoms enjoyed by our communities and nations.”

Gov. Lewis said, “It is important that we acknowledge our purple heart recipients for their courage and show them the hon-

or and support that they truly deserve.”

GRIC is one of two tribes in the state to be recognized as a purple heart community by the MOPH.

“This is something that is

near and dear to every veteran,” said Eric White, MGySgt USMC retired. He is the Coordinator for the VFSO.

The MOPH-Dept. of AZ approached VFSO to designate GRIC as a purple heart community in 2020. However, initiatives were stalled due to the COVID pandemic.

Eventually, the proclamation was made possible through a joint effort from VFSO, the GRIC Office of the General Counsel, and Assistant Community Manager Michael Preston.

Held at the new District 3 Multipurpose Building in Sacaton, the event was limited to 50 guests due to COVID restrictions.

Gov. Lewis presented the GRIC proclamation before veterans and their families and MOPH-Dept. of AZ members. Commander Keith Gray, from the MOPH-Dept. of AZ then presented GRIC with the community designation.

Purple Heart recipient David Molina, District 1, said, “It’s pretty neat. I kind of like getting to

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GRRC Hosts Inaugural Women’s Leadership Conference

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The Gila River Resorts & Casinos hosted their inaugural Glow-

Grow Game Women’s Leadership Conference, Aug. 24-26 at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass. The Glow-Grow Game, as titled, drew dozens of

women representing various departments within the Gila River Resorts & Casinos for three days of training and the opportunity to learn from gaming industry lead-

ers. In addition, Gila River leaders inspired growth within management teams and staff by sharing insights on cultivating strong relationships, and overcoming obstacles to champion a thriving career.

“We asked for nominations from all the departments, from those we selected the first group for this year and will host the remaining nominees next year,” said Nassia Shams, Sr. Human Resources Manager of Gila River Resorts & Casinos. “It almost brought tears to my eyes seeing it all unfold today, because we really wanted to build relationships and networks among the women in this industry.”

Shams said they all received support from their leadership throughout the year of planning for the event. As a result, their team crafted the conference to engage with training and workshops during the day while providing entertainment and networking opportunities every evening.

For the first day, Lt. Governor Monica Antone served as a keynote speaker providing remarks

on her experience as a tribal leader and advocate for public service.

Lt. Gov. Antone framed her remarks around “passing the baton” where she illustrated how important it is for leaders to pass down their knowledge and leadership to the next generation.

“Our belief system has always looked at strength and energy from the seed of our mothers and grandmothers, and passing on that strong energy to another generation,” said Lt. Gov. Antone. “In my opinion, passing that energy gives that strength to empower other women to take the plunge and do what’s right with an enduring attitude, with gratitude and the spirit of humbleness.”

During her address, she also spoke of her time working closely with former Gov. Mary V. Thomas, the first woman to serve as Governor of the Community.

“She [Thomas] would always tell me ‘You got this, I believe in you, keep the faith, and fight for what you believe in,’”

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Participants gather for a group photo at the inaugural Glow-Grow Game Women’s Leadership Conference. Photo courtesy of Angelina Flores.

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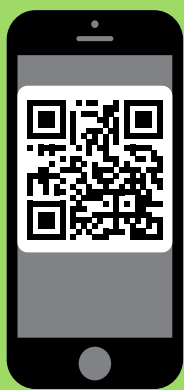
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2022 Native American Recognition Days Coming Soon

The Gila River Indian Community has established September 16th as American Indian Day and throughout the month shares the unique ancestry, traditions, and contributions the Community has made throughout history and continues to make today.



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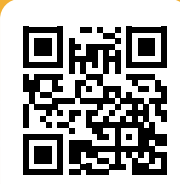
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recognize what we did in the war and stuff like that, even though we kind of paid a price for being there doing what we wanted to do, help other people.”

Molina is U.S. Army veteran, who served in the Vietnam War.

VFSO continues to serve and assist veterans and their families in the Community.

“We help every veteran that there is, as long as they’re a service member, we’re there for them,” said White.

He shared some citations of the veterans that received the purple heart medal.

The late Joshua Morris, District 6, U.S. Marine Corps, was awarded the Navy Cross, the second-highest military honor, next to the Medal of Honor.

“We’re looking to see whether we can get him upgraded to a Medal of Honor,” said White.

PFC Morris served in WWII in the battle on Guam, fighting Japanese forces, and received recognition for his heroic actions on July 26, 1944.

He gave his life to save his platoon while they were withdrawing under a “bitter and uneven battle” against Japanese forces.

“With his courageous initiative and with complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced alone towards the enemy, whose exact position could not be located in the dark,” explained White.

PFC Morris began shouting at the enemy, tricking them into responding and revealing their position, thereby assisting his platoon to move forward.

He then voluntarily remained

to cover his platoon, defending his position against the enemy where he was fatally struck. He was 20 years old.

“This young man’s bravery has made possible the successful withdrawal of his platoon,” said White. “These are the things that

you don’t see and you don’t hear about every day and this is just one of the veterans here in Gila River.”



Elected Officers of the Military Order of the Purple Heart – Department of Arizona and Gov. Lewis during the Purple Heart ceremony on Aug. 26. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Ernie Bread, District 6, U.S. Army veteran shakes hands with a Military Order of the Purple Heart officer at the designation ceremony Aug. 26. Emma Hughes/GRIN

FITNESS & WELLNESS

Jude Schimmel Joins TRW Youth Basketball Clinic

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Gila River's Tribal Recreation & Wellness Department and Brown Performance Strength & Conditioning (BPSC) hosted their second basketball clinic for youth in the Community.

BPSC is owned by brothers Ryan and Maurice Brown from the Navajo Nation. They specialize in sports performance, personal conditioning, and basketball skills development training programs.

Through fundamental skills development, they can identify weaknesses, build strength, and guide players towards effective ways to improve their game play.

Twenty youths, ages 10-12, signed up for the basketball clinic at the District 2 Service Center on Saturday, Aug. 27. The clinic instructed everyone on the basics of movement, handling, dribbling, and conditioning drills.

"We provide incentives as in shirts and a little snack for them after they do their drills, which Coach Brown and Brown oversee," said Cael Bennett, Sports Coordinator for Tribal Recreation & Wellness.

The basketball clinic also included a special guest athlete, Jude Schimmel, from the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Schimmel is a former basketball player from the



Jude Schimmel (center right) stands with youth at the basketball clinic on Aug. 27. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Coach Maurice Brown, BPSC, teaches ball control techniques to a youth. Emma Hughes/GRIN

University of Louisville, where she played in the NCAA Division 1, won the NCAA Elite 89 award for having the highest grade point average, and earned her Bachelor's in Sociology. She's also an ambassador for Nike N7.

"I know what it's like to be a young kid, growing up on the rez, and basketball is a good, healthy outlet," said Schimmel, who's been play-

ing basketball since she was four-years-old.

"It means a lot to me to be able to be here with them and just share a little bit of my knowledge and just give them some time to have fun and hopefully learn a few things and then carry it on with them as they move forward in life," she said.

While Schimmel was growing up, she recalls not seeing many native athletes.

Now, she hopes to be that source of light and inspiration to show youth growing up on the rez with athletic ambitions.

"You can go places and do things. It is possible and, in the end, it's going to be worth it," she added. "It gave me a lot of experiences that I probably would've never had if I didn't go off to school, go to college and play basketball."

Schimmel will be returning for the next basketball clinic, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Boys & Girls Club Gila River- Komatke Branch in District 6. This clinic will be geared towards youth 13-17 years old. The next clinic will be more advanced and provide additional drills and training. For more information or to register, call (520) 562-6087.

Tribal Recreation and Wellness Host Elder Fest

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Tribal Recreation & Wellness (TRW) continues to keep the Community active by gradually returning to in-person fitness classes and Community events.

Their latest "Elder Fest" is a series of classes throughout GRIC that provide se-

niors with physical fitness and wellness education.

Tiffany Boni, Health Educator for Tribal Recreation & Wellness, shared that they faced some challenges when trying to reach the elderly population during the pandemic.

"With them not being familiar with social media or electronics, it made it a little

bit complicated," said Boni.

"Now that we're slowly starting to provide services in person, we wanted that to be one of our main goals; to make sure we got out there to service the elderly."

Held throughout the district service centers in the Community, Elder Fest provides a chance to be social while engaging in games,

chair exercises, and learning more about physical and nutritional wellness from TRW staff.

"I find it very inspiring that they're having this for the elders," said District 4 elder Belinda. "It gave me the encouragement to come out and be more active." She joined Elder Fest with her sister at the District 4 Ser-

vice Center on Aug. 25.

"The seniors are really enjoying themselves now that they're able to be in a group-like setting," said Boni, who provided nutrition education. She noted that their motivation to participate improves around each other. And they often encourage one another during the games, physical

exercises and chair components.

Elders that participate also walk away with increased knowledge for a healthier lifestyle, such as maintaining a healthy diet.

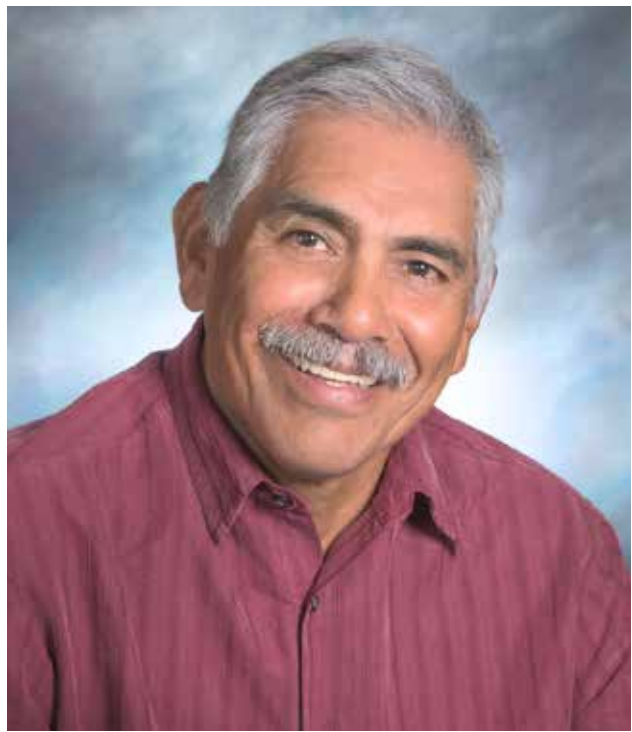
Visit the "Gila River Wellness Center" on Facebook for upcoming events they have planned in the future.



Simple exercises using household chairs demonstrated by the Tribal Recreation & Wellness staff get the elders up and moving. Emma Hughes/GRIN



A'AGA



Submitted by Billy Allen

“Every language is a world.” Words from George Steiner – a multilingual Jewish French American. So much with a few words. Neok/Niok/Chuukwer is a perfect example, ever evolving, ever changing. Our O’otham/Chuukwer languages show how our people have straddled different worlds.

The arrival of the Spaniards infused a great number of Spanish words into our neok/niok/chuukwer. Conquistador leaders arrived on four-legged animals, the principal being a stallion, which we pronounced kaliyon. We also learned to say palmitoktan and s-pintok for palomino and pinto, but used our color words for the different shades of horses: s-chuk,

s-veg, s-komag, s-toha, s-chedag, s-oam and s-va:yu. (Black, red, gray, white, bluish-gray, light yellow, and a yellow bay.) A Spanish vaquero rode a caballo to keep a becerro/calf with the herd; an O’otham vakial rode a kavyo to keep a visilo with the herd. And the Spanish language world has a great amount of words with Arabic origins due to the Moorish reign in the Iberian Peninsula between the 7th and 15th centuries. Many Arabic words begin with “a-” or “al-,” and were kept in some Spanish pronunciations. If you say “el azúcar,” technically you’re saying “the the sugar.” O’otham (never O’othams) say asuga, Piipaash say arsuukr.

I like to wake up to strong, hot, black Arabic gahway—Spanish

café/O’otham kavhi. I have a favorite tassah too—Spanish taza/O’otham tahsa. My morning cereal is sometimes from Arabic aruzz/Spanish arroz/O’otham a-lohs. My other breakfast drink is Arabic narank/Spanish naranja/ O’otham nalash. My evening drink is iced tea with laymun/limón/li-mohn. Confused? Just say cup, rice, orange, and lemon. Ñ tahsa is labeled vosk and ba:ba’a.

More “loan words” or “cognates” show up in our kitchens too. This time of year pomegranates are a sweet treat— Spanish granado/O’otham gal-nahyo. Chickpeas – garbanzos/galvash quickly became a staple in our diet. The Spanish cocina is our O’otham ko’sin. A chef at GRIC’s Wild Horse Pass Ko’Sin might be called kosni:lo, from Spanish cocinero. Ko’Sin’s menu lists O’otham favorites like ko:ji and PiiPaash kos, borrowed from cochino which is one Spanish word for pig (there are a few).

The O’otham word “pilkan,” is puzzling. Wheat came to us with the Spanish explorers and missionaries, but the Spanish word is trigo. Linguists Wick Miller did research in Sonora and heard Yaqui saying tikom, pikom, or gikom for wheat. Opatá used the word piltki. Maybe we borrowed from them and O’othamized it?

As governments changed, trappers, scouts, ‘49ers, etc., all came trampling through our jeved. O’otham/Piipaash were curious (and maybe alarmed) by these new light-skinned migrants. They weren’t Spanish/Jujkam. When

Women's Prayer Run Day Camp

Date: September 17, 2022
Place: Aji Campsite- D4
Time: Sunrise (approx. 6 a.m)

Morning Routes available for:
Walkers - 1/2 mile to 1 mile route
Runners - relay - 5 mile approximately

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these people explained who they were, our ancestors came to call them milgan and merikyan, – new words for O’otham and Piipaash vocabulary. Neok/niok/

chuukwer expanded again! Innit. Sometimes cognates or loan words don’t exactly work out. O’otham inventiveness kicked in: at first

a radio was called “hevel neoktam,” tires were “magina shu:sk,” and television was once referred to as a “jiavul wuhi.” (wind talker, machine/car shoes, and demon/devil’s eye) So, would a cell phone be jiavul ___? Pi an ma:c.

The spellings I use are not consistent. Each of the four O’otham/O’odham reservations have chosen their own different spellings, pronunciations. Languages change. It would be nice if the media borrowed our O’otham pronunciations for Akimel O’otham, Tohono O’odham, Tucson, San Xavier, Baboquivari, jegos being the main words. We could let them know the original names of our months, mountains, rivers and certain locations also. They seem to say Ak Chin correctly. (Kudos to Ak Chin, listen to KTAR Sports and periodically you get an O’otham lesson.)

Check out these sources; Papago/Pima - English, Dictionary. Dean Saxton, Lucille Saxton, Susie Enos ; edited by R. L. Cherry, 1983, U of A Press. Hispanisms in Southwest Indian Languages, <https://www.gwern.net/docs/history/2000-bright.pdf>.

REMINDER

If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in running for the Casa Blanca Community School Board, we will be holding an election on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** to fill **five (5) seats** on its Board of Trustees.

Please contact Ms. Harietta Boy at CBCS to get a Petition form to become a candidate.

Petitions must be returned to Casa Blanca Community School no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Any questions regarding the election should be directed to Ms. Flo Long at (520) 315-3489 ext. 2531.

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Gov. Lewis Encourages Future Native American Journalists at NAJA

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The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) hosted its annual National Native Media Conference on Aug. 25-27 in Phoenix. The event provides programming for Native American journalists focused on best practices, workshops to enhance their knowledge and skills, and professional development training.

During their opening reception Thursday, Aug. 25, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis served as the keynote speaker kicking off the conference at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the Arizona State University Downtown Campus.

“It’s an honor to address you and be here with you all who represent the best and brightest, who rep-

resent media and journalism in Indian Country,” said Gov. Lewis. “To see what’s occurring with this movement of Native journalists here is showcasing the growth of our journalism professionals throughout the country.”

Gov. Lewis spoke of the unprecedented events facing Indian Country today, including the COVID-19 pandemic, voting rights, ICWA, infrastructure, and more. These issues are many that sometimes go untold, so he encouraged everyone to consider their place and use their journalism skills to tell these stories.

“You journalists, are the voice of Indian Country, there’s no question about that, so it’s critical that you know the role you play,” said Gov. Lewis. “It’s important that we have Native journalists because you know the Native American

experience, from policy to culture and tradition, and that you share the stories that affect Indian Country accurately.”

This year’s NAJA Conference was the first in-person conference since 2019. Many were thrilled to see a return this year, and the organizers were glad to hold the event in Phoenix. “Indigenous journalists have so many special and unexplored stories, and it’s just a powerful community to be around again after three years,” said Rebecca Landsberry-Baker, Executive Director for NAJA.

This year NAJA partnered with ASU and secured time for participants to tour the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Indian Country Today (ICT) studio. Landsberry-Baker said it was great to allow everyone to see ICT,

test their new studio skills, and understand more about broadcast journalism.

The Gila River Basket

Dancers and Pee Posh Bird Singers provided entertainment for the reception. They performed several

bird songs for the audience before inviting the audience to join them for their final performance.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provided a keynote address for NAJA’s 2022 National Native Media Conference Aug. 25. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The Gila River Basket Dancers and Pee Posh Bird Singers shared songs for the opening reception at the NAJA conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The Gila River Basket Dancers and Pee Posh Bird Singers with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center). Kyle Knox/GRIN

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- Nov. 8 - Last Day to mail back your ballot
- Nov. 8 - Election Day



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Women's Conference From the Front Page

said Lt. Gov. Antone. Her time working with Gov.

Thomas was profound and serves as an example of what a strong woman leader should be.

This year marks the first inaugural conference, and organizers will work to continue holding these for years to come. Their goal is to foster women to

be come leaders within the Gila River Resorts & Casinos. And to also create a strong network for future generations of women. The inspiration and motto for the conference is, "Behind every successful woman, is a team of other successful women."



L-R: Community Members Teaya Enos, Mentee Asst. Director of Gila River Resorts & Casinos, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Sheila Morago, Executive Director of Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association at the Glow-Grow Game Women's Leadership Conference on Aug. 25. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Boys & Girls Club- Gila River Komatke Branch Featured at AZ Cardinals Halftime Show



L-R: Kaden Walker, Taylor Martinez, Vanessa Chacon, Mikki Suchta, Madison Antone, Sinai Antone, Tristyana Soriano, Robin Thomas, and coach Terrence Peters after their halftime match at the Arizona Cardinals game. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Football season has officially started across the nation. On Sunday, Aug. 21 the Arizona Cardinals faced off against the Baltimore Ravens and the game featured six flag football teams from across the Valley to scrimmage for the halftime entertainment.

Eight young women from the Boys & Girls Club-Gila River Komatke Branch, took to the field at State Farm Stadium that evening to take on another all-girls team from Tempe.

Kaden Walker, Taylor Martinez, Vanessa Chacon, Mikki Suchta, Madison Antone, Sinai Antone, Tristyana Soriano, and Robin Thomas represented the Community from the Komatke branch, led by their coach Terrence Peters.

"I feel good, excited and we just wanted to come and have fun like our coach told us to do," said team captain Robin Thomas. Before playing, she and her teammates were nervous but happy about this opportunity. All the players were able to bring their families to watch, making for a nice family outing on a Sunday.

"I think it's a great thing for all of these young ladies to get out there and experience what it's like to be out there on the field," said coach Peters. "After living through COVID the last few years it's great to be able to come out here, do this again, and feel like we're going back to normal."

During halftime all six teams played throughout the field.

The Deadre Hopkins Flag Football League op-

posing team had more experience than the Komatke girls before the scrimmage. However, the Komatke girls put up a fight, scoring one touchdown during the scrimmage.

The opportunity was made possible by partnering with the Arizona Cardinals and Gila River Resorts & Casinos. In previous years different teams from the Boys & Girls Club-Gila River branches would regularly participate in these halftime scrimmages.

The scrimmage match is part of the NFL's Play 60 campaign designed to tackle childhood obesity by getting kids active through in-school, afterschool, and team-based programs, online child-targeted outreach on NFLRUSH.com, and many partnerships with like-minded organizations.



Tristyana Soriano makes a run for the end zone during the halftime flag football scrimmage game Aug. 21. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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What's New at GRICUA?

GRICUA FY2023 Purchase Power Adjustment Notice

Over the past year, natural gas and purchased power prices have been extremely volatile and have increased 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, climate change impacts and post COVID lockdown have seen demand increase as business production and consumer demand dramatically increased within the United States markets. 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 planned utility scale solar projects come to fruition.

GRICUA's Purchase Power Adjust-

ment 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 begin a series of increases to its Purchase Power Adjustor since GRICUA's rates are still under recovering the cost of natural gas and purchased power.

In advance of the formal notice of the specific rate increases, GRICUA wanted to provide this notice that rate increases are forthcoming. Conversely, 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.

Budget Billing Program

GRICUA's Budget Billing Program is a no cost program that averages out your seasonal highs and lows based on a rolling twelve-month average of

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

Bill Payment Options for GRICUA Residential Customers:

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

Reminders

GRICUA District Days 2022 – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

GRICUA is a member of Arizona Blue Stake. Please call 1-800-782-5348 to request an underground line locate of both GRICUA and SCIP on reservation facilities.

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

GRICUA's Hours of Operation

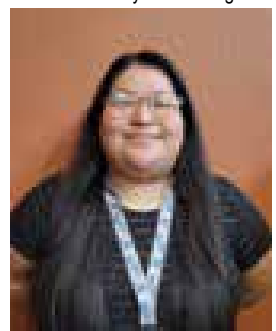
Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Payments are accepted on-line and by phone both during our normal operating hours as well as afterhours. If you have any questions regarding your statement or payment options please call during normal business hours.

New GRICUA Employees



Jaina Brown, Customer Service Representative,

Jaina Brown is from District 3. Jaina previously worked for GRICUA from 2009-2019. There was an opportunity for Jaina to come back to GRICUA and she took it. Jaina is happy to be a part of the GRICUA family once again. In her free time, Jaina enjoys spending time with her family and sewing



Erica Dawahoya, Customer Service Representative

Erica has been a part of GRICUA for the last 7 years by participating in the various Youth Programs GRICUA

offers such as: the High School and College Internships, Youth Board Internship, Washington Youth Tour, and she served as a chaperone in the STEEAAM Summer Program. Erica currently attends Mesa Community College pursuing an Associates Degree in Computer Information Systems and Business. Erica hopes to further her education so that she continues to work for the Community. In her free time, she loves going to the movies, listening to music, and going to concerts. Erica also enjoys spending time with her cat and loved ones. She is very excited and pleased to be a part of the GRICUA team once again.



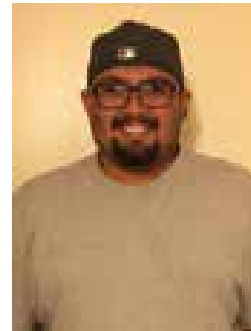
RoJena Wymbs, Distribution Designer

RoJena comes to GRICUA with 6 years of experience in power line design. After 34 years, RoJena relocated to the Phoenix area from Bullhead City. RoJena takes interest in many outdoors activities like softball, golf, swimming, kayaking, fishing, camping and so much more. RoJena has two children. One who

is very active in gymkhanas, rodeo and welding. The other who takes interest in drawing and building things.

Congrats to Dewey Newton and Trevor Thompson

Congratulations to Dewey Newton (top photo) for reaching the 2nd Step of the Meter Technician Apprenticeship and to Trevor Thompson (bottom photo) for reaching the 4th step of the Lineman Apprenticeship. There are a total of 7 steps in each Apprenticeship. Keep up the great work!!



ALLUVION COMMUNICATIONS INC. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE: Associate NOC Analyst

JOB SUMMARY:

The Associate NOC Analyst will support our current Network Operations Center. This is an immediate full-time opening. The Associate NOC Analyst monitors and maintains WAN/LANs and associated network nodes, responds to alarms and isolates network service faults. The Associate NOC Analyst utilizes network monitoring and ticketing software to provide best in class service to customers throughout our network.

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Associate NOC Analyst is part of a highly technical team responsible for 24x7 support of optical networks containing networking devices that include switches, routers and firewalls.
- The Associate NOC Analyst will be tasked with alarm monitoring/response, any needed escalation and resolution of incidents.
- The Associate NOC Analyst will be expected to work as part of a team to solve simple networking issues in a time sensitive environment.
- Knowledge of some network operations tools, servers and applications, e.g., Cisco, Extreme, Ocular IP, Logic Monitor.
- Monitor the system for equipment failure or errors in performance.
- Provide telephone support to customers and technicians.
- Create and manipulate data and produce reports.
- The Associate Network Analyst position supports Alluvion through adherence to direction by the NOC Leads and Manager.
- Ability to work in an 'On-Call' status and rotation with other NOC Team members, to respond in a timely and accurate manner in accordance with technical and personnel issues that may arise.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- Understanding of project management skills and processes.
- Strong computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite/365.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated documentation skills such as notes, processes, and procedures.
- Ability to create, implement and follow standard processes.
- Effective in communicating with IT associates and customers at all levels.
- Effective in listening to and understanding information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
- Able to arrange things or actions in

a certain order or pattern according to specific rule/set of rules (e.g., numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).

- Ability to work with frequent interruptions, pays close attention to detail, and has a high level of accuracy.
- Alert to potential problems; has ability to tell when something is, or likely to go, wrong.
- Ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce solutions that make sense.
- Consistently demonstrates a high degree of integrity and honesty.
- Maintains strict confidentiality guidelines in accordance with company policy.
- Able and willing to continue business and technical skill development.
- Coordinates and adjusts actions in relation to others' actions.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- High School Diploma (or GED or High School Equivalence Certificate) is required.
- 0 - 2 years of telecommunications, including Network surveillance experience is preferred.
- Previous NOC and Tech Analyst experience is highly preferred, but not required.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

The physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Must be able to use hands, to sit, lift up to 20 lbs., stoop, bend, reach with hands/arms.
- Must be able to sit for extended periods of time.
- Requires the ability to speak, read, write, see, and hear to perform essential duties of the job. Must communicate clearly in English.
- Must be able to perform and complete multiple tasks.
- Shift work and On-Call ability is required.
- Must be able to work 2nd or 3rd shift in 24 x 7 x 365 NOC operation.

JOB TITLE: NOC Analyst 1

JOB SUMMARY:

The NOC Analyst 1 will help to supervise employees in the Network Operations Center (NOC) as well as monitor and maintain WAN/LANs and associated network nodes, respond to alarms and isolate network service faults. This is an immediate full-time opening. The NOC Analyst 1 utilizes network monitoring and ticketing software to

provide best in class service to customers throughout our network.

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The NOC Analyst 1 is part of a highly technical team responsible for 24x7 support of optical networks containing networking devices that include switches, routers and firewalls.
- The NOC Analyst 1 will be tasked with alarm monitoring/response, any needed escalation and resolution of incidents.
- The NOC Analyst 1 will be expected to work as part of a team to solve complex networking issues in a time sensitive environment.
- Knowledge of some network operations tools, servers and applications, e.g. Cisco, Extreme, Ocular IP, Logic Monitor.
- Monitor the system for equipment failure or errors in performance.
- Provide telephone support to customers and technicians.
- Create and manipulate data and to produce reports.
- The NOC Analyst 1 position supports Alluvion with support as directed by the NOC Manager.
- Ability to work in an 'On-Call' status and rotation with other NOC Team members, to respond in a timely and accurate manner in accordance with technical and personnel issues that may arise.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- Understanding of project management skills and processes.
- Strong computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office 365.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated documentation skills.
- Demonstrated skill in documenting practices and procedures.
- Ability to create, implement and follow standard processes.
- Effective in communicating with IT associates and customers at all levels.
- Effective in listening to and understanding information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
- Able to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.
- Able to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to specific rule/set of rules (e.g., numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).
- Ability to work with frequent interruptions, pays close attention to detail, and has a high level of accuracy.
- Alert to potential problems; has ability to tell when something is, or likely to go, wrong.
- Ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce solutions that make sense.

- Consistently demonstrates a high degree of integrity and honesty.
- Maintains strict confidentiality guidelines in accordance with company policy.
- Able and willing to continue business and technical skill development.
- Coordinates and adjusts actions in relation to others' actions.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- High School Diploma (or GED or High School Equivalence Certificate) is required.
- 0 - 2 years of telecommunications, including Network surveillance experience is preferred.
- CCNA, Network+, Security+ highly preferred.
- Previous NOC and Advanced Analyst experience preferred.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

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- Must be able to sit for extended periods of time.
- Requires the ability to speak, read, write, see, and hear to perform essential duties of the job. (Must communicate clearly in English.)
- Must be able to perform and complete multiple tasks.
- Shift work and On-Call ability is required.
- Must be able to work all shifts in 24 x 7 x 365 NOC operation.

JOB TITLE: NOC Analyst 2 (Shift Lead)

JOB SUMMARY:

The NOC Analyst 2 will supervise employees in the Network Operations Center (NOC) as well as monitor and maintain WAN/LANs and associated network nodes, respond to alarms and isolate network service faults. This is an immediate full-time opening. The NOC Analyst 2 utilizes network monitoring and ticketing software to provide best in class service to customers throughout our network.

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The NOC Analyst 2 is part of a highly technical team responsible for 24x7x365 support of optical networks containing networking devices that include switches, routers and firewalls.
- The NOC Analyst 2 will be tasked with alarm monitoring/response, any needed escalation and resolution of incidents.
- The NOC Analyst 2 will be expected to work as part of a team to solve complex networking issues in a time sensitive environment.
- Knowledge of some network

- operations tools, servers and applications, e.g. Cisco, Extreme, Ocular IP, Logic Monitor.
- Monitor the system for equipment failure or errors in performance.
- Provide telephone support to customers and technicians.
- Create and manipulate data and to produce reports.
- The NOC Analyst 2 position supports Alluvion with support as directed by the NOC Manager.
- Ability to work in an 'On-Call' status and rotation with other NOC Team members, to respond in a timely and accurate manner in accordance with technical and personnel issues that may arise.
- Work with the NOC Manager and Lead to identify and address areas of technical concern, within the business and the Team, and then assist in development of processes, procedures, and resolution as applicable.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- Strong understanding project management skills and processes.
- Strong computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office 365.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated documentation skills.
- Demonstrated skill in documenting practices and procedures.
- Ability to create, implement and follow standard processes.
- Effective in communicating with IT associates and customers at all levels.
- Effective in listening to and understanding information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
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- Maintains strict confidentiality guidelines in accordance with company policy.
- Able and willing to continue business and technical skill development.
- Coordinates and adjusts actions in relation to others' actions.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- High School Diploma (or GED or High School Equivalence Certificate) is required.
- 0 - 2 years of telecommunications, including network surveillance

- experience is preferred.
- Cisco certifications, CCNA, CCNP, Network+, Security+, MEF, highly preferred.
- Previous NOC and Advanced Analyst experience preferred.

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- Must be able to work all shifts in a 24 x 7 x 365 NOC operation.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS:

- Will be asked to provide 39 months driving record. Position requires insurability under GRTI insurer requirements.
- Will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test and background check.
- As a matter of Company policy, all employment is on an at-will basis, meaning that employment shall last for so long as mutually agreeable. Either the employee or the Company may terminate the employment at any time with or without cause.
- Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified enrolled Gila River Community Members, other Indians, and non-Indian spouses of officially enrolled Community members in accordance with Tribal Employment Rights Office (T.E.R.O.) Ordinance (No. GR-02-09, Gila River Indian Community).
- Alluvion Communications, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, subject to Indian Hiring Preference.

For detailed information on all positions and to learn how to apply, please call Alluvion Communications Inc. at (480) 639-1990 or e-mail Grant Kresicki at gkresicki@alluvion.net



I-10 | LOOP 202 TO SR-387 WILD HORSE PASS CORRIDOR

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Interstate 10 Study: Loop 202 to State Route 387 Public Hearings

In collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maricopa Association of Governments, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Concept Report (DCR) for the Interstate 10 (I-10) Study: Loop 202 to State Route 387 (SR 387). Proposed improvements include widening I-10 between Loop 202 and SR 387, adding High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes between Loop 202 and Riggs Road, and modifying interchanges and crossroads over I-10.

DRAFT EA AND DCR AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The draft EA and DCR will be published and **available for public review and comment from Aug. 19, 2022 through Oct. 9, 2022.** The draft EA and DCR evaluate the Recommended Build Alternative as compared to the No-Build Alternative. Select technical reports associated with the draft EA will be available upon request. Please email i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com or call **602-522-7777** to make a request. The draft EA and DCR can be reviewed at the following repository locations and on the study website at i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com:

- **Casa Grande Public Library**
449 N Drylake St., Casa Grande, AZ 85122 | 520-421-8710
- **Ironwood Library**
4333 E Chandler Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 602-262-4636
- **Gila River Indian Community Governance Center**
525 W Gu U Ki Rd, Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-562-9500
- **Gila River Indian Community District 1**
15747 N Shegoi Rd., Coolidge, AZ 85128 | 520-215-2110
- **District 2 Service Center**
8070 Park St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-562-3450
- **District 3 Service Center**
18 E Pima St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-562-3334
- **Gila River District 4 Service Center/Multipurpose Bldg.**
2230 N Home Run Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-418-3661
- **District 5 Multi Service Center**
3456 W Casa Blanca Rd., Bapchule, AZ 85121 | 520-315-3441
- **Gila River Indian Community District 6 Komatke Center**
5230 St Johns Rd., Laveen Village, AZ 85339 | 520-550-3805
- **Gila River Indian Community District 7 Service Center**
8035 S 83rd Ave., Laveen Village, AZ 85339 | 520-430-4780

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EA AND DCR:

Submit your comments on the I-10 Study draft EA and DCR **now through Oct. 9, 2022.** All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the I-10 Study Final EA and Final DCR. All comment methods are considered equal.

- **Attend a public hearing:** Provide written/verbal comments at the virtual and in-person public hearings
- **Online through our comment form or comment map:** i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com
- **Email:** i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com
- **Call:** 602-522-7777
- **Mail:** I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Study Team
c/o HDR, Inc. 20 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 2500 Phoenix, AZ 85012

PUBLIC HEARINGS | OPEN HOUSES

In-person and virtual public hearings will be held to provide an overview of the draft EA and DCR, share ADOT's preliminary recommendation and accept public comment. The same information will be presented at each meeting. The public hearing presentation and materials can also be viewed on the study website.

In-Person Public Hearing Dates and Locations



- 1. In-Person Public Hearing #1**
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Valley Christian High School
6900 W Galveston St.,
Chandler, AZ 85226
- 2. In-Person Public Hearing #2**
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Vista Grande High School
1556 N Arizola Rd.,
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
- 3. In-Person Public Hearing #3**
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
District 4
Multipurpose Building
2230 N Home Run Dr.,
Sacaton, AZ 85147
This venue will comply with current COVID-19 Executive Orders for public facilities and requires masks. Masks will be available.

Virtual Public Hearing (Call-in/Online through Webex)

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 | 5:30 – 9 p.m.

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| English | Spanish |
| Online: bit.ly/WHP-EN | Enlace (Inglés): bit.ly/WHP-EN |
| Phone: +1-408-418-9388 | Teléfono: +1-408-418-9388 |
| Meeting number (access code): 2484 471 6549 | Número de Reunión (Código de acceso): 2490 170 8079 |
| Webinar password: WHP2022 | Clave: WHP2022 |
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IN-PERSON PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA *

5:30 – 6 p.m.	Open House
6 – 6:30 p.m.	Formal Presentation
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Formal Public Comments/Open House

*At the Sept. 15 hearing at District 4, the presentation will be continuously repeated and the open house and formal comment period will be available throughout the hearing.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA **

5:30 p.m.	Formal Presentation
6 – 6:15 p.m.	Q&A
6:15 – 7:15 p.m.	Formal Public Comments
7:30 – 8 p.m.	Formal Presentation
8 – 8:15 p.m.	Q&A
8:15 – 9 p.m.	Formal Public Comments

**As a part of the virtual public hearing, we are allowing two opportunities to hear the presentation, provide formal comment and ask questions.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Apr. 16, 2019 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other nondiscrimination laws and authorities, ADOT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact Kim Larson at 855.712.8530 or klarson@azdot.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the State has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo o se han llevado a cabo por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorandum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de abril de 2019 y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.

De acuerdo al Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, la Ley para Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés) y otras leyes y autoridades contra la discriminación, ADOT no discrimina por raza, color, origen nacional, edad, género o discapacidad. Las personas que requieran una adaptación razonable basada en el idioma o la discapacidad deben comunicarse con Kim Larson al KLarson@azdot.gov o al 855.712.8530. Las solicitudes deben hacerse lo más pronto posible para asegurar que ADOT tenga oportunidad de hacer los arreglos necesarios.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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ADOT TRACS No. F0252 01L and 02L | Federal Aid No. 010-C(222)S



Our Community Needs Your Help!!



The Community is facing a critical concern affecting our efforts to protect the environment. Recyclables delivered to the City of Phoenix for processing are becoming too contaminated with food waste and items that aren't recyclable!! A number of truckloads are being turned away from the recycling facility every month, forcing the driver to take the material to a landfill to be disposed of as trash. Only you can help prevent this!

These items are **NOT** recyclable:

- Plastic grocery bags and garbage bags (empty recyclables directly into your blue bin)
- Styrofoam
- Landscape waste
- Clothing
- Plastic wrap
- Wood
- Anything contaminated with food waste

Please be sure to empty liquid from plastic containers!

Questions on what materials are and aren't recyclable? Please call the Department of Environmental Quality at (520) 562-2234 or visit

gricdeq.org

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Alluvion Awarded \$5 Million to Expand Broadband Access in Ajo, AZ

The Arizona Commerce Authority recently announced 20 awardees of the Arizona Broadband Development Grant Program (ABDG) which included Alluvion's proposal to install fiber optic infrastructure in Ajo, AZ. Governor Ducey launched the program in November 2021, investing \$100 million to expand high-speed broadband to Arizona's unserved or underserved areas.

Alluvion's project is one of six that were awarded funding to improve service in urban Arizona counties. The goal of the funding is increase connections for homes, businesses, public safety agencies, medical facilities, schools, libraries and more while catalyzing new economic development and enhancing opportunities for sectors such as tourism, trade, and agriculture.

"This award represents a generational investment toward connecting rural and underserved parts of the state and demonstrates our commitment to ensure all Arizonans have access to high-speed internet," said Governor Doug Ducey. "Whether it's public safety, education, telemedicine or more, reliable internet access is more important than ever. We're grateful to be partnering with communities across our state to ensure we connect all of Arizona."

"We are proud to announce the Arizona Broadband Development Grant Program awardees," said Sandra Watson, President & CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority. "These collaborative projects will enhance how Arizonans live, work and learn regardless of where they live. We are grateful to Governor Ducey

and all our state and federal partners for their commitment to expand broadband statewide."

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