



59th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo returns to Community

GRIN Staff
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After three years, the 59th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha returned to the Community with rave fanfare bringing forth similar delights the Community has come to expect March 17-19 in Sacaton. This year's theme was "Celebrating our Strength and Resilience as One." It drew over 100,000 guests over the three-day event, a record.

The first day began with Community Day, March 17, a celebration that recognizes the ac-

complishments of various Community members and award recipients from the Tribal Education Dept's (TED) Art and Essay contest. And for this day, guests were treated to free rides and dinner.

"Welcome home and welcome back, it's like a reunion being here today with you again. It's so great to bring our Community back together after three years, let's remember how strong we are as a Community while we come together and celebrate this weekend," said Governor Stephen Roe Lewis at the opening of the Community Day gathering.

Lt. Governor Monica Antone said, "It's really great to be with you all again, we have many people to thank for allowing us to come together including our organizer, first responders, and Community Council, and GRIC leadership for making this year possible," as she welcomed everyone at the opening.

During Community Day special recognition of Community members took place for Alfred "Joker" Jones and Monica Domingo, who received the Elder of the Year Awards. And for this year's Veterans of the Year award, the

Community's Purple Heart Recipients were awarded: Ernie Bread, Gary Rodriguez, Bruce Hutchinson, Van Johnson, and David Molina.

Many of the Community's youth also showcased their talents during the Community day. During this time, TED highlighted the winners of their Mul-Chu-Tha Art and Essay Contest for students, grades 4th-12th.

Art contest winners

4th-5th Grade

1st place, Jorge Angel Valenzuela Jr., Casa Blanca Com-

munity School

2nd place, Dadrian Scott, Gila Crossing Community School

3rd place, Kiera Mark, Sacaton Elementary School.

Grades 5th-8th

1st place Tahani Barehand, Gila Crossing Community School

2nd place, *student from Sacaton Middle School

3rd place, Aidan Carvajal, Gila Crossing Community School.

Grades 9th-12th

1st place, *student from Des-

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone pictured with Monica Domingo, who also received the Elder of the Year award. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone with Alfred "Joker" Jones who was awarded Elder of the Year. Kyle Knox/GRIN



GRIC first responders served as the Grand Marshal for the 59th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Parade on Saturday March 18. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone with the Community's Purple Heart Recipients that received the Veterans of the Year Award. Kyle Knox/GRIN



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Basketball team welcomes motorcycle club sponsor

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Nearly 50 members of the Redrum Motorcycle Club roared into the Gila River Indian Community on April 1 to visit the Gila River Basketball Team, which they sponsor. The club was greeted with signs, smiles and a traditional songs performed by Chi'Chino Spirit before everyone gathered in the District 3 Service Center gym for a few basketball games.

"It's just great to support community," said Cliff Mattias, International President of Redrum MC. "That's really what Redrum is about."

Founded in 2006, Redrum is an Indigenous-based motorcycle club focusing on brotherhood, motorcycling, community, respect, fundraising and supporting family. The idea of the name was initially developed as "RedDrum," but during the formation of the club it became Redrum MC. It isn't a reference to the book or movie "The Shining" and is not meant to be



Gila River Basketball teams and Redrum Motorcycle Club at the District 3 Service Center. Emma Hughes/GRIN

read backward.

Redrum MC has chapters throughout the U.S. and in Australia, New Zealand, Morocco and Brazil. Arizona has four chapters: First Nations Valley of the Sun,

First Nations San Carlos, First Nations Dine Nation, and First Nations Mestizos.

The stop at GRIC was part of the seventh-anniversary ride hosted by the First Nations Valley of the Sun chapter.

Redrum MC contacted Gila River Basketball in December of last year and offered to sponsor them after hearing what the team has done for the youth.

"We're always open to any sponsors," said head coach Brent Escalante, District 3, "but like the Redrum, that was really a sight to see today, to see them come in like that, and it just really felt good for them to speak to the kids as well."

The Gila River Basketball team began in 2014 when Escalante created the team for his own

children. He has since opened the team up for all ages, and now nearly a hundred youths represent the team in tournaments and leagues with much success.

"We have kids from kindergarten all the way to seniors in high school," said Escalante. "Anybody who wants to come out, we're always more than welcoming to anybody to come out."

Jacob Pico, who joined the team last year, said, "So far, we're going good; we just kept growing. All this time we create this bond, with the younger team too. It's just this huge basketball team representing this reservation and just going out all over to play basketball."

Mattias said, "We saw all these trophies and how amazing the team is doing and the coaches; it was an honor for us to be able to raise some funds to help support this program. It's something that we want to continue." He added, "I grew up in the streets of Brooklyn and a lot of us didn't have this sort of community that can come together and really support."

Alena Hutchinson, 12, said, "They came to support our Gila River Basketball team and it was fun. We did a 3v3 with them, and being on the team, it's like a whole family."

Gila River Basketball is now preparing for upcoming nationals and the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) tournament this summer.

Escalante said he greatly appreciates Redrum MC for reaching out and offering sponsorship funds that will go towards new and additional jerseys for the team.

"For them to come here and support us," he said, "that really means a lot to, not just to me, but to the whole team, my wife and the other coaches as well."



Gila River Basketball welcome the Redrum MC to GRIC at the District 3 Service Center on April 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN






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Gila River Basketball players with signs welcoming Redrum MC. Emma Hughes/GRIN

'Ira Hayes Social Pow Wow' returns, honors late former GRIC Gov. Dana Norris Sr.

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The First Nations Warriors Society hosted the Ira Hayes Veterans Social Powwow at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 1, sponsored by the Gila River Indian Community.

First Nations Warrior Society is an organization that honors Native American warriors to preserve and enrich tribal cultures and assist the Native community when needed.

The powwow returned to the Community for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. In previous years, it was held in conjunction with the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary events, in Feb.

This year, veterans, Community members and the public gathered once again for gourd dancing, a grand entry featuring GRIC veterans, and craft and food vendors. GRIC's Veteran and Family Services Office also was on site with an information booth.

Marcus Sekayouma from First Nations Warriors Society is the event coordinator for the powwow, which began in 2003. Each year they honor a veteran, and this year recognized the late Dana R. Norris Sr, former governor of the Gila River Indian Community.

Norris' family was present for a special recognition, and his eldest daughter, Cheryl Norris, shared his life, hard work and commitment to his family, Community

and country.

Norris served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War. He enlisted when he was only 17, serving in the South Pacific at Iwo Jima, and was a First Class Private with special training as a scouting sniper.

Cheryl Norris said, "Upon returning home, he dedicated 38 years of his life to his Community, he was not only dedicated to his family but to the future of the tribe, he served this Community with integrity and faith."

Norris was an instructor and counselor at Central Arizona College, where he taught Native American studies and language. In 1978, he was elected to the Gila River Indian Community Council and was also appointed to the Community's Central Arizona Project task force.

In 1982, he served as governor for the Community, successfully negotiating the acquisitions of the Huhukam Hospital and the Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Center. He testified before Congress to acquire funding for GRIC programs and advocated for other tribes. He was a minister for the Presbyterian church in Blackwater.

Norris also served as chairman for the national gaming task force, which supported Native American gaming throughout the U.S.

"He was a water warrior," said Cheryl Norris. "He had negotiated with communities for the CAP's water; attended federal court



Family of the late Dana Norris Sr., former Governor of the Gila River Indian Community and U.S. Marine Veteran who served in Iwo Jima. Emma Hughes/GRIN

hearings on water matters. He had attended meetings in Washington, D.C. to secure and acquire the water rights for the Community."

Norris was appointed director of the water rights office which held negotiations with federal governments and entities throughout the state to secure water rights.

"He was a wealth of information when it came to water rights and its history," his daughter said.

First Nations Warriors Society also expressed their gratitude to the Community. "We would like to thank the Gila River Indian Community in sponsoring this powwow," said Sekayouma.

"Without them we couldn't do it."

On behalf of the Community, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone were then presented with a handmade quilt featuring the silhouette of the flag raisers atop Mt. Suribachi and the names of the United States Marines at that historic event.

Gov. Lewis said,

"Thank you on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, myself, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and our Council. We appreciate and honor [it], and we will cherish this."

He also thanked all the veterans for their service and sacrifices. "I know that each of us have stories of families who have served, sacrificed; some who made the ultimate sacrifice," Gov. Lewis said,

as he emphasized that Native Americans serve in the armed forces at a higher rate than any other group in the U.S.

"I just want to thank everyone for coming out," said Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

"I really admire First Nation Warriors Society for always putting this on and making it happen for the veterans."



GRIC Veterans during Grand Entry. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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Remembering Lori Piestewa on 20th Anniversary

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Thursday, March 23, on the 20th anniversary of the passing of Lori Ann Piestewa (Hopi Tribe) The Piestewa Fallen Heroes Sunrise Service honored the occasion at Piestewa Peak in Phoenix. Lt. Governor Monica Antone attended as a special guest and provided remarks. The service recognizes Piestewa's sacrifice to the country and honors Gold Star Families in attendance from around the state.

Per tradition, a posting of colors took place for

the gathering, where Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 led the procession. Gila River Royalty also attended the service alongside the American Legion Lori Piestewa American Legion Post 80 royalty.

"I'm so grateful to be here with you all here today and to celebrate this occasion and honor for Lori Piestewa," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "Thank you, veterans, for the freedom you have given to our Indigenous people, for the United States of America, the freedoms we have today come from your service."

Lt. Gov. Antone extended a warm welcome to all the veterans in attendance to the ancestral lands of the O'otham and Pee Posh peoples and said, "the desert will always be here as a place of healing, and you're always welcome to our home."

On March 23, 2003, Piestewa and the U.S. Army 507 Maintenance Company faced an ambush while in Nasiriyah, Iraq. During the attack, a rocket-propelled grenade struck Piestewa's Humvee killing Piestewa, and ten other company members.

Piestewa was an enrolled member of the Hopi



507 Maintenance Company members Patrick Miller, Edgar Hernandez, Shoshana Johnson, Joseph Hudson, and Jessica Lynch share remarks at the service. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Tribe and grew up in Tuba City, AZ, before enlisting.

Piestewa was the first Native American woman soldier killed in action and the first woman killed during the Iraq War.

Shortly after her remarks, Lt. Gov. Antone

gifted Jessica Lynch and Shoshana Johnson with shell necklaces.

Lori Piestewa's mother, Priscilla "Percy" Piestewa, son Brandon Whiterock and daughter Carla Piestewa were present for the service. In addition, Piestewa's company members with whom she served were also present, including Patrick Miller, Edgar Hernandez, Joseph Hudson, Jessica Lynch, and Shoshana Johnson.

"There was a time in my life where I dreaded this day so much," Whiterock said. "But then it came to the point where it's kind

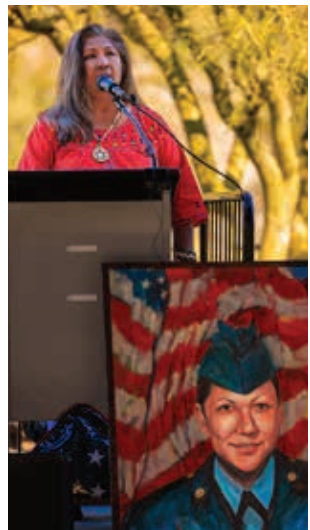
of reverse. And now I look forward to this day because it brings all my mom's comrades together."

"Yes, this is one of the worst days of our lives, but we're here together and here as a family to heal together," said Joseph Hudson. He knows the anniversary date is hard but looks forward to seeing and being around his "507 family."

"If you've lost a child, you know that one day could be good, another bad but we have to remember that they were with us and we were given the opportunity to be with them, for however long we had

them," said Priscilla Piestewa, "Thank you, each and every one single one of you for being here today."

A representative for Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego's office also read the Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2047 that states, "the Members of the Legislature honor United States Army Specialist Lori Ann Piestewa and the Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial and encourage the citizens of Arizona to commemorate the tremendous bravery and patriotism of individuals such as she who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country."



Lt. Gov. Antone during her remarks at the 20th Memorial Service for Lori Piestewa. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Lt. Gov. Antone and Priscilla "Percy" Piestewa at the March 23 memorial service at Piestewa Peak. Kyle Knox/GRIN

From the front page

ert Hills High School
 2nd place, Alianna Pio, Primavera High School
 3rd third Francis Histia, Casa Grande Union High School.
**Student's names have been withheld that did not file a waiver for publication.*
Essay Contest Winners
Grades 4th-5th
 1st place, Jacoby Miguel, Sacaton Elementary School
 2nd place, Mailana Piedra, Desert Willow Elementary School
 3rd place *student from

Sacaton Elementary School.
Grades 6th-8th
 1st place, Bria Hutchinson, Sacaton Middle School
 2nd place, Gavin Molina, Coolidge Jr. High School
 3rd place, Monty Vincent, Sacaton Middle School.
Grades 9th-12th
 1st place, Sayuri Jackson, Hamilton High School
 2nd place, Marisa Rodriguez, Coolidge High School
 3rd place Natalie Madril, Casa Grande Union High School.
**Student's names have been withheld that did not file a waiver for publication.*
 Another highlight was the introduction of the newly crowned Gila River Royalty Court to the Community

during a coronation dance rounding out the first day. For the occasion, Two Rivers vailla band performed for the audience while royalty, Community members, and guests danced and socialized. In addition, former title holders were recognized on a photo slideshow throughout the evening, commemorating the Miss Gila River's sixty-year history.
 "Thank you so much for coming out and celebrating us," said 2023-24 Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch.
 "It's so good to see you all, I'm thankful you all are here, I've missed the Mul-Chu-Tha," said 2023-24 Miss Gila River Lehua Lani Dosela. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was present and per-



Families line up to enjoy rides at the Mul-Chu-Tha on March 18. Emma Hughes/GRIN



District 3 Community member Savannah Joe proudly waves the GRIC flag at the opening of the 59th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha rodeo. Emma Hughes/GRIN

formed the first dance with Miss Gila River.
 "Tonight, we are here for the new court, I just want to say congratulations to all of them. I'm very proud of them for taking such a healthy risk and representing you all," said former Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes 2022-23.
 Gov. Lewis gifted Rhodes with a necklace made by GRIC artist Aaron Sabori.
 "I think they were such a dynamic team this past year, they did so many different events and they went to other tribal events across Arizona," said Gov. Lewis, who thanked the former Gila River Royalty court.
 Then on Saturday, in true fashion, hundreds of families lined up along Bluebird Road for the annual Mul-Chu-Tha parade. Gifts, department swag, and can-

dy showered the audience members. This year's grand parade marshals were the Community's first responders, honoring their tireless commitment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 For the rest of the weekend, Community members and guests filled the Mul-Cha-Tha fairgrounds at record numbers to enjoy games, rides, competitions, cultural performances, and entertainment.
 Over the weekend, the powwow, rodeo, and cultural circle featured some standout performances for all to enjoy. Then the sounds of vailla music filled the Community tent area for the annual Battle of the Bands, where all could enjoy and dance throughout the weekend.
 On Saturday, March 18, the "Sac City Throwdown" skateboarding competi-

tion hosted by Seven Layer Army returned at the District 3 skatepark. The contest was open to youth ages 7-18. All winners received a specially designed skateboard by O'otham artist Marcus "Breeze" Thomas.
 And to cap off each night, the main stage featured two acts that drew hundreds for a night to remember. First, on Saturday, March 18, nineties R&B and legends En Vogue performed hit after hit from their catalog for the crowd. Then on Sunday, March 19, the multi-platinum country entertainer Sara Evans performed on the main stage to close out the last night of Mul-Chu-Tha weekend.
 For a full listing of contest winners and photos from the entire weekend go to www.facebook.com/mulchutha.

Notice of Election

Gila River Indian Community
 Community Council Election
 Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6
 Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Candidates on the Ballot:

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Gila River Indian Community

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Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality



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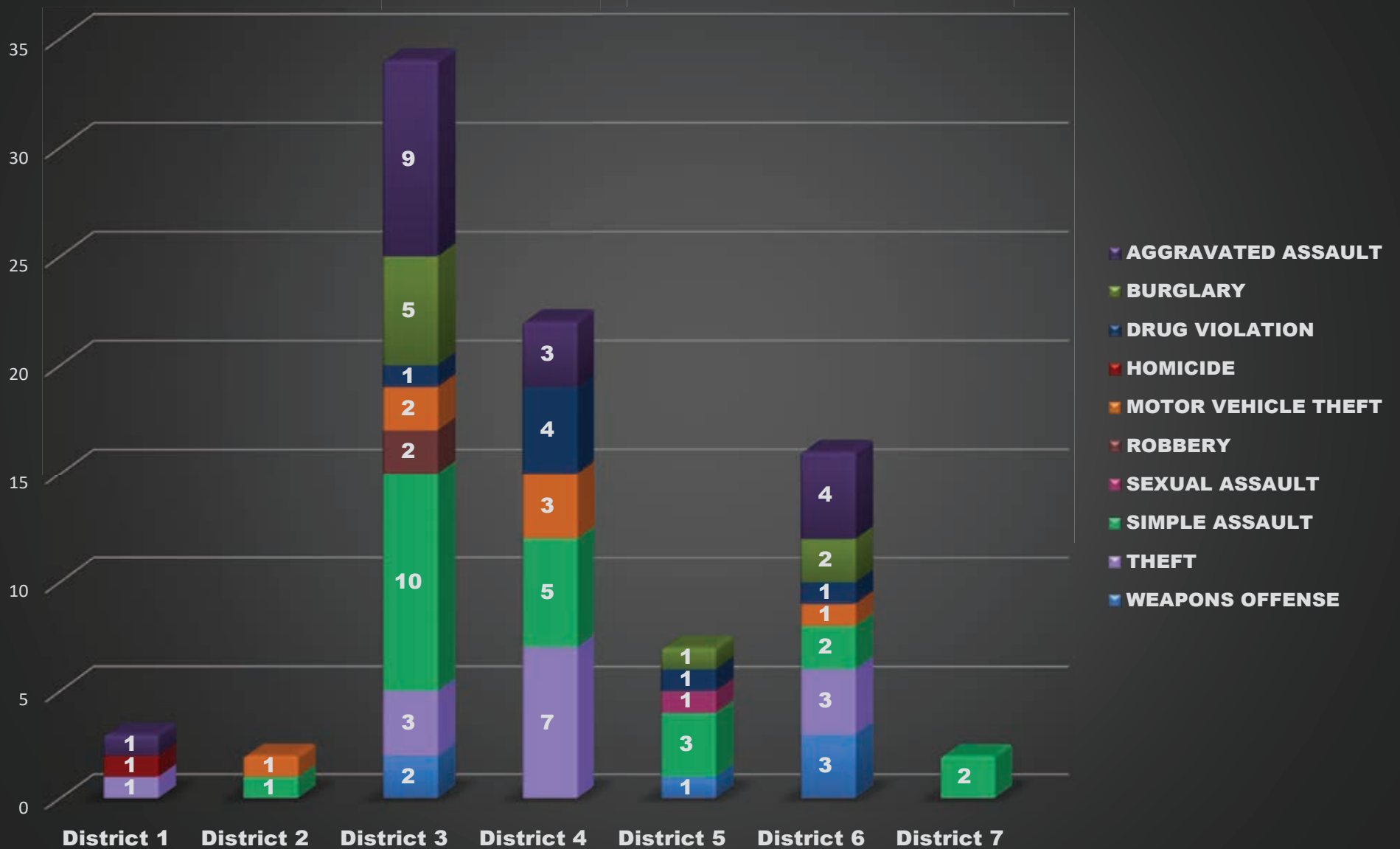
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 DATED this 9th day of March, 2023

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 DATED Monday, March 27, 2023

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 DATED Thursday, March 30, 2023

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 (March 13 - March 31, 2023)**



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HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Monica Antone
Lt. Governor

Governor's Education Summit examines GRIC education

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

The new Casa Blanca Community School was the host site for the 8th Annual Governor's Education Summit Saturday, March 25. Students, parents, school members, stakeholders, and Community members came together for the summit, providing spaces for everyone to share ideas about the Community's education system, examine challenges, and highlight successes.

This year's summit is the first in-person summit since 2020. The last two summits were held virtually due to the pandemic.

"When I started these summits, eight years ago, it was to keep a consistent focus on the education of our students," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the opening. "The summits allow us a chance to gather, take a measure of where we're at, collaborate, and discuss next steps we can all work on to improve the education

for all our students."

During her morning remarks, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said, "We are blessed to have as many schools as we do here in the Community, so I thank our leadership for always keeping our students in mind, establishing the 105(l) lease, and building these beautiful schools like Casa Blanca [Community School] here today."

Casa Blanca Community School and Gila Crossing Community School are two new schools constructed since 2019 using the 105(l) lease.

And in 2021, a new Blackwater Community School was established in District 1.

Hollie J. Mackey, associate professor of education at North Dakota State University, served as the keynote speaker for the morning. Her keynote provided some learnings for the Community to consider as stakeholders in the Community's

education system.

"We must consider the process just as much as the product when it comes to education, yes we want our children to succeed but if the process of success costs their mental and emotional health, we should also address that," said Mackey.

Recalling a personal story, Mackey alluded to a scolding she received when attempting to speak her native language and mispronounced a word. The experience, or the process of learning her language, led to her not wanting to talk in public again. She cited this as an example of how educators should consider how they're providing quality instruction for students that don't come at the cost of causing unwanted harm or anxiety.

Later, attendees were broken up into smaller groups at the summit. The spaces allowed facilitators to provide guided conversations on a "Landscape Analysis of Education at Gila River." Separate groups for students, another for school staff, board members, administrators, and teachers, and the last group comprised parents, guardians, and grandparents.



Gov. Lewis welcomes the gathered audience the morning of the 8th Annual Governor's Education Summit at Casa Blanca Community School. Kyle Knox/GRIN

The breakout sessions are a hallmark of the summit as they allow stakeholders from across the Community to come together and learn from one another, something that doesn't regularly occur outside the summit.

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The Lewis Family

Arizona Rep. Gallego hosts MMIP roundtable

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

On Wednesday, March 22, Rep. Ruben Gallego hosted a roundtable at Native Health of Phoenix, where State and Tribal leaders and representatives convened to discuss the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

Gila River Indian Community's Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Sunshine Manuel, Sr. Assistant General Counsel, participated in the discussion along with State Senator Theresa Hatathlie, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Councilmember Mikah Carlos, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care Director, Kim Russell, and more. The meeting was held both in-person and virtual

for anyone interested. "Hearing from tribal leaders today, it is clear to me there's much more work to be done to end the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People epidemic," Rep. Gallego stated, "But this is why it is important we have a dialogue and continue engaging to find the solutions that work, and as I stated at today's roundtable, I'm fully committed to not just championing solutions on the federal level, but supporting our tribal, local, and state leaders as they push their own efforts."

Manuel said these discussions are a positive direction in addressing the MMIP issues that impact all of Arizona and surrounding tribal governments.

"I thought it was beneficial for us to get together and talk about the issues that are facing each individual communities and collaborate to see what each



Attendees for the roundtable with Rep. Ruben Gallego at Native Health of Phoenix on March 22. Emma Hughes/GRIN

tribe is doing. I think that's important, especially since the tribes are the best to respond to this issue," said Manuel.

Sen. Hatathlie thanked Rep. Gallego for "creating and providing this intentional space to talk about this very important topic."

"I think it's important that we ask questions so that it prompts people to look at things from a different perspective, from our perspective," said Sen. Hatathlie.

As each tribe has unique challenges, how these issues are solved will vary throughout the state.

"There's not going to be a one-way in which this is going, we can address this issue, but I do think that it's important for us to collaborate," said Manuel, "Collaboration is going to be essential in addressing

this issue, not only with the tribal governments, but with the state agencies and the federal government."

While this topic is not new to the Community or tribes in general, Manuel said she feels like this has impacted the Community for quite some time.

"This makes me feel good that we are moving in this direction, that our voices are being heard and that the stories are being told, really being acknowledged, and that we're doing something about it," Manuel said, "As a community member, growing up within the community and knowing that this has impacted our Community, not only crime, domestic violence, alcoholism and substance abuse, it's good to see that we are coming together to think of innovative and cre-

ative tribal specific ideas." She said she's thankful to be a part of this, "I am very thankful for the

Community for also being a trailblazer when it comes to looking at ways in which to address this matter."



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Rep. Ruben Gallego at Native Health of Phoenix following the roundtable on March 22. Emma Hughes/GRIN



GRIC member Sunshine Manuel, Senior Assistant General Counsel for the Gila River Indian Community. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Education Summit Cont.'d

are you most proud of

when you think about your schooling?" Shared responses included grades, cultural education, family,

and school/teacher support.

Similarly, the breakout for school administrators addressed questions about

the challenges they face, the basic skills they want students to have when graduating, and their school priorities overall. In addition, they expressed many priorities for students to feel safe and cared for, building a network of board members from all schools, sharing best practices, and accountability from school boards.

Before concluding the summit, Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, CEO of Phoenix Indian Center, provided an afternoon keynote. As a language teacher, she offered lessons about language revitalization for families and cultural teachers. Key takeaways include encouraging and promoting language and culture, surrounding yourself with fluent speakers, joining Community-based language efforts, and respecting elders willing to teach.

"I'm so happy to have



Hollie J. Mackey during her keynote address on March 25. Kyle Knox/GRIN

heard such great conversation during our breakout sessions. I hope we all learned something from one another, let's leave with a

renewed sense of purpose and carry that forward after today," said Gov. Lewis at the conclusion of the summit.



Martin Reinhardt facilitates the breakout session for school administrators at the summit. Kyle Knox/GRIN

K-12 STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



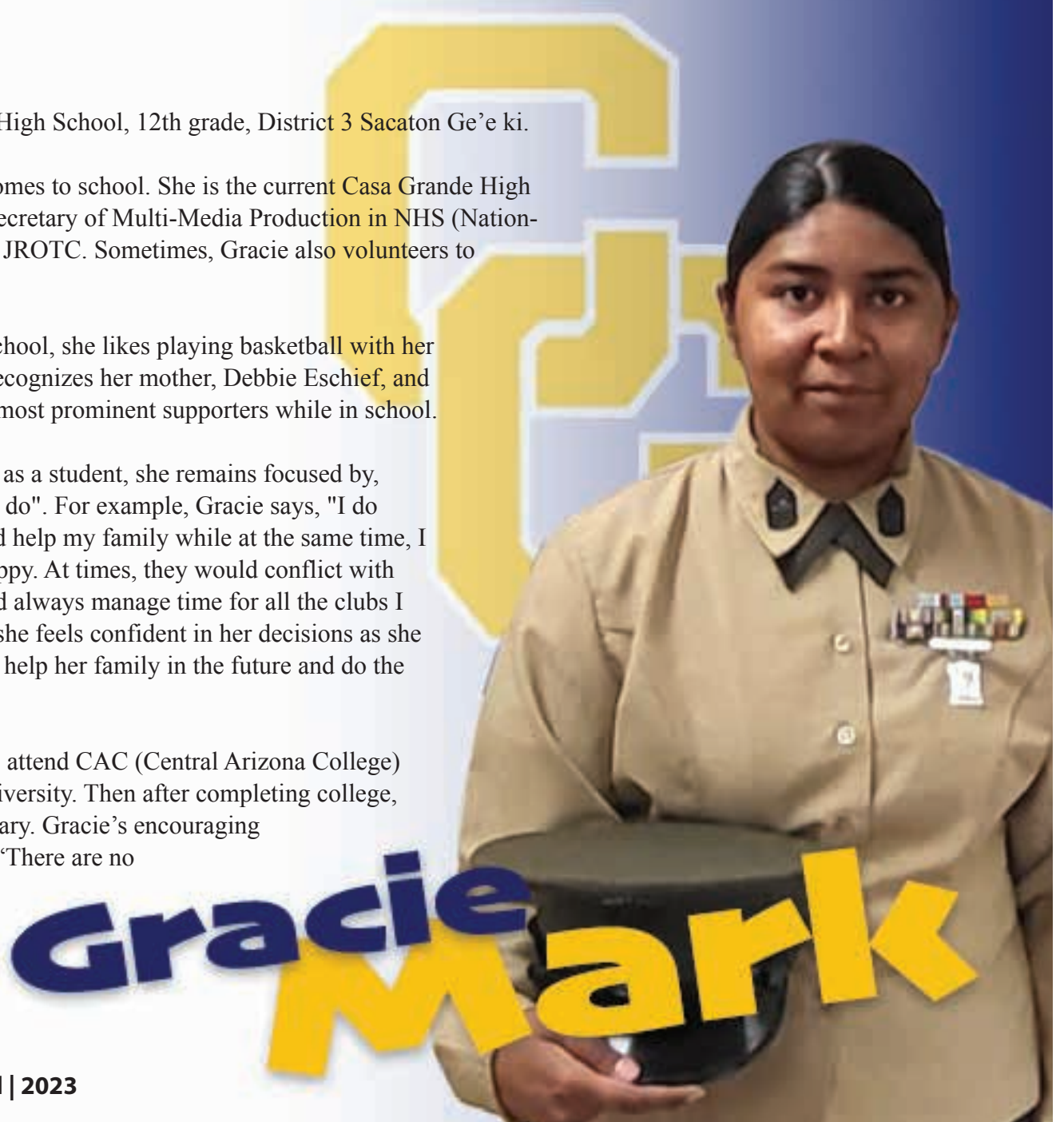

Gracie Mark, Casa Grande Union High School, 12th grade, District 3 Sacaton Ge'e ki.

Gracie likes to be active when it comes to school. She is the current Casa Grande High School Amerind Club President, Secretary of Multi-Media Production in NHS (National Honor Society), Link Crew, and JROTC. Sometimes, Gracie also volunteers to help in the Community or school.

When Gracie takes a break from school, she likes playing basketball with her family or listening to music. She recognizes her mother, Debbie Eschief, and older sister Brandy Eschief as her most prominent supporters while in school.

While Gracie has much to manage as a student, she remains focused by, remembering why I do the things I do". For example, Gracie says, "I do school to get a better education and help my family while at the same time, I want to do things that make me happy. At times, they would conflict with one another, but in the end, I would always manage time for all the clubs I do." By reminding herself of this, she feels confident in her decisions as she remembers that she does all this to help her family in the future and do the things she's also interested in.

After High School, Gracie plans to attend CAC (Central Arizona College) for two years, then transfer to a university. Then after completing college, she would like to serve in the military. Gracie's encouraging words for her fellow students are, "There are no shortcuts in life, so you gotta do what you gotta do.....which is do your work."



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • March. 15, 2023

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, March 15, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll
Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

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

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Absent:

D5- Wahlean Riggs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE PRESENTATION #1 DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF PRESENTERS AND TABLE NEW BUSINESS #11 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #4, #5, #8 AND #9; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, AND #3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

*1. Skyline Gila River Introduction

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Swen Anderson, Keith Brown, Dr. Pamela Chandler
DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. District One Coordinator Introduction – Maria Ramirez

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Maria Ramirez
MS. LAURIE THOMAS INTRODUCED MS. MARIA RAMIREZ AS THE NEW COORDINATOR FOR DISTRICT ONE. MS. MARIA RAMIREZ IS A LONG STANDING EMPLOYEE IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND HAS TAKEN ON THE POSITION IN HOPES OF ASSISTING THE DISTRICT ONE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LT. GOVERNOR CONGRATULATED MS. RAMIREZ ON HER NEW ROLE AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

REPORTS

*1. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Annual Report FY2022

Presenter: Teresa Mandelin
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. GRIC-UMA FY2022 Annual Report

Presenters: GRIC UMA Board
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Gila River Health Care Tobacco Tax Grant FY23 First Quarter Report (Oct.1, 2022-Dec.31, 2022)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Deborah Tinsley, Judith Roth, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Carolyn Thompson, Susan Kelley, Priscilla Foote, Max Haake

REPORT HEARD

>4. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services – First Quarter Report

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 FY22 3rd & 4th Quarter and FY23 1st Quarter Financials and Summaries

Presenters: Virginia Encinas, Alison Anderson
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force
REPORT HEARD

7. Komatke Flood Control Project Report & Update
Presenter: Seaver Fields III

REPORT HEARD

>8. Blackwater Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 1 Report for SY2022-2023
Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Jagdish Sharma
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Head Start Program Monthly Report-January
Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10. Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services Traditional Counseling Program Quarterly Utilization Report

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Priscilla Foote, Wade Brandimore, Jivik Siiki, John James, Alvis Robertson, Kerry Van Volkinburgh, Dr. Anthony Santiago

REPORT HEARD

{LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:45 A.M.}

11. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council January 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia Acosta
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #11, #12, #13, AND #14

12. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report January 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark, Majdi Kayyali, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee
REPORT ACCEPTED AT REPORT #11

13. FY2023 Schedule of Investments - January 31, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix
REPORT ACCEPTED AT REPORT #11

14. FY2023 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending February 28, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix
REPORT ACCEPTED AT REPORT #11

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying The Construction Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Core Construction, Inc. To Construct The New Police Department Facility (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Steve Heeley, Rebecca Hall
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving An Agreement With The Arizona Board Of Regents For And On Behalf Of Arizona State University And Its Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center For Services To Be Provided Under The Accessing Choices In Education Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Arlanna Jackson, Isaac Salcido
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving The Form System Conservation Agreement To Conserve Up To 125,000 Acre-Feet Of Community CAP Water Annually In 2023, 2024 And 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Jason Hauter
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Authorizing And Establishing The State Small Business Credit Initiative Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Jason Hauter, Jenny Patten
APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving A Project Budget Modification For The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority To Provide Electric Power To The Santan Mountain Casino Site (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Ken Stock
APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment – District Seven (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to appoint Pamela Thomas)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA THOMAS TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT SEVEN

2. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment – District One (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to appoint Lindsay Antone)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT LINDSAY ANTONE TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT ONE

3. Gila River Farms Board Member Replacement and Vacancy Declaration (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for action)

Presenters: Gila River Farm Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE COUNCILWOMAN WAHLEAN RIGGS FROM THE GILA RIVER FARMS BOARD BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AND DECLARE THE VACANCY AND APPOINT TODAY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT NADA CELAYA TO THE GILA RIVER FARM BOARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES, ADD NEW BUSINESS #13. CULTURAL RESOURCE STANDING COMMITTEE, HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE AND EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE VACANCY, DECLARATION, AND APPOINTMENTS REPLACING COUNCILWOMAN RIGGS

4. NAFOA 41st Annual Conference April 24-25, 2023 – Washington, D.C. (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council members to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES AND DELEGATIONS

5. 2023 National Tribal Health Conference May 1 – 5, 2023 in Anchorage Alaska (H&SSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES AND DELEGATIONS

6. 2023 American Indian Elders Conference September 25 – 29, 2023 in Cherokee, North Carolina (H&SSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES AND DELEGATIONS

7. GRPD Strategic Traffic Plan (LSC forwards to Council as FYI)

Presenters: Jesse Crabtree, Manuel Duarte, Carline Johnson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION

8. Certification of Qualifications 2023 Community Council Candidates (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation for approval to certify candidates for the 2023 Community Council Elections for District 1: Duane Jackson Jr., Wally Jones, Joey Whitman) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation for approval to certify candidates for the 2023 Community Council Elections for District 3: Darren Morago, Joseph Manuel Jr., Sara Bird-In-Ground) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council for Kenyen Thompson and Zuzette Kisto requesting them to be present before the Community Council to determine their certification) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation for approval to certify candidates for the 2023 Community

Council Elections for District 4: Regina Antone, Jennifer Allison, Lalena Jackson) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation for approval to certify candidates for 2023 Community Council Elections for District 5: Miguel Valencia, Gordon Santos Jr., Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo Sr., Gwendolyn L. Thomas, James De La Rosa, Verna Sunna, Jacob Antone) (LSC motioned to forward to Community Council with a recommendation for approval to certify candidate for 2023 Community Council Election for District 6: Terrance B. Evans)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Celia James, Tribal Elections Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATES FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION: DUANE JACKSON, JR., WALLY JONES, JOEY WHITMAN

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATES FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION: DARREN MORAGO, JOSEPH MANUEL, JR., SARA BIRD-IN-GROUND

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY KENYEN THOMPSON FOR DISTRICT 3 COUNCIL CANDIDATE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ZUZETTE KISTO FOR DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION: REGINA ANTONE, JENNIFER ALLISON, LALENA JACKSON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION: GORDON SANTOS, JR., MARLIN DIXON, FRANKLIN PABLO, SR., GWENDOLYN L. THOMAS, JAMES DE LA ROSA, VERNA SUNNA, JACOB ANTONE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND DUE TO THE RESIDENCY ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION, MOTION TO DISQUALIFY MIGUEL VALENCIA FOR DISTRICT 5 2023 CANDIDATE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATE FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION: TERRANCE B. EVANS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES, ALLOW THE COUNCIL SECRETARY TO RE-INSTATE HER POSITION AS THE CHIEF ELECTION JUDGE IN THIS ELECTION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY SHANNON WHITE TO BE REINSTATED AS THE CHIEF ELECTION JUDGE

{LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE CALLS FOR A LUNCH BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:29 P.M.}

9. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors – Declaration of One (1) Vacancy (EDSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancy and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE GILA RIVER SAND & GRAVEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. WHPDA Super Bowl Recap (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, Paul Vanderveene

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Community Services Department Assessment (Executive Session) (H&SSC forwards to Council in Executive Session)

Presenters: Stephen Lewis, Monica Antone, Suzanne Jones, Sunshine Manuel, April Olsen, Glennas'ba Augborn, Michael Preston

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12. FY2023 GRIC Compensation Study (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under

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New Business with a recommendation to approve Scenario 3.2 at 100% and additional budgetary modifications to include employees not impacted by the New Salary Range; Tribal Gaming Office Compensation Study employees that did not receive a pay adjustment; and adjustments to bring employees up to 5% of compensation)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT ITEM #10

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE SCENARIO 3.2 AT 100% AND ADD BUDGETARY MODIFICATIONS TO INCLUDE EMPLOYEES NOT IMPACTED BY THE NEW SALARY RANGE, TRIBAL GAMING OFFICE COMPENSATION STUDY EMPLOYEES THAT DID NOT RECEIVE A PAY ADJUSTMENT AND ADJUSTMENTS TO BRING EMPLOYEES UP TO 5% OF COMPENSATION, TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2023

[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

+13. Cultural Resource Standing Committee, Education Standing Committee, and Health & Social Standing Committee and Vacancy Declaration Appointments

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE COUNCILWOMAN WAHLEAN RIGGS FROM CULTURAL RESOURCE STANDING COMMITTEE AND DECLARE A VACANCY AND APPOINT TODAY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT RODNEY JACKSON TO THE CULTURAL RESOURCE STANDING COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE COUNCILWOMAN WAHLEAN RIGGS FROM THE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE AND DECLARE A VACANCY FOR THAT SEAT, AND APPOINT TODAY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN NADA CELAYA TO THE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE COUNCILWOMAN WAHLEAN RIGGS FROM THE HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN AVERY WHITE TO THE HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1. February 15, 2023 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. March 1, 2023 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• JOINT ESC/G&MSC MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

• HOT MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

• ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND THE MUL-CHU-THA ON FRIDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:29 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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- ✓ Salary: \$50,000 per year
- ✓ Benefits: paid time off, insurance, 401k

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*****UPDATE March, 24, 2023*****

GILBERT ROAD CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENT TRAFFIC NOTICE

The Casino Expansion Owners Team (CEOT) and Hunter Construction continue roadway construction for the improvement of the Hunt Highway Road intersection north of the Santan Mountain Casino Project site.

The work will affect the East and west bound lanes on Hunt Highway Road from **Sunday, March 26, 2023 to Saturday, May 20, 2023.**

Beginning Sunday, March 26, 2023:

- East bound & West bound will be CLOSED, West side of Gilbert Rd to Maren Drive through April 29, 2023, follow all Detour signs.

Beginning Sunday, April 30, 2023

- East bound & West bound will be CLOSED, East side of Gilbert Rd to Santa Rita through Saturday May 20, 2023, follow all Detour signs.
- North bound and South bound Gilbert Rd will continue with current traffic control plan with traffic flow barriers on North bound side of Gilbert Rd.
- Traffic Message Boards have been set-up for all roadways approach road construction area. Any change with traffic control plan will be updated accordingly.

The Gilbert Road & Hunt Highway Road Improvement Projects will continue to have reduced speeds in the construction zone **during paving and work in the intersection.**

If you have any questions, please contact the CEOT offices at 520-796-2850.



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- Assist with game/event paperwork, preparation, and project executions. Take on department and event-related projects while developing a broad knowledge of multiple event-related departments.
- If applicant has interest in the Suns organization beyond marketing, reasonable effort will be made to place applicant in applicable department.

Jobs open to Gila River Indian Community members currently enrolled in a secondary education program. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter indicating areas of interest to nstrunks@suns.com.



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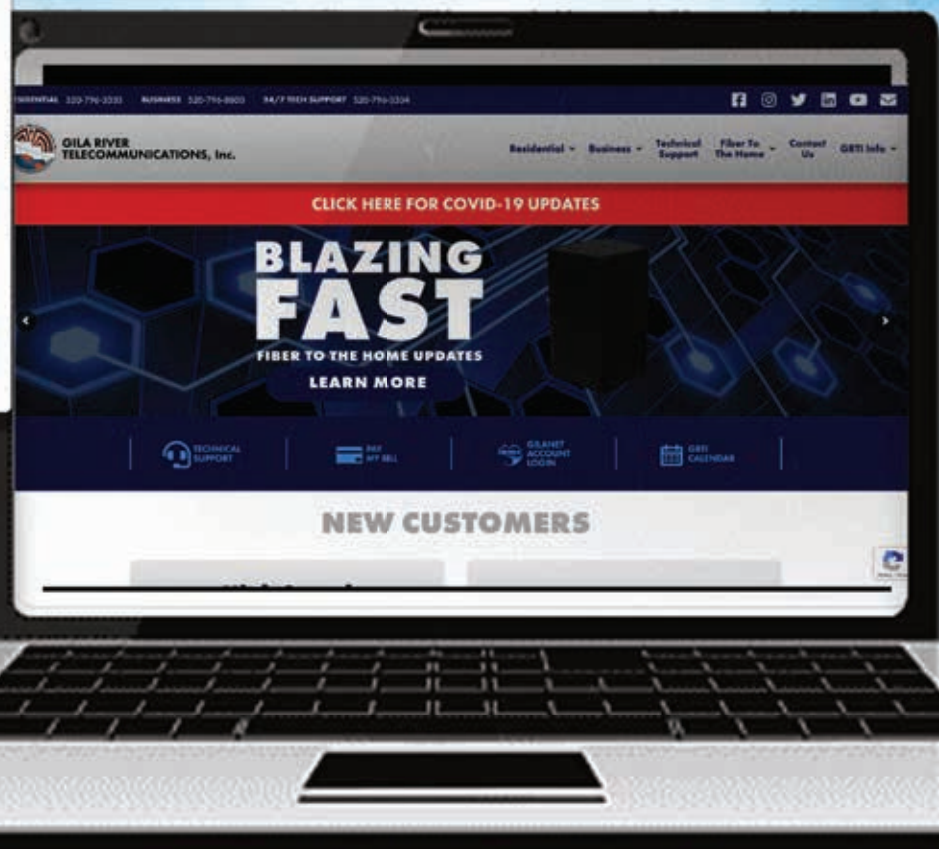
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- Uploading and downloading data between copper and fiber technology is very noticeable. We all have had to wait for a favorite movie to load, with fiber technology streaming is instantaneous.
- With old copper technology reliability was a concern. Copper cabling is very delicate and can break easily. Even though fiber cable is made of glass, fiber is strong and much more efficient.

Customers already operating on fiber will be contacted by GRTI to schedule an appointment to update the equipment in their homes. Current modems will be replaced with a new Gigafone which will be placed inside your home, this will protect it from the extreme heat during the summer. The Gigafone will work hand-in-hand with your fiber connection to deliver the best possible service.

Here's How You Can Help GRTI

- An adult 18 years of age or older must be present during the installation.
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