



GRIC Leaders Attend Hearing on Water Pumping Case *Community Continues to Fight for its Water Rights in Upper Valley*

GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and members of the Community Council attended a hearing on summary judgment motions in federal court on July 26 concerning the Gila River Indian Community v. Cranford case. This ongoing legal matter pertains to farmers who have been pumping water from the Gila River watershed in the Upper Valley region of Arizona.

The case is one of two pending court proceedings that challenge persons and entities who allegedly have pumped water in violation of the Globe Equity Decree, which protects GRIC's right to water from the Gila River. It's being heard in the U.S. District Court in Tucson, also known as the Globe Equity Court because the Decree was originally issued at its predecessor court in Tucson.

The Decree was entered in 1935 and governs all water from the main reach of the Gila River, from headwaters in New Mexico down to the confluence with the



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis along with GRIC council members stand alongside San Carlos Apache Tribe council members and Law Attorneys at the U.S District Court House in Tucson for the GRIC v. Cranford hearing. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Salt River. The Decree recognizes the Community as the most senior user of water and quantifies the Community's rights to Gila River

water. Other users, including well owners, are prohibited from diverting Gila River water, includ-

ing the underground waters or "subflow" of the river under Arizona law, except in compliance with the Decree.

The defending parties are farmers who do not have rights to water under the Decree. They argue that the water pumped from their wells is not supplied by the Gila River and is not subflow, and thus that the pumping is not regulated by the Decree. The Community is arguing that the wells pump waters of the Gila River, including its subflow under Arizona law, and that the wells must be disabled because the defendants do not have Decree rights.

"This is a very historic case for the Community," said Gov. Lewis, explaining that this was the first time the Community would address the issue of allegedly illegal water pumping in violation of the Gila River Decree.

Before the hearing, Gov. Lewis expressed his gratitude to the San Carlos Apache Tribe as its council members sat alongside the GRIC council members in unity to address such a critical legal and environmental matter. He recognized this as a historic occasion because it was the first time the

Continued on Page 8

Gila River Indian Community Earns Recognition As Official Tribal Veteran Service Organization by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

GRIC becomes second tribal veteran service organization recognized by U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

Communications & Public Affairs Office Press Release

Sacaton, AZ – The Gila River Indian Community has reached a

significant milestone in its commitment to honoring and supporting its esteemed veterans. On July 19, 2023, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs officially recog-

nized the Gila River Indian Community as a Tribal Veteran Service Organization, solidifying its status as a pioneering force in veteran care and advocacy. The Gila Riv-

er Indian Community is only the second tribal entity to ever receive such accreditation under the Tribal Representation Expansion Program.

programs.

"We are immensely proud to be recognized as a Tribal Veteran Service Organization by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs," said Governor Stephen Roe Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community. "Our veterans, and their families, have made untold sacrifices to defend our Nation and protect the values we hold dear. This designation will continue our Community's commitment to ensuring our Veterans receive the support, care, and benefits they have honorable earned by serving in all the branches of the armed forces." He continued, "I am especially proud to have received this designation during a visit to our Reservation by Secretary McDonough in a ceremony honoring our veterans. I want to thank him and the Biden Administration overall for their dedication to the support and care of all those who serve."

U.S. Department of Veteran Services Secretary Denis Mc-

The formal recognition by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs took place at a ceremony held on July 23, 2023, at the Huhugam Heritage Center where Governor Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed U.S. Department of Veteran Services Secretary Denis McDonough for a presentation and meeting with Community veterans. The event highlighted the Community's unwavering dedication and rich history of valiant contributions by its members to the U.S. Armed Forces. Tribal members have demonstrated unparalleled courage, honor, and dedication to safeguarding freedom and democracy. With this new designation as a Tribal Veteran Service Organization the Community's ability to advocate for its veterans' interests is further strengthened, opening doors to enhanced services, benefits and

Continued on Page 8



VA Sec. McDonough and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis stand with the framed letter officially designating GRIC as a veterans service organization. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Indian News
P.O. Box 459
Sacaton, AZ 85147
Change Service Requested

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Sacaton, AZ
Permit No. 25



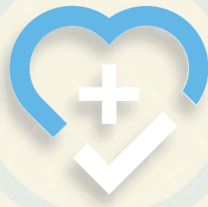
Jr. Miss Gila River MMIP Garden Dedication
Page 3

TRW Inaugural Volleyball Tournament
Page 5

GRRC hosts Women's Leadership Conference
Page 9



grhc.org



GRHC COVID-19 HOTLINE
(520) 550-6079



Please remember that all smoking is prohibited at all Gila River Health Care campus locations.

You can dispose of your used sharps (needles and syringes) easily and safely!

Bring your needles and syringes from home in a sealed hard, plastic container (laundry or bleach bottle)

What are "sharps"?



They are needles, syringes, lancets, and anything with human blood on it. Handle sharps with proper care and disposal.



Take the container to the following locations and they will assist you.

- Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital – Emergency Room Security Desk
- Komatke Health Center – Pharmacy
- Hau’pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center - Pharmacy
- East and West Dialysis Centers - Reception Desk
- The Caring House - Reception Desk
- Ak-Chin Clinic - Reception Desk



Milk / Water Jug Containers are NOT SAFE for accepting!

Reminder!

Gila River Health Care’s Administrative Offices, Outpatient Clinics, and Pharmacy will be

CLOSED LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4th

Normal business hours will resume 9/5/23.

CLOSED NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

Friday, September 15th

Normal business hours will resume 9/18/23.

For any information on services open during the holiday, please call GRHC’s main line (520) 562-3321.

Visit the grhc.org/hub to view our upcoming health events.

COVID-19 Newsletter for Community Elders (August 2023)



FAMILY PLANNING MOBILE UNIT AUGUST CALENDAR



Behavioral Health Services
GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449



Governor
Stephen Roe Lewis

Lt. Governor
Monica Antone

Community Council
Representatives

District 1
Arzie Hogg
Joey Whitman

District 2
Ann M. Lucas

District 3
Avery White
Joseph Manuel Jr.

District 4
Jennifer Allison
Lalena Jackson
Christopher Mendoza
Nada Celaya

District 5
Brian E. Davis, Sr.
James De La Rosa
Franklin Pablo Sr.

District 6
Anthony Villareal, Sr.
Terrance B. Evans
Charles Goldtooth

District 7
Devin Redbird

Gary Mix, Tribal Treasurer
Shannon White,
Community Council Secretary

Gila River Indian News

Roberto A. Jackson
roberto.jackson@gric.nsn.us
CPAO Director
(520) 562-9851

Kyle Knox
Kyle.Knox@gric.nsn.us
Managing Editor
(520) 562-9719

Emma Hughes
Emma.Hughes-Juan@gric.nsn.us
Community Newsperson
(520) 562-9852

Velia Moncada
Velia.Moncada@gric.nsn.us
Community Newsperson
(520) 562-9718

For more information
grin@gric.nsn.us
(520) 562-9715

Write to:
Editor, GRIN
P.O. Box 459
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Published letters or columns do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editor or Gila River Indian Community. **LETTERS POLICY:** GRIN welcomes letters and columns from readers. Letters *should be limited to 200 words* and be in good taste. Material that could be libelous or slanderous is not acceptable. All letters or columns should be signed with the writer's true name, address and telephone number in the event GRIN may need to contact the writer. *Only the name of the writer will be printed in the paper.* Letters or columns without a complete signature, name, address or phone number will not be acceptable to GRIN for publication. GRIN reserves the right to edit submitted materials for grammar, spelling and content.

Gila River Indian Community
P.O. Box 459
Sacaton, AZ 85147
(520)562-9715
www.gricnews.org

Material published in the Gila River Indian News may not be reproduced in any form without consent from the Gila River Indian Community



Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch Dedicates Garden to MMIP

GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

On the evening of Saturday, July 29, Jr. Miss Gila River 2023-24, Eleanor Lynch partnered with GRIC's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to host a garden dedication ceremony for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP).

As Jr. Miss Gila River, Lynch's platform focuses on raising awareness of the ongoing epidemic of MMIP. Joining alongside Lynch was Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Caiden Lewis, Miss Gila River Leahua Lani Dosela, and Miss Gila River First Attendant Mavis Thomas.

The ceremony brought together Community members and

visiting tribal royalty from the Tohono O'odham Nation, Caesar Chavez High School, and Phoenix Union High School District for a candle light vigil and walk to "honor and pray for those who went missing or are murdered," said Lynch. Guest speakers for the event included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, DEQ director Lisa Gover, and former Miss Gila River 2022-23 Kelsey Martinez.

Lynch added, "It was a big night for me and everyone else, and I'm really grateful that we were all able to gather and honor our stolen relatives."



2023-24 Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch opens the dedication ceremony with welcoming remarks. Photos courtesy of Ashton Lynch



The 2023-24 Miss Gila River Court lead the remembrance walk at the garden dedication event July 29. Photos courtesy of Ashton Lynch



Visiting tribal royalty stand with red candles during the July 29 vigil in remembrance of MMIP victims and survivors. Photos courtesy of Ashton Lynch



A hand painted plaque by Lynch honors those affected by the MMIP crisis. Photos courtesy of Ashton Lynch

NOTICE REGARDING AIR CONDITIONERS

If you are experiencing issues with your Air Conditioner, please contact your local service center.

District Service Centers: 8:00am - 5:00pm	On-Call District Numbers All times (hours) outside of business hours
District 1 (520) 215-2110	District 1 (520) 610-0656
District 2 (520) 562-3450	District 2 (520) 610-7426
District 3 (520) 562-3334	District 3 (520) 610-2965
District 4 (520) 418-3661	District 4 (520) 610-8456
District 5 (520) 315-3441	District 5 (520) 610-0815
District 6 (520) 550-3805	District 6 (520) 610-1270
District 7 (520) 430-4780	District 7 (520) 610-9748

Each District Provides Cooling Stations

District Primary Cooling Station	District Service Center
District One Service Center	District Five Service Center
District Two Events Center	District Six Learning Center
District Three Service Center (Old Center)	District Seven Service Center
District Four Service Center	

The Head of Household is responsible for submitting service request. The official process for submitting a service request is with your local district service center and not on social media. Thank you for your time and understanding.

STOP

SCAM ALERT

ATTENTION:

- Community members and individuals from other tribes have reported being approached in the Community by solicitors or recruiters from facilities commonly known as "sober homes" or "group homes."
- Community members reported being offered transportation to these facilities and once there, they reported having difficulty returning home or contacting their families and falling victim to criminal activities in these fraudulent facilities.

What we know about these scammers

"Recruiters" may offer the following:

- Regular meals
- Shelter
- Transportation
- Other monetary items

Red flags to look out for

- Direct in-person solicitation
- Unfamiliar or suspicious van

If you or a family member are in need of substance abuse services or mental health, please contact Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services at **520-562-3321 ext. 7100**.

If a "recruiter" approaches you or a family member, you are encouraged to call the Gila River Police Department at **(520) 562-4511**.

Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, Gila River Health Care logos.

Medicine Wheel Riders Start Ride to Sturgis at Wild Horse Pass

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The Medicine Wheel Riders, an Indigenous women's motorcycle group with members throughout the U.S., made their first stop of the "We Ride for Impact 2023 Community Tour" at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass on Friday, July 28.

The grassroots group began in 2019 and operates as a 501c3 non-profit organization to raise awareness, funds, and resources for issues affecting Indigenous women and relatives and for community concerns.

The Medicine Wheel Riders were escorted by the Gila River Police Department and joined by Rez Riders Indian Motorcycle Club as they as they arrived to the Community.

The group plans to travel over 1,500 miles to five states en route to Sturgis, S.D., which hosts a famous motorcycle rally every August that attracts about a half a million people.

In partnership with Indivisible Tohono – an O'odham led grassroots organization, and the Red

Sand Project – a participatory artwork that raises awareness on human trafficking, GRIC hosted the debut screening of the documentary "We Ride for Her," a short film produced by the Red Sand Project.

The documentary sheds light on the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) by following the group as they travel around the country, while sharing their stories and journey to raise awareness. The film will be shown at each of its stops along the way.

"We're advocates for relatives," said Shelly Denny, founder of the Medicine Wheel Riders, "We have a lot of people still missing."

Tribal leaders, activists and families from across the state greeted the Medicine Wheel Riders, who are committed to honoring the memory of those affected by this epidemic while advocating for justice and change.

"It's been a real honor to host the Medicine Wheel Riders and the Rez Riders to the Community," said Gila River Indian Community's Lt. Gov. Monica Antone,

who welcomed everyone to the event, followed by a blessing and performance from O'odham dance group Chi'Chino Spirit.

"Medicine Wheel Riders ride miles to represent and raise awareness about the high rates of violence and disappearance amongst Indigenous peoples," Lt. Gov. Antone said, "It was moving and emotional hearing them tell their stories of why they do this."

After the screening, members of Arizona's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) Task Force members shared their insights, stories and hopes for a brighter future. Panelists included Lt. Gov. Monica Antone; Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya, executive director of Honwungsi Consulting Services; and Indivisible Tohono member Elayne Gregg.

Lt. Gov. Antone shared how Indivisible Tohono reached out to her to assist in bringing a voice to these critical issues. She recalled the families and young victims she advocates for: 11-year-old Ashlynn Mike of the Navajo Nation, who was abducted and murdered in 2016, and 7-year-old Rhia Almeida, Gregg's daughter who was sexually assaulted and murdered in 2009.

Mike's death led to the implementation of AMBER Alerts in Indian Country, allowing federally recognized tribes to be eligible for AMBER alert grants and permits.

Almedia's story is shared often by her mother, Gregg, who was driven to take action and raise awareness and response, leading her to join the work and ef-



Medicine Wheel Riders are greeted by attendees during the 'We Ride for Her' film screening on Friday, July 28. Emma Hughes/GRIN

forts of Indivisible Tohono. "We were there when we enacted a lot of changes to policy and law enforcement, in order for us to at least break some barriers ... for our families and survivors," said Imus-Nahsonhoya.

She added, "We listen, we're survivors. We know and understand what our families are experiencing," including the lack of responses and challenges and barriers to addressing MMIP. Imus-Nahsonhoya added that the task force members have the expertise to implement change. "That is our hope," she stated.

The event focused on this ongoing issue and served as a reminder of the resilience and determination within Indigenous communities.

"We'd like to thank Medicine Wheel Riders for inviting us and wish them safe travels. They are all amazing and strong women; we're so happy to be a part of this morning," said

Miss Gila River Lehua Lani Dosela, who was joined by Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch and Chi'Chino Spirit to provide a warm send-off with a traditional song and blessing for the Medicine Wheel Riders as they continued their journey the next day.

"For me it was powerful to see the women ride in and be escorted by the Gila River Police department and for them to culturally know that we need healing and by them taking the ride for families to show lives

are precious, lives are sacred," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "They will make a difference in raising awareness, by choosing Gila River to kick off their journey has shown to be powerful for victims who never had a chance to share their voice to violent crimes."

She added, "I would like to thank Indivisible Tohono, Medicine Wheel Riders and Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham Dance group, Gila River Police department and the many visitors that came and supported the film."



Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Arizona MMIP Task Force Coordinator Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya, discuss their continued efforts to combat the MMIP crisis. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Members of the Medicine Wheel Riders and audience listen to the panel discussion. Emma Hughes/GRIN

TED program manager encourages students to explore art careers

TED K-12 Program

Submission

On Saturday, July 22, TED K-12 Program Manager Lance Reyna held a Pop-up Art class with Community artist "Thadai" (Jamie Jackson).

Students that enrolled for the Saturday class had the opportunity to explore various art forms and career possibilities in the field. They also had the opportunity to make

their own art pieces to bring home.

Throughout the year, I have helped with various contests to help encourage students to express themselves in art forms such as painting, poetry, clay, digital, drawing, and graffiti. What I learned was that Gila River has so much talent, and I really wanted to tap into it and tie it back to education.

As the Education Manager, I strive to find different

ways to encourage students to pursue tertiary education in what interests them, whether it be a medical degree in a university or a more niche program that fits the students' talents. With the unlimited types of jobs available today, I want students to know they have options to do what they love and recognize the limitless possibilities available to them to pursue their passions.



FITNESS & WELLNESS

Tribal Recreation & Wellness hosts Inaugural Akimel O’odham – Pee Posh Invitational Elder Chair Volley Ball Tournament

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

With the Arizona heat being as hot as it is, it’s no surprise that most individuals want to stay indoors and cool. However, over the weekend of July 16-18, there was a dwindling storm of competition heating up inside Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass, with 13 teams from the Gila River Indian Community and 11 Non-GRIC Communities participating in the very first Akimel O’odham-Pee Posh Elder Chair Volleyball tournament organized by the GRIC Tribal

Recreation & Wellness Center.

“Our teams have been practicing three times a week for about three hours,” said Marlene Norris, a player for The Rebels Team from District 4, in preparation for the competition. Norris started engaging in activities to improve her health and has continued to do so because she enjoys connecting with other seniors.

The tournament opened on July 16 by welcoming 24 teams to a dinner at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass featuring live entertainment by Gertie

N’ the T.O. Boyz and special remarks from Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone. All participating teams were led into a team parade showing off their players and team spirit, followed by a bracket draw that would determine the fate of the games for the following days of the tournament.

This year’s first competition took over a year to plan, stated Ryan Brown, Lead Personal trainer for Tribal Recreation & Wellness. “Elder chair volleyball is pretty big in our southern tribes, we wanted to do something big for

the other surrounding communities and showcase all of our Arizona teams, all of these elders are really competitive and are looking forward to becoming the inaugural winners.” He hopes this tournament will eventually grow into a national tournament where tribal elders from around the nation can compete for national trophies.

As the competition unfolded, organizers coordinated events and activities outside of the gameplay to entertain the elders as they waited for their games throughout the tournament. Events included arts and craft vendors with information booths displayed in the exhibit hall, a singing competition, a comedy show with stand-up comedians Wolf Brown and Theresa Choyguha.

Wild Horse Pass also provided meals for participants daily.

At the end of the sweltering heated competition, 195 players and 272 specta-



Inaugural Akimel O’odham- Pee Posh Invitational Winners “Unknowns.” Photo Courtesy of GRIC Tribal Recreation & Wellness

tors were in attendance. The first-place champions of the inaugural Akimel O’odham-Pee Posh Tournament were “The Unknowns” from the Tohono O’odham Nation, with runner-ups named “Tribal Roots” from the Fort Mojave Tribe leaving third place for the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe, “Once

Wild.” First-place winners received the grand trophy with championship Pendleton jackets. And the runner-ups received second and third-place trophies with black long-sleeve Akimel O’odham – Pee Posh Invitational jackets.



Gila River O’odhams play against the Blackwater Jack Rabbits. CPAO Photo

SYPHILIS

THERE IS A RISE IN CASES IN INDIAN COUNTRY AND IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection [STI] that is common and can affect anyone of any age and gender.

There may be no visible symptoms in the earlier stages. If left untreated syphilis can cause serious long-term health issues.

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOU, YOUR LOVED ONES, AND YOUR COMMUNITY!

USE PROTECTION TO AVOID INFECTION

Get Tested Regularly

- Who should get tested?
 - Anyone who is sexually active
 - Women who are pregnant
 - *People who have unprotected sex and/or multiple sexual partners should get tested often

Use Protection

Practicing safe sex and using a condom can protect you against multiple STIs/STDs.

YOU MAY HAVE A STI/STD AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT!

**For more information on Syphilis scan the QR code!
If you are unsure if you have Syphilis or any other STIs or STDs contact a health care provider to get tested. Your healthcare provider may be able to find you additional resources.

Gila River Indian Community
Tribal Health Department
Disease Surveillance
(520) 562-5132

AKIMEL O’ODHAM FULL-POWER STRENGTH CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023
LOCATION: D3 MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS!

Open 7/24 GRIC PRIORITY ACCESS ONLY
Open to all federally recognized tribes 7/31

REGISTRATION CLOSES: AUGUST 21ST

AGES 15YRS AND UP WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND PRESENCE

OPEN TO ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL MEMBERS

For more information contact:
Javoni Molina
Rheanna Jackson
Tristan Natani
(520) 562-2026

MUST PARTICIPATE IN ALL EVENTS. ORDER IS AS FOLLOWS: SQUAT, BENCH, DEADLIFT



TECH / SKILLS

WORKSHOP

A FREE PROGRAM TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS.

WE CAN HELP WITH:

- COMPUTERS, TABLETS, AND SMARTPHONES
- INTERNET AND WI-FI QUESTIONS
- WORK AND SCHOOL DOCUMENTS
- ONLINE SAFETY
- E-MAIL
- VIDEO CALLS
- MUSIC AND VIDEO APPS
- AND MORE!

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR THE DIGITAL DISCUSSION!

COMING TO YOUR LOCAL SERVICE CENTER

D3 SEPT. 6, 13, 20, 27

D4 SEPT. 5, 7, 19, 21

D5 SEPT. 12, 14, 26, 28

WORKSHOP TIME: 9AM TO 12PM



REGISTRATION OPTIONS

- 🌐 bit.ly/DCI-registration
- ☎ (520) 610-0990



We go above. So you can go beyond.

Come home with Section 184 loans.



Matt Rosbrook
 Mortgage Banker
 NMLS #428761
 Phone 602-695-1079
 mrosbrook@bokf.com



Scan to find a mortgage banker near you or visit us at bokfinancial.com/rosbrook



GILA RIVER "PROUDLY SERVING THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY SINCE 1988"

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Box 5015, 7065 West Allison Road, Chandler, Arizona 85226-5135
(520) 796-3333 • www.gilarivertel.com • Fax (520) 796-7534

FIBER TO THE HOME

GRTI Fiber to The Home (FTTH) enables tribal residences to communicate and connect with the world like never before.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

This connectivity fosters a sense of community, strengthens cultural ties, and enables vital communication during emergencies or crises.

 @GilaRiverTelco  @NativeTechAZ  @AlluvionCom  @GilaRiverTV  @DigitalConnectInitiative





HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Monica Antone
Lt. Governor

Water rights from the front Page

Tribe joined GRIC for a legal proceeding.

Judge Scott Rash presided over the hearing, questioned both sides and heard oral arguments.

During the hearing, Judge Rash asked the defendants' attorneys about the finding made by their expert witnesses that the water from three wells in question is at least in part from the Gila River. Judge Rash also addressed the defendants' arguments concerning the federal court's jurisdiction compared with the state court and Arizona Department of Water Resources in the Gila Adjudication.

Later, questions for both parties focused on how to apply Arizona law to address whether the defendants' wells draw water pumped from the Gila River and its subflow and whether the wells must be shut down.

After a fifteen-minute

recess, the hearing proceeded with oral arguments and each party argued their case before Judge Rash.

The defendants' counsel argued that the case should be moved to state court, that their experts had not admitted that the wells pump Gila River water, and that in any event, the amount of water farmers pumped was minuscule compared to the existing surface water on the Gila River. They also argued that the Community was barred from challenging the pumping because of its water settlement.

GRIC counsel maintained that the Community preserved the right to challenge pumping, that the federal court has exclusive authority to shut down wells pumping Gila River water, and that the defendants' wells must be shut down.

Joe P. Sparks, an attorney for the San Carlos Apache Tribe, then pleaded for the court to reach a judgment in this case since the unauthorized pumping of Gila River water has been

a problem for decades. The Tribe joined the case in 2022 to support the Community's claims and has been active in the proceedings to shut down the wells.

The San Carlos Apache Tribe became involved with this case because the wells in question are located upstream of both the Community's and the Tribe's reservations.

At the conclusion, Judge Rash shared that he would like to issue a ruling as soon as possible and that after his ruling he may hold a telephone conference with counsel for all parties to discuss how to proceed with a potential appeal. Judge Rash said that if his decision does not resolve all the issues at the summary judgment stage and some issues still must be heard at a trial, there might be an immediate appeal of his rulings to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

San Carlos Apache Tribe Councilwoman Ina Salter stated that the hearing proved beneficial for

both tribes and the outcome is crucial for the well-being of both tribes and natural resources.

"Water is life," Salter said. "As leaders, it's our job to come out here and take this matter back to the Community so that they are

aware that situations like this are still happening."

District 3 Councilman Joseph Manuel Jr. said it was great to have had Judge Rash ask the crucial questions in the hearing, as he felt the judge's interests and inquiries were a sign that he

would make a favorable decision for GRIC.

Nada Celaya, District 4 Councilwoman, said, "This case is a precedent for other cases that will come in the future for our children, grandchildren and those after us."



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, San Carlos Apache Tribe councilwoman Ina Salter, and District 1 Councilman Joey Whitman after the court hearing of GRIC v. Cranford. Velia Moncada/GRIN

VA recognition from the front Page

Donough said, "It was very important for me to be in Arizona today to make sure I come to pay my respect to this great Community,

on your land. Today I was reminded of the amazing tradition of service of the Gila River Indian Community to the United States and our military, it was a great opportunity to underscore the profound relationship by recognizing the Veterans

and Family Service Organization as a tribal service organization." McDonough continued, "Arizona has a great tradition of service to the national defense, Native Americans in Arizona have a great tradition of service to the national defense, and

the people in this Community have a great tradition of service to the national defense so I say, on behalf of a grateful nation, 'thank you very much.'"

The Gila River Indian Community's recognition as an official Tribal Veteran Service Organization will enable to the Community's Veterans Services Office to ensure our Veterans receive all benefits they are eligible for and to assist with claims, and directly interface with the Veterans Affairs systems to ensure claims are processed in a timely manner. This Office will play a critical role in ensuring that the Community and the federal government work together



VA Sec. McDonough receives a gift from members of the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 and Auxiliary. Kyle Knox/GRIN

er to ensure the health and well-being of our Community's Veterans remains a top priority as our Veterans return home from service.



PIMA LEASING & FINANCING CORPORATION



Leasing Department Administrative Assistant

Full-Time, Exempt \$41,000 - \$59,000 Annually

PLFC is the place to be!

- > Excellent Benefits including Medical, Dental, Vision, 401k
- > Office Hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday
- > Paid Holidays, plus paid Sick and Personal Time Off
- > Fun atmosphere, supportive work environment

See full job description at

<https://www.facebook.com/PimaLeasingAndFinancing>

Submit your resume to info@thelplfc.com

Call our office with questions!

520-796-2454 Ext. #227



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, VA Sec. McDonough, Community Council members Joey Whitman and Avery White, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the recognition ceremony held at the Huhugam Heritage Center on July 23. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GRRC Empowers Women Workforce at Second Annual Glow Grow Women’s Leadership Conference

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Resorts & Casinos hosted their second annual Glow, Grow Game Women’s Leadership Conference, July 26-28, at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass.

This year’s conference continued to empower the

GRRC women’s workforce by inviting 25 first-time participants to learn from gaming industry leaders and inspire growth within management teams by sharing insights to cultivate strong relationships and overcome obstacles to champion a thriving career.

To participate, various

departments of GRRC must nominate employees for the conference.

This year the GRIC Tribal Gaming Office included their employees as eligible for this year’s conference.

Nassia Shams, Sr. Human Resources Manager of GRRC, led the planning for this year’s conference as the event host. She continued to provide a thorough program to promote leadership, networking, and an inclusive and productive work environment.

For the first day, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone was a keynote speaker opening the first three days. Lt. Gov. Antone applauded the dedication to the service GRRC employees continuously provide for the public.

“I was happy to see how you all rallied for the opening of our newest Santan Mountain Casino this year, and I was really excited to know that everyone was ready for that big day when we opened those doors,” said Lt. Gov. Antone

In her comments, she referred to the exceptional service the GRRC staff provides, which she believes is based on the O’otham and Pee-Posh cultural values of hospitality.

Lt. Gov. Antone also spoke of working closely with former Gov. Mary V.



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone provides opening remarks on the first day of the Glow Grow Game leadership conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN



GRRRC CEO Kenneth Manuel opened the first day encouraging everyone in attendance to learn as much as possible over the three day conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Thomas, the first woman to serve as Governor of the Community.

Lt. Gov. shared that having a female mentor helped shape her leadership skills. She also expressed her hope that everyone in the GRRC departments would cultivate a similar spirit of mentorship among themselves.

In addition to the new participating cohort, the organizers also tapped local female leaders to showcase throughout the conference this year. Tamatha Villar, Gila River Police Department, Assistant Chief of Police- Interim, and Kathy

Garcia, Gila River Fire Department Fire Chief, also served as guest speakers.

GRRC has hosted the conference for two years now. After achieving pos-

itive outcomes from last year’s event, GRRC is eager to continue organizing these conferences in the future.



Robin Villareal shares her work journey at GRRC. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Indian Child Welfare Act Upheld by Supreme Court

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

In a landmark 7-2 decision, the United States Supreme Court recently upheld the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), siding with Indian Country while protecting the rights of Native American families and children, and reaffirming the sovereignty of tribes.

The June 15 ruling by the nation’s highest court marks a major win for Indigenous families and cultures. President Joe Biden released a statement saying that the SCOTUS decision “keeps in place a vital protection for tribal sovereignty and Native children.”

In 2016, the Brackeen v. Haaland case challenged the constitutionality of the ICWA, arguing that the law violated equal protection principles by granting preferential treatment to Native families in child custody cases. The Supreme Court’s decision rejected these arguments.

In a statement hailing the decision, the Community and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis said: “The Gila River Indian Community recognizes today’s decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act as the best possible outcome for Native American families and children. The challenges to ICWA were challenges to our sovereignty and our ability to keep our fami-

lies intact and preserve our traditions.

Originally enacted by Congress in 1978, ICWA was meant to prevent Native American children from being removed from their families and placed in non-Native homes. Such adoption placements often left the children in danger of losing their cultural identity and heritage.

ICWA established specific criteria that must be met before any child member of a federally recognized tribe can be removed from his or her family and placed in foster care or adoption. By prioritizing placement within the extended family or the child’s tribe, ICWA has helped maintain and strengthen Native children’s ties to their communities.

The Community’s statement said: “This ruling affirms that as a law, ICWA will continue as a framework to move past centuries of practices that caused irreparable harm to our way of life as a people. We celebrate this victory and will move forward in the best interest of our tribal members and families.”



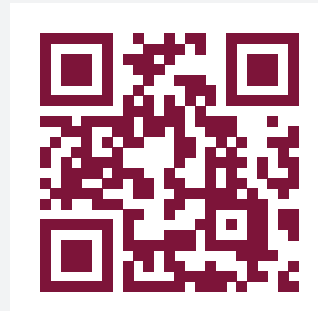
PATHWAYS COMMUNITY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

We are now accepting online applications for the following mentorship position:

Must be a Gila River Indian Community Member to apply.

MENTORSHIP POSITION
Assistant Director Mentee

RECRUITMENT PERIOD
07/13/2023 - 08/31/2023



Scan QR Code!

SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY

Or Visit WORKATGILA.COM/JOBS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

TIFFANY THOMPSON
Talent Acquisition Manager

E: tiffany.thompson@gila.casino
P: (520) 796-7777 ext. 7305

Gila River Sand and Gravel Corp. Makes Top 20 out of 100 rock producers

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Sand and Gravel Corporation recently received high marks this year for the “Top 100 producers of Construction of Sand and Gravel in the United States.” The designation derives from a survey conducted by the United States Geological Services and listed by

Rock Products magazine’s 2021 list. Gila River Sand and Gravel Corp. are listed as number 16 in the entire country, reflecting a high ranking in the amount of tonnage the corporation distributes to construction companies around the nation.

The term tonnage refers to the amount of sediment material created and weighed in tons. Gila Riv-

er Sand and Gravel Corp. provides 12 different types of material, all produced from two quarries. This year’s survey indicates that Gila River Sand and Gravel Corp. distributed over 6 million tons in 2021.

“It’s a pretty high ranking for a company that only operates two plant sites,” said Mike Morago, CEO of Gila River Sand & Gravel Corp.



Photo of minerals being processed at the Santan Plant in District 4. Photo courtesy of the Gila River Sand and Gravel Corporation



Aerial photo of the Gila River Sand and Gravel’s Santan Plant. Photo courtesy of the Gila River Sand and Gravel Corporation

“The company that’s ranked number 15 is located in California, and they operate 25 quarries in the United States,” Morago added, recognizing the corporation’s achievement against a grand-scale competitor.

“We’re blessed that our Community has a river running through it from east to west. And there’s al-

most an unlimited amount of reserves and resources for us to build our business on,” said Morago.

Morago stated that winning this award proves that the Gila River Sand and Gravel Corp. is a leading producer in the aggregate industry, providing high-quality materials required for construction projects in the market. This

is particularly important as they will soon construct a third quarry in District 1, expanding their production business.

“We thank the Community and our tribal leadership for support, and we want to just keep doing well and helping out the Community as best as we can,” said Morago.

“Ira Hayes: Akimel O’odham Warrior, World War II Hero, and Legend”

The gripping, forgotten tale of Ira Hayes—a Native American icon and World War II legend who famously helped raise the flag at Iwo Jima but spent the latter half of his life haunted by being a war hero.

Submission

Twelve Publicity & Marketing Release

IRA HAYES tells the story of Ira Hamilton Hayes from the perspective of a Native American combat veteran of the Vietnam generation. Hayes, along with five other Marines, was captured in Joe Rosenthal’s iconic photograph of raising the stars and stripes on Mount Suribachi during the battle for the Japanese Island of Iwo Jima. The photograph was the inspiration and model for the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington.

Between the time he helped raise that flag and his death—and beyond—he was the subject of more newspaper columns than any other Native person. He was hailed as a hero and maligned as a chronic alcoholic unable to take care of himself. IRA HAYES explores these fluctuating views of Ira Hayes. It reveals that they were primarily the product of American misconceptions about Native people, the nature of combat, and even alcoholism. Like most surviv-

ing veterans of combat, Ira did not think of himself as a heroic figure. There can be no doubt that Ira suffered from PTSD, which is a compound of survivor’s guilt, the shock of seeing death, especially of one’s friends, and the isolation brought on by feeling that no one could understand what he had been through. Ira’s life has been a subject of two motion pictures and a television drama. All these dramas sympathize with him, but ultimately fail to see his binge drinking as his way of temporarily escaping the melancholy, the rage he felt, his sense of betrayal, and the sheer boredom of peacetime.

IRA HAYES breaks apart the complexities of Ira’s short life in honor of all Native veterans who have been to war in the service of the United States. This is equally their story.

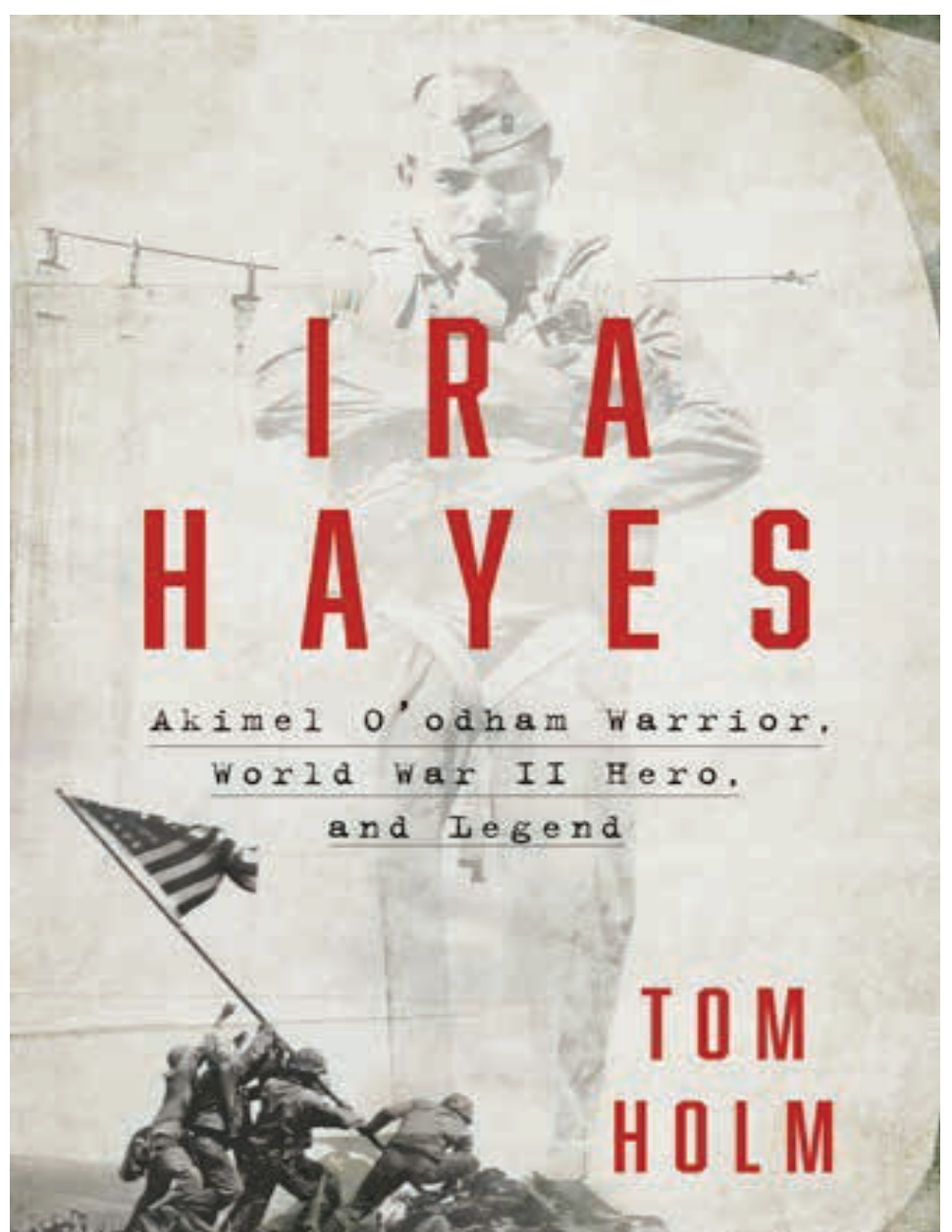
About the author

Tom Holm is a professor emeritus of American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona. Professor Holm has published over fifty articles, books, pamphlets, government reports, book reviews and

essays, editorials, and book chapters. An enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation with Muskogee Creek ancestry, Holm has served on numerous Native American organization boards, panels, and working groups. He is a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War and has taken part in several programs dealing with veterans’ affairs.

“WWII hero Ira Hayes would have appreciated this book. Author Tom Holm uses Ira’s courage and humility as tools to dissect the historic and current fate of his Native American people. And Ira’s challenges focus light upon the tragedy of war and the horrors of PTSD. A meaningful and beautifully-researched read.”—Judy Avila, bestselling author of Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII

IRA HAYES, Akimel O’odham Warrior, World War II Hero, and Legend, By Tom Holm. On Sale: August 1, 2023. Page Count: 320, Hardcover ISBN: 9781538709504/\$30, eBook ISBN: 9781538709528/\$14.99.



Announcements & Notices



NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
REVISIONS TO TITLE 11, EDUCATION

The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") will be considering proposed revisions to the GRIC Code, Title 11, Education, at their regular meeting on August 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

If you are interested in providing comments on the proposed revision of the GRIC Code, Title 11, Education, you may contact your Council representative, the LSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720, or provide written comments by August 23, 2023, by email to the Office of General Counsel at OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us

ANNOUNCEMENT



PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE TITLE 11, EDUCATION CODE

- DISTRICT 1 BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL -Gym SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.
DISTRICT 5 CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL- Gym SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.
DISTRICT 6 GILA CROSSING COMMUNITY SCHOOL-Cafeteria SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

Contact Isaac Salcido, Director, Tribal Education Department at 520-562-3662 with any questions. Legislative Standing Committee will consider the proposed ordinance on August 29, 2023 at 1pm.

Title 11 EDUCATION

Chapter 1. General Provisions

- 11.101. Title.
11.102. Authority.
11.103. Intent and Purpose.
11.104. Definitions.
11.105. Rules, Regulations, and Procedures.
11.106. Severability.
11.107. Sovereign Immunity.

Chapter 2. Authority, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Community Council, the Education Standing Committee, and the Tribal Education Department

- 11.201. Community Council.
11.202. Education Standing Committee.
11.203. Tribal Education Department.
11.204. Tribal Education Department Director.

Chapter 3. Tribal Education Objectives, Standards, Programs, and Services

- 11.301. Education Objectives.
11.302. Education Standards for Tribally Controlled Schools, Other Educational Institutions and Those Schools Receiving TAP Funds.
11.303. Educational and Prevention Programs to Address Domestic Violence, Drugs, Alcohol, Bullying, and Suicide Prevention.
11.304. Parental Involvement.
11.305. Truancy Report.

Chapter 4. Student Information

- 11.401. Biometric Information.
11.402. Student Data.

A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Centers and the Community Council Secretary's Office.

Public Notice REQUEST FOR ARGUMENTS "FOR" OR "AGAINST" THE SPECIAL ELECTION LEASE LAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS SACATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18

Sacaton Elementary School District No. 18 of Pinal County (the "District"), will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The purpose of the election is to permit the qualified electors of the District to vote on authorizing the District to lease one or more parcels of land for a term not to exceed 99 years and to construct, improve, equip and furnish one or more buildings on such land.

The Pinal County School Superintendent will be preparing an informational pamphlet that will be mailed to households containing one or more registered electors within the District. Any persons wishing to submit an argument "for" or "against" the proposed land lease and construction (not to exceed 200 words) may do so by mail or hand delivery of the argument to the Pinal County School Superintendent's office, 75 N. Baily Street, Building A, Florence, AZ 85132; telephone: (520) 866-6565.

To be included in the informational pamphlet, such argument must be received in the office of the Pinal County School Superintendent on or before 5:00 p.m., August 11, 2023. Such argument must be signed and include the name of the District, the author's name, the name of any entity submitting an argument, address and telephone number.

SOLICITUD DE ARGUMENTOS "A FAVOR" O "EN CONTRA" DE LA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA ARRIENDO DE TERRENO Y CONSTRUCCIÓN DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE ENSEÑANZA PRIMARIA NÚM. 18 DE SACATON

Se ha convocado a una elección especial, la que se llevará a cabo en el Distrito Escolar de Enseñanza Primaria Núm. 18 de Sacaton del Condado de Pinal, Arizona (el "Distrito") el 7 de noviembre de 2023. El propósito de la elección es permitir que los electores calificados del Distrito voten sobre si autorizan al Distrito a que arriende una o más parcelas de tierra por un plazo que no excederá de 99 años y construir, mejorar, equipar y amoblar uno o más edificios en dicho terreno.

El Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Pinal preparará un folleto informativo que se enviará por correo a los hogares que cuenten con uno o más electores registrados dentro del Distrito. Cualquier persona que desee presentar un argumento "a favor" o "en contra" del aumento al presupuesto en un terreno arrendado y construcción (no debe exceder de 200 palabras) puede enviar el argumento por servicio postal o entregarlo en persona en la oficina del Pinal County School Superintendent, 75 N. Baily Street, Building A, Florence, AZ 85132; teléfono: (520) 866-6565.

Para que el argumento sea incluido en el folleto informativo, este debe recibirse en la oficina del Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Pinal a más tardar el 11 de agosto de 2023, a las 5:00 p. m. Dicho argumento debe firmarse e incluir el nombre del Distrito, el nombre del autor, el nombre de cualquier entidad que presente un argumento, la dirección y número de teléfono. Si el argumento es presentado por un comité político, deberá contener la declaración jurada del presidente o tesorero del comité. Si el argumento es presentado por una persona y no en nombre de una organización, un comité político o algún otro grupo, la persona deberá presentar el argumento con una declaración jurada notariada. El nombre del autor y la entidad se imprimirán en el folleto informativo. El último día para registrarse para sufragar, con el fin de ser elegible para votar en esta elección, es el lunes 9 de octubre de 2023. Para obtener más información relacionada con la elección, comuníquese con Sacaton Elementary School District, 150 Skill Center Drive, Sacaton, AZ 85147; teléfono: (520) 562-8600.

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE MATTER OF: Jeannette Lewis CASE Number: CV-2020-0188-AIC This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond,

judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Review Hearing 15th day of August, 2023 at 3:30 PM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheri L Cassa AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147 DATED: Thursday, June 22, 2023

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE MATTER OF: Michaelene Jones vs. CW Sunbird Jones Sr. CASE Number: FM-2023-0031-DV This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be

issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing 15th day of August, 2023 at 11:30 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheri L Cassa AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147 DATED Monday, June 19, 2023

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: LORETTA FELIX, IN THE MATTER OF, GERALD HAYES CASE Number: CY -2022-027 8-ZG A CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING Please take notice that a Review Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time

set forth below: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Sacaton, AZ. Given under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona. DATED this 10th day of July, 2023

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • July 19, 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, July 19, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

ROLL CALL

Standing Committee Assistant Lisa Hendricks called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:23), Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (10:07)

Council Members Absent:

D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr.

D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1, #2, #3, #5, AND #6 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #17, #20, #21, #23 AND #24; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #1 AND #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS PRESENTED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. 2023 First Responder Cadets Program Presenters: James Milano, Paul Maroney, Jesse Crabtree

GRPD CHIEF JESSE CRABTREE INTRODUCED OFFICER JAMES MILANO WHO PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM. EACH OF THE 9 CADETS PRESENT INTRODUCED THEMSELVES. OFFICER MILANO PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM ASIDE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY; THE CADETS ARE ALSO TAUGHT ABOUT FINANCIAL LITERACY, NUTRITION, FITNESS, CULTURAL SENSITIVITY AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS. MS. REBECCA LEWIS (EMS) AND ROBERT JACKSON (GRFD) ASSISTED WITH THE PROGRAM AND WERE PRODUCTS OF THE FIRST RESPONDER CADET PROGRAM, BOTH CONTINUE TO FURTHER THEIR CAREERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR LEWIS, AND LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE PROVIDED REMARKS OF SUPPORT AND EXPRESSED HOW PROUD THEY WERE OF EACH CADET FOR BEING APART OF THIS PROGRAM.

2. Sacaton Elementary School District Introductions

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Karen White, Robert Lewandowski, Don Schopp MR. ISAAC SALCIDO INTRODUCED MS. KAREN WHITE, PRESIDENT OF THE SACATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT WHO PRE-

SENTED MR. ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI AS THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE SACATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18. MR. LEWANDOWSKI IS CURRENTLY IN HIS 20TH YEAR AS A SUPERINTENDENT AND HAS BEEN IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD FOR 35 YEARS, PREVIOUSLY SERVING AS A SUPERINTENDENT IN MONTANA AND WYOMING. MR. LEWANDOWSKI HAD RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE FROM CHADRON STATE COLLEGE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION, AND RECEIVED HIS DOCTORAL DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING. MR. LEWANDOWSKI IS EXCITED TO BE IN ARIZONA AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, AND IS HOPEFUL TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY. GOVERNOR LEWIS AND COUNCILMAN JOEY WHITMAN PROVIDED WORDS OF WELCOME AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MR. LEWANDOWSKI.

REPORTS

>1. 2nd Quarter Budget Report Pee-Posh Veterans Association Presenters: Veronica Kinsel, Arnie Bread, Sr., Frederick Reed ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Medical Transportation Services Report (May 2023)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, DeRees Clark, Carolyn Thompson, Dr. Anthony Santiago ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Head Start Program Monthly Report-April 2023

Presenter: Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. GRSF FY23 2nd Quarter Report Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell

REPORT HEARD

>5. GRTI 2022 Quarterly Reports 1-4

Presenters: Jennifer Burkhalter, GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. GRTI 2023 CAF-ICC Data Submission

Presenters: Jennifer Burkhalter, Courtney Hogancamp

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. FY2023 Financial Activity Report ending June 30, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission And Community Services Department Sensory Playground Equipment (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Emergency Housing Repair Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For Casa Grande Police Department Equipment (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For Casa Grande Police Department Training (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Coolidge For Coolidge Public Works Solar Powered Stop Signs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Eloy For The Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Goodyear For Goodyear Fire Department Fire Extinguisher Training System (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Guadalupe For Guadalupe Community Assistance Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant

Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Guadalupe For Guadalupe Senior Center Programming (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Star Valley For The Playground Shade Structure Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Drone Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Florence For Florence Fitness Center Equipment (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3934 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC concurs)

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1786-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 186 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater

Continued on page 13

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS Cont.'d

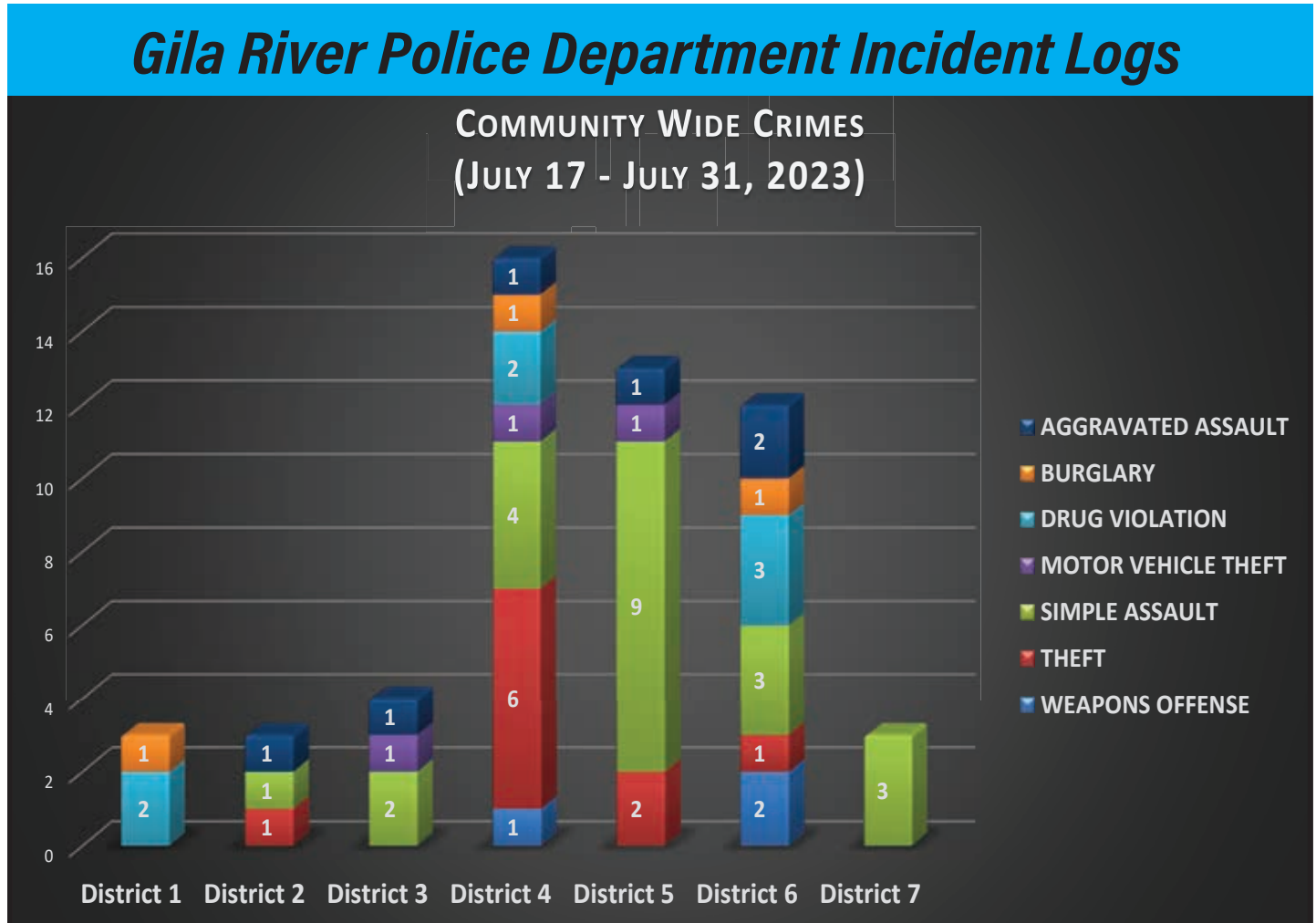
Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • July 19, 2023

ter, Kimberly Antone
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 >16. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3441 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC concurs)
 Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Antone
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 >17. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #4 To The March 29, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And UBS Institutional Consulting Program, An Investment Advisory Services Of UBS Financial Services, Inc. (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
 Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 18. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 4 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones
 APPROVED
 19. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 55 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2023 Through 2027 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Suzanne Jones
 APPROVED
 >20. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community Department Of Transportation To Submit And

Receive Funding From A Grant Application To The Arizona Department Of Transportation Section 5339 Bus And Bus Facilities Statewide Funding Program On Behalf Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC concurs)
 Presenter: Dawn Coomer
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 >21. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
 Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 22. A Resolution Approving The Re-Designation Of 15.3846 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land Within District Six Of The Gila River Indian Community From The Tribal Health Department To The Gila River Police Department's West End Precinct For The Purpose Of Operating, Managing And Maintaining Existing Facilities And To Plan, Design, Construct Any Future Development And Renovations Within The Designated Area As Shown In Drawing No. 40620-0272 (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)
 Presenters: Samantha Johnson, Corinna Ortiz, Kimberly Antone, Jesse Crabtree
 APPROVED
 >23. A Resolution Granting 12.76 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land To The Boys And Girls Clubs Of The Gila River Indian Community For The Purpose Of Managing And Maintaining Existing Facilities And The Planning, Designing, Construction, Management, And Maintenance Of Future Development Within The Designated Area As Shown In Drawing No. 30307-0404 And Establishing A Zone

Of C-1 Community Commercial District (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
 Presenters: Samantha Johnson, Corinna Ortiz, Kimberly Antone, Mark Clavell
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 >24. A Resolution Designating Three Land Parcels, Containing 0.1898 Acres, More Or Less, Of Community Trust Land In District Three Of The Gila River Indian Community To The Department Of Public Works For The Purpose Of Planning, Designing, Constructing, Operating, Managing, And Maintaining Public Utility Easements As Identified In Drawing No. 40319-0240B-EA (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
 Presenters: Samantha Johnson, Corinna Ortiz, Kimberly Antone, Jesus Haro
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ORDINANCES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
 >1. Pima Leasing and Financing Corporation Audit FY2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)
 Presenters: Albert Cheung, Anthony Gerlach, Teresa Mandelin
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 2. Gila River Health Care Corporation & The Caring House FY2022 External Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept, H&SSC concurs)
 Presenters: Chris Tyhurst, GRHC Board of Directors, Judith Roth, Max Haake, Dr. Anthony Santiago
 ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. FY2024 Operating Budget (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with the following recommendations as outlined in the motion)
 Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Monica Antone, Suzanne Jones, TeriLynne Kisto
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 1) THE COMPENSATION STUDY SALARY FOR POSITIONS WHICH BASED PAY WAS INCREASED 2) DIRECT ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW ALL POSITIONS FOR WHICH THE PROPOSED COMPENSATION STUDY SALARY RANGES INDICATED A DECREASE IN BASE PAY AND USE THE EXISTING SALARY RANGES FOR THOSE POSITION UNTIL THE REVIEW IS CONCLUDED 3) USE RECOMMENDATIONS #1 AND #2 AS THE BASIS FOR THE FY2024 BUDGET PROCESS
 4. Hiawatha Indian Asylum Annual Memorial Services (CRSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)
 Presenters: Reylynn Williams, Barnaby V. Lewis, Larry Benallie, Jr., Darius Enos
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS
 5. TribalNet Conference, September 18-21, 2023 (EDSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues and Delegations)
 Presenter: Economic Development Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS
MINUTES
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 • CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILMAN TERRANCE EVANS ON RECEIVING LEADER OF THE YEAR AT THE GILA RIVER YOUTH CONFERENCE
 • GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE WORK SESSION IN TUCSON CHECK IN IS TODAY, AND A REMINDER TO SIGN OUT TRAVEL CARDS
 • FORMER COUNCILWOMAN BRENDA ROBERTSON'S LIE-IN-STATE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 • GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 24, 2023 WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE LIE-IN-STATE VIA WEBEX
 • LITIGATION TEAM TO ATTEND JUDGMENT HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 IN TUCSON, AZ, GOVERNOR WILL PROVIDE A DELEGATION IF NEEDED FOR ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS
ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:43 A.M.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
 > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM





PREGNANT? GET CARE EARLY.

Your baby is the future of your Tribal community.
Take care of yourself and your baby during pregnancy.

GET EARLY PRENATAL CARE.

Prenatal care visits help reduce problems during birth and give you a way to learn more about what to expect during pregnancy.

GO TO APPOINTMENTS REGULARLY.

You will have many check-ups during your pregnancy. Try not to miss any — they are all important.

Make an appointment with your healthcare provider if you are or think you may be pregnant.

For more information about the ITCA Maternal Health Innovation Program, scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/ITCAMHI.

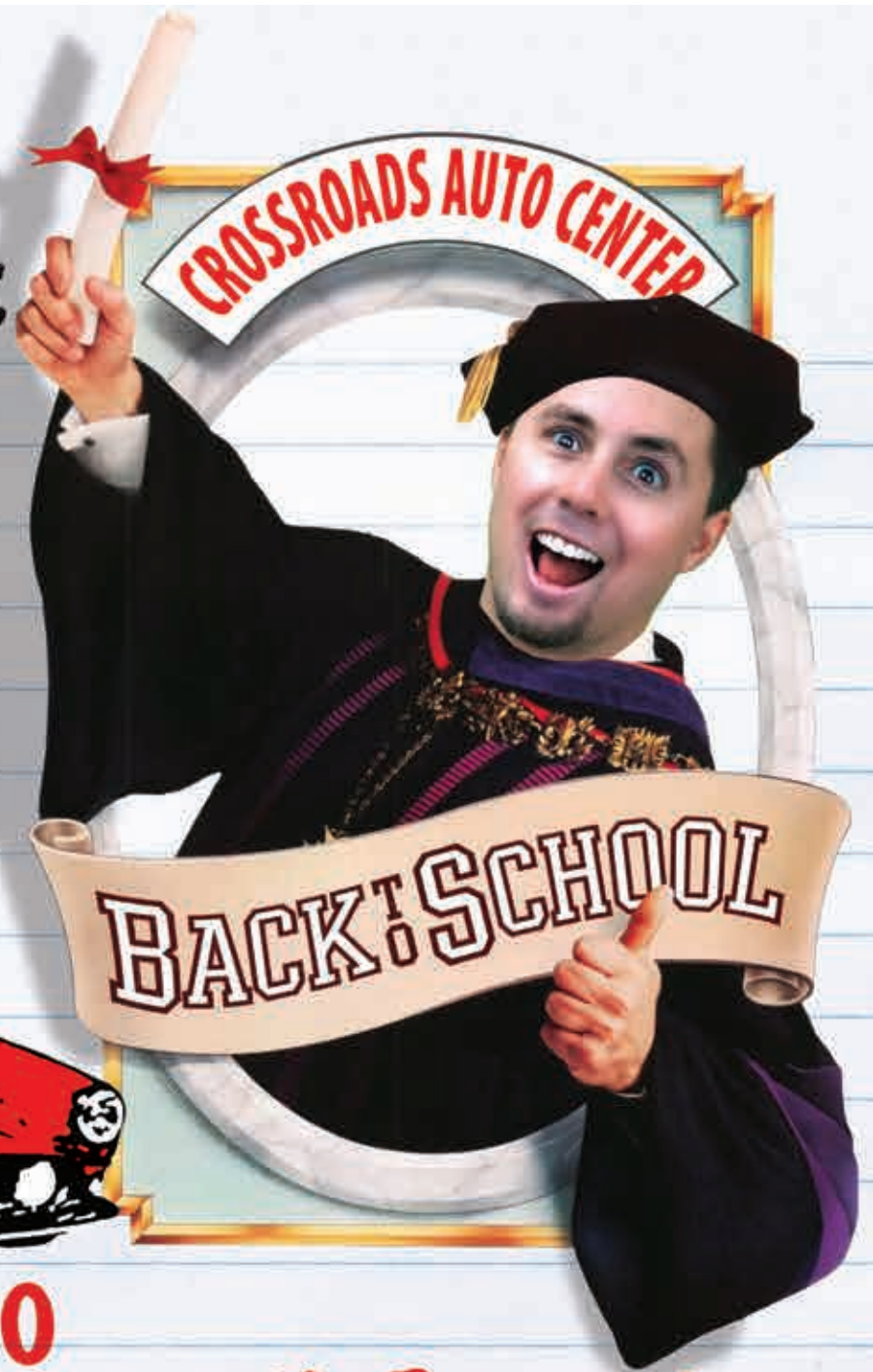


This project was produced by Inter Tribal Council of Arizona. Support for this project was provided through a cooperative agreement (Grant No. 6 U7AMC33714-02-01) from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

We Make Back-To-School
Easy At Casa Grande's
Favorite Used Car Dealership;

**CROSSROADS
AUTO CENTER.**

Affordable Prices on
Clean, Late-Model
Used Cars



\$0 Down
Payment
So You Can
Drive Today**



\$2,500
Minimum Trade-In
Running or Not*

No Payments
Until Fall Break**

<p>2015 CHEVY COLORADO</p> <p>CREW CAB HARD TO FIND</p>	<p>2021 NISSAN ALTIMA</p> <p>QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE</p>	<p>2021 NISSAN ARMADA</p> <p>LEATHER, NAVIGATION</p>	<p>2023 HYUNDAI SONATA SEL</p> <p>ONLY 6,000 MILES</p>	<p>2021 HYUNDAI SONATA SEL</p> <p>QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE</p>
<p>2019 FORD RANGER LARIAT</p> <p>GORGEOUS TRUCK</p>	<p>2015 KIA SOUL</p> <p>37,000 MILES ONLY \$250/MO.</p>	<p>2017 ACURA MDX</p> <p>FULLY LOADED \$27,999</p>	<p>2019 FORD FUSION</p> <p>SUMMER CLOSEOUT \$19,999</p>	<p>2020 FORD EXPLORER LIMITED</p> <p>FULLY LOADED</p>
<p>2018 HONDA CRV EXL</p>	<p>2022 DODGE CHARGER GT</p> <p>BEAUTIFUL CAR</p>	<p>2021 KIA FORTE</p> <p>LOW, LOW PAYMENTS</p>	<p>2019 CHEVY EQUINOX</p> <p>ROOM AND FUEL EFFICIENCY</p>	<p>2021 CHEVY MALIBU</p> <p>WON'T LAST</p>



**CROSSROADS
AUTO CENTER**

1026 N. PINAL AVE., CASA GRANDE
520-836-2112
INSTANT CREDIT APPROVAL
www.crossroadsauto.org

*Not valid with other offers, **Subject to Credit Approval Not all Buyers Will Qualify. Not all customers qualify based on approved credit. Must present ad at time of purchase. Not all vehicles qualify. Ask manager for details.



AUG 4 | 8PM

GIPSY KINGS

*FEATURING NICOLAS REYES
AT WILD HORSE PASS*



AUG 12 | 8PM

IMOMSOHARD

AT WILD HORSE PASS



AUG 12 | 8PM

TRIBUTE TO STEVE NICKS

*WHITE WINGED DOVE
AT VEE QUIVA*



AUG 26 | 5PM

LOST KINGS

*OASIS POOL PARTY
AT WILD HORSE PASS*




SEP 1 | 8PM

TRIBUTE TO ELTON JOHN

*ELTON ROHN
AT WILD HORSE PASS*



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE **WILD HORSE PASS BOX OFFICE** AND **PLAYATGILA.COM**

 | @PlayAtGila | PlayAtGila.com | 800-WIN-GILA Owned and operated by the Gila River Indian Community