



Gov. Lewis Welcomes Super Bowl LVII with Historic Land Acknowledgement

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For the first time in the history of hosting Super Bowl games, the NFL included tribal representation before and during the event. To kick off Super Bowl week, Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented a land acknowledgment prior to the first press conference by the Arizona Super Bowl LVII Host Committee on Feb. 6, at the Phoenix Convention Center.

During the press conference, Gov. Lewis shared the cultural significance of Phoenix's history as the ancestral homelands of the O'otham and Pee-Posh, recognized Arizona as home to 22 federally recognized tribes, and welcomed all parties to the Valley for one of the most significant events for the state this year.

"On behalf of my people, on behalf of the 22 tribes of Arizo-



Gov. Stephen Row Lewis, Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee President Jay Parry, and Executive Board Chair Larry Fitzgerald during the press conference on Feb. 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

na, we're honored to be hosts of this year's Super Bowl," Gov. Lewis said, "I want to take the opportunity to sincerely wel-

come all of you to our ancestral homelands here in the Valley." "My ancestors, the ancestors of the O'otham people, have

been on these homelands since time immemorial farming the lands surrounding our sacred river, the Keli Akimel, the Gila

River. We are Akimel O'otham and Pee Posh."

Gov. Lewis then alluded to the hospitality the O'otham and Pee Posh are known for and described how pleased he is for the Community to serve as a host for this "world event"—the Philadelphia Eagles stayed at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass Resort this year.

Guests for the press conference included Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee President and CEO Jay Parry, Executive Vice President of Club Business & League Events Peter O'Reilly, Arizona Cardinals owner Michael Bidwill, Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Board Chair David Rousseau and Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Executive Board Chair Larry Fitzgerald.

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'Super Goal 2023' Donates 5,000 Backpacks to GRIC Schools

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Just prior to the biggest sporting event of the year, the Gila River Indian Community received 5,000 backpacks filled with essential school supplies for under-resourced students thanks to Super Goal 2023: Phoenix.

Former NFL linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals Lorenzo Alexander hosted the Kids in Need Foundation event at Skyline Prep High School Feb. 9, which featured former and current professional football players helping to assemble a total of 10,000 backpacks.

GRIC's Tribal Education Department, in partnership with



TED staff and volunteers load boxes filled with backpacks for schools in the Community. Emma Hughes/GRIN

the Kids in Need Foundation and Treasures 4 Teachers, distributed the 5,000 backpacks to schools in the Community.

Treasures 4 Teachers, a donation-based resource center providing materials, resources and training to educators in the state, helped connect the Community to the event.

"They [Treasures 4 Teachers] called us as part of the Super Bowl planning and wanted to make a donation of 5,000 backpacks to the Community," said TED Director Isaac Salcido.

From there, TED staff and volunteers assisted in packing supplies during the Super Goal event.

"We had all the help, and we're excited to get them out to

the schools," said Arlanna Jackson, TED project manager.

Each backpack contains notebooks, pencils, erasers, markers, crayons and more.

On Feb. 10, shipping pallets stacked with boxes were lined up outside the Sacaton Head Start Center. Jackson and additional TED staff Nadia Huff, Carolyn Escalante and Anna Blackwater, were assisted by volunteers Sineca Jackson and Escalante's two children to help load boxes for the schools.

"It's great, it's always a good thing when we can do something for the families in the community," said Salcido. "I like the way our team always pulls together and gets it done."



New backpacks include essential school supplies. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Nike N7 Inspires Native Youth Through Sports Camps



Back row L-R: Notah Begay III, Gabby Lemieux, Jacoby Ellsbury, and Gov. Lewis with GRIC youth at Nike N7 golf camp. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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In conjunction with Super Bowl LVII, hundreds of Native youths from across the Valley participated in Play Inspired Sports Camps for golf and football hosted by Nike N7 on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community featuring Nike N7 ambassadors from various athletic backgrounds.

"These camps are, personally, a dream come true," said Sam McCracken, General Manager for Nike N7, "When I wrote the

original business plan 20-plus years ago, it was about bringing sports and its benefits to our kids. So overall, I think it was a huge success."

The first camp was held at the Talking Stick Golf Club on Sunday, Feb. 5, in partnership with the Notah Begay III Foundation, First Tee-Phoenix, and US Sports Camps. Over 20 GRIC youth participated, and GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis served as a guest speaker.

This camp focused on get-

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78th Annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade Canceled for 2023

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One of Gila River Indian Community's most honored traditions recognizes the anniversary of the U.S. flag being raised by six United States Marines, including GRIC's own Ira H. Hayes, atop Mt. Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima, on Feb. 23, 1945.

"This event brings all our friends and comrades from at least 19 states and Canada into GRIC," said Bill Dixon, Commander for the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84.

The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 and Auxiliary Unit have partnered with GRIC and its departments in coordinating events annually, bringing together thousands of visitors and veterans for this significant occasion.

For the past two years, all events were canceled and the anniversary has been recognized with video presentations from Post 84 and GRIC leadership, due to the COVID precautions.

"Post 84 is sad to announce the February 2023 Iwo Jima Flag Raising Commemoration Parade must be canceled and rescheduled for 2024," said Dixon.

"The large amount of people



Veterans and spectators during the 2020 Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary events at the Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park in Sacaton, Ariz. Emma Hughes/GRIN

causes the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 to be concerned for the health and safety of our community members as well as travelers."

The anniversary is customarily recognized with an annual parade that includes a military flyover, dinner banquet for veterans and special guests, and social pow-wow. Those events

have also been canceled but separate events will take place.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, a small local gathering is set to be held at the Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton, from 7A.M. to 10A.M.

This event will commemorate the flag raising anniversary and include a tribute to what

would have been Hayes' centennial birthday.

Post 84 will provide a flag raising, wreath laying, and 21-gun salute ceremonies at the park.

Additional events will follow in District 5, Casa Blanca, at the St. Peter Mission School for their St. Peter's Run for the Fallen.

St. Peter Indian Mission School Plans A Day of Remembrance

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The St. Peter Indian Mission Catholic School will honor GRIC service members who were killed in the Vietnam War.

"With the cancellation of the Iwo Jima event, we have planned to conduct a Run for the Fallen at St. Peter's Mission School," said Gary Anderson Sr., U.S. Army Special Forces veteran and member of Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51. He serves as project manager for the run.

The run honors 24 GRIC members killed in action, and pay respects to their families. This year's tribute will also recognize seven soldiers who fell in the Vietnam War: Sgt. Harold J. Marrietta - U.S. Army, PFC David D. Perkins - U.S. Army, SP4 Dudley N. Arlentino - U.S.



Gary Anderson, from Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, presents Elizabeth Antone, Billy Farris' mother, with a Gold Star blanket at St. Peter Indian Mission School in 2016. GRIN Photo

Army, SP4 Franklin D. Pete Jr. - U.S. Army, PFC Gregory B. Chiago - U.S. Army, LCpl Edgar Acunia - U.S. Marine Corps, and 1st Lt. Dwight Blackwater - U.S. Army. "Six of the families have responded, and we plan on honoring them," Anderson said. The event is scheduled to

begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 25 at the St. Peter's Mission School in District 5, Bapchule. Students will post colors and sing the national anthem in both English and O'otham.

Lancelot Lewis, who is also a Vietnam veteran, will be a guest speaker. Lewis served as a medic in the Army Special Forces and is a recipient of the Bronze Star medal.

"After that, we will recognize the families and the children will sing and dance a cultural song for them," Anderson said.

Participants are welcome to run or walk on the school's track after the event.

"At the conclusion, we ask all the participants to pick up a flag, which will have a card on there, and they'll have a veteran's picture and how they died," Anderson said, "and we ask them to go to the track think about their sacrifice."

The run is based on Arizona's three-day Run for the Fallen planned for Oct. 27-29 covering over 147 miles from Tucson to Phoenix, with each mile representing those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The St. Peter Mission School organized its first annual Run for the Fallen in 2016, honoring 24 Gila River Indian Community members killed in action.

The initial run paid special tribute to U.S. Army Cpl. Billy B. Farris, who was killed during operations in Iraq in 2006, and U.S. Marine Corps. LCpl. Joe Jackson, who was killed in 2011 while serving in Afghanistan. Farris attended St. Peter's, and the school's feast house is named after him.



Native American Connections Opens New Shelter for Youth

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Native American Connections (NAC) opened a new facility Feb. 2 in Surprise as part of their Youth Housing Program aimed to assist people ages 18-26 experiencing homelessness transition to independence and stable housing.

The nonprofit NAC has been dedicated to assisting individuals and families through culturally appropriate health, affordable housing and community development services since 1972. With this new facility, "HomeBase Surprise," which provides up to 50 beds in a secure dormitory-style living space, NAC now owns and operates 23 facilities throughout the Valley.

With help from community partners, residents have access to weekly medical screenings, behavioral health services, case management, job training, support in obtaining their high school or equivalency diplomas, and higher education.

The goal is to help them reach educational goals and find employment opportunities in order to provide economic stability to support



HomeBase Surprise Shelter & Transitional Housing for Youth is located at Bell Rd. and El Mirage in Surprise, Ariz. Photo Courtesy of Native American Connections

more permanent housing.

Through street outreach, referrals from community agencies and word of mouth, young adults enter this program designed to stabilize and empower them.

"NAC is a pillar of the communities they serve by providing housing, health services and community development projects that support those in need," said Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs during the grand opening ceremony on Feb. 2. She added, "I'm excited to see them grow. It's amazing how far we've come in providing services to this population, but also how far we still have

to go."

Since 2020, homelessness has increased 23 percent, according to the 2022 Maricopa County Point-In-Time Homeless Count.

It reported 9,026 homeless individuals, including 624 ages 18-24. Homeless youth and young adults are highly vulnerable to human trafficking, exploitation, addiction and crime.

NAC works to address these issues by providing safe and stable housing for them. For more information on HomeBase services and locations, call (602) 263-5531 or visit nativeamericanconnections.org.

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K-12 STUDENT SPOTLIGHT




Amira Quiroz, 7th Grade, is from District 1 Uhs-Kehk and attends Coolidge Junior High School. She is the granddaughter of the late Ruby Johnson-Carrillo from Uhs-Kehk. Her parents are Olivia and Richard Quiroz. She has three sisters, Yasmine, Charisma, and Neveah Quiroz. Amira has been recognized for numerous accomplishments in school, including honor roll for first and second quarter and earning the school's "Golden Cub" in the first and third quarter.

She is part of the Coolidge FFA Chapter, where she was recognized for selling the most tickets for the Coolidge FFA BBQ, also earning her official FFA corduroy jacket, which unifies members in a long-standing tradition and reminds them that they are part of something bigger than themselves, it means it is an article of faith, honor, and pride.

In addition, Amira also participates in Livestock shows, earning multiple awards. In 2022, she was named Grand Champion in the Pinal County Fair's Junior Livestock Show. "My steer 'Baby Bear' and I won the Grand Champion Junior Showmen, and I also got first in our market class."

She also appeared with her Holstein calf named 'Peter Parker,' "We placed first in our Market class and later that night in the Champion drive, we placed Champion Holstein Calf, the following day was Showmanship and we placed Grand Champion Junior Showmen."

Last summer, she debuted her new steer named 'Copper', in a show in Sonoita, Ariz., where they placed Grand Champion Intermediate Beef Showmen. In October 2022, Amira participated in the Arizona State Fair with Copper, winning Grand Champion Junior Showman and placing first in the Beef Feeder class.

"With that I am truly grateful and I don't take that for granted," said Amira, who's also thankful for all the support from her family. "I would like to thank my dad for being with me and traveling with me all around the state to show my livestock, and always putting me and my sisters first," she said, "Also thanks to my traveling partner, my sister Neveah, for always helping me and her support means the world to me."

Her advice to fellow students is: "Don't think anything is impossible, because hard work does pay off. Do not let anything hold you back from achieving your goals. There is always a way to get where you want to be to become successful. Always remember to be respectful and kind to others"

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Māori Delegation Travels to U.S. to Meet with Tribes about Water

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A delegation of the Whanganui River Māori visited the Gila River Indian Community on Feb. 15 during a trip to the United States to discuss water shortages and rights. Like the Gila River, the Whanganui River is a major body of water; it spans 180 miles throughout the North Island of New Zealand.

The Whanganui delegation included two leaders, Turama Hawira and Keria Ponga, who were appointed as “Te Pou Tupua,” which means they are the face and voice of Te Awa Tupua—the way the Māori view the Whanganui River as a holistic entity.

In 2017, the historical Te Awa Tupua Claims Settlement passed after a 175-year battle. It recognizes the ancestral relationship between the Whanganui River and Whanganui iwi, the Māori, an Indigenous tribe that have lived and worked with the sacred river for centuries. The settlement provides for the river’s long-term protection and restoration by declaring it a living being in the eyes of the law.

Hawira is a highly experienced cultural advisor and educator, while Ponga brings tribal knowledge and eminent leadership.

“Like you, we are river people as well,” Ponga said.



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Annelia Hillman, Mitch Roderick-Hall, Dr. Rawiri Tinirau, Wiari Rauhina, Raukura Waiti, Keria Ponga, Turama Hawira, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gather for a cultural presentation at the Huhugam Heritage Center. Emma Hughes/GRIN

“We speak about our river the way that is our ancestor and we look out for our ancestor the way we would our grandparents, our children, our parents. To be the legal personhood, as it’s termed, it enables myself and Hawira to speak to the Crown and those officials to defend our river.”

The delegation also included Raukura Naani Waitai, tribal historian; Mitch Roderick-Hall, Te Taituara for Te Pou Tupua; Wiari Rauhina, member of Te Karewao Advisory

Council; Dr. Rawiri Tinirau, deputy chair of the post settlement governance entity; Annelia Hillman, Yurok tribal member; and Hoturoa Barclay-Kerr, Tainui.

They traveled to the U.S. to meet with Arizona tribes with ties to the Colorado River Basin during its historic drought. During their visit, the Whanganui delegation also met with members and leadership from the Hualapai Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, GRIC and the Tohono O’odham Nation.

“What you have done in

your homelands by protecting the bodies of water, the rivers, and fighting to classify them as living beings, is an incredible achievement that all—not just Indigenous peoples around the world, but everyone around the world—should follow,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

The Community welcomed the delegation with a cultural presentation at the Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC), where Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone greeted the delegation and shared GRIC’s rich history.

“There’s a lot of similarities with the island people and what we go through,” said Lt. Gov. Antone. “What I think is important between all tribes is that water significance. We all are fighting for all water. We realize water is precious to our people and how it’s going be in the fu-

ture.”

Gov. Lewis expressed his gratitude to the delegation and shared the work of his father, Rodney B. Lewis, the first Native American to join the State Bar of Arizona and first Native American attorney to successfully argue and win a case before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Lewis’ diligence and commitment led to the 2004 Gila River Water Rights Settlement, the largest ever water-rights settlement at the time, which provided a budget of 653,500 acre-feet of water annually.

Gov. Lewis also read “The Law of the River,” a poem by Willardene Pratt Lewis.

Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez, Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes, and HHC staff attended the event. Martinez provided a prayer

in O’otham and thanked the delegation for visiting with tribal leadership and members. Also, Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudkdam (Gila River Basket Dancers) and the Pee Posh Bird singers and dancers shared traditional performances, followed by a gift exchange.

Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone gifted the delegation with shell necklaces with a wooden medallion carved with traditional O’otham designs handmade by GRIC artist Aaron Sabori.

The delegation then was given a tour of the HHC followed by a traditional meal provided by The Ranch Mobile Eatery and Hajun Kitchen.

The delegation also met with tribes during the 2023 Meeting of Sacred Waters, a forum at the Heard Museum on Feb. 16, to share Indigenous perspectives, values and reclamation of water.

That event was hosted by the Red Star International Inc., Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Inc., Te Pou Pupua and Arizona Tribal Leaders.

This is not the first time tribes from Arizona and New Zealand have met to discuss water. The forum included the debut of the short film From the Mountain to the Sea, which documents Tribal leadership from the state who traveled to Aotearoa (which means New Zealand in the Māori language) in 2020 to discuss increasing concerns over the Colorado River Basin with Whanganui River Māori.

In 2021, a virtual gathering was held with Indigenous leaders, policy makers and environmental activists from around the country and Aotearoa to continue the discussion.

From the front page

“We’re ready to host an epic week of events and to showcase what makes Arizona a world class destination,” Parry said, “We’re thrilled to welcome the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles to the Valley of the Sun for what’s called the most exciting and most watched game in the U.S.”

Gov. Lewis also expressed his gratitude for all the programming the host committee provided for GRIC youth. Beginning in January, it held numerous flag football camps.

“Your commitment to our youth in the Community and youth in Arizona means so much to our resiliency and future generations,” Gov. Lewis said. “They matter to our young people, parents and



Gov. Lewis welcomes all guests and media to the Valley during the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and Kyle Knox/GRIN

elders. They showed the NFL’s true commitment to the future generations of Indigenous youth.”

Indigenous representation continued throughout the Super Bowl LVII festivities and game. Lucinda “La Morena” Hinojos (Xicana, Apache, Yaqui) created the official artwork on the 60,000 tickets, the game ball and around the stadium, and the NFL commissioned her and a team of Indigenous artists to paint a

9,500-square-foot mural on the Monarch Theater in downtown Phoenix.

For the first time in its history, the NFL read a land acknowledgment prior to the game. The pre-game ceremony also featured Collin Denny (Diné) using a blend of sign languages to translate “America the Beautiful,” and at least two Indigenous players and one Native official were on the field.



Lt. Gov. Antone presented the delegation with shell necklaces made by GRIC artist Aaron Sabori. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Tribal Leadership Welcomes Super Bowl LVII Teams to the Valley



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, Kansas City Chiefs Alumn Christian Okoye, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Bernette, and Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris Jr., on Feb. 4, 2023. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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When the two teams competing in this year's Super Bowl landed at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport on Sunday, Feb. 5, tribal leaders from Arizona were on hand to greet them. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris Jr., Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Bernette, and Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel welcomed the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles to the Valley.

Kansas City Chiefs intern Myltin Bighorn from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation joined the tribal leaders upon

arrival. Bighorn said he was pleased to see the leaders in attendance and expressed how proud he was to serve as an intern and travel with the team for the big game.

The Super Bowl Host Committee also treated everyone to a meet and greet with NFL alums from both

teams: Christian Okoye, Kansas City Chiefs, and Eric Allen, Philadelphia Eagles.

This year's Super Bowl LVII was held Sunday, Feb. 12, at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, where the Kansas City Chiefs were victorious over the Eagles, 38-35.



The Philadelphia Eagles landed in Phoenix for Super Bowl LVII on Feb. 4, 2023. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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- 6th - 8th: 1st Prize, 2nd Prize & 3rd Prize
- 9th - 12th: 1st Prize, 2nd Prize & 3rd Prize

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Auppa Hiosig Mashath

Submitted by
Huhugam Heritage Center

The name for this month references the blooming of the Cottonwood which produces pale green blossoms that hang from the branches. After pollination, these blossoms will develop into catkins, which will hang in grape-like bunches called auppa haupulthag and are easily recognized. This month several other plants start to produce fruits such as u'us chevathbađ (Gray-thorn) which produces small purple-black berries that are about the size of a pony bead and contain a hard seed-pit inside. Another plant that produces berries is kua:vul (Wolfberry) which produces juicy red berries that are about the size of a dime. O'otham named the area just north of St. Johns s-kua:vulik (place of many Wolfberries). When we were young we all helped Lulu'u (maternal Grandmother) gather the fruits of u'us chevathbađ and kua:vul. Lulu'u always

knew where the plants grew that produced the best berries. We traveled in a small group of young boys and girls with Lulu'u leading the way with her ever-present walking stick carved from a sturdy piece of va:pai (dried cactus rib). We each carried an item of importance such as vaso (bucket), vakuañ (canteen) and i:ks (square of canvas). When we collected berries we placed the i:ks under the bush and beat the branches with sticks and Lulu'u would reach the higher branches with her longer va:pai. Once enough berries were shook lose we would gather up the i:ks by the corners and poured the berries into the vaso. We collected berries from four to six bushes, enough to fill the vaso to the brim. Once we had gotten home Lulu'u instructed our older sister to "Ha vapkuan heg u'us chevathbađ i:bthaj!" (Wash the u'us chevathbađ fruits!) Then we all went outside and sat under our tree and ate the fresh berries together. We spat out the hard seed-pits and ate

only the soft sweet fruit pulp. When we went after kua:vul, Lulu'u always made kuavul hithođ (Wolfberry pudding) out of the berries, which we often had for desert after dinner. She always reminded us not to eat too many raw berries because "Tho chuchko heg 'em thatham." (It would stain your teeth black). Today many O'otham families still enjoy this practice and are transmitting this knowledge to the youth. This month our word match will feature plants that that are edible, or produce fruits. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. Plant names and fruits may be slightly different between the villages. *A Special Thank you to community Elders, whose knowledge of edible plants and berries that made this article possible. Additional source related from At the Desert's Green Edge: An Ethnobotany of the Gila River Pima, University of Arizona Press, 1997.*

Word Match
Solution on Page 11

Auppa Hiosig Mashath: Match the plants with its fruit or leaves.

kuavul

U'us chevathbađ

auppa haupulthag

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FITNESS & WELLNESS

“I:b’thak Tash” Celebrates Heart Health Month

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

February marks American Heart Month—a time to be mindful of cardiovascular health—and thanks to GRIC’s Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center (TRW), Community members did just that with the first “I:b’thak Thash” (Heart Day in O’otham) on Feb. 10.

“This whole thing is to raise awareness on heart disease and how easy it is to prevent it,” said Javonni Molina, fitness instructor for TRW who coordinated the event with staff and volunteers.

Heart disease is among the leading causes of death for Native Americans in addition to cancer and COVID-19, according to the CDC. Risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity and smoking can increase the chances of heart disease.



I:b’thak Tash kicked off with Zumba and two-mile run/walk at the Fairgrounds in Sacaton. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Molina shared how to help prevent heart disease and heart attacks with a healthful diet and daily exercise.

I:b’thak Thash began with a mid-morning Zumba (dance-fitness) session led by

Whitney Sharpe, fitness instructor for District 6, at the Sacaton Fairgrounds. Nearly 20 participants got moving during Zumba, followed by a two-mile run/walk around the fairgrounds. All participants were given I:b’thak Thash t-shirts.

Burrito Lewis, District 5, has been doing Zumba for seven years and attends any Zumba event held in the Community.

“I try to encourage everybody,” said Lewis. “I just try to support the Wellness Center. When they have events, I try to get everyone out or attend myself.”

Lewis and others were excited to see an event like this bring people together again. All attendees were en-

couraged to wear red or pink to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease.

The I:b’thak Thash Fashion Show was held that evening at the District 5 Service Center, after the location was changed due to gusty winds throughout the day at the fairgrounds.

The show began with a musical performance by Jay “IIWAA” Mercado.

“Today’s event is all about promoting heart health in the community, and there’s nothing more fitting than having me here,” said IIWAA. “‘IIWAA’ is the Pee Posh word for heart, and that’s where my artist name comes from. It’s my first time performing in the Community, and I could not be happier

to be here for our people and just support[ing] the Community event.”

Antonio Davis, District 5, served as master of ceremony for the event.

Open to anyone willing to show off their red/pink attire, the show featured nearly 20 models of all ages displaying their best formal, semi-formal or traditional wear.

Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez escorted her infant niece, Brianna Pablo, down the runway. Martinez also made the pink traditional style wrap dress Pablo wore.

GRIC designer Joanne Miles-Long also had four of her outfits showcased.

“It’s amazing,” said Sarah Mercado, District 7. “It’s a great way for women to showcase their style.

I’ve never seen styles like this.” She added that she was “definitely grateful for our community for being able to provide this type of stuff.”

Sarah’s young daughter, Harper, appeared in the fashion show along with her aunt, Michelle Mercado.

“We’re really excited about this event, and so we made dresses and got all ready and came out,” Mercado said, “Everyone looked beautiful in their dresses, coming down the runway; it was really fun to see all the kids come out, too.”

She explained, “We do have a lot of history of cardiac diseases in our family, and we are trying to make the change so that way, we could set it up better for not only ourselves, but our for our kids.”



Burrito Lewis and all participants in the 2-mile run/walk received a commemorative t-shirts. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Sarah Camille Chiago showcases an outfit made by Joanne Miles-Long. Photo Courtesy of Tribal Recreation and Wellness

From the front page

ting youths active and learning the sport fundamentals of golf. Youths trained alongside professional Native American golfers and N7 ambassadors Notah Begay III and Gabby Lemieux and former major league baseball player Jacoby Ellsbury.

“It’s been amazing, because they really helped

us out, and I learned a lot about my stance and formation,” said GRIC youth Aaliyah Antone, District 3. “These camps are amazing, and you really improve on everything you know already.”

“It’s such an inspiration for these kids,” said Crystal Dixon, whose children attended the camps.

“I’m grateful for the Community for providing these camps for our youth; it’s such a benefit for them that I never had as a kid.”

The second Play Inspired Sports Camp for football was held Friday, Feb. 10 at Salt River High School. Fifty GRIC youths and 200 others participated.

Gov. Lewis provided a welcome at the beginning of the camp to encourage the youth to pursue their athletic aspirations.

“I’m so proud to be here with you tonight on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, among our relatives,” said Gov. Lewis, “Remember the value system that you learn playing sports and that each and every single one of you have a sacred gift to give to make the world a better place.”

Organizers led the participants through various training modules, exercises and drills to help learn or improve their skills.

Professional athletes Jeremy Chinn, Christian Watson, Trey McBride, and Jacoby Ellsbury led the various activity stations throughout the night,

which was a treat for the youths.

Rounding out the night, NFL wide receiver Davante Adams provided closing remarks. He shared how important it was to play multiple sports early on to learn what works best and stressed the importance of education for young athletes. He noted

that his high school academics affected his college prospects and forced him to take his schooling seriously.

Adams also attributed his success to his work ethic and finding the right people to push him and support his goals in high school, college and the NFL.

“Understand that the work and details you give is what sets everyone apart,” Adams said, “but if you really want to push it to the next level, the details and work you put in in the offseason, the times when no one is looking, is the most important.”



Professional golfer Gabby Lemieux and GRIC youth Jada Young after completing one of the training sessions. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Davante Adams shares his experiences as a professional football player and the importance of school and practice for all the the youth at the end of the camp. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GRIC's Judicial System Becomes Model for Other Tribes

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

In a historic moment for tribal cooperation, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) partnered with the Gila River Indian Community Court to share information and provide training for new and current employees working in the judicial and child welfare field.

The event was held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 at the District 3 Multipurpose building in Sacaton.

NCJFCJ is the oldest judicial membership organization in the country, providing all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.

The Community Court serves roughly 20,000 GRIC members and has a staff of 58. The chief judge and five associate judges are elected into office by the people of the Community and serve

three-year terms. Two Children's Court judges are appointed by the Tribal Council and serve four-year terms.

Nearly all GRIC judges are enrolled Community members, which was important to the NCJFCJ.

"That's not very normal in Indian country—they're usually non-natives" who don't live on or come from the communities they serve, said Christina Andrews (Hia-Ced O'odham), site manager for the NCJFCJ. "But GRIC has a really good judicial system to model."

Andrews oversees tribal courts across the United States, including on the Gila River Indian Community. "The judges decided that they really wanted to train the new people here," she said. "We all came together. We've been planning this for maybe three months now. It started small, and it's now grown to include all the attorneys, judges and leadership." Andrews added, "What we're learning from here hopefully will be replicated for other tribes across

the United States."

Office of the General Counsel, Children's Court, Tribal Social Services, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, were some of those present for the training and provided overviews of their departments and services.

Much of the training focused on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and how it's been implemented into GRIC and the overall growing concern over its future. NCJFC Judge Bill Thorne provided the history of the ICWA.

In 1978, the United States Congress enacted ICWA to address the forced removal policies and practices that resulted in separation of nearly 35 percent of Indian children from their families and communities and their placement with non-Indian foster and adoptive homes.

ICWA governs state child-custody proceedings in multiple ways, including recognizing Tribal jurisdiction over decisions for their Indian children, establishing minimum federal standards

for the removal of Indian children from their families, establishing preferences for placement of Indian children with extended family or other tribal families, and instituting protections to ensure that birth parents' voluntary relinquishments of their children are truly voluntary.

For decades, ICWA has provided the gold standard on child welfare practices. But ICWA is now under threat because the Haaland vs. Brackeen federal suit seeks to overturn ICWA on the grounds of racial discrimination.

"If we look at the United States Supreme Court with Roe vs. Wade, how they overturned it, there's this fear in Indian country that ICWA may be overturned as well, which would then overturn us as a political entity," said Andrews.

She added, "I think it's empowering, because Gila River is indigenizing ICWA. They're saying there's a lot of good things in ICWA," including allowing Native children to remain in their culture and with their families.

Children's Court Judge Antoinette Enos and Tribal Social Services Christina Lopez presented on ICWA in the Community, active efforts, perspectives between tribes and state, and possible outcomes of the Haaland vs.



Children's Court Judge Antoinette Enos discusses the Community's gold standard. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Brackeen case.

Nola Taken Alive, who serves as an at-large member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, participated in the training along with two of her fellow tribal members. She worked in the field of child welfare and served as a youth substance abuse counselor until she was elected. "We can't really have a government unless we are taking care of our children and we're looking generations down the road," Taken Alive said, "We have to ensure that our children are taken care of."

Director for Child Protection Services for the Standing Rock Tribe Rachel Thompson said they received a tribal court improvement grant and attended to see what other tribes are doing. They were able to meet with GRIC judges prior to the training and toured the Com-

munity's judicial court building and operations.

"It's amazing to listen to the judges, and how they go through their court systems, and how they're working with our families, and how they're coming down to the levels of the parent and just saying, 'What can we do to help you?'" Thompson said. "That, to me, is amazing. This is the first time I've ever seen any court do that before."

Thompson and Taken Alive also discussed staffing issues and lack of funding available within their own tribe.

She added, "I found it inspiring, and I'm glad that GRIC has a good governor who is actually in attendance and understands the importance of supporting our children and taking care of our children; protecting our children and our families."



GRIC Judicial Departments and fellow tribes convened for a day of work sessions and training at the District 3 Multipurpose Building in Sacaton. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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- #### 2. Reduce sitting & sleeping

Move more, sit less and get 7 to 8 hours of sleep.
- #### 3. Eat healthy foods

Add more colors to your plate, protein foods, and stay within your daily calorie needs.
- #### 4. Brush your teeth

Brush twice a day, floss your teeth, and attend dentist checkups regularly.
- #### 5. Learn your health history

Collect your family health history and share with your doctor at your next visit to help reduce any health risk.

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SOUTHWEST GAS

Auppa Hiosig Mashath: Match the plants with its fruit or leaves.

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In Honor of American Heart Month,
GRIC's Community Health Education Program presents:

LOVE & Basketball

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023
10AM-1PM D4 SERVICE CENTER GYM

Scan QR to Register
Registration Closes February 20, 2023

3 VS 3 HALF-COURT BRACKET PLAY
• PRIZES FOR TOP 2 TEAMS
TWO CATEGORIES:
ADULTS (18+ YEARS)
KIDS (10-13 YEARS)
8 TEAMS PER CATEGORY

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- Maximum 3 player roster
- Must check-in with team by 10 AM no later.

For any additional information or questions please email
Shaine.Boyd.TH0@gric.nsn.us

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

Watermelon Agua Fresca

Courtesy of GreenHealthyEating

Ingredients:

- 2-3 cups cubed watermelon
- 4 cups water
- 1 lime (just the juice)

(Optional: add a sweetener of your choice (i.e., honey, agave, monkfruit, stevia, etc.))

Directions:

- Add watermelon cubes, water, lime juice to a blender; blend on high until completely dissolved
- Strain the watermelon juice and discard any pulp (optional step)
- Serve over ice or set in fridge to cool and serve
- (Add sweetener to taste, if needed, may be fine without sweetener)

Nutrition Facts: Per Serving (recipe yields 4 servings)
Calories: 28kcal | Carbohydrates: 8g | Protein: 1g | Fat: 1g | Saturated fat: 1g | Sodium: 13mg | Potassium: 102mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 5g | Vitamin A: 432IU | Vitamin C: 11mg | Calcium: 18mg | Iron: 1mg

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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 1, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Regina Antone(9:08); D5- Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr. (9:10); D6- Charles Goldtooth, Terrence Evans(9:08); D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Attending via WebEx Platform:

D1-Arzie Hogg

D5-James De La Rosa

D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr.

Council Members Absent:

D5- Wahlean Riggs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD UNFINISHED BUSINESS #2 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING THE FINAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT REGARDING THE CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT ON COUNCILWOMAN WAHLEAN RIGGS

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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Gila River Farms General Manager Introduction

Presenters: Benito Alvarez, Jr., Kimberly Fisher, Gila River Farm Board
COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER ALLISON INTRODUCED THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER WHO BEGAN EMPLOYMENT WITH THE GILA RIVER FARMS IN DECEMBER. MR. BENITO ALVAREZ, JR. IS THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THIS ORGANIZATION. HE HAS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF COMMERCIAL TRIBAL FARMING EXPERIENCE WITH THE TOHONO O'ODHAM FARMING AUTHORITY AND IS EXCITED

FOR THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE, AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS WELCOMED MR. ALVAREZ AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON HIS NEW POSITION. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING GREAT THINGS FROM THE GILA RIVER FARMS.

2. Introduction – Department of Environmental Quality Director, Ms. Lisa Gover
Presenters: Michael Preston, Lisa Gover
MR. MICHAEL PRESTON, ASSISTANT COMMUNITY MANAGER INTRODUCED MS. LISA GOVER AND PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF MS. GOVER'S WORK HISTORY. MS. GOVER HAS A DIVERSE BACKGROUND IN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL AND STATE RELATIONS. MS. GOVER POSSESSES A DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, SCHOOL OF LAW. SHE IS THE PROUD MOTHER OF FIVE CHILDREN AND GRANDMOTHER OF EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. MS. GOVER IS GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY AND PROUD TO WORK WITH THE GRIC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. THE DEQ TEAM HAS NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. MS. GOVER HOPES TO CONTINUE THAT LEGACY AND IS EXCITED TO WORK FOR GILA RIVER. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE, AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS WELCOMED MS. GOVER AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

REPORTS

>1. Finance Department FY2022 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Elizabeth Bohnee
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. 1st Quarter Pee-Posh Veterans' Association Budget Report

Presenters: Arnie Bread, Sr., Veronica Kinsel
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Community Technology Center FY2022/2023 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Connie Jackson
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. WHPDA FY23 1st Quarter Report

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, Michelle Bowman
REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REPORTS #5 AND #6

5. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report December 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. December 31, 2022 Schedule of Investments Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix
HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community 2022 Feral Horse Management Plan (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Lt. Governor Monica Antone, Ryan Eberle, Kimberly Antone, Desirae Deschigne, Thomas Murphy, Ashton Lynch, William Morago
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying The Construction Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Penta Building Group To Construct The Santan Mountain Casino (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Barney Enos, Jr., Bartley Harris, Steve Heeley
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Skyline Gila River (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; G&MSC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Lance Reyna
APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Retreat Update

Presenter: Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO WAIVE THE 50 MILE RADIUS FOR ATTENDEES [ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

2. Request for Special Council meeting regarding the Code of Conduct complaint filed on Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs

Presenter: Shannon White
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment

– District Four (G&MSC forwards to Council with corrections under New Business with a recommendation to appoint Merold Porter)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MR. MEROLD PORTER TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT FOUR

2. FY2023 Revenue Internal Audit (RIA) 1st Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Dena Thomas
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT NEW BUSINESS #2 AND #3

3. FY2023 Gaming Internal Audit (GIA) 1st Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Dena Thomas
ACCEPTED AT NEW BUSINESS #2

4. Doctor of Nursing Program Quality Improvement Awareness- Based Project (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation for Council support)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Joy Martin, Susan Kelley, Dr. Anthony Santiago
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PROGRAM QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARENESS PROGRAM

>5. CCDF Plan for 2023-2025 (ESC forwards to Council for FYI and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido; Philana Thinn
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

1. March 4, 2022 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. January 18, 2023 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• SPECIAL GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

• HOUSING OWNERS TEAM WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:08 A.M.


* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

COURT DATE NOTICE	in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth: Monday, March 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUO KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: AMMON LEWIS CASE Number: PB-2022-0061-MT CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING: Please take notice that a(n) Answer/Response Hearing has been scheduled	GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona. DATED this 18th day of January, 2023

COURT DATE NOTICE	Please take notice that a(n) Motion Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth: Monday, March 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: JOYCE DELEON-PHILLIPS Petitioner/Plaintiff VS. RUSSELL RANDALL, Respondent/Defendant CASE Number: CV-2008-0435-ZPT CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING:	GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona. DATED this 30th day of January, 2023

COURT DATE NOTICE	Please take notice that a(n) Answer/Response Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth: Monday, March 27, 2023 at 9:20 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: COUNTRY CLUB CARS, Petitioner/Plaintiff VS. AMBER DAWN LEWIS, Respondent/Defendant CASE Number: CV-2022-0112-MO CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING:	GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona. DATED this 31st day of January, 2023



Income Tax Season

The Gila River Indian Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site will be open
February 6, 2023 through April 18, 2023


In order to best serve the Community, we will be changing our drop-off & pick-up times as follows:

Drop-off and Pick-up of tax documents
Will be at the Sacaton Governance Center (Lobby Area)
Monday through Thursday
10am - 2pm

FRIDAYS are designated for PICK-UP only
10am - 2pm

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FEBRUARY

COVID / FLU VACCINE LOCATIONS

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SCAN FOR VACCINE INFORMATION

Mon. - Tues.
February 20 - 21

District 1 Service Center
9 am - 2 pm

Thursday
February 23

D3 Head Start
9 am - 2 pm

Saturday
February 25

Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk)
Health Center 10 am - 2 pm

Mon. - Tues.
February 27 - 28

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EVERY TUESDAY: 8 AM - 4:30 PM

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Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center
Medical Imaging Department

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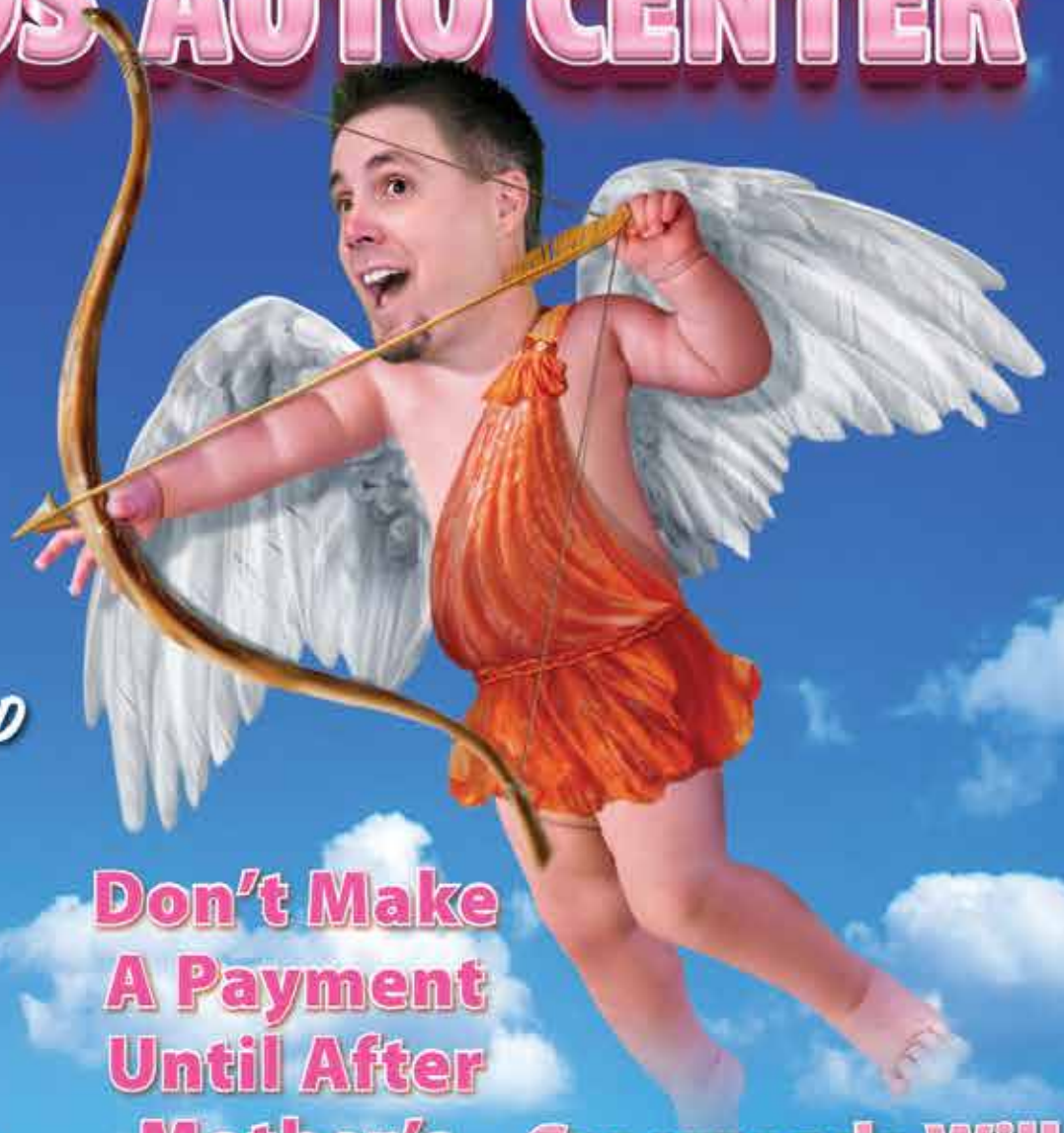
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