



## Sec. of Interior Haaland Hosts ‘Road to Healing’ Listening Session

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On Friday, Jan. 20, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland visited the Gila River Indian Community as part of the “Road To Healing” listening session tour at Gila Crossing Community School (GCCS). The event marks the fourth stop of a year-long tour, collecting stories and testimony from survivors and family members subjected to Federal Indian Boarding Schools.

Hundreds attended the gathering and filled the GCCS cafeteria and gymnasium to testify to the devastating impacts boarding schools played on themselves, their families, and their communities. Tissue boxes lined the ends of each row of chairs as many recalled past traumas and delivered impassioned family histories on behalf of loved ones.

“My ancestors, many of yours, endured the horrors of Indian Boarding Schools Assimilation policies carried out by the same department that I now lead,” said Sec. Haaland “This is the first time in history that a United States Cabinet Secretary comes to the table with a shared trauma, that is not lost on me, and I’m determined to

use my position for the good of our people.”

After launching the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative in 2021, Sec. Haaland began the “Road the Healing” tour to take a comprehensive look at the legacy of intergenerational traumas of the past.

“Our goal is to create opportunities for people to share their stories, but also to help connect with your needs for trauma-informed support and to facilitate the collection of a permanent oral history,” said Sec. Haaland.

Boarding school survivors spoke of the horrendous conditions they faced as children that impacted them as adults. Others spoke of the intergenerational trauma they experienced with the loss of culture, language, and roles in a community. Many pointed to the devastating toll the experiences left, leading many to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, alcoholism, and substance abuse.

Unspeakable punishments for speaking their language, changing traditional names to American names, and recalling the forced removal of Native children from their

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Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland and Dept. of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland open the “Road to Healing” listening session on Jan. 20. Kyle Knox/GRIN

## Ceremony Celebrates Blackwater Trading Post Returning to GRIC Control

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The Blackwater Trading Post Land Transfer Act was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2022. That Act provides the mechanism for the Secretary of the Interior to

take the Blackwater parcel located in District 1 into trust.

To commemorate the Law, on Jan. 20 Daron Carreiro, Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs on the White House Domestic Policy Council, presented

commemorative signed copies of H.R. 478, the Blackwater Trading Post Land Transfer Act, to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and Community Councilmember Joey Whitman District 1 Blackwater. The mea-

sure instructs the Secretary to take the 55-acre trading post parcel near State Route 87 into trust, and work with the Community to initiate the mandatory acquisition process.

Carreiro, who came to the Community on behalf of Ambassador Susan Rice, Director of President Biden’s Domestic Policy Council, called his visit “a learning lesson” for the White House.

“We know how much you all have worked on this and how your team has worked on it,” said Carreiro. “We know it took 10 years to take this land into trust. ... You guys did all the hard work.”

Established nearly 100 years ago, the Blackwater Trading Post operated until 2010, when the Ellis family, which owned the property for more than 60 years, sold it to the Community. After the sale, the Community recovered more than 1,000 items that had been traded at the Post and stored in its on-site museum. These culturally significant items were then relocated to the Communi-

ty’s Huhugam Heritage Center.

Having the trading post taken into trust will allow the Community to conduct land-use plans for the site and for other properties nearby. The Congressional act, introduced by Sens. Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema and by then-Rep. Tom O’Halloran, had faced difficulties in Congress for several years before finally passing with bipartisan support last year.

Gov. Lewis applauded the passage of the Act and expressed his appreciation to Councilman Arzie Hogg and Councilman Joey Whitman of District 1, and the entire Community Council for their tenacity in working to secure this parcel for the Community.

“The Blackwater Trading Post has deep cultural significance to District 1 and to the Community,” said Gov. Lewis. “As a matter of tribal sovereignty, it’s only right that this land – our land – be controlled by the Community and that the land remain in trust to benefit the residents of District 1 and our people.”



Sr. Policy Advisor for Native Affairs, Daron Carreiro presents Lt. Gov. Antone, Gov. Lewis, and District 1 Comm. Council Rep Joey Whitman with copies of the H.R. 478 at Gila Crossing Community School. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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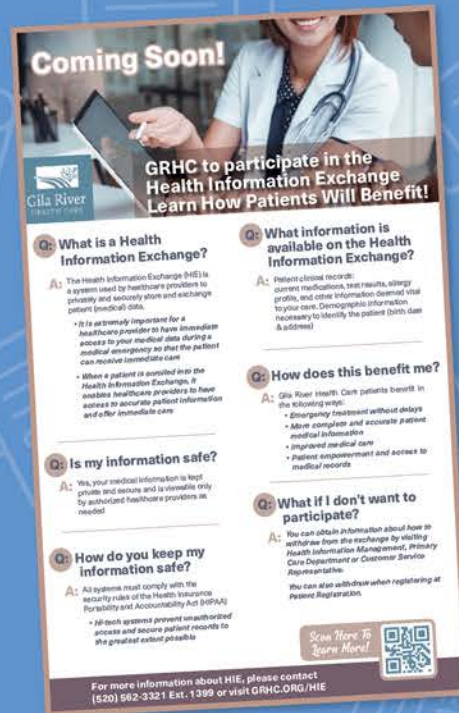
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# GRIC Royalty Hosts Winter Gathering



Miss Gila River 2022-2023 Kelsey Ann Martinez addresses the crowd during the Winter Gathering. Emma Hughes/GRIN

### Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community royalty and over 160 youth and families came together for an evening filled with traditional workshops, games, songs and storytelling at the Mul-Chu-Tha Fairgrounds in Sacaton on Jan. 21.

The Winter Gathering served

as the first platform-focused event of the year for Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez and Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes. Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia and Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Caiden Lewis also joined the event to assist.

"Overall, it was very good vibes," said Martinez. Her plat-

form focuses on implementing traditional teachings for GRIC youth while finding balance between the modern lifestyle.

Martinez and Rhodes hosted two of the workshops made available to pre-registered participants.

"We led the beaded loop earrings and beaded bracelets [workshops], open to both male and female," said Martinez, who shared the history of O'otham trading mesquite wood for beads.

Additional workshops included Savkud (gourd) making for men, presented by Raincloud Thompson, a demonstration on Komai - a traditional game for women presented by Doria Garcia, president for the Ak-Chin Youth Council, and Gigihikum susk (cowhide sandals) for women, presented by Martinez.

"For me, the gigihikum susk was a way for me to be connected to my ancestors," Martinez said. "When I wear sandals, it's a reminder for me that I am comfortable and that I'm protected."

She expressed that she wanted more youth to come out and see the process of creating a savkud, hoping they may get inspired to learn and share traditional songs.

During the event, GRIC artists Chadwick Pasqual, Tiffany Enos,



Attendees create beaded jewelry in one of the event workshops. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Amber Moristo, and Angelo Cortez showcased their live painting skills. Arts and crafts vendors were also on site.

Visiting tribal royalty included Miss Indian Arizona Sistine Lewis, and her Second Attendant Emile Eich, and Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Eleni Cachora.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis also provided a welcome address for everyone that evening. Gov. Lewis commended this year's GRIC Royalty, applauded their efforts throughout their reign, and wished them continued success.



Attendees learn Komai, a traditional women's game. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Lewis shares a welcome address for everyone at the gathering. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Additionally, Gov. Lewis participated in the gigihikum susk workshop with Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez.

The Ranch Mobile Eatery provided a hearty dinner for everyone in attendance as the sun set in the evening.

Later, participants bundled up in the chilly weather to hear from former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, who shared stories of his time growing up in the Community.

The event closed out with traditional songs and dances. Bird songs and traditional basket dancing took place, and then the Akimel O'odham Pee-Posh Youth Council shared social songs and invited everyone to join in for a social and giveaway dance.

"I feel our winter gathering went great and I'm glad everyone came out to share the night with us, even if it was cold," said Rhodes, "It was a goal to showcase our O'odham and Pee Posh culture at the event and I think everyone who helped did a great job doing so, I hope we have more events like this because our Himdag is something we need to carry on for future generations."



# Arts & Entertainment

## Native Artists Learn the Value of Culture Through the Arts

**Kyle Knox**  
Gila River Indian News

For eight weeks, artists from the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Ak-Chin Indian Community are working to develop their artistic abilities through Tohono O'odham Community College's (TOCC) Native Arts Workshop class. The non-credit course allows art enthusiasts to learn more about traditional O'otham art, history, and culture. At the same time,



**Melissa Yazzie and students paint a color wheel to learn colors and blending techniques.** Kyle Knox/GRIN

students can brush up on their artistic skills.

In total 16 students were selected for the course. As an added bonus students from GRIC, SRPMIC, and TON currently receive free tuition for this and all other TOCC courses.

This year, four GRIC members were selected and have found a deeper understanding of their talents. GRIC students include Cael Bennett from District 4, Melissa Yazzie from District 5, and mother and daughter Jamie and Deja Sustaita from District 5.

"These opportunities aren't always available, so it was great to sign up and learn more about our ancestral arts and crafts from experts in the field," said Deja Sustaita. This is her and her mother's second time in the course. Both found it very beneficial for them to reconnect with their heritage since both lived off the Community for years.

"I highly encourage everyone to take the class if they can because you learn more than painting and you learn from some of the most prestigious artists in their

field," said Jamie Sustaita.

The workshops began on Jan. 7, where instructor Dwayne Manuel, from SRPMIC, provides guided instruction and day trips for students. Every Saturday, students meet at the TOCC satellite site in Downtown Phoenix for an all-day course specializing in cultural and contemporary arts.

"I really enjoy these settings when I'm able to show a technique or something new for students who then take it and advance on it throughout the class, those 'ah-ha' moments are great to see," said Dwayne Manuel, Visual Arts Instructor for TOCC.

Manuel appreciates the TOCC curriculum that allows him to weave O'otham culture into everything TOCC offers students, including these workshops. This component helps to ensure everyone can find a place and feel included in the work.

"What I love to see most, is the collaboration you see among the students, cause we all come from GRIC, SRPMIC, or TON and we're able to learn from one another



**Dwayne Manuel (left) guides students on a still life sketching exercise.** Kyle Knox/GRIN

er and that will show when we get to our final mural project," said Manuel.

After eight weeks, students will collaborate on a mural that incorporates all they have learned in class. Finally, students will decide on the design and artistic expression they would like to convey, visually demonstrating all the teachings they learned over the eight weeks.

This is the second year TOCC has offered the workshops for students in the Valley and serves as a pilot for

a potential accredited course in the future. During the beginning of the course, students embarked on field trips to the surrounding areas to learn about traditional O'otham arts.

One trip included a pottery workshop where master artist Ron Carlos, from SRPMIC, led students to the Ton-ton National Forest to harvest the clay required for pottery. Then on another outing, students traveled near Tucson to gather plants and basket-making materials, led by

Elizabeth Ortega, from TON.

Melissa Yazzie is a seasoned artist but wanted to enroll in the class to connect with her culture and learn more about other art mediums, such as basket making and pottery. As a self-taught artist, Yazzie said, "it's been really great to learn more about what I don't learn on my own from renowned local artists and learn together with other O'otham students where we can share stories and techniques."

**Gila River Indian Community  
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# Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library gets New look

**Emma Hughes**

Gila River Indian News

After nearly 40 years at the same location in Sacaton, the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library has a new look. Community members who stop in will see more computers, an expanded play area for children and a more open and accessible feel.

"It was just real, real crowded in there," said Valencelio "Rose" Smith-Chavez, a Library Aide who has worked there since 2019. "I'm still just trying to keep the library together and open."

Smith-Chavez took on the initiative of decluttering the space and opening up more room for possibilities last summer, when the former librarian left. With the help of Community Services Director Joanne Brewer, the Facility Maintenance staff and volunteers, the library has undergone numerous changes.

The facility has added six computer stations, work desks, a lounge area, and even a charging kiosk for mobile devices. The children's area has been shifted to a separate room. It now contains a more spacious area for youth, including two touch-screen computers, a television, desks, and

sensory toys.

Additional plans for the future include the return of a summer reading program, providing coffee for patrons, and hosting small events, Smith-Chavez explained.

"I'm still looking to upgrade the library with eBooks," she said, adding that the updates reflect what she envisions for a more open, calm, and productive area that everyone can enjoy.

Built in 1929, located on the corner of East Church and Pima Streets in Sacaton, it originally housed the Sacaton Public School until 1976. The building became vacant when the existing Sacaton Elementary and Middle School completed construction.

It was commonly referred to by elders as the "Pink school" due to the building's paint color at the time, which has now faded to a more lavender shade. According to Anthony Gray, Culture and Language Program Manager, the building fell into such disrepair and, at one time, was set for demolition.

Then in 1984, the Kiwanis Club of Sun Lakes, Ariz., part of Kiwanis International, a global community of clubs, members,

and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children, serving their needs, improving literacy, and offering guidance, proposed a public services project which evolved into the Ira H. Hayes Library.

Named in honor of GRIC member and WWII hero Ira H. Hayes, although there are no direct ties between Hayes and the library, many visitors come from near and far because of its famous namesake.

"A lot of people come in from out of state and they're wanting to see Ira Hayes memorabilia, they want to see his outfit or you know, what he wore as a Marine or pictures of him," said Smith-Chavez. "It's nice to see people come in from different places. Alaska, Hawaii, we even had a couple come in from England."

Smith-Chavez said many patrons utilize the library to access the internet, for printing services, or just as a space to work and meet.

"Most people don't come in here to check out books," said Smith-Chavez. "We get a lot of people using the computers. That's why we did what we did. We just put everything aside and catered to them.



The Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library is located on the corner of Church Street and Pima Street in Sacaton. Emma Hughes/GRIN

"I will try and locate anything for them that they need," Smith-Chavez added. "I mean I have people coming in here that just want

to sit inside the library. A lot of them come in, they'll just wait for the bus and that's fine too."

The library is open

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library at (520) 562-3225.

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The library now features an open work or study space, six computers, and a lounge area. Emma Hughes/GRIN



The dedicated Children's Area now features two touch screen computers, sensory toys, and books. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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## 59th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair Returns After Two-Year Absence

**GRIN Staff**  
Gila River Indian News

After two consecutive years of cancellations due to COVID-19 precautions, the 59th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo will return from March 17 to 19 at the Sacaton Fairgrounds. This year's Mul-Chu-Tha's theme – "Celebrate Our Strength and Resilience As One!" – will serve as an inspiration to tribal participants in events including a carnival, a rodeo, a parade and the Chicken Scratch Battle of the Bands.

"This return has really been anticipated by so many Community members," said Kelly Whit-

man with the Communications & Public Affairs Office, who is coordinating this year's fair. "It's like the prayers of the Community have been answered. I think I speak for so many Community members when I say that having the Mul-Chu-Tha return this year brings a sense of normalcy which has been absent. We missed it."

Originally established in 1962, the first Mul-Chu-Tha came about in order to raise funds to build a swimming pool for the Community. That first event featured foot races – "Mul-Chu-Tha" which means foot races in O'otham – as well as a wood-chopping contest, a

small carnival and a fashion show. The Miss Gila River Pageant was established, with contestants selected by their districts to compete for the title of Miss Gila River.

In the decades since, Mul-Chu-Tha has grown in prominence to become one of the well-attended and recognized tribal fairs in Indian Country.

This year's three-day event will also feature a Pow Wow, a car show, cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts vendors and scores of food vendors – the latter being a personal favorite for Whitman.

"The sounds of music from the fair has always been some-

thing I love," she explained. "And the smells of all the food vendors preparing their delicacies. I can't wait."

More information about this year's Mul-Chu-Tha can be found online by visiting [www.mulchutha.com](http://www.mulchutha.com). Entry forms for the rodeo and other events will be posted during the month of February, as will more information about the calendar of events and tickets sales.

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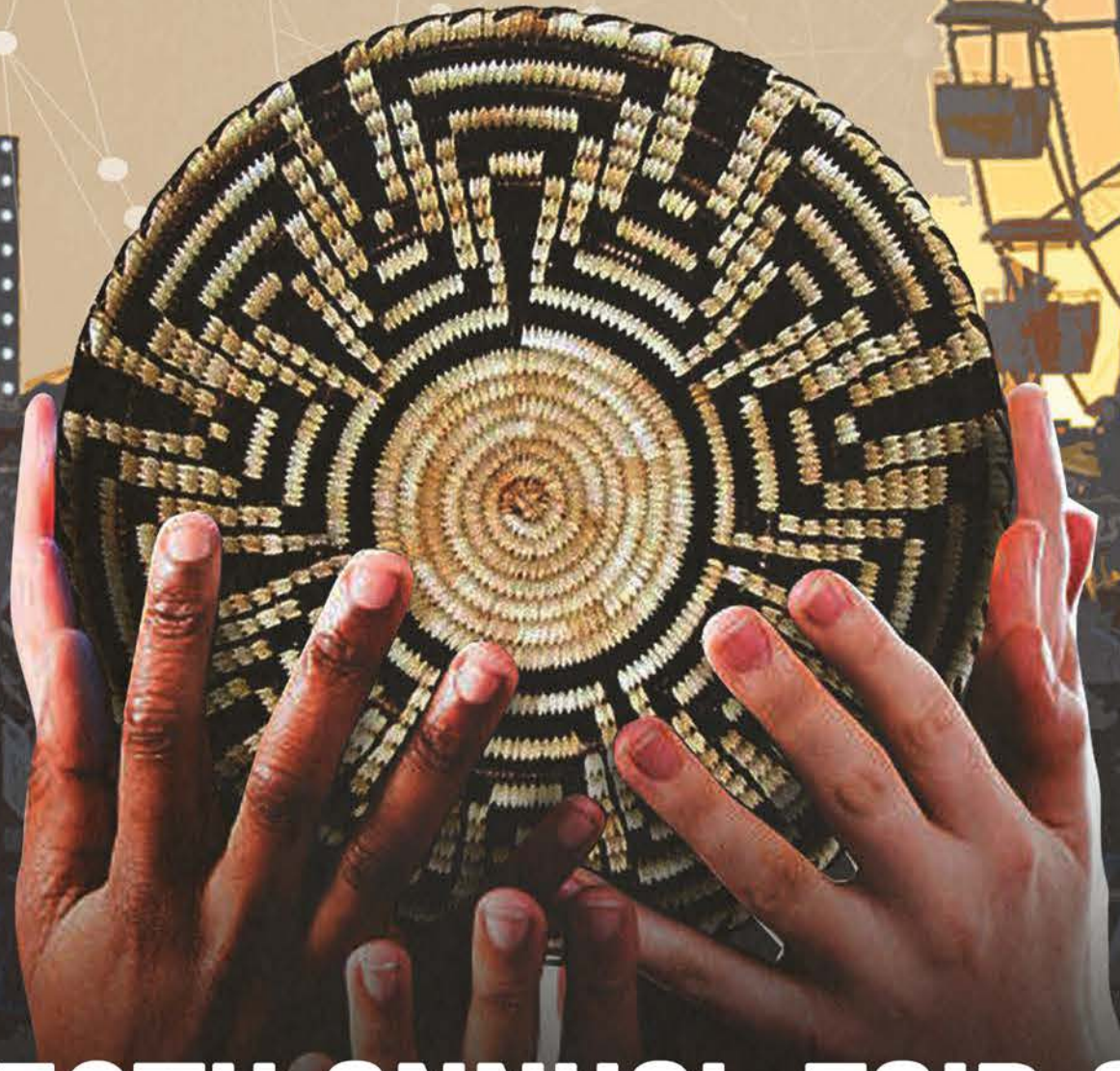
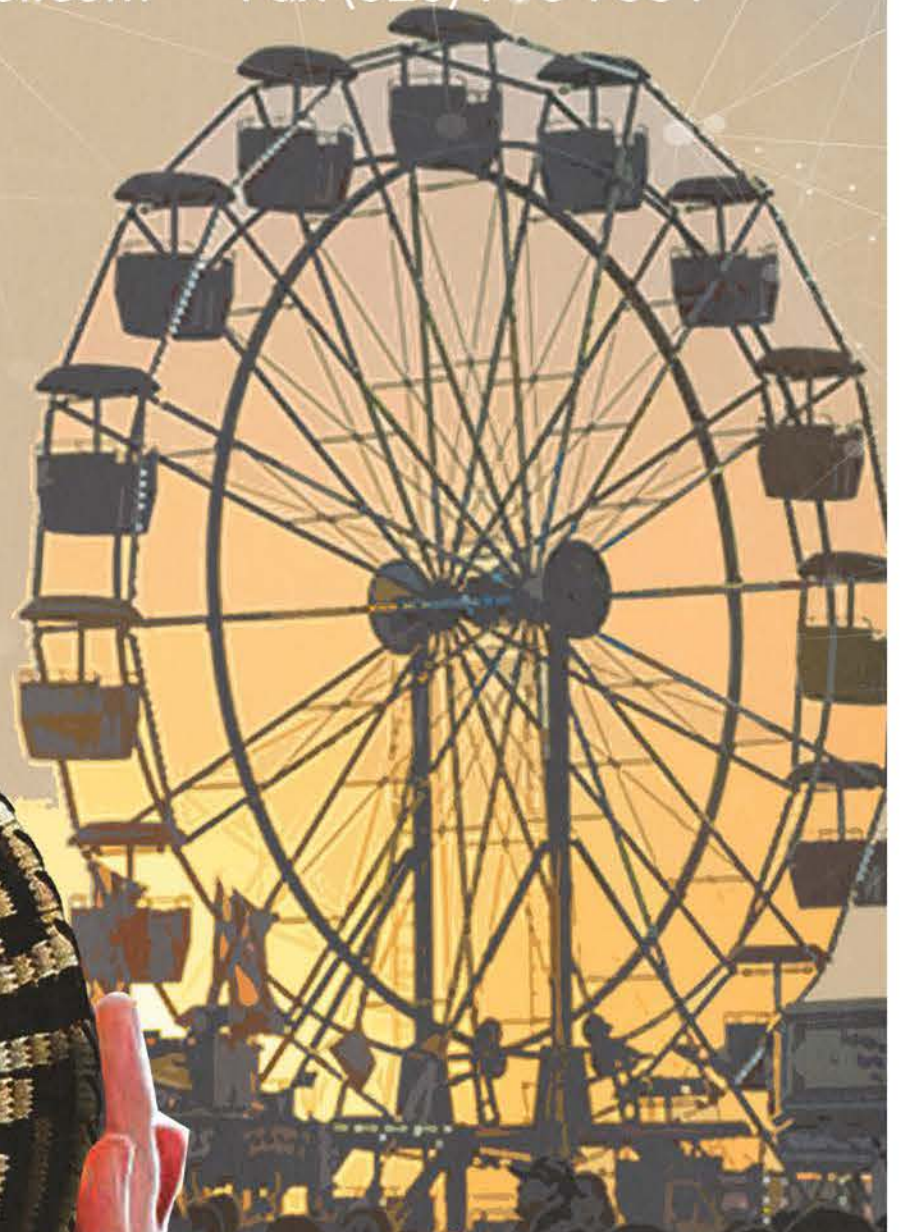
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### Road to Healing from Front Page

homes were common stories shared that day.

Reflecting on the day, Governor Lewis said, "It was a powerful day of healing and testimony. We as a Community are honored to

host this convening... We wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Sec. Haaland, bringing the boarding school era to the forefront instead of remaining relegated to the back pages of history."

"No matter how painful and poignant these stories are, Sec. Haaland is documenting the testimony

today and creating a record that will be used for a final report," said Gov. Lewis. "And it was good to see this happen at Gila Crossing where we could accommodate everyone and provide a safe space for sharing and healing today."

According to the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report released in May 2022, 47 Federal Indian Boarding School sites have existed in Arizona.

District 5 Community Council Rep. Marlin Dixon said, "It's something for the government to actually come out and recognize that there was something that happened back in the day that affected all of us as far as a community --not only us, but other Native communities were affected by all of this."

Councilman Dixon then pointed to GCCS as a beacon of hope for what education institutions can look like in Native communities that vastly contrast historic boarding schools.

"On the other hand of it, we have this new school embedded with culture, embedded with all of the things that the Native people have here



Sec. Haaland listens to an emotion recounting of one audience member's experience attending the Phoenix Indian School. Kyle Knox/GRIN

in this region," said Dixon. "That's all a part of the culture that we had or we still have today."

Testimony that day included many young people, who didn't attend boarding schools, but conveyed the loss of language, gender, and societal roles as a result of boarding schools. Unfortunately, these effects continue to plague younger generations and carry on to the following.

"Generational trauma is a very real and scary thing, it does trickle down from

the great-grandparents to the grandparents, to the parents down to the youth," said Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez. "I just want to extend my prayers out to all those that came to share their stories and their parents' stories, this [boarding school era] is something that is not talked about, but everybody needs to hear how it does affect us."

Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes echoed Martinez's sentiments and said, "I think it's a real honor having her [Haaland] come out to hear people's stories

on boarding schools because it's such an important topic and I think it's very brave for these people to come out and speak."

Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland joined Sec. Haaland on the tour that will last throughout the year.

And in a show of support, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego, and GRIC leadership also attended the listening session.



Pershie Ami, Hopi Tribe, listens to a boarding school survivor, before sharing her story. Kyle Knox/GRIN

## Tribal Broadband Bootcamp Fosters Digital Solutions

Kyle Knox  
Gila River Indian News

Dozens of telecom professionals from several tribal communities across the country assembled at District 4 on Jan. 24 for a Tribal Broadband Bootcamp workshop. Tribal Broadband Bootcamp coordinated the event, which allows tribal communities to come together for three days of learning, technical assistance, and sharing of solutions that may impact each other.

Tribal Broadband Bootcamp has hosted five workshops before coming to GRIC and works to sup-

port the growing telecommunication needs of tribal communities. Everything they share helps to steward the need for telecommunication infrastructure in hopes of providing internet and better service for tribes or helping to "bridging the digital divide."

"The real objective here is to create a human network of people doing the same thing, in different reservations, so they're no longer working in silos," said Tribal Broadband Bootcamp co-founder Matthew Rantanen. "After these workshops, they will now have a network of colleagues and professionals

to bounce ideas off of and find solutions together."

The event was sponsored by Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.'s Digital Connect Initiative (DCI). "I got to talking with the event creators and explained that our mission of bridging the digital divide in Indian Country includes expanding opportunities for tribes," said Mikhail Sundust, Executive Director for DCI. "These bootcamps give tribal members a chance to get involved in the telecommunications industry, and with a wealth of experience at GRTI, Gila River would make an excellent host site for the Tribal Broadband Bootcamp."

Representatives from Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation, The Hopi Tribe, and others were some of the participants who attended the boot camp. Every tribe came with various levels of needs, technical support, and unique issues regarding bridging the "digital divide." Fortunately, the Tribal Broadband Bootcamp brought professionals to provide assistance and hands-on experience in troubleshooting issues in their communities.



Bootcamp participants alternate around various learning stations at the District 4 gymnasium and are provided hands on learning with equipment. Kyle Knox/GRIN

"One major highlight of the bootcamp was when all participants rotated amongst different workstations where they got to learn how to splice fiber, experiment with monitoring and testing equipment, and see how fiber maintenance is performed in the field from a fiber truck," said Sundust.

Gov. Lewis attended the second day and learned to splice fiber optic cable. The opportunity provided a hands-on look at several aspects of what GRTI pro-

professionals are tasked with daily. Tribal Broadband Bootcamp organizers are pleased when tribal leaders attend the workshops. This gives them a better understanding of what is required for these highly specialized jobs and shows the need to build a pipeline to support telecommunication careers.

DCI will continue to provide learning opportunities locally for GRIC as they continue to host their "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) learning lab on the third Thursday of ev-

ery month at the Gila River Telecommunications building in Chandler. Community members are encouraged to bring their devices and questions about how to use them or the internet. DCI also rotates host sites among the district service centers. Their next BYOD in the Community will be on Feb. 16 at the District 1 Service Center.

For more information on BYOD and DCI, visit [www.digitalconnect.org](http://www.digitalconnect.org).



Gov. Lewis learns how to splice fiber optic cables from industry professionals. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Tribal Recreation & Wellness Presents:

# I:b'thak Thash Fashion for the Heart Fashion Show

Show off your best red and pink outfit to help raise awareness for Healthy Heart Month!  
~ Formal ~ Semi-formal ~ Casual ~ Traditional Attire

**Friday February 10, 2023**  
9am-1pm ~ Sacaton Fairgrounds

Registration Opens: GRIC Priority Access on January 30, 2023 at 8am.  
Open to others on February 1, 2023 at 8am.

Registration Closes: February 3, 2023 at 8am.

- ~ Must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, a GRIC employee, spouse of GRIC employee, or reside in a household within the GRIC boundaries.
- ~ Open to all ages for women, men and children. Animals are welcome on the runway, must have leash.

Light lunch will be served to participants!  
Incentives are first come, first served.  
Escort provided by Gila River Fire Department!

2 Mile Walk!  
1 Hour Zumba!  
Fashion Show!

For more information call (520) 562-2026 or email wellness.center@gric.nsn.us




GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY  
TRIBAL EDUCATION

ART CONTEST

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**MUL-CHU-THA**

March 17-19, 2023

**CALLING ALL STUDENTS!**

The Tribal Education Department invites Gila River Indian Community youth (grades 4-12) to enter the Tribal Education Art and Essay Contest!

Theme:  
"Celebrating Our Strengths And Resilience As One"

**Important Dates & Times:**  
Entries are due no later than 5 PM, March 3, 2023. Following judging, notification to finalists will take place on or before March 14th. All winners will be announced during Community Day celebrations, March 17, 2023, at the Fairgrounds

**Winner Categories:**  
Each Contest will have winners in the following grade levels.

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**NO LATE ENTRIES!**

Contact the Tribal Education Department for more information at 520-562-3662 • www.gricd.com

**ART CONTEST:**  
Creatively illustrate what "Celebrating Our Strength And Resilience As One" means to you.

- The minimum size for all entries is (8 1/2x11). Maximum size is left to the artist's discretion, however we suggest the proportions should not exceed (26x26x4), and weigh less than 15 lbs. Dimensional works such as ceramics, wood, clay, and others must be contained and secure (no loose pieces) and fall within a similar size and weight range. Photography will not be accepted and all artworks not meeting these guidelines will be disqualified from entry
- A conventional Art Rubric will be used to judge art entries

**ESSAY CONTEST:**  
Creatively express what "Celebrating Our Strength And Resilience As One" means to you. Essays are required to be no less than;

- 200 words for 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 300 words for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- 400 words for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Essays must be your own original work
- Essays must relate to the theme
- All essays must be double spaced, typed, using 12 point, Times New Roman (font)
- SIX-TRAITS rubric will be used to judge essay entries

**All entries must be submitted to the Tribal Education Department By 5:00 PM on Friday, March 3, 2023**

IMPORTANT! Each submission must include an entry Form and Photo/Audio/Video Release Form.

**NO LATE ENTRIES!**

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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Jan. 18, 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, January 18, 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 Terrance Evans

**ROLL CALL**

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll  
Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Nada Celaya, Regina Antone; D6- Terrance Evans

Executive Officers Attending via WebEx Platform:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Attending via WebEx Platform:

D1-Arzie Hogg

D5-James De La Rosa,

D5-Brian Davis, Sr.

D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr.

D6-Charles Goldtooth

D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D4-Jennifer Allison

D5- Marlin Dixon

D5- Wahlean Riggs

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE REPORTS #1 THROUGH #5; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #3, AND #4; 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**

**REPORTS**

>1. Office of Special Funding FY2022 Annual

Report

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Cheryl Pablo  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Procurement Department FY2022 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Lawrence Makil

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Pension Administration FY2022 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Per Capita Office FY2022 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Benefits Administration FY2022 Annual Report

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Gustina McCandless

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. FY2023 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending December 31, 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTIONS**

\*1. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community's Community Services Department To Apply For The 2023 United States Department Of Human Services, Administration On Aging, Older Americans Act Title VI Grant (H&SSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Mary Dixon  
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. 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)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

>3. A Resolution Approving The Attached Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The City Of Chandler Regarding Roadway And Traffic Signal Improvements And Operation Located At The Intersection Of Gilbert Road And Hunt Highway (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Barney Enos, Jr., Bartley Harris, Steve Heeley

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Attached Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The City Of Chandler Regarding Connection To The City Of Chandler's Sewer Utility Facilities And Providing Sewer Service To The Santan Mountain Casino (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Barney Enos, Jr., Bartley Harris, Steve Heeley

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ORDINANCES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1.Community Mask Mandate Update (H&SSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business for discussion and possible action)

Presenters: Councilwoman Regina Antone, Councilwoman Nada Celaya

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

**NEW BUSINESS**

>1. Gila River Farms FY2023 Initial Budget (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Benito Alvarez, Jr., Kimberly Fisher, Gila River Farm Board

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Gila River Farms FY2022 End of Year Report (G&MSC forwards to Council under New

Business and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Benito Alvarez, Jr., Kimberly Fisher, Gila River Farm Board

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Information on Tribal Leadership Programs through NAFOA & NCAI (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council members to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Avery White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND USING DUES AN DELEGATIONS

4. Enrollment Appeal Hearing Decision Upholding Denial of Membership (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO UPHOLD AND REAFFIRM THE DENIAL OF MEMBERSHIP

**MINUTES**

1. December 21, 2022 (Regular)

APPROVED

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• GILA RIVER CASINO ORIENTATION AND WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

• AMBASSADOR SUSAN RICE WILL BE VISITING THE COMMUNITY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023; THE VISIT WILL BEGIN AT THE HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER

• SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR DEB HALLAND WILL BE AT GILA CROSSING COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROMOTING THE "ROAD TO HEALING" PLEDGE FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND

• HOUSING OWNER'S TEAM MEETING IS CANCELED FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

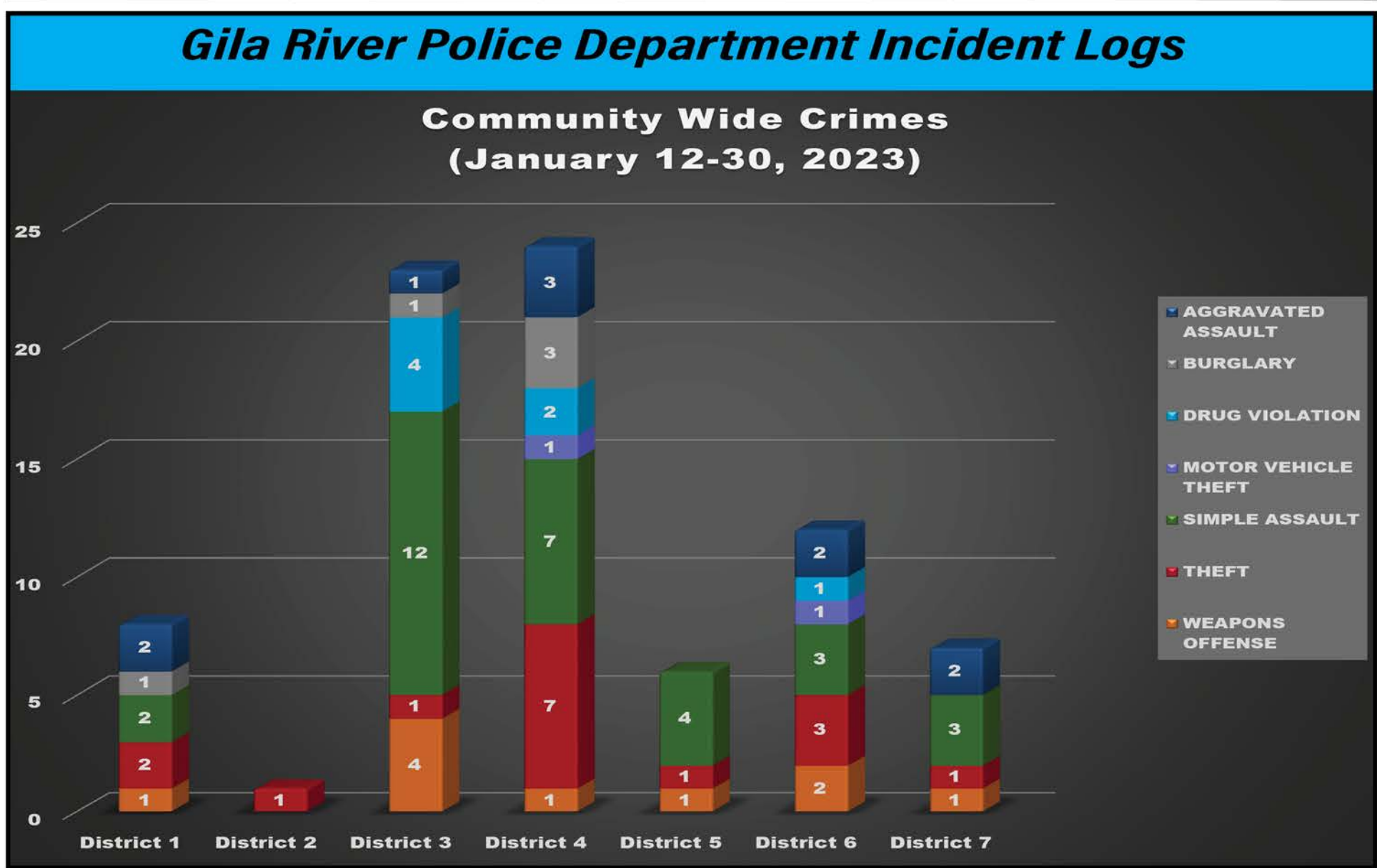
• PRAYERS WERE REQUESTED FOR THE FAMILIES OF KATERI TASHQUINTH AND LOUELLA JUSTIN

**ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:51 A.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



# Gila River Resorts & Casinos to Host Star-Studded Super Weekend

## Cardi B, Offset, Nelly & NFL Legends to Host Epic Parties at Gila River

**Submitted by**  
Gila River Resorts & Casinos

CHANDLER, Ariz. (Jan. 26, 2023) – When the big game comes to town there is only one place to be to catch all of the action, Gila River Resorts & Casinos - Wild Horse Pass. Gila River and Capture Studios announce an epic weekend filled with A-list performances, athletes and the Valley's premier tailgate and big game viewing party February 9-12, 2023.

Gila River, the largest gaming enterprise in Arizona, catapults the biggest party on the scene hosting unprecedented experiences with NFL legends and hall of fame meet & greets, the world premiere screening of FOX Sports Films, The Perfect 10, and unforgettable performances by Grammy award-winning artists, Cardi B, Offset and Nelly.

**Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023: Nikki and Brie Meet & Greet and exclusive VIP dinner:**

Phoenix locals, Nikki and Brie, are hosting a public meet & greet, VIP red carpet and private dining experience. The intimate VIP dinner is open to 20 su-

per fans to indulge at Prime, A Shula's Steakhouse, Gila River's rooftop restaurant. The stunning steakhouse is located on the 11th floor and has breathtaking views of the Estrella Mountains. Tickets can be purchased at [playatgila.com](http://playatgila.com).

**Friday, Feb. 10, 2023: PLANTERS® Brand Legends Party Hosted by Rob Gronkowski & Vernon Davis:**

Professional athletes, celebrities and guests will gather for one epic night of partying. Hosted by Rob Gronkowski and Vernon Davis, tickets include access to a kickoff soiree, comedy roast & toast of NFL legends by Michael Rapaport and a live performance by Nelly.

**Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023: H2H Productions and the H2H Foundation Present, The Perfect 10 Official Watch Party:**

NFL icon, Boomer Esiason, is hosting the broadcast world premiere of FOX Sports Films and NFL Films, The Perfect 10.

The film highlights the only ten legendary football icons who won a Heisman Trophy and have been inducted in the Pro Football

Hall of Fame. In the film, the legends reflect on their careers and discuss their lifetime achievements.

H2H legends appearing on behalf of the H2H Foundation include Barry Sanders, Marcus Allen, Tim Brown, Earl Campbell, and Tony Dorsett. Event includes interviews and photo opportunities with the legends for VIP fans.

**2023 Hall of Fame Party – Saturday Night Lights:**

The 3rd annual Hall of Fame Party is kicking off at Gila River's Showroom with beats by DJ Shift and DJ Paul Oakenfold opening for international superstars, Offset and Cardi B. The performances will feature an LED light show, one-of-a-kind brand activations, and an exclusive VIP lounge packed with star-studded guests.

**Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023: 2023 Hall of Fame Tailgate and Big Game Viewing Party:**

The Oasis Pool will be transformed and guests will be immersed in a game-day-like setting where they can enjoy live music, a celebrity chef vs. athlete cook-off competition and live stream of the big game. Event



guests include current NFL and hall of fame athletes, Food Network star, Chef Kev D, Bravo's Top Chef, Chef Bruce Kalman, and FOX's MasterChef winner, Chef Shaun O'Neale.

"We are thrilled to bring the valley a once-in-a-lifetime experience they will never forget," said Dominic Orozco, President and CMO of Gila River Resorts & Casinos. "From partnering with FOX

Sports, to bringing international superstar Cardi B, we couldn't be more excited to host the most iconic party in the valley."

"We couldn't be more excited about our partnership with Gila River Resorts & Casinos to bring the best lineup of events for big game weekend," said Matthew Gavin, CEO of Capture Studios. "The resort is the perfect setting for the Hall of Fame Party brand

and an epic series of events with FOX Sports, NFL legends, and chart-topping artists."

Event brand partners include NUTRL, Bud Light, Patron, Don Julio, Tito's, Remy Martin, Mount Gay Rum, Omaha Steaks, Gel Blaster, Glenfiddich, and Hendrick's.

To learn more about events and purchase tickets and VIP table packages visit [halloffameparty.com](http://halloffameparty.com).

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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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**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES PLEASE GO TO:**  
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**If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Community Health Education Program (520)562-5100**

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# DECLARATION of CANDIDACY

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY  
**2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION**  
 IN DISTRICTS 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Qualifications for a Community Council Representative is defined below.**

*CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY*  
**ARTICLE VI - QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. No person shall be elected or hold office as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge, Associate Judge or Councilmen unless he:

1. Is a member of the Community;
2. Has reached the age of twenty-five (25) years;
3. Has been living in the particular district he is to represent for at least sixty (60) days immediately preceding the election;
4. Has been living on the Reservation for at least one year immediately preceding the election. Additional qualifications may be prescribed by ordinance.

Section 2. No person who, within the year preceding the election, has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude shall be eligible to hold office in the Community.

Starting February 3, 2023, Declaration Of Candidacy forms can be picked up at the Tribal Elections Office, 291 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Bldg 9, Sacaton, Arizona or E-mail: [TEP@gric.nsn.us](mailto:TEP@gric.nsn.us).

**COMPLETED DECLARATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON**

**DEADLINE: February 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

**DECLARATION PERIOD: FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 16 2023**

Call TEP office (520) 562-9735/9758 for more info

**Gila River Indian Community**  
**2023 Community Council Election Schedule**  
 Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6

DATE	SCHEDULED EVENT
February 3, 2023	<b>Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) OPENS</b> in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Any qualified elector of the Gila River Indian Community who has attained the age of twenty-five (25) years may file for the Office of Councilman for the District in which he resides. DOC forms can be requested through email: <a href="mailto:TEP@gric.nsn.us">TEP@gric.nsn.us</a> or forms can be picked up at the Tribal Elections office, 291 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Building 9, Sacaton, Arizona. Please, call (520) 562-9758 or 9735 before arriving:
February 16, 2023	<b>Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) CLOSSES</b> for Office of Community Council Representatives in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 5:00 p.m.
February 17, 2023	DOC forms are routed to Enrollment & Office of General Counsel to ascertain qualifications of all applicants running for a Community Council seat.
March 1, 2023	Special Election Board meeting to verify residential qualifications of all Community Council candidates.
March 15, 2023	Community Council to certify qualifications of candidacy for Community Council seats in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6.
March 21, 2023	Voter Registration <b>CLOSSES</b> for the election in May, 2023
March 30, 2023	Absentee Voting period begins, for registered voters unable to vote in person on Election Day.
May 2, 2023	<b>GRIC 2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION DAY</b> Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 Absentee Ballots not returned by mail, can be dropped off at any polling site until 6 pm
May 5, 2023	Protest period ends for this election. Protests must be in writing, submitted to the Election Board Chairperson before 5:00 p.m.
May 17, 2023	At their second meeting in May, the election results are certified by Community Council.
June 7, 2023	All newly elected/re-elected candidates are sworn into Office in order to fill Community Council seats in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6

For questions regarding this schedule, call the Tribal Elections Office:  
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