



District 5 Hosts FIRST Lego League Competition

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and math) knowledge was on full display by youth across the east Valley on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, as District 5 hosted a FIRST

(For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League tournament. The tournament serves as a qualifier for the state tournament challenging 11 teams from across the east valley to compete for the Jan. 14 state competition.

In addition, St. Peter Indian Mission School and its Community partners and sponsors helped coordinate the event for the east valley schools. For many non-GRIC teams, this was their first time in a Native American community.

St. Peters was proud to host the tournament as it allowed the opportunity to showcase the Community, District 5, and celebrate its 100th year in GRIC.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis addressed everyone during lunch and welcomed visiting students and families. "Today is an exciting time for all of us where technology is going to be a driver for our children's education and this event makes STEM fun. And events like this will make sure that our youth are well-placed and prepared for the future," said Gov. Lewis.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone also shared remarks at lunch and said, "I'm so proud of all the students here today including our students from the Community competing, you've all worked so hard, dedicated so much time and weekends for this day, so it's great to see our future engineers put everything they learned to use."

The FIRST Lego League tournament challenges teams to design, build, and program robots to perform autonomous tasks focused on the "mission." Each team robot must attempt to complete as



Team "enFORCEment" members hold their "Innovation Award" for their presentation delivered to judges on Saturday Jan. 7 at the District 5 Service Center. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Arizona Cardinals Host Football Clinic for GRIC Youth



NFL Alumni Hamza Abdullah (red jacket) and Matt Ware (grey sweater) assist youth during flag football. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes
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The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and Arizona Cardinals, in partnership with the Gila River Indian Community, hosted a football clinic for youth ages 5-16 on Jan. 14.

Over 50 youth participated in warm-ups, practice drills, flag football and teamwork training with Arizona Cardinals staff, volunteers and NFL alumni Matt Ware and Hamza Abdullah at the Gila Crossing Community School.

This clinic was the second held for GRIC youth in January. The first was on Jan. 8 at State Farm Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals, where over 100 GRIC youth attended.

"The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee is focused on the positive community impact of Super Bowl LVII—specifically the health and well-being of Arizona youth," said Leslie Miller, director of communications for the Host Committee.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez, who assisted with the event, were presented with an autographed Cardinals football.

Both thanked the kids for coming out and enduring the chilly weather that made for a memorable experience.

Angelita Moya, 7, said she had lots of fun and enjoyed the flag football portion of the event.

Arizona Super Bowl mascot

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Community Honors Ira H. Hayes' 100th Birthday

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On Jan. 12, the Community celebrated the 100th birthday of World War II USMC Veteran Ira Hamilton Hayes, from District 5, where the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 hosted the remembrance ceremony at the Mathew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes - Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton.

Ira H. Hayes was one of six Marines photographed on Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945, in the battle of Iwo Jima, Japan, during World War II. While his service and image remain ingrained in Community history, his legacy continues to inspire the nation 77 years after the historic flag-raising.

"I'm so proud to be here today, to honor Ira H. Hayes because he's such a prominent figure in this Community," said Tony McDaniel of the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84. "In one way or another

we're all related to him through service, family, and at the very least we all respect him with the highest regard."

The celebration drew a hundred spectators to honor the legacy of Ira H. Hayes and the lasting impact of his service to the country and the Community. While it is smaller than in previous years, this year, McDaniel said it felt "smaller but personal but felt like a family celebration" for everyone.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 paused annual celebrations and gatherings that Post 84 typically holds, so this year was very special considering it was in-person and also commemorated the centennial birthday of Ira Hayes.

St. Peters Indian Mission School students performed traditional O'otham songs and dances for everyone in attendance. Social dances were also part of the perfor-

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Members of the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 honor Ira H. Hayes' memory with a 21-gun salute and recital of "Taps" at the Ira H. Hayes/Iwo Jima Memorial Jan. 12. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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PATIENT ALERT

GRIC Members Targeted by Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services Scam

December 29, 2022

If you or a family member has been approached or picked up by one of these "recruiters" or if you observe suspicious activity on the Community, you are encouraged to contact the Gila River Police Department at 520-562-4511.

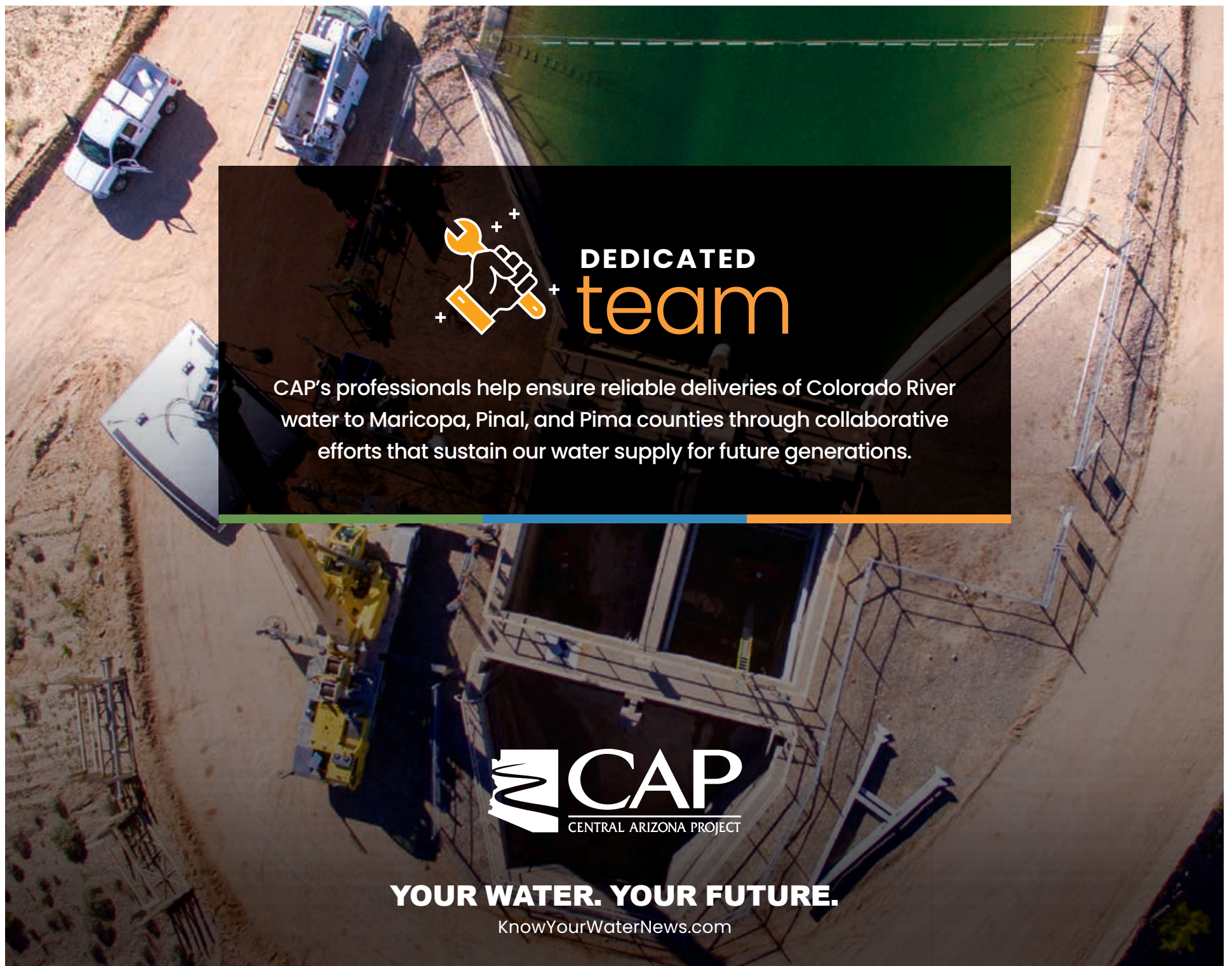
Community members please be vigilant when solicited by individuals or "recruiters" offering potentially fraudulent behavioral health services.

The Gila River Indian Community and other tribal nations have recently become aware of individuals or "recruiters" associated with some off reservation behavioral health residential facilities approaching Tribal members and offering a place to stay, regular meals, and other items if they agree to accompany them to facilities located in the Phoenix metro area. Individuals from other tribes have reported being approached at community gatherings or events and offered transportation to the facilities commonly known as sober homes or group homes. Tribal members from other tribes have reported difficulty returning home and have also reported falling victim to criminal activity.

If you or a family member are in need of mental health or substance abuse services, please contact GRHC Behavioral Health Services at (520) 562-3321 Ext: 7100

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GRIC Member Awarded 2023 Corps Member of the Year

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Precious Vicente, District 1, has been named the Corps Network 2023 Corpsmember of the Year and will be recognized at the Corps Network National Conference at a hybrid event March 7-9 online and in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1985, The Corps Network is the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, comprising 150 organizations that engage young adults in addressing conservation and community needs on public lands and in rural and urban communities. Corps members also gain work experience and develop in-demand skills.

Vicente works full-time as a National Parks Service Ranger at the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in the Interpretive and Education Division.

"I never really expected to be where I'm at right now," she said. "I never predicted that I would've been working for Casa Grande Ruins at all."

Vicente initially joined American Conservation Experience (ACE) when she came across a flyer online announcing a six-month historic preservation internship through the Traditional Trades Advancement Program. Through ACE, she was able to connect with her ancestry and work to help preserve her rich culture, traditions and historic sites. "We got to do different projects like preparing some of



Precious Vicente provides a tour of Casa Grande Ruins for guests of the park. Emma Hughes/GRIN

the historic walls here," said Vicente. "We worked a lot with adobe. We've done backcountry assessments, so the parts that are closed back to the public here, we would walk out and pretty much check for evidence of anybody looting or any pest infestations."

During her internship, Vicente visited Montezuma Castle and other national parks in the state and did preservation work.

"I got to make a lot of new connections, and during my first internship, it really opened up my eyes to what conservation is and why it's important, especially for

us as Indigenous people," she said.

While networking during her first internship, she secured another with Conservation Legacy immediately after completion. From there, she was hired and began working at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.

"I've been here for eight months, and our work consists of park statistics, keeping track of the weather — the rain that we get — how many visitors that we get, and, we most recently started doing tours," Vicente said.

During the tours, she shares the general history of the monument and its ties to GRIC while highlighting the rich O'otham culture and traditions. She also provides cultural awareness training and proper language use for employees at the park.

"The cool thing about it is that I didn't really have to follow staff here," Vicente said. "They really gave me the opportunity to make it what I wanted to be. So a lot of what I do in my tours are things that I've learned from my cultural understanding of it."

She shares traditional knowledge, teaching the O'otham language of the plants and surroundings while giving an in-depth cultural perspective of the area. At

the end of each tour, Vicente performs an O'otham song for visitors while paying respects to the historical site.

She added that she enjoys teaching the public that her people still occupy the area.

Vicente credits U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary, for creating positions like these for Indigenous people.

"She's creating more and more opportunities through the Indian Youth Service Corps to allow more Indigenous people to reconnect with sites like this," Vicente said. "Learning what I did and learning off my preservation internship, I really built a connection with this place."

She added, "It's very honoring, I couldn't have gotten this award without all my teachers passing on their knowledge to me about this site."

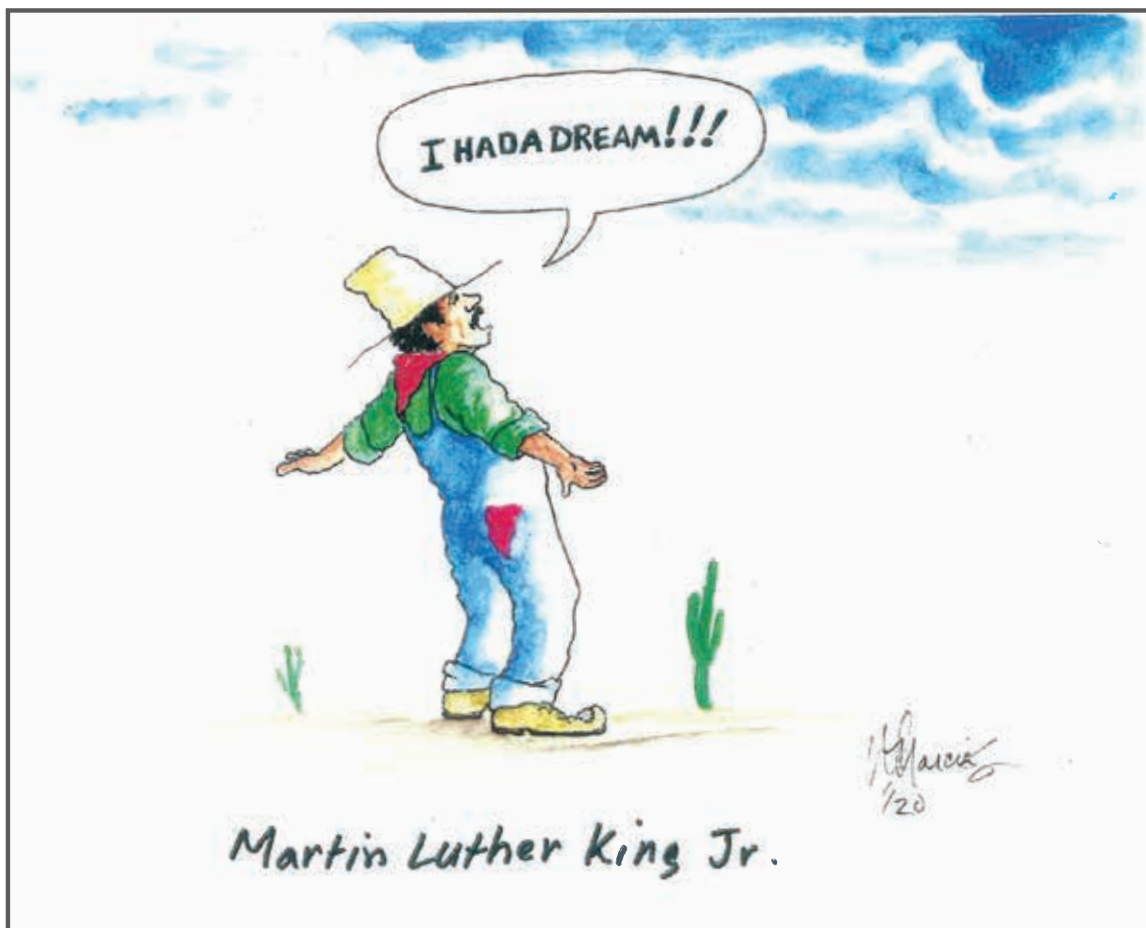
According to a profile of Vicente on the Corps Network website, "Corps staff that worked with Precious say that she is a positive influence and a role model to her Community. Before joining the Corps, Precious already had a passion for her heritage, serving as the president of the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council."

In the future, Vicente hopes to pursue her education in the field of archeology, using an education award she received during her Conservation Legacy internship.

"The parks need Native people in this area," she said. "All national parks are associated with Native lands, and we need more of that representation."



Precious Vicente shares the cultural significance of the "Man in the Maze" and basketry during a tour. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Vicente sings a traditional O'otham song to close out her tour. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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“Spike” and Arizona Cardinals cheerleaders and mascot “Big Red” joined in on the fun, cheering on youth during the event, followed by pizza for lunch and a Q&A session with Abdullah and Ware.

Overall, families and

youth appreciated getting out, being active and learning teamwork and sportsmanship.

Miller, the Host Committee representative, said the clinics are vital in helping the boys and girls from GRIC meet the NFL alums, engage in fun no-contact football activities and make unforgettable Super Bowl memories.



NFL Alumni Hamza Abdullah, Gov. Lewis, Miss Gila River Kesley Martinez, and NFL Alumni Matt Ware. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Participants, staff, and volunteers for the second football clinic gather for a photo with Arizona Superbowl Host Committee, and Arizona Cardinals at the conclusion. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Displays of Strength Found at TRW Squat Challenge



Participants of the TRW Squat Challenge pictured left to right: Corinna Ortiz, Desha Chicharello, Lloyd Gray, Dyon Jackson, Marla Lemos, Alyse Marrietta, Tristan Natani, Kevin Jackson, Robert Jackson, Rheanna Jackson, “Burrito” Lewis, Marco Juan, Kristy Medina, Randon Quasula, and Brandon Begay. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Tribal Recreation & Wellness

Tribal Recreation & Wellness hosted the Squat Challenge on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at the District 3 Multipurpose Gym-

nasium. They had a total of 22 participants register for this event, and a total of 16 competed on the night of the event. Each lifter had three attempts to lift and meet their personal record. The goal of the Squat

Challenge was to have participants who attended the Strength Series: Squat Edition and those who are familiar with and have experience performing barbell squats come out and try to beat the personal records. The Com-

munity and spectators were more than welcome to come and show their support for the lifters. Our next Strength Series is the Bench Press Edition which goes through the basics of bench press. Like the Squat Challenge,

we will also have a Bench Press Challenge. Visit the GRIC Tribal Recreation & Wellness webpage for our upcoming events!

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mance that allowed everyone to participate, including relatives of Ira H. Hayes.

Augustine Enas, District 1, a nephew of Ira Hayes, was present for the celebration. "As one of the family members of Ira Hayes, we appreciate everyone coming out to celebrate his 100th birthday here today," said Enas. "I enjoyed having St. Peters come out and share the songs with the Community, it was very special."

Kevin Whittaker, District 1, another nephew of Ira Hayes said, "I want thank everyone who was present today, from the Post 84 to St. Peters, to come and celebrate my uncle's 100th birthday today, I truly appreciate how the Community continues to

celebrate his memory and hope they continue to celebrate his birthday and memorial."

As in years past, the celebration featured a 21-gun salute and performance of "Taps" and allowed veterans to pay tribute and salute Hayes' stature at the Ira H. Hayes/Iwo Jima Memorial.

And because it was a birthday celebration, it was fitting for everyone in attendance to sing "Happy Birthday" in honor of Ira Hayes.

Buddy Helscel, USMC Veteran, also attended the celebration from his home in Casa Grande. "I came here today because he [Ira Hayes] is a former Marine, and I'm a Marine, so he's like a brother to me. I really enjoyed myself being here today because everyone in this Community is always friendly."



Members of Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 with Kevin Whittaker (center), nephew of Ira Hayes stand with the banner commemorating the Hayes' 100th birthday. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Singers and dancers from St. Peter Indian Mission School perform a number of songs for the celebration for Ira H. Hayes. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Boys from St. Peter Indian Mission School provide songs for the dancers and audience on Jan. 12. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Community members and veterans join the St. Peters dancers during for social dance. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Community Bike Ride Series 2022-2023

Gila River Fall Bike Ride in District 3 Saturday, November 5, 2022 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route	Water Rights Day Bike Ride at MAR 5 Saturday, December 10, 2022 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route
Gila River Winter Bike Ride in District 6 Saturday, January 7, 2023 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route	Gila River Bike Tour Day 1 from District 6 to Wild Horse Pass Saturday, February 18, 2023 10:00am 12 mile Route
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Arizona Tribal Legislative Day 2023

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On Jan. 11, dozens of tribal leaders and their constituents gathered at the Arizona state capitol for the 28th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. The annual gathering provides a forum for state leaders to hear about some of the most pressing issues facing Arizona tribes. The event also serves as a way to celebrate the rich culture and history of Arizona's Tribes and Nations and address issues of mutual interest.

The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations hosted the morning joint protocol session, a resource fair, a breakout session for youth,

and another session for parents and guardians.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes, Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia, and members of the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council attended this year. Each also had the opportunity to sit on the Senate floor during the morning session.

"It feels really good to be back in-person for this meeting, the atmosphere is so welcoming as you see everyone smiling, shaking hands, and even embracing as we come together with other tribal leaders after the pandemic," said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Arizona Senate President Warren Peterson opened

the joint protocol session by welcoming everyone back for the annual meeting. The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations hosts the yearly event on a Wednesday during the first week of each regular legislative session.

Like previous years, the morning session allowed for several tribal leaders to address the Arizona Senate.

This year Chairman Terry Rambler of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Chairwoman Tanya Lewis of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma of the Hopi Tribe shared the honor of providing addresses.

Each shared the state of their tribes while highlighting the needs of the state to support them. The state's water issues and settlement, or lack thereof, were top of mind for each leader. In addition, each address instilled the need for Arizona's legislative and senate to always consider tribes, as constitutions, and as one of the most significant contributors to Arizona's economy.

"Hearing Gov. Hobbs pledge a commitment to respect our sovereignty and to recognize our contributions to Arizona's past and future were most welcomed," said Chairwomen Lewis', alluding to Gov. Hobbs' statements



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone with Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren (right) and his wife Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren at the 28th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. Kyle Knox/GRIN



AOPPYC members Waylon Webb Jr., Junior Pancott, Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia and Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes at the Arizona Tribal Legislative Day. Kyle Knox/GRIN

during her inauguration. "I look forward to building a robust and mutual partnership with the state of Arizona... to the assembled members of the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate, I wish to remind you of our shared commitment to the people of Arizona."

Earlier that day, Lt. Gov. Antone attended a meeting before the joint protocol session with newly elected Gov. Katie Hobbs. The meeting allowed tribal leaders to share some of the most important matters with Gov. Hobbs, including gaming, economic development, and the state's



Chairwoman Tanya Lewis of the Yavapai-Apache Nation during her address. Kyle Knox/GRIN

water issues.

Lt. Gov. Antone said, "It feels really good to have been there to hear from Gov. Hobbs and the commitments

she has for Arizona's tribes, we're learning more about how we can work together to create new and better opportunities for all tribes."

Gov. Lewis Attends 56th Arizona Legislature Opening Day

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State lawmakers and guests convened at the Capitol in Phoenix on Jan. 9 for the first day of the 56th Legislative Session, which included opening ceremonies for the Senate and House of Representatives, followed by the "State of the State"

address from newly elected Gov. Katie Hobbs.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel were honored guests of Rep. Teresa Martinez (R), District 16.

Gov. Hobbs outlined her priorities for her admin-

istration during the address, which included working with the state's 22 tribes.

"To Arizona's tribal governments and nations, your voices will be heard in my administration, your sovereignty will be respected and your contributions will be recognized as we move into the future," said

Hobbs.

Gov. Lewis, who stood up in support during the address, said, "She touched on education, job creations; she touched on a lot of important issues." He added it was "significant" that Hobbs made a point of saying she'll work with Tribal nations and respect them.

Another major topic in Hobbs' address was water and Arizona's historic drought, which is the worst ever recorded. On Jan. 1, Colorado River Tier 2 mandatory water cuts went into effect, which means Arizona will lose 21 percent of water from the Colorado River, Hobbs said.

Gov. Lewis said, "We [GRIC] are a critical part in that, making sure we protect our water rights and that we're part of the discussion, that the state works with the Community to make sure that they know what our issues are, and that they support a lot of groundwork that the Community has fought for moving forward."



Gov. Lewis with Rep. Teresa Martinez, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, and Arizona Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope at the Arizona Capitol Jan. 9. Photo courtesy of Teresa Martinez



NAU President Dr. José Luis Cruz Rivera, Gov. Lewis, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, U of A President Dr. Robert C. Robbins, and ASU President Michael Crow. CPAO Photo



Holocaust survivor Hanna Zack Miley (center) with Gov. Lewis and Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel on Jan. 9. CPAO Photo

Gov. Lewis Honors Hawaiian Artists at Heard Museum

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Friday, Jan. 6, the Heard Museum held an opening reception for its new “He’e Nalu: The Art and Legacy of Hawaiian Surfing” exhibit. Hawaiian dance, songs, and culture sharing filled the Crossroads Gallery of the museum, where the exhibit artists, curators, museum trustees, and sponsors were present.

“I want to thank the Indigenous people of this land, because we are visitors to this land and for allowing us to come here and tell our story,” said He’e Nalu curator Carolyn Melaenani Kualii. “For us, know we appreciate the blessing we’ve been given to be here and tell that story of traditional Hawaiian surfing.”

The new exhibit features an array of traditional surfboards and cultural items that surfing incorporates. A description of the exhibition reads: “While other Indigenous communities around the world may have ridden waves in boats on their way in from fishing, the Kānaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians) were the first and only Indig-

enous people to slide the surf in the pursuit of pleasure.”

All the guests in attendance were thrilled to have been hosted by the Heard Museum and were happy when Governor Stephen Roe Lewis attended to share more about the land on which the Heard Museum lay.

At the reception, Gov. Lewis provided a land acknowledgment for the visiting guests that illustrated the rich ancestral history of the O’otham and Pee Posh lands on which Phoenix rests. In return, Gov. Lewis, a current trustee of the Heard Museum, received a unique Hawaiian flower lay from the exhibition team as a token of appreciation for his support of the exhibit.

“I want to welcome our relatives from Hawaii, they truly are our brothers and sisters, so it’s an honor to be welcomed by them and their amazing artist that continue the ancient practices that continue to thrive in contemporary times,” said Gov. Lewis.

While being recognized, Gov. Lewis also took the time to present

gifts to the exhibit’s elder artist Tom Pōhaku Stone and exhibit curator Carolyn Melenani Kualii.

Kualii was gifted a unique necklace adorned with charms made from a saguaro cactus rib. Then he also presented Stone and Kualii, each with a skateboard deck designed by GRIC’s own Seven Layer Army.

“We live in the desert and honor water, like everyone, but we don’t surf here, but we do have ‘sidewalk surfers’,” said Gov. Lewis, referring to skateboarding as sidewalk surfing. Gov. Lewis presented Kualii with a deck adorned with hummingbirds, and Stone was given a deck with an eagle painted on it.

The “He’e Nalu: The Art and Legacy of Hawaiian Surfing” exhibit is currently on view at the Heard Museum until July. The Heard Museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed during major holidays. All tribal members receive free admission with tribal ID or CIB.

For more information on this exhibit and the museum, visit heard.org.



Gov. Lewis stands with curators, artists, and performers at the opening reception for the “He’e Nalu: The Art and Legacy of Hawaiian Surfing” exhibit on Jan. 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Lewis presents Tom Pōhaku Stone and Carolyn Kualii skateboard decks designed by Seven Layer Army. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Boys & Girls Club Gila River-Komatke Branch team members Adrian Constantine, Alec Lewis, and Roman Pablo with their coach Bill McConnell and Gov. Lewis. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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many “missions” as possible within two-and-a-half minutes.

In addition to the robotics competition, each team must provide a presentation in front of judges demonstrating their mission knowledge, research, coding, and teamwork from the last six months leading up to the qualifier.

Each year a new “mission” tasks every team to focus on a theme during their season. This year the mission was “Super Power.” The term referred to electric power and allowed teams to learn more about current sources of electric

power, alternative energy sources like solar and wind, and how their communities can utilize innovative ways of powering homes and city power grids.

St. Peter Indian Mission School and the Boys & Girls Club Gila River-Komatke Branch were among the teams that competed that day.

Neither team scored enough points to advance, but St. Peter Indian Mission School’s “enFORCEment” team took home the Innovation Project Award for the students’ presentation that day.

The St. Peters student’s presentation highlighted the Community’s current P-MIP irrigation systems. Also, it

showcased an innovative approach to harnessing solar energy, similar to the GRIC solar-covered canal project.

Ms. Kinnamon from St. Peter Indian Mission School has taught science in the Community for over 30 years. She remains steadfast in encouraging GRIC youth to pursue STEM education and careers.

“Our [GRIC] youth are more than capable of being successful in these competitions are in the STEM fields because our kids are smart,” said Kinnamon.

Her dream is for GRIC to have five to seven FIRST Lego League teams and host GRIC competitions before facing off against outside Valley schools.

That dream may be a reality thanks to the support of Anna Perlash and her non-profit organization “Education Empowers.” Perlash has donated the FIRST Lego league robot, practice tables, and mission mat for schools. Her organizational contributions have allowed St. Peters and the Boys and Girls Club Gila River-Komatke Branch to prepare as soon as the season started.

Special recognition was given to Perlash during the day for her dedication to STEM education, and she was gifted a blanket with O’otham designs during the lunch break for her continued support for GRIC youth.



St. Peter's Indian Mission School team “enFORCEment” (from left to right) with Ms. Kinnamon, Lt. Gov. Antone, Sister Pam, Jenna Johnson, Sister Martha, Miryha Yucopicio, Sister Barbara Jean, Gabbie Ortiz, Briton Miles, Alexis Blaine and Gov. Lewis. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Boys & Girls Club Gila River-Komatke Branch team members successfully steer their robot to turn the windmill during the tournament. Kyle Knox/GRIN

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE

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Community members interested in serving on the Gila River Royalty Committee (GRRC) must submit a Letter of Interest to the Communications & Public Affairs Office, (include your address and phone number). Provided below is the GRRC Purpose and Terms of Membership outlining the qualifications, duties & responsibilities of the positions.

The purpose of the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be to coordinate the annual Gila River Royalty Pageant as well as oversee the travel itinerary and coordinating activities within the Gila River Indian Community, State of Arizona agencies, and organizations throughout the United States.

Membership to the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be open to any former Miss Gila River title holders

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Sacaton, AZ 85147

By E-mail to:
missgilariver@gric.nsn.us

For more information please contact: 520-562-9840



PIMA AGENCY 2023 FIRE SEASON


OPEN APPLICATIONS
WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

December 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023
FIRE MANAGEMENT BLD #7
Sacaton, AZ

REQUIREMENTS

- MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO APPLY
- INTERVIEW WITH THE FIRE MANAGEMENT
- PASS A DRUG TEST (PAID BY APPLICANT)
 - PASS A PHYSICAL
 - PACK TEST

For more information, contact Cynthia Johnson @ the fire management office at (520)562-3974.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE

2023 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2023 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 20, 2023**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 20, 2023.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2023.



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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520-562-2234
GRIC.Pesticide.Office@gric.nsn.us





January 2023 O’otham Ñeo’ok:

“Tho:ḍ hegai?/using vuḍ in sentences”

Submitted by
Huhugam Heritage Center

A common question often asked amongst O’otham speakers is “Tho:ḍ hegai?” This question might be directed at you, if you’re a newcomer or stranger amongst the group. This question literally asks “Who is he/she/that person?” and is the conversational version of the more formal phrase “Tho: ‘o vuḍ hegai?” This question utilizes the O’otham word “vuḍ” which, is often heard in O’otham conversations and has a specific purpose in the spoken language. In O’otham sentences “vuḍ” is used to link or identify two words (often nouns) as being one and the same. This can be seen in the following example sentences.

- 1) “Añi ‘añ vuḍ Akimel O’otham.” (I am Akimel O’otham.)
- 2) “Victoria ‘o vuḍ u:v.” (Victoria is a woman.)
- 3) “Hegai uvig ‘o vuḍ ba’ag.” (That bird is an eagle.)
- 4) “A:pi ‘ap vuḍ eñ navoj.” (You are my friend.)

All four examples above have the same form in that they each start off with a noun (Victoria) or pronoun (Añi, Hegai, A:pi), are followed by a form of the auxiliary (‘añ, ‘o, ‘ap), are then followed by the word vuḍ and end with a type of noun. What is interesting about all of these examples, is that there is no true verb, in the form of an action word present in the sentence. The auxiliary verb which is present (‘añ, ‘o, ‘ap) is only there to provide information about the subject and does not provide any information on the type of sentence. Vuḍ in these sentences expresses the idea, that the subject (the first noun) is linked, or identical with the predicate (the final noun). You can think of vuḍ as being like an equals sign (=) in that it communicates the idea that the two nouns are one and the same: Añi=Akimel O’otham. Victoria=u:v. Hegai uvig=ba’ag. “Vuḍ” works similar to the word “be” in English. In everyday conversation **vuḍ** shortens to **ḍ** and it is often this form that is used by

speakers. The corresponding sentences from above would shorten to the following.

- 5) “Añi ‘añ ḍ Akimel O’otham.” (I am Akimel O’otham.)
- 6) “Victoria‘o ḍ u:v.” (Victoria is a woman.)
- 7) “Hegai uvig ‘o ḍ ba’ag.” (That bird is an eagle.)
- 8) “A:pi ‘ap ḍ eñ navoj.” (You are my friend.)

Although, there is no change in meaning with these sentences, you can imagine that it is harder to hear the word vuḍ in its shortened form. Even O’otham speakers may not (consciously) realize that the shortened form ḍ is the same word as vuḍ. This is especially true in commonly used phrases and questions (Tho: ḍ hegai? Sha:chuḍ i:tha?), where the ḍ seems like it attaches to the closest word. O’otham ñeo’ok is flexible and allows for different orderings of words without changing their basic meanings. This is true with sentences that use vuḍ. Another possible ordering for the sentences above is one where vuḍ appears at

January 2023: Tho:ḍ hegai? Word Match: Match the person or animal with its picture!

Hegai keli ‘o vuḍ ma:kai.



Hegai u:v ‘o vuḍ ha-mashchamtham.



Hegai cheoj ‘o vuḍ bo:l chichvitham.



Hegai chehia ‘o vuḍ e-vailatham.



Hegai haichu thoakam ‘o vuḍ mi:thol.



Hegai uvig ‘o vuḍ kakaichu.



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the beginning. It is actually this order that is commonly heard in casual conversations. Vuḍ is never spoken in its full form when it appears at the front of the sentence but shortens and changes slightly to sound like a **th** (in some villages it will sound like a **ḍ**). When appearing at the front it will attach to the following auxiliary to create the following sentences.

- 9) “Thañ Akimel O’otham.” (I am Akimel O’otham.)

10) “Tho u:v heg Victoria.” (Victoria is a woman.)

11) “Tho ba’ag hegai uvig.” (That bird is an eagle.)

12) “Thap eñ navoj a:pi.” (You are my friend.)

By now, you should be able to understand the word vuḍ and all its forms that are used in sentences. As you can see, it is a very useful word when you want to identify someone or something to another person. So the next time you hear the

question “Tho: ḍ hegai?” you should be able to think of an answer using the word vuḍ. See some of the possible answers in the following word match. *A special Thank You to O’otham Elders, who shared their knowledge of Tho: ḍ hegai? And Vuḍ. That made this article possible. Words and phrases may be slightly different between the villages.*

Word Match Solution on Page 12



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

- FACE Co-Teacher (1) – Starting @ \$15.22
- Parent Educator (FACE) (1) – Starting @ \$15.83
- Instructional Assistants (6) – Starting @ \$15.22
- Elementary Teachers (7) – DOE
- Math Interventionist Teacher (1) – DOE
- Long-term Substitute Teachers (2) – DOE
- Teacher Assistant (2) – Starting @ \$15.22
- Business Manager (1) – DOE
- Parent Liaison (1) – DOE

(All positions are open until filled)

School Information:

Casa Blanca Community School is located in District 5 in Bapchule, Arizona a few miles from Interstate 10 and 25 miles south of Phoenix Metropolitan Area (15–20-minute drive). Our district is located on the Gila River Indian Reservation south of Chandler, Arizona.

How to apply:

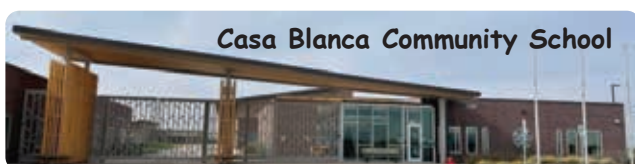
For more information and online application please visit: www.cbcschools.com

Contact Information:

For additional information regarding a position, contact the Human Resources Office at (520) 315-3489 ext. 2531. Casa Blanca Community School is located at 5297 West Nelson Road, Bapchule, Arizona.

BONUS:

- Sign-On Bonus of \$2,000 (prorated)
- Hard-to-Fill Bonus of \$4,000 (may apply to some positions)



Updated 01/11/2023

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.

DECLARATION PERIOD:
FEBRUARY 3
TO
FEBRUARY 16
2023

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.

COMPLETED DECLARATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON

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

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

DATE	SCHEDULED EVENT
February 3, 2023	Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) OPENS 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: TEP@gric.nsn.us 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	Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) CLOSSES 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 CLOSES 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	GRIC 2023 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION DAY 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:
@ (520) 562-9735, 9758



January 2023 - Monthly Recipe brought to you by GRIC Nutrition Coalition

White Bean Soup with Chicken




Ingredients :

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 3 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup diced shallots (about two large shallots)
- 1 cup diced carrots (baby carrots)
- 1 cup diced celery
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans Cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- ½ cup roughly chopped basil
- 2 cups baby spinach
- juice of one lemon

Directions :

1. Heat a large pot over medium-high heat.
2. Combine 1 teaspoon of salt, paprika, oregano, and pepper in a bowl. Using your hands, press the spices into the chicken.
3. Add one tablespoon olive oil to the pot and let heat.
4. Then add the chicken to the pot and cook for 2 minutes on each side. Remove and set aside.
5. Add one tablespoon of olive oil to the pot. Then add the shallots. Stir to coat in oil and let cook for three minutes.
6. Add the carrots, celery, and garlic to the pot and stir to combine. Cook for three minutes, stirring occasionally.
7. Deglaze the pot with a small amount of the chicken stock. Then add the rest of the stock and beans.
8. Nestle the chicken in the beans till it's fully covered. Bring the soup to a low boil, then cover and reduce to a simmer.
9. Let the soup simmer for 15 minutes and check the chicken with an instant-read thermometer (temp should read 165 F). Cook till the chicken is done.
10. Remove the chicken and shred. Add it back to the soup.
11. Add the basil, spinach, lemon juice, and remaining salt. Stir to combine and remove when the spinach is wilted.
12. Serve immediately or keep in the refrigerator for up to 2 days.

Nutrition Information:
Yield: 4 / Serving Size: 1
Amount Per Serving: Calories: 431 Total Fat: 10g Saturated Fat: 2g Trans Fat: 0g Unsaturated Fat: 7g
Cholesterol: 102mg Sodium: 2220mg Carbohydrates: 36g Fiber: 8g Sugar: 7g Protein: 49g

Find recipe online @ <https://thishealthytable.com/blog/white-bean-soup-with-chicken/>
For any addition information or questions, please contact the Community Health Nutrition Program @ 520-562-5126




COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Jan. 4, 2023

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, January 04, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Ann Lucas

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, Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Regina Antone; D5- James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.(9:29), Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Attending via WebEx Platform:

D6-Charles Goldtooth

Council Members Absent:

D5- Wahlean Riggs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #5 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE REPORT #3, #5, AND #11 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA; ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #4, AND #6, #8 THROUGH #10, #12 THROUGH #27; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #3 AND #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD NEW BUSINESS #5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY TEAM UPDATE AND ACCEPT THE MATERIAL PERTAINING TO THE ITEM

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Gila River Health Care Introduction of Dialysis Director

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Samson Sammeta, Dr. Anthony Santiago

MR. MYRON SCHURZ PROVIDED WELL WISHES TO THE COUNCIL AND INTRODUCED DR. VIJI MURUGAVEL. DR. MURUGAVEL INTRODUCED MR. SAMSON SAMMETA BEGAN EMPLOYMENT AS A DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN AND WORKED HIS WAY UP IN THE DIALYSIS UNITS THROUGHOUT HIS EMPLOYMENT TO THE DIRECTOR POSITION. MR. SAMMETA PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND IS GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL, LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE AND GOVERNOR LEWIS WELCOMED AND CONGRATULATED MR. SAMMETA ON HIS NEW POSITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM. REPORTS

*1. Employment & Training Department FY22 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Lana Chanda, Iwalani Andrews ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*2. Facilities and Maintenance FY-22 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Henry Quintana, Michael Preston ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) – Human Resources Department

Presenters: Margarita Valdez, Michael Preston

REPORT HEARD

*4. Department of Transportation – FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Sreedevi Manthra, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*5. Department of Public Works FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Jesus Haro, Michael Preston

REPORT HEARD

*6. Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

{LT. GOVERNOR CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:54 A.M.}

*7. 2022 Feral Horse Management Plan Report

Presenters: Lt. Governor Monica Antone, Ryan Eberle, William Morago, Kimberly Antone, Thomas Murphy, Desirae Deschine

REPORT HEARD

*8. Department of Environmental Quality FY 2022 Annual Report

Presenters: Ryan Eberle, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*9. Cultural Resource Management Program – FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Kyle Woodson, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) – Communications & Public Affairs Office

Presenters: Roberto A. Jackson, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Community Services Department FY22 Annual Report October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

REPORT HEARD

>12. Community Services Department District One Service Center FY22 Annual Report October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Alan Blackwater, Jaron Charley, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. Community Services Department District Two Service Center FY22 Annual Report October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Ralph Grajiola, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. Community Services Department District Three Service Center FY22 Annual Report October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Erma Antone, Valerie Johnson-Antone

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. Community Services Department District Four Service Center FY22 Annual Report October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Sandy Thayer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. Community Services Department District Five Service Center FY22 Annual Report October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Jose Gonzales, Erika Hernandez, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. Community Services Department District Six Service Center FY22 Annual Report

October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Rebecca Carpio, Rhonda Whempner, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. Community Services Department District Seven Service Center FY22 Annual Report October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Pamela Valdez, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19. 2022 Department of Housing Development Annual Report

Presenter: Wayne M. Allison

REPORT HEARD

20. Community Services Department Elderly Services Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Lindsay Antone, Michael Preston

REPORT HEARD

>21. Community Services Department Tribal Recreation and Wellness Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 01, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Angel Orque, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. Community Services Department Nutrition Assistance Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 01, 2021 –September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Mary Dixon, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. Community Services Department Elderly Nutrition Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 01, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Mary Dixon, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. Fire Department FY22 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenter: Kathy Garcia

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. Office of the Prosecutor FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: M. Lando Voyles, David Williams, Carleton Giff

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>26. October 2022 Head Start Monthly Report

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>27. Quarter 1 K-12 Manager's Report October-December 2022

Presenters: Lance Reyna, Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

28. Huhugam Heritage Center - FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Shirley Jackson, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED

29. Digital Resources for Language Learning

Presenter: Anthony Gray

ACCEPTED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #30, #31, AND #32

30. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council November 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia R. Acosta

ACCEPTED

31. Gila River Gaming Enterprises Inc. Monthly Report for November 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #30

32. FY2023 Schedule of Investments – November 30, 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #30

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Authorizing The Creation Of A Gila River Indian Community Ad Hoc Information Technology Steering Committee For The Purpose Of Assisting The Community In Improving Its Information Technology Infrastructure And Security (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Thomas L. Murphy

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving Amendment Number Two To The Gila River Indian Community 2018 Procurement Policy (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Lawrence Makil

APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Granting A Parcel Of Community Trust Land In District Four For The Purpose Of A Public Utility And Transportation Corridor, And Granting A Right-Of-Way Easement To The Gila River Indian Community's Department Of Transportation For The Purpose Of Constructing, Operating Managing And Maintaining A Transportation And Utilities Right-Of-Way Corridor Located In District Four And As Shown On Attached Map Titled "Boundary Survey Santan Mountain Development Roads", And Designated As LUPZ Survey No. 40422-0232 (NRSC forwards to Council and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Barney Enos, Jr.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And the Roman Catholic Church Of The Diocese Of Phoenix For Religious Worship And Related Uses Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John M. Martin, Teresa Mandelin

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. 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

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA – NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

*1. American Rescue Plan Act Workshop January 11-12, 2023 – Tempe, Arizona (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Avery White

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

2. FY2022 Annual Performance Report (APR) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE FY2022 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS Cont.'d

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3. Gila River Gaming Commission Declaration of Two (2) Vacancies (G&MSC forwards to Council to declare the two vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct) Presenter: Shannon White
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE TWO VACANCIES AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

4. Proposed Council Retreat January 26-28, 2023
 Presenter: Community Council
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF A COUNCIL RETREAT WITH THE DATE AND LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

+5. Economic Development Opportunity Team Update
 Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, CEO, GRGE, Dominic Orozco, President & CMO, GRGE, Elizabeth Antone, General Manager-Interim, WHPDA, Casandra Wallace, In-House Counsel, WHPDA
 HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DEVELOP A RESOLUTION FORMING AND AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM FURTHER OUTLINING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATION #3 PROVIDED BY WHPDA
 MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DISTRICT 4 PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023
- SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.
- HOUSING OWNERS TEAM MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.
- NEW FUEL CARDS WITH ENHANCED FEATURES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO DEPARTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:37 P.M.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
 > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

January 2023: Tho:q hegai? Word Match: SOLUTION!

Hegai keli 'o vuq ma:kai →

Hegai u:v 'o vuq ha-mashchamtham. →

Hegai cheoi 'o vud bo:l chichvitham. →

Hegai chehia 'o vuq e-vailatham. →

Hegai haichu thoakam 'o vuq mi:thol. →

Hegai uvig 'o vuq kakaichu. →

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 | 6PM-8PM

Come join us for an evening of storytelling, dinner, hot chocolate & s'mores

MASTER OF CEREMONY:

Henrietta Lopez

PRESENTERS:

Barnaby Lewis and Kelly Washington

PLEASE NOTE: This is an outdoor event, so dress according to weather. Bring a blanket for seating and to keep warm.

**NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR RECORDINGS WILL BE PERMITTED.
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