



The Community Serves as Key Partner for Water Conservation



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shares how GRIC will contribute to the state's water saving measures and safeguard Arizona's water future. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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The Gila River Indian Community will be an integral part of water conservation in Arizona and throughout the western U.S. if a landmark proposed plan reached in consensus with California and Nevada is adopted by the Bureau of Reclamation.

At a news conference on May 25 at the Central Arizona Project headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, Governor Katie Hobbs described

a new "Lower Basin Plan," that would address the Lower Colorado Basin states' drought utilizing voluntary cutbacks. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director Tom Buschatzke and CAP Board President Terry Goddard attended the event as well.

"If adopted, this decisive action will provide immediate relief and allow us to refocus our efforts on post-2026 plans to secure a resilient Arizona so we can continue to prosper for generations

to come," said Gov. Hobbs. "No Arizonan will be forced to reduce their water use. This is a great deal for Arizona, but we know long-term actions are needed and I look forward to continuing these partnerships."

The Lower Basin Plan will conserve three million acre-feet of water—nearly three trillion gallons—and protect the dangerously low water levels of Lake Mead and Lake Powell until 2026. Ad-

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44 Students Honored at 2023 Chief Azul Awards Ceremony

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Forty-four students were honored for academics and leadership at the 2023 Chief Antonio Azul Awards banquet May 19 at Gila River Resorts & Casinos—Wild Horse Pass. The Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department (TED) hosted the event, which included remarks from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

Chief Antonio Azul is recognized as the Community's last known traditional chief. He served as a vital protector of the Community's land and people and was a strong advocate for the Community's education.

"The Chief Azul Award is the highest award of achievement," said Lt. Gov. Antone in her opening remarks to the recipients. "Chief Azul was the first to talk

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Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone pose for a picture with twelve students that received the Chief Azul Citizenship Award. Velia Moncada/GRIN

GRRC Opens Doors for tour of the new Santan Mountain Casino

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Gila River Resorts and Casinos will soon open the doors of their latest addition, Santan Mountain Casino, located on the southeast corner of Hunt Highway and Gilbert Road, in District 4.

This is the fourth casino property for the Gila River Indian Community and will debut numerous special features in comparison to the traditional casinos in the state. The new property stands in front of the famous Santan Mountain landmark with its stunning views and desert landscape which are viewable from inside the casino floor.

"You know how one of the key structures of a casino is to not have any windows, well we got rid of that methodology and have these beautiful glass windows surrounding the building," said Blake Katsnelson, General Manager for Santan Mountain Casino. He further explained that the windows feature solar powered capabilities

that tint throughout the day, allowing visitors to enjoy views of the outside desert landscape from within.

The 160 acre property was completed in just 18 months and features a 33,008 square foot of gaming floor room with 810 slot machines, 15 Blackjack tables, a high-limit gaming salon, electronic table games, three ultimate Texas Hold'em tables, three card poker tables, two craps tables, three roulette tables, mini baccarat, and one of the biggest BetMGM sportsbooks in the state.

And dining options include the 'Honey & Vine' restaurant which will serve dishes using staple produce grown from the Community's very own Gila River Farms. A food court offering a variety of quick serve options will also be available.

Another social element to the newly built casino is the Hive Center Bar, located in the middle of the gaming floor, where casino goers can relax and enjoy some of Arizona's local libations on tap.



The Hive is the center attraction at the newly built Santan Mountain Casino serving refreshments and libations from local Arizona breweries. Velia Moncada/GRIN

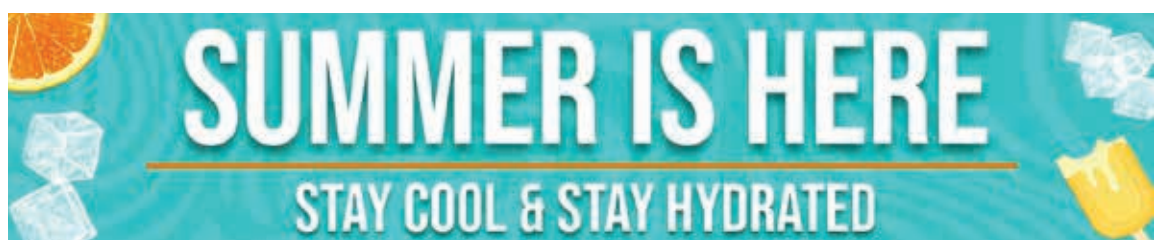
As individuals walk through the Santan Mountain Casino not only will they be able to view the

desert landscape but also enjoy many works of art from GRIC artists found throughout the property.

The grand opening date for the new San Tan Mountain Casino is set for Friday, June 30.

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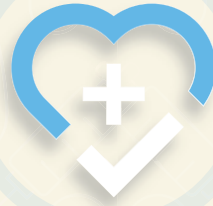
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Maricopa High School Basketball star lands Full Scholarship

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Sapphira Reyes, a senior at Maricopa High School from District 3, signed a letter of intent



Senior sports photo of Sapphira Reyes. Photos courtesy of the Reyes family

on May 23 to play basketball for Benedictine University in Mesa as her family, friends and teammates gathered in the school library for the event. She'll receive a full scholarship and has plans to become an entrepreneur and open a dog grooming business.

Reyes began playing basketball at age five with three generations of family who played recreationally. As she grew, she played co-ed recreational basketball, becoming so good that many opposing teams would place their best male defendant against her.

From the fifth to eighth grade, Reyes played in city-organized club basketball with the Arizona Team Lady Hawks. She began her freshman year at Basha High School as a varsity player and later transferred to Maricopa High School, where she played varsity basketball during her sophomore, junior and senior years for the Rams.

"My coach who was here my sophomore year, who coaches at Benedictine University, reached out to me senior year asking if

I wanted to go to open gyms," Reyes said. "After the second open gym, I decided I wanted to sign with her. Just because all the teammates, they were so nice and made me want to join their family and compete."

Reyes father, Rob Reyes from the Tohono O'odham Nation, said her dedication to basketball was unmatched by many other players. She would continuously dedicate her time on the court—not just at practice, but even on the days when she needed rest, he said. In addition, her player's regimen incorporated skills from kickboxing and regular boxing to help with her footwork.

Reyes mother, Kristan Enos, said, "She's overcome a lot. It's just a pleasure to watch her grow and develop as a lady and as a player."

"Sapphira is the prototype player for a Maricopa High School athlete and someone that everyone should really look up to," said Roamie Williams, the head basketball coach at Maricopa High School. He added that her hard



Sapphira Reyes poses for the camera with Benedictine University's women's Head Coach RaShawn Howell. Velia Moncada/GRIN

work and dedication made her a great leader as a captain.

In addition to earning a scholarship, Reyes also was named the most valuable player on her team this year and nominated for second-team all-conference.

Azul Awards from Front Page

about the future for our people. To the recipients, remember from the heart where that comes from."

Chief Antonio Azul Awards are given in two categories: The Chief Azul Scholar Award and the Chief Azul Citizenship Award. Chief Azul Scholar applicants can attend any level of school and must have a grade point average of 3.6 or higher with school attendance above 90 percent, including extracurricular activities. The Chief Azul Citizenship Award recognizes high school seniors with leadership qualities.

Both applications must be submitted by school officials or a parent/guardian on behalf of the students, and the citizenship award also requires students to provide an essay.

This year, over 100 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and undergraduate students applied for the 2023 Chief Antonio Azul Awards. Twenty-nine received the Chief Azul Scholar Award and 15 were bestowed the Chief Azul Citizenship Award. Students who receive the citizenship are awarded a fully-funded trip to Washington, D.C., to visit congressional landmarks.

"Each and every one of you have amazing stories of achievement, of overcoming, of being resilient [and] representing for your family," Said Gov. Lewis. "This is a vision that lives on that he [Chief Azul] had, and that our ancestors have that lives on with all the awardees."

2023 Chief Antonio Azul Awards Scholar Recipients

- 4th Grade**
- Jazmyn Brown, Scholar
- Rosalie James, Honorable Mention
- Sariah Soke, Honorable Mention
- 5th Grade**
- Mialana Piedro, Scholar
- Tayva Torres, Scholar

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- 9th Grade**
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- 10th Grade**
- Peyton Duran, Scholar
- Natasha Juan, Honorable Mention
- Aiyanna Jackson, Honorable Mention
- 11th Grade**
- Alayna Mark, Scholar
- Gilberto Villarreal Honorable Mention
- 12th Grade**
- Angel Marquez, Scholar
- Alessia Duran, Honorable Mention
- Tristan Paul, Honorable Mention



Lt. Gov. Antone presents fourth grade recipient with her Chief Azul Scholar Award. Velia Moncada/GRIN

- Undergraduate College Student**
- Yvette Carpio Scholar
- McKenna White, Honorable Mention
- Nicholas Tapia, Honorable Mention
- 2023 Chief Antonio Azul Awards Citizenship Recipients**
- Alianya Pablo
- Angel Marquez
- Anna Vasquez
- Antonio Escalante

- Danielle Morago
- Denise Jackson
- Destiny Garnica
- Gracie Mark
- Isaiah Soke
- Jacob Ochoa
- Jovan Soto
- Jr Enos
- Mallory Thompson
- Marisa Rodriguez
- Melanie Thompson



Casa Grande Union High School Celebrates 2023 Graduation

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Gila River Indian News

Ten members of the Gila River Indian Community were among the students of Casa Grande Union High School (CGUHS) who celebrated their high school graduation on the school's football field at 7:30 p.m. May 23. They assembled in

the gymnasium prior to taking their last walk across the stage as Casa Grande Union students while families, friends and parents watched them receive their diplomas.

"These graduates embody what it means to have Cougar pride," said Principal Brian Mabb to the graduating class. "They have embraced our motto of in-

spiring excellence by finding excellence from within. And by encouraging those around them to live up to their potential, the class of 2023 has proven that they can successfully tackle life's obstacles."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, a Casa Grande Union High School alumnus, was honored as a distinguished

guest at the graduation. "I really appreciate the opportunity to participate and be recognized on behalf of the Community here," he said.

Gov. Lewis greeted and congratulated all the Casa Grande Union High School graduates before the ceremony began. "I am so proud of the graduating class from Gila River; they look like

they have some bright futures ahead," he said.

Graduate Jacob Ochoa from District 4 said he plans on attending Mesa Community College to pursue a degree in coding, while Gracie Mark from District 3 said she's pursuing a military career.

"I'm feeling super excited, nervous and sad at

the same time," Mark said, "because I will never really see these teachers that really helped me out. And I'm excited for my new chapter in life in my college experience at [The] Citadel in South Carolina, so I'm hoping I can make a change for my community and my family, too."



Jason Ochoa, GRIC Student and Casa Grande Union Graduate takes photo with Gov. Lewis at the graduation ceremony on May 23. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Casa Grande Union graduate Gracie Mark poses for a photo with Gov. Lewis prior to the graduation ceremony. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Skyline Gila River Promotions bring joy for families

GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

On May 12, The Community's Skyline Gila River High School commemorated the 23 high school graduates at their 8th Annual Graduation Ceremony in Chandler.

Before the start of the graduation ceremony, the school's gymnasium was filled with family and loved ones, with standing room only. The commencement program included impactful speeches and served as a reminder of how exceptional their graduates are.

As graduates sat on stage, the staff praised the tireless actions and resilience the class of 2023 demonstrated over the last four years.

"This class of students are servants, they were always willing to jump up and say 'I'll help, I'll do it,'" said Skyline Gila River High School Principal

Keith Brown. "The other thing I know is that they're very hardworking. They're always ready to do a little more for their grades or school activities, and that's a great trait to have as they go forward in life," said Brown.

"After tonight, always remember to carry yourselves with pride and dignity of who you are and where you come from," said Salutatorian Josephine P. Menard during her remarks.

In closing, she issued some personal challenges for her classmates as they closed this chapter of their lives. "I dare you to never stop learning, strive to be the best in all that you do, to change someone's life for the better, and finally, I dare you to challenge others and be the encouragement that reminds others of their potential," said Menard.

And before the presentation of diplomas, 2023 valedictorian Latai Charles

reflected on their collective experiences. "Where there is no struggle, there is no strength, and I know I wouldn't be here as valedictorian without my own struggles," said Charles. "So many of us struggle and face challenges without realizing the value of it and making it part of our journey and how much power they hold in shaping your life."

During his speech, Charles acknowledged the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their high school experience. However, he encouraged everyone to view it as an opportunity to develop resilience for the future challenges they may face as adults.

"You may fail but fall still fighting. Don't give up whatever you do. Eyes front, head high to the finish, see it through, see it through," said Charles, citing the poem "See it Through" by Edgar Albert Guest in her closing.

Eighth Grade Promotion

Skyline Gila River held a promotion ceremony for 28 eighth-graders at 10 a.m. May 17 in the school gymnasium. Students were dressed in their best formal attire as proud parents assembled to watch them receive their certificates.

The ceremony began with an invocation led by student Isiah Laws followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited by SGR students Jozette Biarco, Remyni Molina, Joshua Setoyant and



2023 Skyline Gila River High School Graduates happily cheer at the end of their ceremony. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Jayme Webb-Holguin. Next, Skyline Gila River Vice Principal Dr. Pamela Chandler delivered a welcoming speech to guests and students followed by words of encouragement from Principal Keith Brown.

"To our wonderful eighth-grade students, today marks a special day in your academic journey," announced Dr. Chandler to the class. "You have worked hard, persevered through challenges and demonstrated commitment to learning. As you prepare to move on to high school, know that your hard work and dedication will serve you well in all that you do."

Brown added, "We wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the effort of all the parents and family members who have helped our students, as well as our teachers who have gotten our students here."

He also explained the "ACE" acronym he created for students: "A" represents attitude, "C" represents character and "E" represents effort.

According to Brown, attitude is crucial because it's like a flat tire—if it's not changed, the vehicle won't go anywhere. Having character means completing

tasks even when no one can witness them. Finally, effort is essential because it's the key to achieving goals.

During Brown's remarks, he encouraged students to embrace their next moments in education. After the certificates were presented, parents smiled as students left ready to start high school.



Students walk into Skyline Gila River gymnasium to be promoted from eighth grade to high school. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Photos of students and their career interest stand on display at the Skyline Gila River eighth grade promotion. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Maricopa Comm. Colleges Hold American Indian Convocation

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Sixty Spring 2023 graduates lined the rows of Phoenix College's Bulpitt Auditorium for the Maricopa Community College's American Indian Convocation Ceremony on May 10. Among those graduating were several GRIC students greeted on stage by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and 2023-24 Miss Gila River Leahua Lani Dosela and 2023-24 Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch.

"Tonight, was inspiring, seeing the next generation come into their own, they all worked hard to

get here, and I'm excited to see what they become," said District 5 Community Councilman James De La Rosa.

Councilman De La Rosa expressed pride in seeing the graduation of GRIC students that night, including two of his daughters. "It's great to see more of our Community members getting their education," said De La Rosa. He believes that every graduate present that night contributes to realizing this dream.

"Education is one thing that no one can take away from you, so I encourage everyone to go out and get an education. If I can do it,

you can do it," said Sheree Jimenez, daughter of Councilman De La Rosa. "Tonight was beautiful, we [Native Americans] aren't always recognized often in education, so it was great to have this ceremony to honor our accomplishments."

Many GRIC graduates also praised the memorable occasion with similar praise.

"I feel amazing, I'm on my way to Grand Canyon University next, and I hope to bring this all back to help the Community," said Ruthie Ringlero-Angel, District 6.

And Rebecca Lewis, District 4, said, "After I take my last final, I'm good to go, and then I'm ready to further my education by transferring to Arizona State University for health care management." Lewis plans on bringing her education back to serve as an EMS chief in the future.

"The best day in my career, every year, is this convocation," said Diana Martinez, Student Advisor and emcee for the convocation. "We're able to bring together all our resources, bring in our culture, and celebrate our students, so it's incredi-



District 5 Councilman James De La Rosa, Ona De La Rosa, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Sheree Jimenez at the May 10 Convocation at Phoenix College. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with Maricopa Community College graduates Rebecca Lewis, Ruthie Ringlero-Angel, and Kenyen Thompson. Kyle Knox/GRIN

ble to see it all happen here tonight," said Martinez.

Maricopa Community Colleges' Native American student advisers, staff, and faculty from all 10 campuses that comprise the Maricopa Affinity Resource Group organized The American Indian Convocation.

The organizers emphasized that this year's event was unique and aimed to make it more inclusive and personal than previous years. They selected Phoenix College in Downtown Phoenix as the venue



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with 2023-24 Miss Gila River Royalty at the Native American Convocation at Phoenix College. Kyle Knox/GRIN

because of its convenient for parking and wheelchair location and consideration accessibility.

Angel Marquez honored as First GRIC Valedictorian at Coolidge High School Graduation

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

The class of 2023 shared a substantial number of firsts and accolades by its graduates, including the first time a member of the Gila River Indian Community received the class valedictorian honor. This year Angel Marquez, District 1, excelled in the classroom and was honored at the Coolidge High School graduation on Thursday, May 24.

"I'm proud to be here tonight and make my Community proud. It took a lot of hard work, but I'm glad I'm here today," said Coolidge High School 2023 valedictorian Angel Mar-

quez. "It's emotional. I've been working hard for the past 18 years."

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was a special guest and joined Coolidge High School administrators in the celebration honoring all the graduates, many of whom also represent GRIC.

Marquez's hard work paid off and paved the way for his professional goals. This fall, he will attend the University of Arizona to study molecular biology, minor in math, and ultimately head to medical school to pursue a career in Pathology.

During his address at the graduation, Marquez said, "To say these past cou-

ple of years were less than eventful would be a lie as we had the experience of a lifetime." He recalled their freshman year as the start of the "virtual learning era" due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through it all, he celebrated his family and friends as his motivators to persevere and arrive that night as the valedictorian.

After the graduation ceremony, Marquez offered inspiring advice to future GRIC graduates, urging them to remain motivated, avoid distractions, and work hard to achieve their goals, reminding them that they will succeed one day with perseverance.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Angel Marquez, and Coolidge Unified High School Superintendent Dawn Hodge at the 2023 Coolidge High School graduation on May 24. Kyle Knox/GRIN




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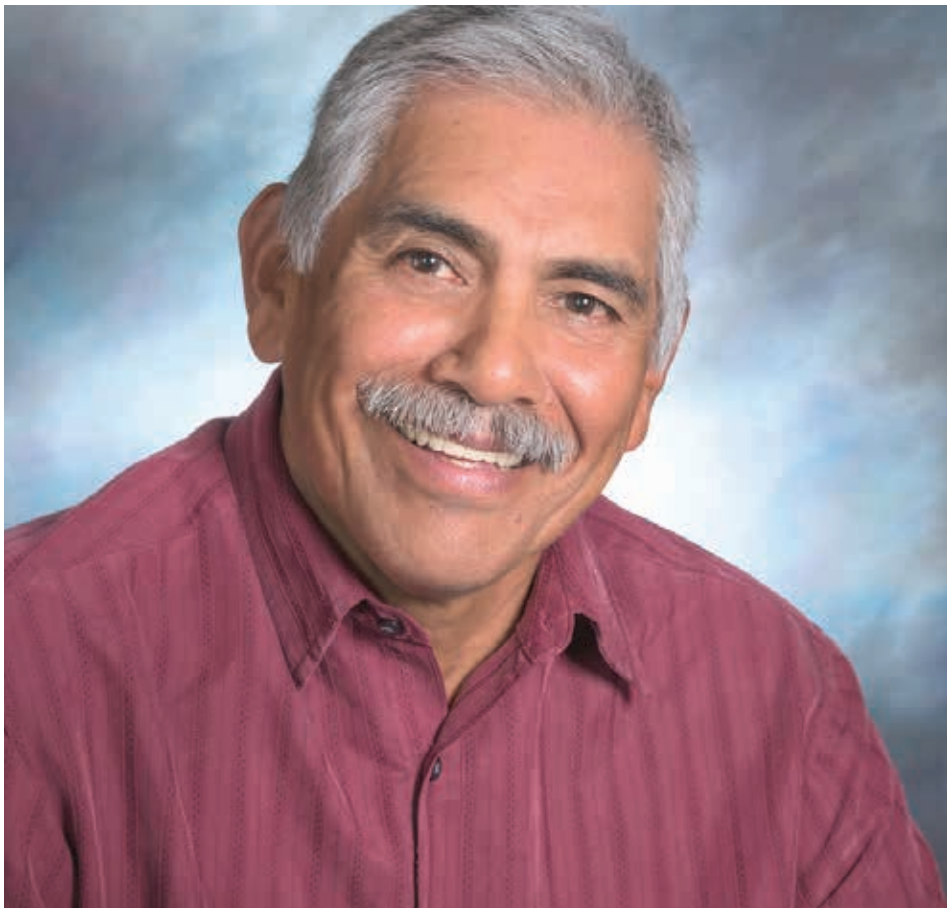
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Billy Allen

School is out for most kids, tash/sun is walking slowly, and cool evenings are welcomed. Borrowing from "Smoke Signals," June is a good month to be O'otham. Being a "real Indian" is part of the story line in that acclaimed movie. Citizenship and blood quantum were not part of historical Indian thought about "Indianness," but certainly are today.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requires an Indian to be enrolled in one of the 574 federally recognized tribes, bands, or Alaskan villages to be eligible for tribal benefits. Each tribe, band, or Alaskan villages sets their own requirements for enrollment.

America was surprised when a significant number of "non-citizens," Indians volunteered for World War I; the "vanished" Indian reappeared. (The farmer/warrior reputation of service among the Akimel O'otham and Piipaash harks back to Arizona's territorial days. The military is still one option many choose today.) Congress got curious about how the Indian/reservation experience was working and ordered a study, aka The Meriam Report. The findings were not good. The BIA's goals of protecting Indian land, resources, and culture were not being enforced. Federal Indian policy had to be reorganized to protect Indian interests.

As a way to trace lineage between generations, blood quantum or the amount of "Indian blood" one possesses, was introduced. Base Roll from 1900 to 1924 were compiled. Individuals listed were

considered "full bloods." From then on, people who could trace a link to a "full blood," were considered tribal members. However, as marriage with other tribes and non-Indians took place, generations were further removed from a "full blood."

In 1973, Georgia recognized a tribe which quickly set up a tribal village, dance grounds, and a recording studio for Indian music. In 1980, another state recognized the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy, Inc. as a tribe. It had a membership drive, and a person did not have to be Cherokee to become a member of the Cherokee Confederacy. By 2008, a total of 62 Native American tribes have been recognized by states, but not by the federal government.

During a congressional hearing in 1995, Principal Chief of the Cherokee, Wilma Mankiller told of imposters, wannabes, taking on the identity of the Cherokee. She did not want any loosening of the BIA Federal Acknowledgment Process. She insisted that citizens of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek, Choctaw, and Seminole be involved in determining Cherokee membership.

In Arizona, the Indian population is about 405,281 or 5.49% of the state's population. Some of our brethren were forced onto their present reservations, but not acim/us. One O'odham group moved back and forth along sandy areas in south southwestern Arizona and Mexico. The Hia C-ed O'odham are now settled and seeking federal recognition. The Yaqui, originally from Mexico, received

federal recognition in 1978.

The Gila River Indian Community's Enrollment Department maintains and updates the GRIC membership roll. GRIC does not allow dual tribal membership. Shopping for the best green deal should not be one's main concern. GRIC requires documentation to be enrolled. It is time consuming to go over all the documentation, but when it is verified and accepted, a "Certified Degree of Indian Blood" or CIB is issued. GRIC Enrollment does an excellent job.

I shied away from blood drives, my fear was if Enrollment found out I was half-a-quart low, my membership would be questioned. But as I drive along the paved rez thoroughfares, I can glance over and recall driving on rough backroads tracking livestock with my father. He drove in as far as possible, and then we got on horseback (like "real Indians") to track the horses or cattle to watering holes. We passed by old mesquite corrals, falling line shacks. Once in a while, my father would tell me something about the area. It was a good day to be O'otham. Ha'o.

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Students explore Career options at Vocational Resource Fair

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Elementary students through seniors in high school had the opportunity to learn more about vocational trades at a resource fair on May 15 at the District 3 service center. More than 35 people attended the event, which included 11 booths with information about a variety of career paths that don't require a traditional four-year degree.

"I just want to make

sure students know that if they aren't ready for college, that it's okay," said Lance Reyna, K-12 program manager for the Gila River Tribal Education Department (TED), which hosted the fair. "There are other avenues and options."

Students at the fair visited booths handing out promotional items and were able to talk to presenters about broader options for education after high school.

Organizations from within the Community and

a few from outside were represented, including Gila River Telecommunications Inc., OSP Communications, Digital Connect Initiative, Central Arizona College, Arizona Council on Economic Education, Gila River Farms, The Refrigeration School, Job Corps, U.S. Department of Labor, Gila River Health Care and Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services.

Francis Antone, a Community member working as a physician's assistant at Gila

River Health Care, represented a Career Pathways Program booth from Gila River Health Care. The program aims to invite youth to explore careers in the healthcare field so that more Community members enter the medical industry.

"The goal of this program is to increase the number of Community members in healthcare fields so that we can have more Community members helping our own people," said Antone.



A sixth grade student attempts a teleprompter reading for a potential career in television and media production. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Students and parents uncover facts about telephone wiring and career fields in OSP (Outside plant) Communications at the TED resource fair. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Gila River Farms booth at the vocational resource fair hands out stress tractors and hay bales to kids as they learn about careers in agriculture. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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Secretary of Energy visit highlights \$34 Million in funding for Tribal Communities

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

State tribal leaders convened for a roundtable with U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm at the Heard Museum in Phoenix on May 23 to discuss energy resilience and the many energy priorities and concerns facing tribes.

“On behalf of all the tribal nations represented here today, we are so appreciative of Secretary Granholm and the Department of Energy for holding today’s critical roundtable,” said Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in his opening remarks.

In addition to Gov. Lewis, tribal leaders present included Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, Navajo Nation

President Buu Nygren, Pascua Yaqui Chairman Peter Yucupicio, White Mountain Apache Tribe Vice-President Jerome Kasey and Pascua Yaqui Councilwoman Herminia Frias.

Tribal utility representatives included Gila River Utility Authority general manager Kenneth Stock, San Carlos Apache Tribe general manager Christabelle Mull, Tohono O’odham Utility Authority general manager Brian Fickett, and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Deputy General Manager Arash Moalemi.

Prior to the roundtable, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced \$34 million in funding to advance clean energy technology in 18 tribal communities throughout the coun-

try, including Arizona’s San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Hopi Tribe.

Funding is intended to “strengthen tribal communities by supercharging their access to solar power and microgrids, increasing energy security and resilience, and powering unelectrified tribal buildings,” according to a DOE press release on Energy.gov.

“These selected projects reflect DOE’s commitment to meet the climate crisis head on and guarantee tribal communities have access to electricity and clean energy technology,” said Granholm in the press release. “These crucial investments support President Biden’s goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 while ensuring American Indian and Alaska



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomes Dept. of Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm, before the May 23 meeting at the Heard Museum. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Native communities, many of whom are facing the most dire consequences of climate change, will directly benefit from these investments, resulting in stronger, more resilient tribal nations.”

Gov. Lewis thanked Granholm and the Biden Administration for providing funding to tribal communities during a critical time. He noted that GRIC received funding to install solar panel covers over water canals for energy production and to prevent evaporation.

“Climate change is occurring here in Arizona, as well for the Gila River Indian Community, central and southern Arizona,” said Gov. Lewis. He emphasized

that climate change can affect the monsoon season and that resulting seasonal microbursts can cause downed power lines and widespread power outages.

The newly funded projects are estimated to result in more than nine megawatts of new clean energy generation and more than 6,700 megawatt-hours of battery storage, impact 1,000 tribal buildings, and save tribal communities more than \$100 million over the life of the systems, according to a press release.

It also noted that these cost-shared clean energy projects, valued at more than \$49 million, are the result of two competitive funding opportunity announcements

(FOAs) released November 2022: One for the deployment of clean energy technology and one to power unelectrified tribal buildings.

The release continued, “Through these FOAs and these selected projects, the Office of Indian Energy continues its efforts to strengthen tribal energy and economic infrastructure, resource development and electrification on tribal lands.”

It stated that from fiscal years 2010 to 2022, DOE invested over \$120 million in more than 210 tribal energy projects implemented across the contiguous 48 United States and Alaska.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority General Manager Kenneth Stock, Tohono O’odham Utility Authority General Manager Brian Fickett, and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Deputy General Manager Arash Moalemi at the roundtable on May 23. Emma Hughes/GRIN

From the Front Page

ditionally, all three states in the proposal will determine water conservation guidelines that will meet their residential and commercial needs without enforcing

critical federal water cuts.

If the plan is adopted, the Community will be a pivotal contributor to the new plan for Arizona.

“For the Community, we’re in this because this is who we are, this is in our culture and tradition: To

conserve; to be good stewards of the water,” said Gov. Lewis. “We see ourselves modeling good behavior in the time of this historic drought.” Of the total three million acre-feet of conserved water, Gov. Lewis said, GRIC will contribute 15 percent.

Gov. Lewis commended Arizona Gov. Hobbs’ for proactively working with the Lower Basin states and tribes to establish this proposed historic plan. “We have shown that Arizona can truly lead the way to find creative and cooperative solutions to the thorniest of issues,” he said.

Through the Lower Basin Plan proposal, Arizona, California and Nevada have suggested proposed water-saving measures that the federal government will enact in each state. These will head off mandatory cuts in usage outlined in a draft Environmental Impact

Statement released in April, by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

“Whether you are a new parent worried about the future of your child, a business owner concerned about the sustainability of our economy or a student

who just wants the government to take climate change seriously, Arizona is taking action,” said Gov. Hobbs.

The Lower Basin plan will go before the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for further negotiations and possible adoption into a re-

vised Environmental Impact Statement. Adopting the proposed plan is expected to bring measurable improvements to the Colorado River Water system and replenish Arizona’s water table by 2026.



Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs opens the news conference sharing the promise of the Lower Basin Plan on May 25. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Central Arizona Project Board President Terry Goddard stand for a photo. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Sand and Gravel Open New Building

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Sand and Gravel held a soft opening and tour of its new administration building on May 23 and employees began moving in on June 1. The 8,500-square-foot facility sits on 1.5 acres at 2369 N. Tanner Road at Arizona 587 in Sacaton and includes expanded office space for Gila

River Sand and Gravel and its new construction division.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Council members from District 4 were on hand for the soft opening as Construction Manager Robert Mendez highlighted key points of the facility using a PowerPoint presentation followed by a guided tour.

Mendez explained that

prior to the new building, employees of both the sand and gravel and the new construction division were crammed into one building, making the space difficult to work in.

“We were just busting at the seams over there,” Mendez said. “There were two to three people in an office.” However, thanks to strong sales, Gila River Sand and Gravel was able to invest in the new space to give employees more room.

The new administration building includes 23 offices for those who work in human resources, accounting and general administration, a small and a large training room, and customer service space.

A notable feature of the new building is the floor. Minerals produced within the sand and gravel plant were used to pave the ground, creating a base. The ground floor of the steel-and-masonry building



The new sand and gravel building from the front entrance that feature shaded windows to allow in natural lighting while also covering the tops of the windows to prevent sun exposure. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Construction manager, Robert Mendez (far right) explains the process of how the building came together with visiting guests. Velia Moncada/GRIN

had to be raised by six feet so that the foundation would be above the river’s flood plain.

Gila River Sand and Gravel General Manager Michael H. Morago said

that the building is an excellent resource for the growing corporation, especially because now that the Blackwater plant was approved, it needs to hire even more employees interested in the

trade. “We are just happy to serve the Community and hope the Community continues to support our business,” said Morago.

ASU Breaks Record for American Indian Graduates

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Arizona State University’s Grady Gammage Auditorium in Tempe was filled with family, friends, faculty, tribal leaders from across the state, and the graduating class of 2023 for the 33rd Annual American Indian Convocation Friday, May 12. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis was in attendance for the convocation to share the special occasion with sev-

eral GRIC graduating students and all the new ASU Alumni.

At this year’s convocation, 170 American Indian graduates were honored during the ceremony celebrating their accomplishments. ASU has set a new record by graduating 762 students in Spring 2023. In addition, ASU has consistently seen an increase in enrollment from tribal communities, leading to larger graduating classes.

“Today feels like I’m finally alive and I can go on with my life and be who I’ve always wanted to be,” said Jasmine Reece, District 7. Reece attended the convocation ceremony where she received her Master of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership.

Alongside Reece was Samantha Molina, District 5, that also completed a Master of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership. She was elated to complete her schooling and reach this point. “I feel very thankful



Community graduates Yvette Carpio, Samantha Molina, Amanda Mitchell, Napoleon Marrietta, and Jasmine Reece with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis after the ASU American Indian Convocation. Kyle Knox/GRIN

and blessed to be here after all the hard work to get here it’s like a big weight off my shoulders.

Reece and Molina were not only excited to graduate but also looked forward to potentially moving to a

higher position within their respective places of work.

Tribal leaders, ASU faculty and staff, and tribal flags representing the graduating students adorned the stage at the commencement. The ceremony emcee, Patty Talahongva of the Hopi Tribe, encouraged the graduates to let the stage reflect where they come from and acknowledge those who have supported their educational journey.

Graduating senior Lourdes Pereira, Tohono O’odham Nation, provided an address at the convocation. Pereira highlighted the many achievements she accomplished at ASU and shared the challenges she faced as an undergrad. While she felt like quit-

ting at one point, she found the strength to persevere through her mother’s advice to “Never give up.”

“Know that you must be willing to fail, winners aren’t the people that don’t fail, but the people that don’t give up,” said Perei-

ra. “As you set out in the real world, when you feel life is too hard to carry on, remember how far you’ve come and that we have the blood, breath, and heart of all those that came before us, who never gave up.”



Students happily wave to their families at American Indian Convocation May 12. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Lewis stands with Community graduate Cassandra Bates. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Notice of GRGE Unclaimed Property

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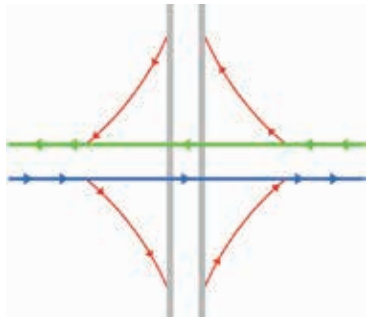
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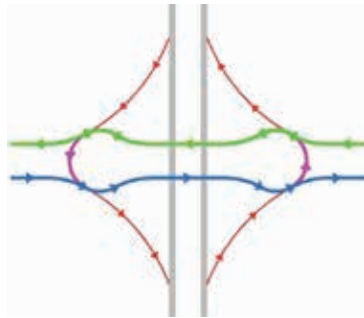
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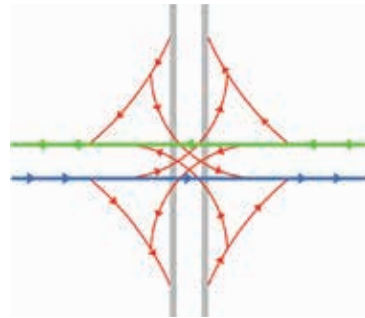
The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in partnership with the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), Maricopa Association of Governments, and in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has initiated a study for a proposed traffic interchange at Riggs Road and State Route (SR) 347 to address traffic congestion and safety. The study will evaluate a range of interchange alternatives to separate SR 347 from Riggs Road traffic on a new bridge. Alternatives developed will consider the following types:



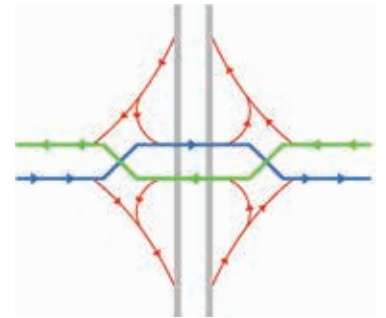
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The study will include a Design Concept Report (DCR) with a conceptual design for the Recommended Build Alternative for evaluation and decision making. The study team will identify and evaluate environmental impacts of a Recommended Build Alternative for the interchange and any mitigation, and compare those to a No Build Alternative, which represents the existing transportation system with ongoing maintenance. The study will consider various factors in the selection of a preferred alternative including: GRIC, agency and public input; minimizing right-of-way, allottee lands, environmental and utility impacts (including the GRICUA substation); minimizing impacts to traffic during construction; future Community plans for development; future 2050 traffic operations; engineering considerations; and estimated construction cost.

SCHEDULE

The study is expected to continue through summer of 2025. If a new build alternative is selected, the project is anticipated to advertise for construction in late 2025.

PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

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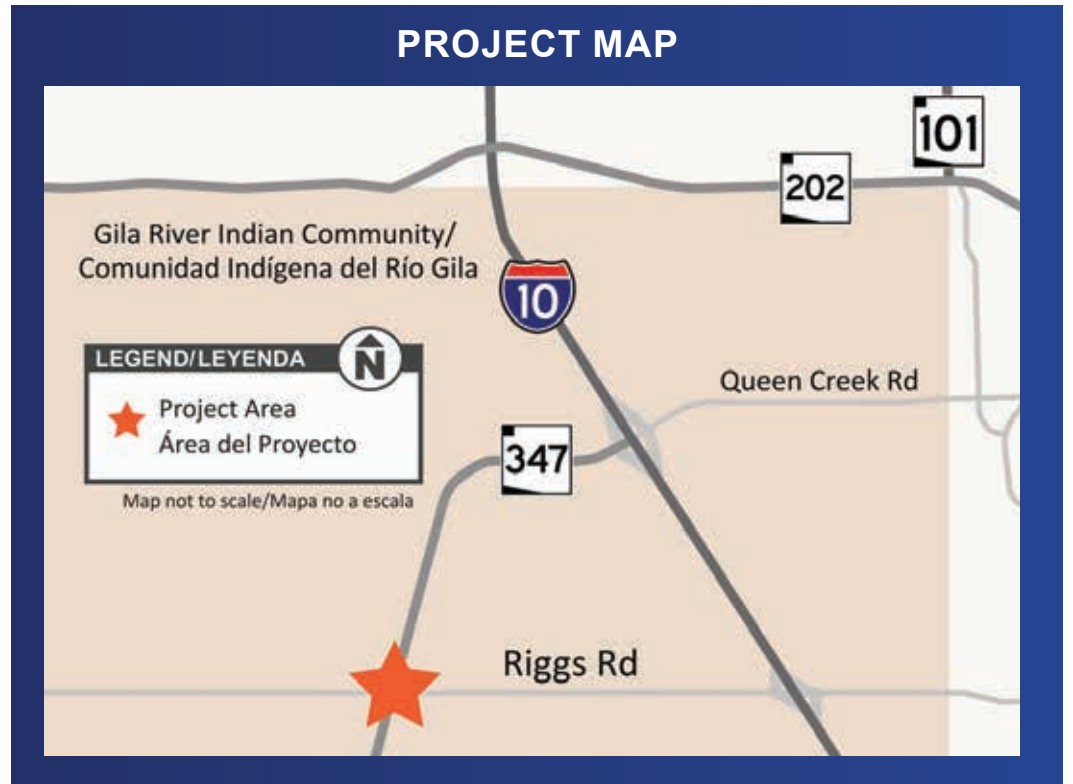
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St. Peter Indian Mission School Celebrates students success

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

On June 1, St. Peter Indian Mission School held their eighth-grade promotion at the Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Francis Church in the Ak-Chin Indian Community starting at 11:00 a.m. The gathering included a Catholic mass to commemorate the celebration of the nineteen graduates whose next adventure will lead them into high school.

Parents, friends, and family members of students at St. Peter Indian Mission

School gathered to witness their loved ones move on to the next level of their education.

The services began with students singing a traditional O’otham song as they entered the church. Friar Peter Teresa then conducted traditional Catholic Mass services for everyone present.

“We are gathered here today for a great and beautiful and joyous celebration to recognize and to congratulate the eighth-grade class of 2023 at St. Peter Indian Mission Church and School,” said Friar Peter

Teresa in his speech at the mass services. “We are proud that you have made it, we are proud that you have persevered... and I want you to be proud of yourself as well... and as you move on to the next season of your life, remember that St. Peters will always be your home.”

Catholic Mass services continued into the presentation of diplomas given by Sister Pam, Sister Martha, and Fr. Peter Teresa.

Following the mass and diploma presentation, eighth-grade students formed a line outside the church where all attendees, family members, and loved ones greeted and congratulated them.

Student Kayedon Nish, from District 2, says he looks forward to learning Mandarin Chinese in high school and plans to attend college. 2023-24 Jr. Miss Gila River’s second attendant, Kalyne Josephine Miguel, was among the students that graduated. Miguel said she felt slightly emotional over this significant moment. “This school has been a part of me for six years, it’s hard to let go, but I’ll get there,” said Miguel.



St. Peters Indian Mission School students entering the St. Francis church in Ak-Chin Indian Community while singing traditional O’otham songs. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Friar Peter Teresa acknowledges students, parents, and family at the reception for the graduating class of 2023 from the St. Peter Indian Mission School. Velia Moncada/GRIN.



St. Peter Indian Mission School student Kalyne Josephine Miguel receives her certification of completion for eighth grade to high school. Velia Moncada/GRIN.

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Submission

Pictured left is Mohammad Amiri. He has worked for GRIC for the last four years and recently obtained U.S. citizenship. He was born and raised in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. He worked as a Quality Control Manager/Project Manager for the Army Corps of Engineers in Afghanistan from 2009 – 2018. After getting his visa and coming to the U.S., he began working for P-MIP in October 2018 as a Civil Engineering Technician. He began working for DPW in May 2022 as a Civil Engineer. His citizenship ceremony was held in Phoenix on May 6, 2023. He provides support to his mother and sister in Afghanistan and is working on getting them to the U.S. to join him.

Submission
 FBI Phoenix Wants You
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40 Students Promoted from Sacaton Middle School

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

Parents and family of Sacaton Middle School's 2023 eighth-grade class of 40 students packed the Braves gymnasium at 6 p.m. May 23 for a promotion ceremony that included Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, 2013 alumnus and musician Adrian D Thomas and 2023-24

Gila River royalty.

Families cheered as students in formal attire made their way across the gym floor to be seated for their promotional certificates. Principal Debbie Ybarra then addressed students, staff, and parents with a formal address, and following that, students led the Pledge of Allegiance in O'otham and English.

Gov. Lewis then took to the podium and encouraged students to believe in themselves and to remember that they will be representing the Sacaton Braves as high school students. "Remember, you are braver, you are stronger, you are loved more than you know," he said.

Lt. Gov. Antone encouraged students to continue their academic careers,

saying, "You're going to be the next leaders.... One of you will be the next lieutenant governor." She also told them to remember that the Community will await their return from their academic voyages so that one day they may lead the Community and share their knowledge with future generations to come.

Former student Adrian D Thomas, best known for his musical talents in his band, 'One Way Sky,' also gave a speech. He said his experience gave him the necessary skills he needed to be a musician.

"I remember feeling prepared thanks to the incredible teachers and staff at this school who helped me and guided me into the person I am today," Thomas said. Ybarra presented him with a parting gift and thanked him for participating in the school's cultural night and for his ongoing presence in the Community.

After the remarks, the class was then called on stage and presented with their completion certificates.



Gov. Lewis gives a speech at the Sacaton Middle School graduation. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Antone shares encouraging words for students at the Sacaton Middle School graduation. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Sacaton Middle School promoters stand before officially starting their summer vacation and preparing for high school. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Blackwater Community School sees 51 Students Promote

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The Blackwater Community School (BWCS) held its Kindergarten promotion ceremony on Tuesday, May 23. In total, the school saw 51 students promoted.

The event began with BWCS color guard Rose River and Michelle Tashquith posting the flags, followed by a welcome from BWCS principal Jagdish "Jack" Sharma, vice-principal Misty Lopez, and the Blackwater Community School Board.

During the ceremony, BWCS teachers Ms. Cox, Mrs. Pruzhanovsky, and Mrs. Schlarb presented the promotion certificates to graduating students.

Then on Wednesday, May 24, the school held its

fifth-grade promotion ceremony featuring Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone as guest speakers.

BWCS board president Gwendolyn Paul thanked

families and students for their hard work and for coming out to celebrate the 32 fifth graders. Two "Students of the Year," Heaven Blackwater and Joshua Kewanyama, were recognized along with Chief Azul

scholarship recipient Amaya Marquez.

Students walked along the stage to receive certificates and greet the Blackwater Community School Board and GRIC Council Representatives Joey Whit-

man and Ann Lucas.

BWCS principal Sharma announced that in collaboration with GRIC Council and the school, promoting students were gifted with a special monetary gift of \$750 dollars, which

is only collected once the student obtains their high school diploma.

Following the promotion ceremonies, the school held a small reception in the courtyard for all students and families to attend.



School board and Community Council member Joey Whitman greet a promoter at Blackwater Community School. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Blackwater Community School fifth graders anxiously await their turn to take the stage on May 24. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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200 Students further their educational journey from GCCS

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Gila River Indian News

Fifty-six eighth graders were officially promoted Wednesday, May 24, from the Gila Crossing Community School (GCCS) to roaring cheers and admiration from staff, faculty, and family. This year's promotion was the school's first promotion ceremony on its new campus, making all the events that week particularly momentous.

"Before we look to the future, we have to look to the past, we have come out of some dark days and you as students all had to learn how to adjust to that, but we all got through them together," said GCCS Board of Trustees President Anthony Hill. "Be proud of yourselves family, our job isn't done, because our students are now headed to high school ... Let's make a commitment to make sure they all graduate high school in 2027."

Naomi Valadez, the valedictorian of the 2023 GCCS eighth grade class, felt empowered by the last three years of schooling — online, hybrid, and in-person. In her speech, she expressed hope for the

future and wished continued success for her classmates as they transitioned to high school in the fall.

"This generation has a bright future ahead of us, especially, after all that we went through the last few years, please give yourselves a big round of applause," said Valadez.

Kindergarten Promotion

The following day on May 25, Gila Crossing Community School hosted its kindergartner promotion ceremony in the cafeteria hall. Parents, family, and student loved ones assembled with flowers and graduation balloons to embrace this momentous accomplishment in their child's lives.

Kindergartners entered the room donning miniature white graduation gowns with multicolored handprints. Searching for their loved ones in the audience as they walked across the floor to their seats. Gila Crossing teacher, Mrs. Parsons, began the ceremony with a prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance spoken in English and O'otham.

"Today we celebrate our children as they get ready to leave the nest. We



GCCS Kinder graduates perform on stage to parents and family "I'm ready to go" and "Two Little Words." Velia Moncada/GRIN

know the best is to come as they are ready to move on," said kindergarten teacher Mrs. Almendarez, greeting parents and family to the 2023 promotion. "It will not be easy letting them go, but we know it has to be done."

This year was Mrs. Almendarez's first year as a kindergartner teacher at GCCS. Before her new teaching role, she spent years as a preschool teacher, and the transition made her feel proud of her students. "I think that this ceremony is special as they [students] get ready to get on to their next journey and something that should really be celebrated."

The Kindergartner class of 2023 wiggled onto the center stage to perform their rehearsed songs "I'm Ready to Go" and "Two little words." Then kindergarten



GCCS Eighth grade students stand with their diplomas at the May 24 promotion ceremony. Kyle Knox/GRIN

teachers Mrs. Almendarez and Mrs. Bugrain presented the 2023 Kindergarten graduates with their diplomas.

The mother of kindergarten graduate Richard

Hernandez, Lauren Phillips, mentioned after the ceremony that she was proud of her son and appreciated her student's teacher. However, she felt that Gila Crossing

Community School was the best fit for her student. She couldn't imagine going to another school for her child's education.

Casa Blanca Community School promotes 100 students

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Casa Blanca Community School held its first all-in-

person promotion ceremonies since the COVID-19 Pandemic for the FACE (Family and Child Education) Program, Kindergarten

and Fifth Grade students, on Monday, May 22.

The promotions were held consecutively on this day to celebrate students'

achievements in front of school staff and families who gathered in the gym for the morning ceremony.

"It was really something else to be here for the celebration here at the 'new' Casa Blanca Community School, at least that's what I call it, it's still new to me," said former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, guest speaker for the FACE Program promotion.

The school was constructed and completed for the 2021-2022 school year, but due to the pandemic, the school only held drive-thru celebrations and promotions.

BCS principal Lillian K. Franklin welcomed

everyone for the special occasion as seven students from the FACE program, 51 kindergarten, and 42 fifth-grade students promoted.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis were featured as guest speakers, congratulating and encouraging the students and giving gratitude to their teachers, school staff, and families.

During the ceremony, students delivered roses to gift to individuals they admire and who have supported them. After the ceremony, the school provided families and students with a light lunch and cake before concluding.



Clarissa B. Sabori happily accepts her certificate of completion on May 22. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone shakes the hand of a Casa Blanca Community School promoter on May 22. Emma Hughes/GRIN

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 IN THE MATTER OF: Delora Griffeth vs. Edgar Mercado
 CASE Number: FM-2023-0030-PT
 CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Answer/Response Hearing
 7th day of August, 2023
 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Charles Aragon
 Westend Judicial Center,
 4751 West Pecos Road,
 Laveen, AZ 85339
 DATED Monday, May 15, 2023

SRPMIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 Lewis, Robi Corey
 Informal Adjustment Agreement Review Hearing
 Case: J-23-0026
 Court Date: July 26, 2023 at 10 a.m. COURTROOM #3, 1ST FLOOR
 FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS
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 ADDRESS: 10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
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Public Notice
GRIC Department of Environmental Quality
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW
 Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10 Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2022. This document will be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 168 Skill Center Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at www.gricdeq.org under Public Notices. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 168 Skill Center Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147, the AQP website (www.gricdeq.org under Air), or by calling 520-562-2234.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 17, 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, May 17, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Ann Lucas

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (10:54)

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 (9:08), Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.(9:14), Terrance Evans

Council Members Absent:

D6- Charles Goldtooth

D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 THROUGH #8; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #4 THROUGH #7; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #4 AND #5 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. 2023-2024 Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River Court

Presenters: Roberto A. Jackson, Michael Preston

ROBERTO JACKSON PRESENTED THE 2023-2024 MISS GILA RIVER ROYALTY COURT – JR MISS GILA RIVER – ELEANOR LYNCH, DISTRICT 3 THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE HERSELF AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO REPRESENTING HER COMMUNITY. MISS GILA RIVER – LEHUALANI DOSELA, DISTRICT 6 HER PLATFORM IS TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS IN THIS EVER CHANGING WORLD. MISS GILA RIVER 1ST ATTENDANT – MAVIS THOMAS FROM DISTRICT 2 AND IS HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY. VARIOUS COUNCIL AND LT. GOVERNOR CONGRATULATED THE ROYALTY COURT, PROVIDED WELL WISHES AND LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THEM DURING THEIR REIGN.

REPORTS

>1. 1st & 2nd Quarter Budget for American Legion Haskell Osife Antone Post 51

Presenter: David Anderson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Blackwater Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jagdish Sharma, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for

SY2022-2023

Presenters: Stephanie Celis, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Debbie Ybarra, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Kim Franklin, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. St. Peter Indian Mission School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Sister Martha Mary Carpenter, Sister Pamela Catherine, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jim Mosley, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. GRICUA's FY23 Q1 Report

Presenters: Ken Stock, Arnold Mejia, Andrew McBride, Chris Miller

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. FY2023 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending April 30, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Colorado River SEIS Update (Executive Session)

Presenters: Thomas L. Murphy

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving Modification No.54 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2023 Through 2027 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between The U.S. Bank National Association And The Gila River Indian Community For Prepaid Debit Card Services To Be Used For Quarterly Per Capita Distributions (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Application For, Receipt Of, And Administration Of The Preventing Outages And Enhancing The Resilience Of The Electric Grid Formula Grant Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs) Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Jenny Patten, Jason Hauter

APPROVED

>4. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-07-98 In Its Entirety And The 20-Acre Land Site Previously Designated To The Ira Hayes Post 84, American Legion Post Home Returned To The Community (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; CRSC concurs)

Presenters: Sunshine Manuel, Barnaby Lewis

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Designating Pima Leasing

And Financing Corporation As Agent For The Natural Resources Standing Committee To Perform The Administrative Functions Of The Committee Related To The Gila River Environmental Review Process Under The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Teresa Mandelin, John M. Martin

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving the Blackwater Plant Master Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Sand And Gravel Corporation (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John M. Martin, Teresa Mandelin, Mike Morago, Darin White, Richard Narcia, Denten Robinson

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Orin Anthony Kewanwytewa Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Voluntary Assistance Agreement with the Arizona Rangers (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and action; LSC concurs) Presenters: Rebecca Hall, Chief Jesse Crabtree

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE WITH CHANGES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 17, 2023

2. Certification of the Gila River Indian Community 2023 Community Council Election Results Districts 1,3,4,5, & 6 (LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation to certify District 1 - Joey Whitman, District 3 - Joseph Manuel, Jr., District 4 - Lalena Jackson, District 4 - Jennifer Allison, District 5 - James De La Rosa, District 5 - Franklin Pablo, Sr., District 6 - Terrance B. Evans)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT 1 AND CERTIFY JOEY WHITMAN

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT 3 AND CERTIFY JOSEPH MANUEL, JR.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT 4 AND CERTIFY LALENA JACKSON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT 4 AND CERTIFY JENNIFER ALLISON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT 5 AND CERTIFY JAMES DE LA ROSA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICT 5 AND CERTIFY FRANKLIN PABLO, SR.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR

DISTRICT 6 AND CERTIFY TERRANCE B. EVANS

3. Emergency Communication Plan (ESC forwards to Council under New Business) Presenters: Isaac Salcido Bruce Harvey

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION

>4. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Allocation Modification Request for SY2022-2023 (ESC motioned to approve and to forward to Council under the consent as FYI)

Presenters: Kim Franklin, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Allocation Modification Request for SY2022-2023 (ESC motioned to approve and to forward to Council under the consent as FYI)

Presenters: Jim Mosley, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:48 A.M.]

6. OGC's Priorities (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for discussion and action)

Presenters: Thomas L. Murphy, Javier G. Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL COUNSEL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE THE GENERAL COUNSEL POSITION FOR 30 DAYS WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE REVIEWING COMMITTEE FOR INTERVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPENSATION STUDY SALARY RANGES AND ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL, AND CHIEF PROSECUTOR POSITIONS

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

• COUNCILMAN RODNEY JACKSON THANKED THE COUNCIL, CCSO STAFF, GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, OGC, ADMINISTRATION AND HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING HIS TIME ON COUNCIL

• HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

• GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE RECLAIMED WATER PIPELINE FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

• INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

• POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 1:00 P.M.

• WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



FOOD HANDLER AWARENESS TRAINING

ON JULY 18, 2012 THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY ADOPTED THE 2009 FDA MODEL FOOD CODE, ANNEX, AND SUPPLEMENT. THIS TRAINING COURSE IS DESIGNED AND REFERENCES THIS CODE.

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1st Wednesday of each month from 9:00am -11:30am
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FHA Scope: The Food Handler Awareness training is locally designed to be about 2 ½ hour introductory instruction to food safety. This training provides individuals with overview of foodborne illness and contamination, receiving, storing, preparing and serving food, personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitation, and pest prevention. A food handler is defined as any person employed in a food premise, who at any time may be involved in the manufacturing, preparation, packing or service of food for sale.

For More Info or Questions
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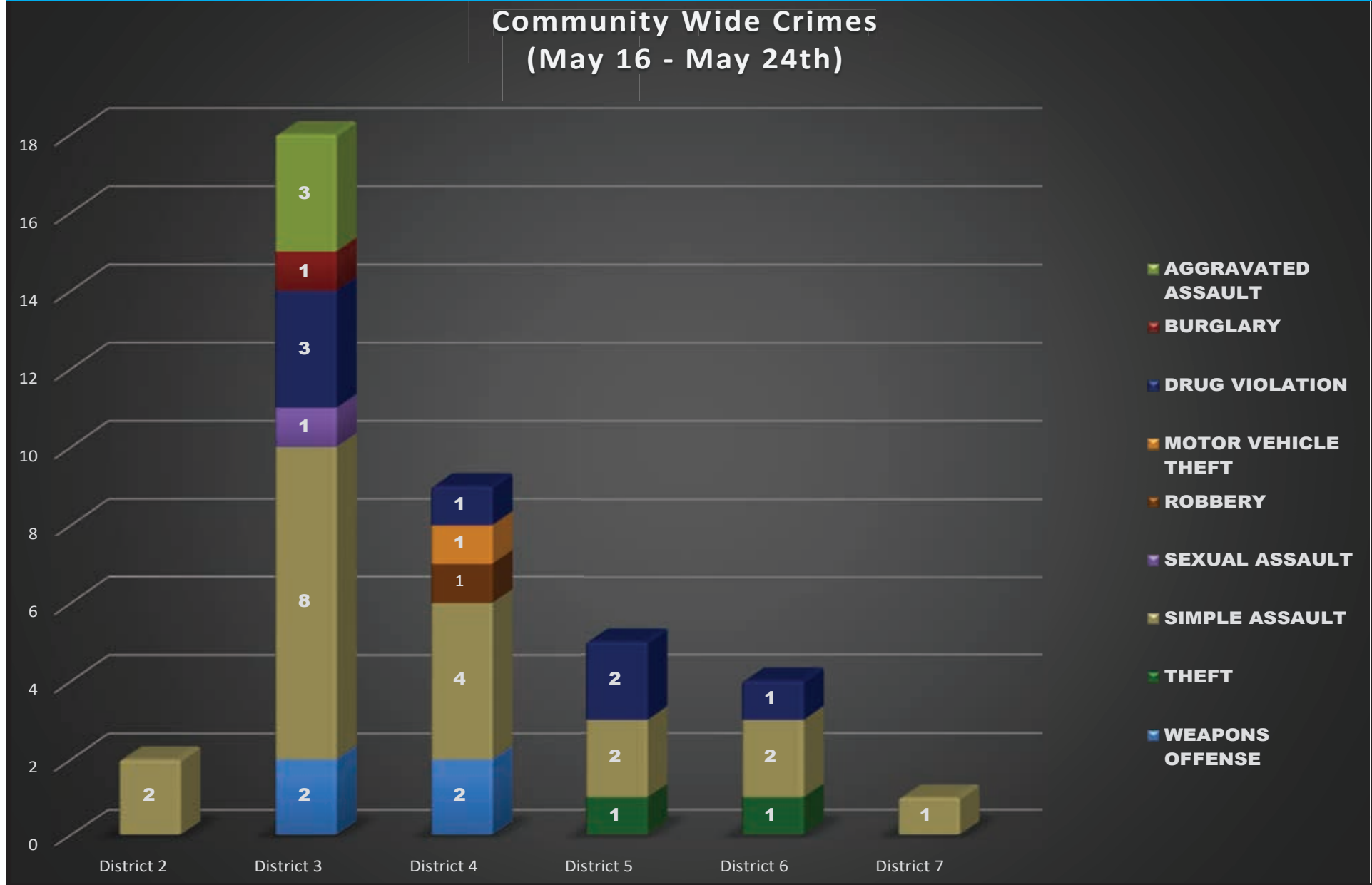
Applicants must reside in the state of Arizona and must be a high school upcoming junior or upcoming senior.

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Visit the FBI Phoenix Outreach website and scan here



APPLICATION & WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE MAY 24, 2023

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs



Gila River Indian Community

DECLARATION of CANDIDACY

Period:
June 20 to July 12, 2023

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.

Any member of the Gila River Indian Community who possesses the qualifications for office, as defined in Article VI of the Constitution and By-laws of the Gila River Indian Community or which may be prescribed by subsequent laws and ordinance, may file a declaration of candidacy for the office of:

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Chief Judge
- Associate Judge

Declaration of Candidacy forms can be picked up starting June 20, 2023 @ Tribal Elections Office, 291 W. Casa Blanca Road, Building 9, Sacaton, AZ. Office#s(520) 562-9735 or 562-9758 E-mail requests: TEP@gric.nsn.us Completed form must be returned in person



Gila River Indian Community 2023 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE Districts 1 - 7

- June 20, 2023** GRIC members who possess the qualifications defined in Article VI of the GRIC Constitution and Bylaws, may file a declaration of candidacy (DOC) for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge or Associate Judge.
- July 12, 2023** **DEADLINE DATE:** to submit a completed Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) application to the Tribal Elections Office by 5:00 pm.
- July 13, 2023** Declaration of Candidacy forms are routed to ascertain qualifications to Enrollment, Law Office and Human Resources Departments.
- July 19, 2023** Special Election Board meeting re: candidate residency requirements
- August 2, 2023** At the first Council meeting in August, the Community Council shall certify that all candidates for General Office meet the qualifications set forth in the Community Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community
- August 7, 2023** **VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES 5 PM** for the Primary Election
- August 16, 2023** **ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS** for the Primary Election; absentee ballots will be available upon request from your District Judge or the Tribal Elections office.
- September 18, 2023** **ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSES** for the Primary Election; absentee ballots must be accepted by your District Judge or the Tribal Elections office before 5:00 p.m..
- September 19, 2023** **GRIC PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; ALL POLLING SITES OPEN: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- September 22, 2023** **PROTEST PERIOD ENDS:** any registered voter can file a protest to the election in writing to the Election Board Chairperson, by 5:00 p.m.
- October 4, 2023** Certification of the Primary Election results shall be conducted by the Community Council

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<p>2021 NISSAN ARMADA</p>  <p>Leather, Navigation</p>	<p>2019 HONDA CIVIC LX</p>  <p>Quality and Gas Saver</p>	<p>2018 HONDA ACCORD SPORT</p>  <p>LIKE NEW</p>	<p>2019 FORD RANGER LARIAT</p>  <p>Gorgeous Truck</p>	<p>2020 TOYOTA CAMRY SE</p>  <p>Quality Vehicle</p>



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PRE-OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
10AM

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