



## 2022-2023 Gila River Royalty Court Bids Farewell

Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

Miss Gila River Kelsey Ann Martinez and First Attendant Gabrielle Garcia along with Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes and First Attendant Caiden Lewis held a farewell celebration at the Anthony B. Shelde Community Building in Chandler on Feb. 18.

The Gila River Royalty commemorated their reign with a special dinner for friends and family ending with a dance open to the Community featuring live Waila music from “Gertie & the T.O. Boyz.”

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis congratulated the Gila River Royalty court on a wonderful reign over the past year.

“They’ve done so much for the Community as ambassadors,” said Gov. Lewis. “We’ve had some incredible guests that have come to the Community, from Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland to the Māori delegation, and they welcomed them. They really made such a positive impression for our Community, their peers, and fellow youth.”

Martinez stated she couldn’t emphasize enough how grateful she is for the opportunity to serve as Miss Gila River and “have my family and the Gila River Royalty Court’s family come and celebrate



2022-2023 Miss Gila River First Attendant Gabriella Garcia, Miss Gila River Kelsey Ann Martinez, Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes, and Jr. Miss Gila River First Attendant Caiden Lewis. Emma Hughes/GRIN

with us as we celebrate and complete our journey as ambassadors for the Gila River Indian Community.”

When she began her reign, she said, she was eager and anxious to get started and go to events where she was able to meet and create friendships with fellow current and outgoing title holders from other tribes.

Martinez was especially proud of the events they hosted, such as the Winter Gathering, which promoted her platform of implementing traditional teach-

ings into the modern lifestyle.

She said attending events has been fun, especially during the holidays, and she’s enjoyed working one-on-one with Community members, especially youth and elders. For Christmas, she made blankets for elders at the Gila River Health Care’s Caring House Skilled Nursing Facility in Sacaton.

Rhodes said, “So many amazing new friendships have grown from holding this title. Just being able to see new things, seeing new people, and even meeting some of

my idols along the way, such as Billy Mills and Madonna Thunder Hawk.”

She was thankful for the many opportunities to meet new people and travel to places she never thought she would see.

For anyone aspiring to run for the title, Rhodes says there is no right or wrong way to be Jr. Miss Gila River, and she encourages every young girl to consider the opportunities that the royalty titles hold.

“We all represent in our own way and we represent our fami-

lies, our communities, and most importantly, ourselves,” Rhodes said. “We all have a platform that we all want to speak about and put out there for the Community to hear, so I encourage every young girl to go and take this opportunity, because your voice matters.”

Lewis said she was glad to see family, friends, and visiting tribal royalty at the farewell dinner.

“Getting to hold the title that I’m holding today, it’s been a life changer. I’ve never thought I would’ve seen myself here ever,” said Lewis.

She shared that one of the highlights of her reign has been getting to socialize and getting to know the royalty court better.

“It’s been eye-opening to find these new people who have really helped me sprout throughout my reign, and I found out that I know a few of them through some old family ties,” Lewis said, “It’s been a really good first experience and I’m really glad that I ran and was able to meet the people I met and make the memories that I did.”

The outgoing royalty also thanked and recognized their support systems.

“I’d like to say thank you to the Community for welcoming not only me but my whole court with open arms and for just showing

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## GRIC Veterans Killed in Action Honored at Run for the Fallen

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Nearly 200 people attended the St. Peter Indian Mission School’s Run for the Fallen on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the school’s campus in Bapchule- to honor 24 Gila River Indian Community members who died in combat.

The Run for the Fallen event also included special recognition of the seven GRIC soldiers who fell during the Vietnam war:

- Sgt. Harold J. Marrietta, U.S. Army
  - Pfc. David D. Perkins, U.S. Army
  - SP4 Dudley N. Arlentino, U.S. Army
  - SP4 Franklin D. Pete Jr., U.S. Army
  - Pfc. Gregory B. Chiago, U.S. Army
  - LCpl. Edgar Acunia, U.S. Marine Corps
  - 1st Lt. Dwight Blackwater, U.S. Army
- Five of the seven were award-



Families of five fallen soldiers from the Vietnam War were presented with the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal on their behalf during the St. Peter Indian Mission School’s Run for the Fallen on Feb. 25. Emma Hughes/GRIN

ed the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal, established by the Arizona State Legislature as a symbol of appreciation for honorable service and sacrifice to the United States. The families of Arlentino, Black-

water, Acunia, Chiago and Pete were presented with the Gold Star medal on their behalf.

In 2017, the family of Perkins received the Gold Star medal in a private ceremony. Marrietta is also

set to receive the medal.

The school’s military culture program, a class for junior high students who work with and learn from veterans in the Community, coordinated the event with the

help of Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 and Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84. The Community’s Veterans & Family Services Office helped to obtain the medals for the families.

“We are honored to host this event which honors our young men who died in combat. We thank these warriors for serving our country and their families,” said Sister Martha, a teacher for St. Peter Indian Mission School.

Attendees filled the courtyard of the school, where students from the military culture class performed color guard duties for the event and shared a cultural song and dance.

GRIC member Pamela Thompson, who assisted with the initial event, was recognized and asked to announce the Gold Star medals given to the families, while GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, and GRIC Vietnam vet-

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# GRIC Student Receives CAA Football Award

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Anderson Pino, District 1, a junior at Imagine Prep Coolidge high school, was presented with an award on Friday, Feb. 24, naming him to the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) Division 1 Football All State First Team.

Pino, a running back, began playing football in junior high and rose to become captain of the high school team, leading it in the offensive category of rushing yards with 163 carries for 1,156 yards and nearly 20 touchdowns. He also received an MVP award.

Imagine Prep nominated Pino, and the athletic directors in his division for the 2022 season voted on the award.

"He scored a lot of points for us. The sky's the limit for this young man," said Dushawn Austin, head football coach and physical education teacher at Imagine Prep Coolidge. "He's a determined young man that has a lot of promise in his future."

Pino shared credit for the honor, saying, "We had a good team. It was all about team teamwork and brotherhood."

He explained how being team captain helped and inspired him.

"I feel like it really built me as a person," Pino said. "It got me

through some obstacles in life that seemed to be hard to me, but I had people around me that I knew really cared, and it was a team."

He added, "I got an award, [and] it made me feel good, but I feel like it was all the team effort. It was the whole team."

Pino's coach and family surprised him by presenting the award—a glass plaque—during a school assembly.

"It really surprised me, but I liked it. It was good," said Pino. "Having my family here meant a lot. It made me feel good having my family."

Michael Astalos, assistant principal of operations and athletic director for Imagine Prep Coolidge, said Pino deserves every bit of recognition.

"He's an honor and a privilege to have [as a student]," Astalos said. "I was fortunate enough to teach him, and he's come so far. That's why I signed up to be a teacher."

He added that he's pleased with Pino's leadership skills, and said, "Sports has given him an outlet to become who he is."

While Pino receives accolades on the field, Astalos says it's what he does off the field that he's most proud of.

"All of those little moments where you watch him help a team-



**Anderson Pino, District 1, received the CAA All State Award for Running Back, 2022 Football - Division I and 2022 MVP award.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

mate a better way to do something—he's almost that built-in coach, which is what true leaders are to me," he said.

Pino's family describes him as a shy but selfless person—someone who is constantly thinking of others and willing to lend a helping hand in any way.

His mother, Terra Pino, shared that while there were times when he struggled, she felt football and sports altogether aided him in overcoming challenges and becoming a better person.

"Just to see how football helped him grow, school-wise and just as a person—it's a good feeling to see him accomplish this," she said. "I'm proud, very proud and happy for him. He's worked very hard."

Pino's grandfather Henry Pino said he's honored that his grandson brought the team to this point.

Henry Pino said. "It took a lot out of us, but we enjoyed every minute of it going to every one of his games. I had the opportunity to really see him grow from the seventh grade when he started playing to this point."

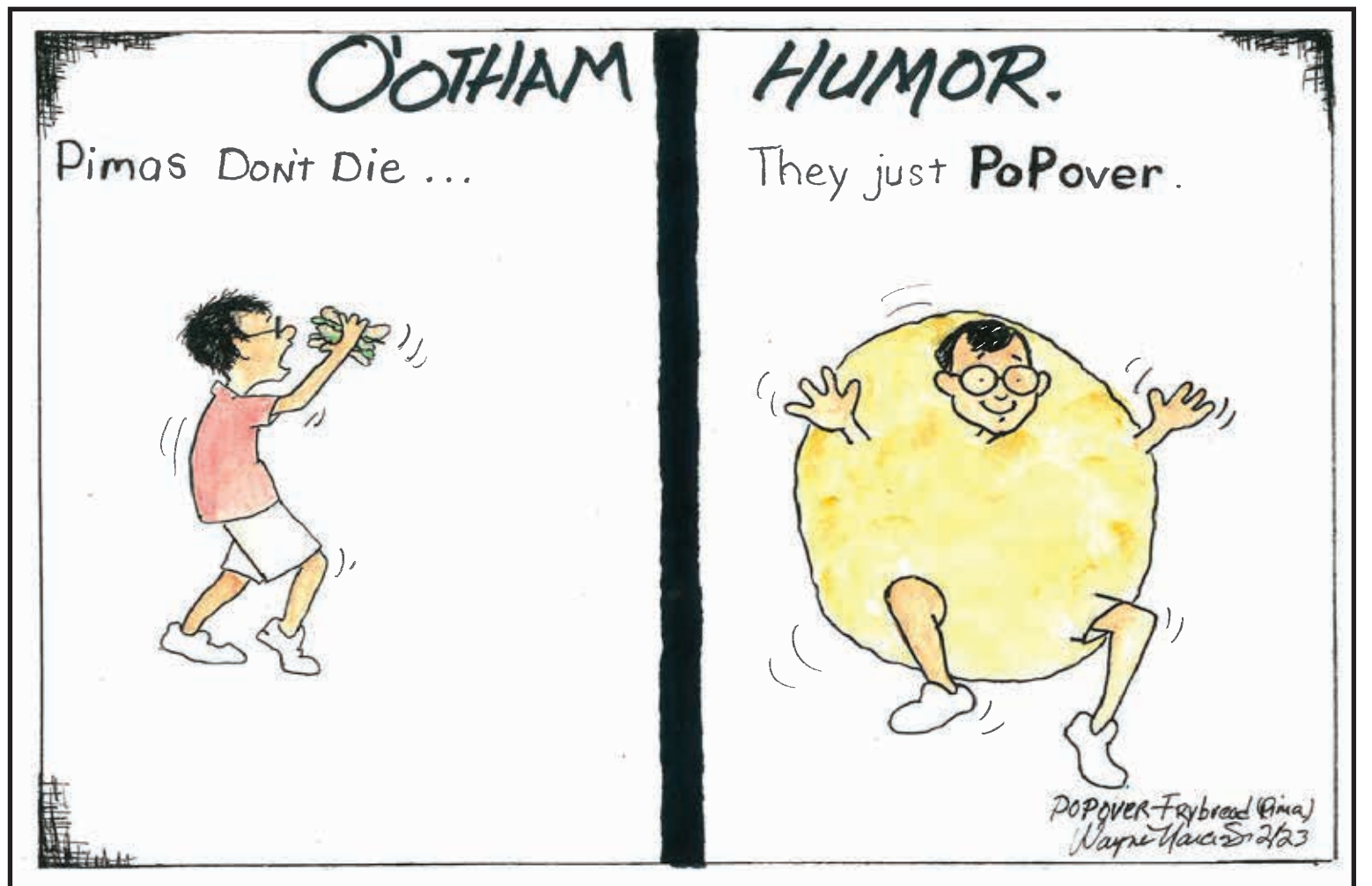
Pino will continue playing football in his senior year, along with other sports like baseball and basketball.

"I have one more year until I graduate, so I'm going to play again next season," Pino said. "I'm hoping that it's going to be a good season. I know [we've] got to practice hard, and we will, but I'm excited."

Pino thanks his team and family for all their support. "[They've] always been there and help me, always push me, motivated me to never give up, especially my grandmother and my grandpa," he said. "They were always there. I appreciate that."



**L-R: Henry Pino, Anderson Pino, Dushawn Austin, Alec Pino, Terra Pino and Ayla Pino during the award presentation on Feb 24.** Emma Hughes/GRIN





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# UAI Youth Visit GRIC Prior to UNITY Mid-Year

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A group of nine youths from United American Indian Involvement's (UAI) American Indian Clubhouse in Los Angeles visited the Gila River Indian Community for the first time when the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) hosted them on Feb. 23.

The group came to the Valley for the 2023 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Midyear Conference Feb. 23-26 in Tempe, an annual three-day youth-led event designed to empower Native youth and adults.

UAI was established in 1974 and is the largest provider of human and

health services for American Indian/Alaskan Natives in the urban Los Angeles area. It provides comprehensive, integrated services that focus on all age groups and incorporates culture and traditions.

The youths were joined by five UAI staff members, including Omerlene Thompson, social services manager for UAI. Thompson is a GRIC member from District 6 who lives in Los Angeles, where she has worked for the past 40 years.

"I thought this would be a perfect time for them to mingle with the Gila River Youth Council here and see how all of these youth out here do things for their community and maybe interact



2022-2023 Gila River Royalty, Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council, American Indian Clubhouse Youth, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and United American Indian Involvement (UAI) at the Anthony B. Shelde Community Building on Feb 23. Emma Hughes/GRIN



AOPPYC President Ariana Blackwater and Youth Coordinator Gwendolyn Morago present UAI youth with shell necklaces. Emma Hughes/GRIN

with them, sharing what they do," said Thompson.

She and the late Cheryl Jackson, a GRIC member from District 3, have helped fellow Community members in California stay connected to home. The two women have coordinated visits and gathered resources from GRIC departments and leadership.

At this gathering, the youths connected over a traditional meal of red chili stew, squash, beans and popovers provided by the Sunna family at the Antho-

ny B. Shelde Community Building.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Royalty and AOPPYC advisors also welcomed the visiting group.

"I'm so excited and glad that I was able to meet the youth from California from LA's UAI," said Arianna Blackwater, president of AOPPYC. "They're just so wonderful and so energetic."

Introductions and gifts were shared among the youth, and AOPPYC

presented the UAI group with shell necklaces, sharing their significance to the Community. For many of the youth, it was their first time traveling out of state and attending the UNITY Midyear Conference.

"This is my first time going to UNITY and the dinner was great," said Kayla River (Navajo). "It felt really welcome there and it was just a great experience and the food was really good."

She said it was her first time trying any tradition-


al food from another Native community. The youth thanked GRIC for the sincere welcome and hospitality.

"I really enjoyed what we had here," said Pajak Carmelo (Tongva/Gabrielino Kumeyaay). "The food was delicious and the hospitality meant so much. It was so welcoming. It felt like home a lot, in my tribe. Hospitality is a precious thing and something that we all love because it's just comforting. It's like family."



## NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH CHALLENGE CALENDAR

# MARCH 2023

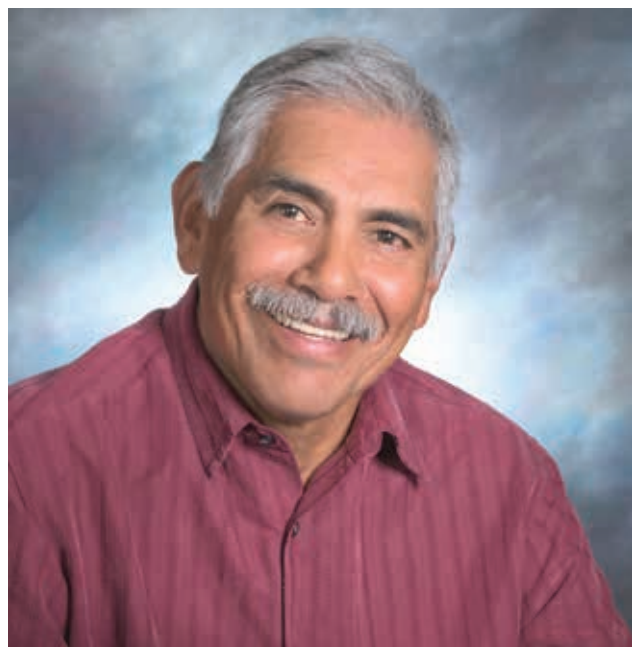


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<p><b>National Nutrition Month®</b> is an annual nutrition education and information campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign, celebrated each year during the month of March, focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.</p>						
<p><b>5</b> <b>Stick to your grocery list</b> Creating a grocery list can help limit purchasing too many unhealthy or unnecessary snack items. Go in with a plan!</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>MINDFUL MONDAY</b> While you are eating pretend you are a food critic, describe your meal.</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Be Colorful</b> Build a rainbow and get dark, leafy greens, red, orange, yellow, blue and purple fruits and veggies, and save white for potatoes and cauliflower, and other whole grains.</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>WORKOUT WEDNESDAY</b> WORKOUT FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES TODAY. DOING ANYTHING YOU ENJOY OR TRY SOMETHING NEW.</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>Thirsty Thursday!</b> Try adding fruit or herbs to your water to give it some flavor.</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>FRESH FRIDAY</b> MAKE A SALAD OR DINNER WITH ALL FRESH INGREDIENTS, INCLUDE ALL COLORS.</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>SQUATS</b> Try to do 5 squats when sitting at home. It'll add up quick...</p>
<p><b>12</b> <b>FROM SCRATCH</b> MAKE A MEAL YOU HAVEN'T MADE BUT WANTED TO TRY.</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Try Leafy Greens</b> Whole veggies are important getting those dark leafy veggies (like kale and spinach!) will have more nutrients than lighter colored veggies.</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Take Your Lunch</b> Instead of going out for lunch, bring lunch from home instead.</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Workout Wednesday</b> 8 Burpees 12 Mountain Climbers 12 Pushups 20 min. walk</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>Try making a GREEN Smoothie</b> 1 cup water 1 cup green grapes ½ cup pineapple ½ banana peeled 2 cups fresh spinach ½ cup ice cubes</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>FRY-YAY</b> Try to air fry one of your favorite fried items such as chicken, zucchini, sweet potatoes, etc.</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Saturday Savings</b> When eating out, share a plate with someone else. Non-homemade foods usually have twice as many calories than homemade.</p>
<p><b>19</b> <b>Stretching the weekend</b> Stretch for 20 minutes when you wake up</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>MEAL PLAN</b> MAKE EACH WEEK LESS STRESSFUL BY MEAL PLANNING/PREPPING.</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>Spring Plant Walk Event</b> *Registration Required: Call to register 520-562-5126</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>WORKOUT WEDNESDAY</b> 15 BURPEES 20 MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS 20 PUSHUPS 1 MILE WALK/RUN.</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Tasty Thursday!</b> Add some water-based food to your menu today! ex: watermelon or cucumber</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Less Screen Time</b> Set a goal to reduce screen time to 2 hours or less daily.</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>START YOUR OWN SALSA GARDEN TUTORIAL CLASS</b> *REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL TO REGISTER 520-562-5126</p>
<p><b>26</b> <b>Sunday Spaghetti</b> Make spaghetti but try something new like veggie noodles or homemade sauce.</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>Think Calcium</b> Try yogurt, almond milk, or shaved cheese. They have great sources of calcium and dairy to get your body what it needs.</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Tasty Treat!</b> Try something new! Pair cheese stick with tomato slices.</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>WORKOUT WEDNESDAY</b> 18 BURPEES 22 MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS 22 PUSHUPS 50 SEC. PLANK</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>More Veggies!</b> When dining out, ask for extra vegetables. This is a great weight loss strategy to help you get full on veggies instead of bread or other unhealthy foods.</p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>GROW</b> Try growing your own herbs indoors to add a punch of flavor to your meals.</p>	<p><small>DISCLAIMER: Please consult with your health care provider before participating and/or treating yourself or anyone else. If you engage in this exercise, nutrition tips or program events, you agree that you do so at your own risk, voluntarily participating in these activities, and assume all risk of injury to yourself.</small></p>

The Gila River Indian Community Nutrition Coalition encourages individuals and families to focus on healthy food choices. Every healthy nutritional choice is a choice in the right direction! For additional information or questions please contact the Community Health Nutrition Program at 520-562-5126.



# A' A G A



Submitted by Billy Allen

“Water is Life.” About seven years ago, that was the rally cry of Standing Rock Sioux protesting an oil pipeline that endangered their water supply. Recently signs with that slogan were carried to protest the City of Scottsdale’s decision to stop allowing its water from being hauled to people liv-

ing in Rio Verde Foothills, where the median home price is \$690,000. The Rio Verde Foothills residents had been paying water hauling businesses to transport water to home tanks. Scottsdale has now allowed water hauling from their system to resume while negotiations between Rio Verde Foothills, Maricopa County, Scottsdale continue. Some media sources named GRIC

as a third-party water supplier for Rio Verde Foothills/Scottsdale agreement, but a tribal spokesperson denied that claim.

Paying someone to haul water to our homes wasn’t the way D5 did it “eda” or back then. Before the 1960s, there was no domestic water for the river people/Akimel O’otham. Ironic. Along with most of the reservation, Va’aki/Casa Blanca O’otham hauled water. Cars, trucks and usually an u:s kalit/wooden wagon waited in line. As kids, we had fun running along a slow moving wagon, then hanging on to “surf” the road. Once, we “raced” two loaded wagons, but then the horses decided it was a stupid idea and slowed down to a walk. True horsepower. (You can lead a horse to water, but not run with it.) We had to make sure our barrels were covered and high enough so the dogs couldn’t sneak a drink. Our school clothes were worn two or three days in a row— clean clothes allowed only after baths. Doing laundry was real work, not just pressing buttons like now. I hoisted that pail until I was pale. As youngsters we knew water’s

worth.

According to our origin story, a consciousness heard the rustling of water and decided to bring forth life. Using su:dag/water the moon was created as were stars and clouds. Life’s pattern was set in a circular manner. Su:dag flooded the last world to begin anew. The O’odham niok or language uses many words evolving from su:dag. An old riverside village was called Su:tuk/full. Bedding or any cloth left out overnight on the jeved/ground would be damp in the morning: Wet-camp. Dark clay called beaver clay caused a large pond in Blackwater to turn dark. Two O’odham villages, Chukson and Ali son, which were near water, drew Spanish onto our jeved/land. Today they are pronounced Tucson and Arizona.

Another Rio Verde Foothills water cut-off protest sign: “If it can happen to us, it can happen to you.” They were warned two years ago that the cut-off was coming. Our vi’ikol or great grandparents didn’t get a warning when upstream newcomers started diverting our akimel. Keli akimel just seemed to

wither until almost none reached our jeved. No water, no farms. No farms, no food. Starvation took many O’otham and survivors accepted government rations. Depression and mumkidag/sickness became widespread. O’otham farmers become wage workers, and many moved off reservation. This was a drastic cultural change. Like the bends of rivers, water rights laws, acts, and compacts can have a lot of twists and turns. We took early hits—the 1862 Homestead Act, the 1877 Desert Land Act, the 1902 Reclamation Act—and the water kept disappearing. It appeared that we were “on the ropes,” but a 1908 Supreme Court opinion involving the Fort Belknap reservation in Montana established the “Winters Doctrine” which became a driving force for Native American water rights battles. The 1924 San Carlos Act brought about construction of the Coolidge Dam, a supposed GRIC win, but it was more of a draw because non-GRIC farmers reaped more benefit. The 1935 Gila Decree seemed like a win, on paper, but upstream diversions violating the de-

cree kept on keeping on. Milga:n settlers upstream on the Gila felt, “It is better to be upstream with a shovel than downstream with a law book.”

Countering that reasoning took very skilled, very strong legal minds.

GRIC member Rod Lewis became a soldier for our water rights. He was part of a su:dag shondal or water battalion. Another saying comes to mind: “The pen is mightier than the sword.”

Armed with law and history books, congressional reports, and diligent documentation, GRIC tribal attorneys negotiated the historic 2004 Arizona Water Settlement Act, a definite win for our water. But will there be a rematch? Will climate change result in changes to laws? GRIC must keep battling to protect our su:dag. Other law book toting water protectors will have to stay vigilant. The Act helped level the playing field when it comes to managing Arizona water. It allows tribes to use water as wealth. After decades of thirsty Native voices going unheard, that act announced that “We’re still here.”

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### From the front page

us how much we’re loved and how much they respect us as ambassadors for the Community,” Rhodes said. She added their support means so much and will never be forgotten.

Gov. Lewis said, “The Community is proud of you, so thank you and enjoy. This is one chapter that’s closing in your young lives, and you have your whole lives ahead of you. Thank you and congratulations again.”

Martinez advised contestants running for the title to always support one another and “just know that you can’t do this job on your own.” She said to be royalty, it takes the support of the court, committee and contestants’ families.



2022-2023 Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes thanks friends and family during the farewell dinner on Feb. 18. Emma Hughes/GRIN

She added, “Thank you for accepting me as Miss Gila River, and thank you for supporting me. Every Miss Gila River is different. Every platform is different, and every year she brings something new to the Community. I am very, very grateful to say that I’ve heard from some of you that I’ve done a good

job, and that means a lot.” Lewis stated, “To the Community, I would just like to say thank you, because without the Community, we as royalty and me as an individual, I wouldn’t be where I am today without their support, without their love. I think the Community inspired me to want to better myself.”



2022-2023 Miss Gila River Kelsey Ann Martinez displays the sash and crown belonging to her late aunt, Pamela Pasqual, Miss Gila River 1973. Emma Hughes/GRIN



# FITNESS & WELLNESS

## 6th Annual “Shred in the Name of Love” Skateboard Contest Returns

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

More than 120 people watched roughly 30 skaters at “Shred in the Name of Love,” a skateboard contest to bring awareness to teen dating violence, on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the District 4 Skate Park.

This was the sixth time the skateboard company Seven Layer Army—founded by GRIC members Reuben Ringlero from District 6 and Paul Molina from District 7—hosted the event, but it had paused since 2020

due to pandemic restrictions.

“It felt good just to be back with everybody,” said Ringlero. “It’s something we’ve been doing with Crime Victim Services, partnering to bring awareness to teen dating violence.”

In partnership with Gila River Health Initiative and Crime Victim Services, the annual event spotlights February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Shanna Stewart, GRIC Crime Victim Services coordinator, shared how the

event began.

“At the very beginning we were wanting to reach out to a different demographic other than the usual basketball tournaments,” said Stewart. “So we wanted to do something different, and at the time, we were working with the recreation department at District 3 Service Center, and they were the ones who actually knew about Seven Layer Army, and they suggested a skateboarding event.”

Cow Town Skateboards, Skate After School, Skate Wild, Casa Grande

Skate Shop and Apache Skateboards sponsored raffle prizes for the event.

Crime Victim Services and SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Forensic Nursing Department were on site providing information on their services and discussing healthy relationships.

SANE is specially trained to provide comprehensive care to trauma patients and can identify physical and psychological trauma needs. They work collaboratively with Crime Victim Services and Behavioral Health.

They shared what a healthy relationship does and doesn’t look like.

“I think when teenagers or younger youth get into relationships, everything is great,” Stewart said. “They want to be [together] all the time, but they don’t know the subtle red flags, like the constant ‘Where are you? Who are you with?’ text messages”

GRIC member Francisco Zamorano, a victim advocate for Crime Victim Services, said he has a teenage daughter, and it’s good to see people come out for events like this.



SANE staff present to GRIC youth during the Shred in the Name of Love Skateboarding Contest on Feb. 18. Zachary Redbird/CPAO

He was glad that services are trying to end the cycle of violence and promoting new ways to approach things in a healthy way. “It was great to see youth answering questions and engaging with the program,” Zamorano said.

“It’s been a great event—promoting healthy relationships, respecting one another, loving one another,” he added. “It’s great to have this event.”

Zamorano recalled growing up without outlets like skateboarding. “It seems like it keeps getting bigger every year,” he said, “so hopefully we’ll be back again next year and see more people come out.”

For more information on Crime Victim Services, contact (520) 562-4106. It offers services for victims of violent issues and crimes. The office is in Sacaton next to the Ira Hayes Memorial Library.

Seven Layer Army will host its next skateboard competition, “Sac City Throwdown,” on Saturday, March 18, at the District 3 Skate Park in Sacaton. Participants can register on site at 1 p.m. and the competition begins at 2 p.m. The free event is open to all tribal communities.

For more information, contact Seven Layer Army at (602) 621-1946 or sevenlayerarmy@gmail.com.



6th Annual Shred in the Name of Love Skate Contest brings out GRIC youth to the District 4 Skate Park on Feb. 18. Zachary Redbird/CPAO

### STRONG MAN | STRONG WOMAN COMPETITION

Yoke Bar Carry

Trap Bar Carry

Throw Bag

Van Pull

Atlas Stones

On Saturday, February 25, Tribal Recreation & Wellness held their third annual Strong Man/Strong Woman Competition at the Sacaton, Fairgrounds. Competitors from Tohono O’odham, Ak-chin Indian Community, White Mountain Apache, Salt River, Ft. McDowell and Yavapai Tribe participated in this event. There was a total of 20 participants who accepted the challenge to compete in a total of 5 events. The events included Yoke Bar Carry, Trap Bar Carry, Throw Bag, Atlas Stones, and Van Pull.

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# MUL-CHU-THA ELDER CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



Thursday February 23, Tribal Recreation & Wellness Center hosted the Mul-Chu-Tha Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament at the District 2 Multi Purpose Building. The Tournament consisted of 24 teams (12 GRIC, 12 non GRIC).

*"The competition was good! We beat the Salt River Steppers in Salt River and again in Ak-Chin but they got us this time. I want to thank my teammates for all of the work we put in and I want to thank Gila River Recreation for putting on this event."*  
- Gene Coppedge, captain of Jack Rabbits 1



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Salt River Steppers (SRPMIC)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Jack Rabbits 1 (GRIC)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Gila River O'odhams (GRIC)**



## STUDENT SERVICES PROGRAM

# SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2023

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### APPLICATION CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS:

- APPLICATION
- 200 WORD ESSAY
- CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD (DATED BY MARCH 1, 2023)
- ACCEPTANCE LETTER
- ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT (VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ONLY)
- PROGRAM OF STUDY
- OFFICIAL CLASS SCHEDULE
- STUDENT AID REPORT (FAFSA 2023-2024)
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR G.E.D.
- ENROLLED GRIC TRIBAL MEMBER
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ONLINE: [WWW.GRICTED.COM](http://WWW.GRICTED.COM)



# GRIC Members!

# Register to VOTE!

**DEADLINE:**  
**March 21, 2023, 5 p.m.**

*Don't miss your opportunity to let your voice be heard... cast a VOTE!*

in the  
**Gila River Indian Community  
2023 Community Council Election  
May 2, 2023, Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Contact your District Judge or the Tribal Elections office:

- D#1 Judge - Victoria Quintero, 480-242-7056
- D#3 Judge - Olena Hutchinson, 480-217-6285
- D#4 Judge - Darlene Burnette, 520-424-5112
- D#5 Judge - Veronica Rivers, 480-593-4211
- D#6 Judge - Lorina Allison, 480-404-5184
- Tribal Elections Office, 520-562-9735 or 9758



# K-12 STUDENT SPOTLIGHT




Gavin Molina, 7th Grade, attends Coolidge Junior High School. His family comes from District 3 Ge'e Ki.

Gavin currently holds a 3.7 GPA and is on-track to join the National Junior Honor Society at the end of the year. He is also a 2022 Chief Azul Award recipient.

“My father and Mother along with my older brothers, have always been my main supporters,” said Gavin, “Through my academics at my previous school, my mother was a huge supporter in pushing to get my information to the teachers so that I could turn in my application for Chief Azul.”

This year, he’s been added to the school’s ‘Golden Club’ for his high academic achievements including his placement on Honor Roll for the first and second quarter. He’s also taken on football.

“In order to play football, I must put in the same work in the classroom as I do the field,” he said, “This year was my first-time playing football and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I plan to continue playing football next year and into high school.”

Gavin plans to attend Coolidge High school then Arizona State University to study Engineering.

“Maybe I’ll try out for the football team too, I might have enough experience by then.”

Gavin shares his advice to fellow students: “Do everything one moment at a time. I encourage everyone to not take things for granted or do things too fast. Just enjoy what you do while you are doing it.”



# GAVIN MOLINA

**COOLIDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 2023**

## GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COVID-19 VACCINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS - MINORS

**DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2023**

Vaccine incentive is now available for any minor Community member (ages six (6) months through seventeen (17) years) who has become fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

\*Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they receive their second dose of the vaccine in a 2-dose primary series or two weeks after receiving a single-dose primary series.

Payments will be made once the application is received and verified by the Per Capita Office.

For additional inquiries contact the GRIC Per Capita Office at (520) 562-5222, toll free at (866) 416-2618 or by email at [gricvaccineincentive@gric.nsn.us](mailto:gricvaccineincentive@gric.nsn.us) or [percaptia@gric.nsn.us](mailto:percaptia@gric.nsn.us)

\* The incentive is a one-time payment being re-opened to minors who have not received an incentive payment this year.



59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAIR AND RODEO

# MUL-CHU-THA

**SPORTS EVENTS  
SAVE THE DATE**

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ELDER CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT  
EVENT DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2023

10-12 CO-ED YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
EVENT DATE: MARCH 10-11, 2023

ALL NATIVE MEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
EVENT DATE: MARCH 17-18, 2023

ALL NATIVE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
EVENT DATE: MARCH 17-18, 2023

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED  
AS EVENT DATE APPROACHES.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT WELLNESS CENTER AT (520) 562-2026  
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## COME JOIN US MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



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## From the front page

erans Douglas Juan, Jewel Whitman, David Molina and Gary Anderson presented the medals to families.

Pamela Rinesmith, a member of the Veterans Advisory Board for the town of Gilbert, presented Gold Star coins to the families on behalf of the town.

“We are very grateful for the ultimate sacrifice that the families have given,” said Rinesmith.

Many of the families shared that while it was dif-

icult to remember their loss, they were pleased with the recognition of their loved ones. It provided the opportunity for younger generations to learn about their family members and their Community.

Joyce Lopez, sister to Dwight Blackwater, U.S. Army, said it was like “coming home” for him, and she thanked the school for putting the event together. Blackwater, 25, died in Vietnam when a fragmentation grenade was unintentionally detonated.

“This is a celebration to honor veterans, especially

from Gila River Indian Community, for their patriotism, for their love of country, their community, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the Community,” said guest speaker Lancelot Lewis, Vietnam veteran.

Lewis, who served in the U.S. Army Special Forces as a medic for the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam — Studies and Observation Group, reflected on his time in the military. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star medal for his heroism during a classified operation where he aided and shielded a wounded soldier with his

own body.

“We all have those important stories of valor, of sacrifice, in our families, in our villages,” said Gov. Lewis, who remembered his grandfather, Cpl. Richard Lewis (U.S. Marine Corps), who was killed in action on Jan. 13, 1943, in the Pacific War.

“I’m proud of all of these heroes that we honor and that we’ll continue to honor,” Gov. Lewis said. “They are truly heroes. Because of those veterans, we have a place and are a part of America’s veteran and military history. The Gila River Indian Community is an important part of this history.”

Jennifer Thomas, sister of Pfc. Gregory Chiago, said it was “amazing and beautiful” to see so many of the youth participating.

“Sincere thanks to both leaders for acknowledging and honoring families who never heal from the loss of their family members,” said Thomas. “It was a moving tribute.”

She added, “My heart will be filled with happiness and appreciation for years to come. Our brother rests in peace and honor now.”

Chiago, 20, was killed in action in South Vietnam



The Arizona Gold Star Medal was presented to six family members of the GRIC soldiers who died in Vietnam. Emma Hughes/GRIN

on Nov. 22, 1968, from multiple fragmentation wounds. Thomas explained that their mother was a GRIC member and their father was from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), where Chiago was enrolled. SRPMIC President Harvier presented the medal

to the family.

The event concluded with a one-mile run/walk where each mile is dedicated to a veteran. Students, staff, veterans and attendees made their way around the school’s track. After completing the run, they received commemorative T-shirts.



St. Peter Indian Mission School Students perform a traditional song and dance in honor of fallen veterans. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Lewis shares remarks at the Run for the Fallen event recognizing those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Emma Hughes/GRIN

# American Legion Post 84 Honors Iwo Jima Flag-Raising

Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

About 50 veterans and guests attended Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84’s annual recognition of the 78th Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary Feb. 25 at the Matthew B. Juan – Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in Sacaton. It honored the six marines, including Community member Ira H. Hayes, who raised the U.S. flag atop Mt. Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima on Feb. 23, 1945.

Post 84 was joined by the Ira Hayes Marine Corps League Detachment, San Carlos Apache Veterans Association, Gov. Stephen



Ira H. Hayes’ memorial statue and monument bares a wreath on Feb. 25, 2023 at the Matthew B. Juan - Ira H. Hayes Memorial Park. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Roe Lewis and Community members for the gathering that also recognized what would have been Hayes’ centennial birthday on Jan. 12.

Gov. Lewis stressed the importance of honoring veterans and the significance of the anniversary, saying, “I’m honored to be able to play a small part in supporting all our Native veterans that have served and sacrificed and especially those that didn’t come back.”

This year marked the return of an in-person event for the anniversary after it was canceled the previous two years due to COVID restrictions. Flags were raised to half-staff and wreaths were laid on the memorial monuments in the park followed by remarks from veterans about remembering those who have served and the sacrifices they made.

Lancelot Lewis, Vietnam veteran and former commander of Post 84, shared the history of Hayes’ monument, which features stones from Mt. Suribachi around a bronze re-creation of the six marines raising the flag and a life-size statue of Hayes.

In 1988, Lewis helped create the memorial monuments to remember and honor Hayes and veterans. Since then, the flag-raising events have been celebrated at the park.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of visitors from around the U.S. and Canada traveled to the Gila River Indian Community for the anniversary’s events, which Post 84 hopes to resume next year.

“Thank you for all your remarks, all the wonderful words that you brought to us, and all the people you represent,” said Bill Dixon, commander for Post 84.



Veterans gather for the 78th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising event on Feb. 25, 2023. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Lewis shares remarks during the 78th annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising event on Feb. 25, 2023 in Sacaton. Emma Hughes/GRIN

In Honor of National Nutrition Month...

# SPRING Plant Walk

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# HEADLINES

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Stephen Roe Lewis  
Governor



Monica Antone  
Lt. Governor

### Maricopa Mayor Meets with Lt. Gov. Antone



City of Maricopa Mayor Nancy Smith and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone during a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2023. Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

### Building Connections with L.A. GRIC Members



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and GRIC member Omerlene Thompson, Social Services Manager with United American Indian Involvement (UAIL) during the groups visit to the Community on Feb. 23. Gov. Lewis was gifted with a painted gourd from one of the youth from Los Angeles. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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Jobs open to Gila River Indian Community members currently enrolled in a secondary education program. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter indicating areas of interest to [nstrunks@suns.com](mailto:nstrunks@suns.com).







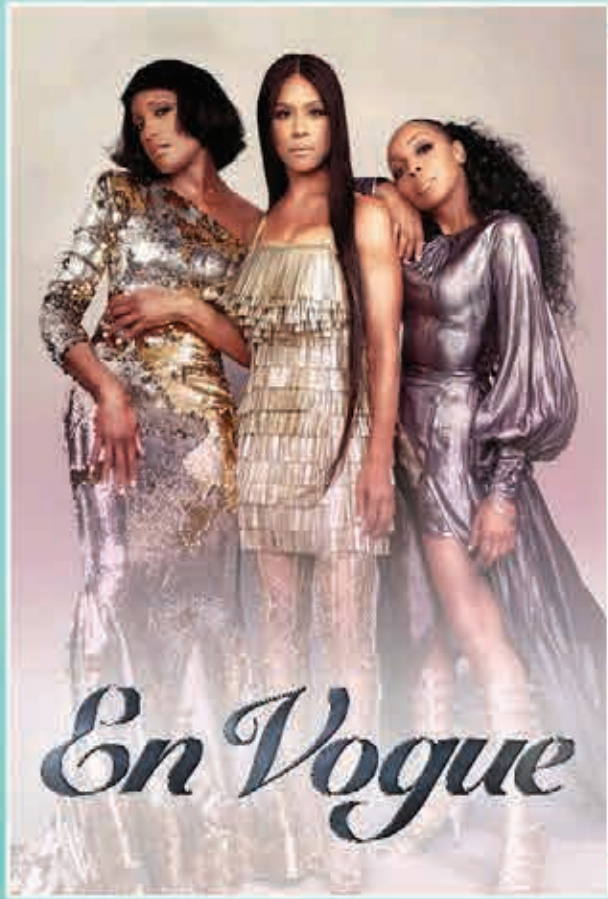
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**59TH ANNUAL FAIR AND RODEO**

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**MARCH 17TH - 19TH, 2023**

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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Feb. 15, 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, February 15, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:09 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Monica Antone

## ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Regina Antone; D5- Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird(10:10)

Council Members Attending via WebEx Platform:

D1- Joey Whitman

D5-James De La Rosa

Council Members Absent:

D5- Wahlean Riggs

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE PRESENTATION #1 AND RESOLUTION #8 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 AND #2, #5 THROUGH #12; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #3, #6, #7, #10, #11, #12, AND #14; ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Skyline Gila River Introduction

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Swen Anderson, Keith Brown, Dr. Pamela Chandler

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## REPORTS

>1. 1st Quarter Budget Report Post 51 Haskell Osife Antone

Presenters: David Anderson, Belen Lawlor

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

>2. BGCGRIC 2022 (Q1) Reporting

Presenters: Jason Jones, Mark Clavell, Anita Leon, Soyet Antone, Tamara Peters, Bert Parra

ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. Purchase Order Analysis

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Lawrence Makil

REPORT HEARD

4. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

>5. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 1 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Stephanie Celis

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 1 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Debbie Ybarra

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 1 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Kim Franklin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. St. Peter Indian Mission School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 1 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Sister Martha

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 1 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jeffery Thornburg, Jim Mosely

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Head Start Program Monthly Report November 2022

Presenters: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Head Start Program Monthly Report December 2022

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. GRICUA's FY22 Q4 Report

Presenters: Ken Stock, Arnold Mejia, Andrew McBride, Chris Miller, Adam Cavin, Ryan Luetkemeyer, Emily Mills

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Gila River Commission Department Report December 2022 (Executive Session)

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

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. FY23 Monthly Activity Report for the Four Months Ending January 31, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. The Caring House Five Star Rating Update (Executive Session)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Ross Wilkoff, Linda Soto

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Programmatic Agreement Among The U.S. Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Pima Agency, The Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Irrigation And Drainage District, The Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Tribal Historic Preservation Office, And The Advisory Council On Historic Preservation Regarding Compliance With Section 106 Of The National Historic Preservation Act For Agricultural Leases And The Gila River Indian Community's Agricultural Development Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; NRSC and CRSC concur)

Presenters: Barnaby V. Lewis, Larry Benallie, Jr., Kyle Woodson, Scott Plumlee, Reylynn Williams, Darius Enos

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona, Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community Through Tribal Health Department For The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention Good Health And Wellness In Indian Country Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Mallory Smith, Candalerian Preston

APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution GR-83-84 And Approving The New General Land Use Plan For The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC, H&SSC, LSC, ESC, CRSC and EDSC concur; LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Corrina Ortiz, Kimberly Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. A Resolution Approving The Purchase Of Certain Allotted Lands Pursuant To The American Indian Probate Reform Act (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community In The Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year 2023 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) For The Community's Annual Dues (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Shannon White

APPROVED

>6. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America For The Proposed Reclaimed Water Pipeline Under The East Maricopa Floodway On Community Trust Land Located Within The Exter-

ior Boundary Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Granting A Permanent Irrigation Easement To The United States Of America For The CB-3 Well Interconnect Over Community Trust Land Located Within The Exterior Boundary Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. A Resolution Designating The Right Of Way Negotiation Team To Serve As The Negotiation Team For The Southwest Gas Pipeline Abandonment In District 6 (NRSC forwards to Council; CRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenters: Bartley Harris, Denten Robinson

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community's Community Services Department To Submit A Proposal To Participate In The United States Department Of Agriculture's Food Distribution Program On Indian Reservations Self-Determination Demonstration (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Mary Dixon

APPROVED

>10. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Allysia Jerae Ferreira Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Allysia Jerae Ferreira

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Andelina Renee Thomas Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Andelina Renee Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Cherie Morgan Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Cherie Morgan

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. A Resolution Approving The Re-Enrollment Of Julius Clay Innis Into The Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Julius Clay Innis

APPROVED

>14. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2022

(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. Chilocco Cemetery, Chilocco Indian Agricultural School THPO Report No. 2022-038 (CRSC forwards to Council on February 15, 2023)

Presenters: Reylynn Williams, Barnaby V. Lewis, Larry Benallie, Jr., Darius Enos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THPO TO ANNUALLY VISIT THE CHILOCCO CEMETERY

>2. FY2022 Annual Performance Report – Coronavirus Aid,

*Action Sheets*  
*Continued on page 16*



## Action Sheets Continued

Relief and Economic Security (CARES) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment – District Six (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval to appoint Laverne Jackson)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT LAVERNE JACKSON TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT SIX

4. GRICUA FY22 Financial Audit, GRICUA FY22 Single Audit, GRICUA FY22 Communication to those in Charge of Governance (G&MSC forwards to Council under New

Business with a recommendation to accept; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Ken Stock, Arnold Mejia, Adam Cavin, Ryan Luetkemeyer, Emily Mills

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE GRICUA FY22 FINANCIAL AUDIT, GRICUA FY22 SINGLE AUDIT, AND THE GRICUA FY22 COMMUNICATION TO THOSE IN CHARGE OF GOVERNANCE

5. National Indian Gaming Association Tradeshow & Convention March 27-30, 2023 – San Diego, CA (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council members to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND USING DUES & DELEGATIONS

6. Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Permit Application Packet (NRSC forwards to Council, LSC concurs)

Presenters: Kimberly Antone, Amberly Rivers, Lynette Johns, Angel Ortiz, Wally Jones, Paul Shorthair, Cody Cerna

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION

7. Reservation Economic Summit - April 3-6, 2023 (EDSC forwards to Council to open to any interested Council Member utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND USING DUES & DELEGATIONS

### MINUTES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CEOT MEETING AT 3:00 P.M.

### ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:06 A.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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

<b>COURT DATE NOTICE</b>	<b>FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS</b>
IN THE SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: LEWIS, ROBI COREY CASE Number: J-23-0026 COURT DATE: May 4, 2023 at 10AM COURTROOM #3, 1ST FLOOR	Please take notice that a(n) <b>Informal Adjustment Agreement Review Hearing</b> has been scheduled in the SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT 10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256. CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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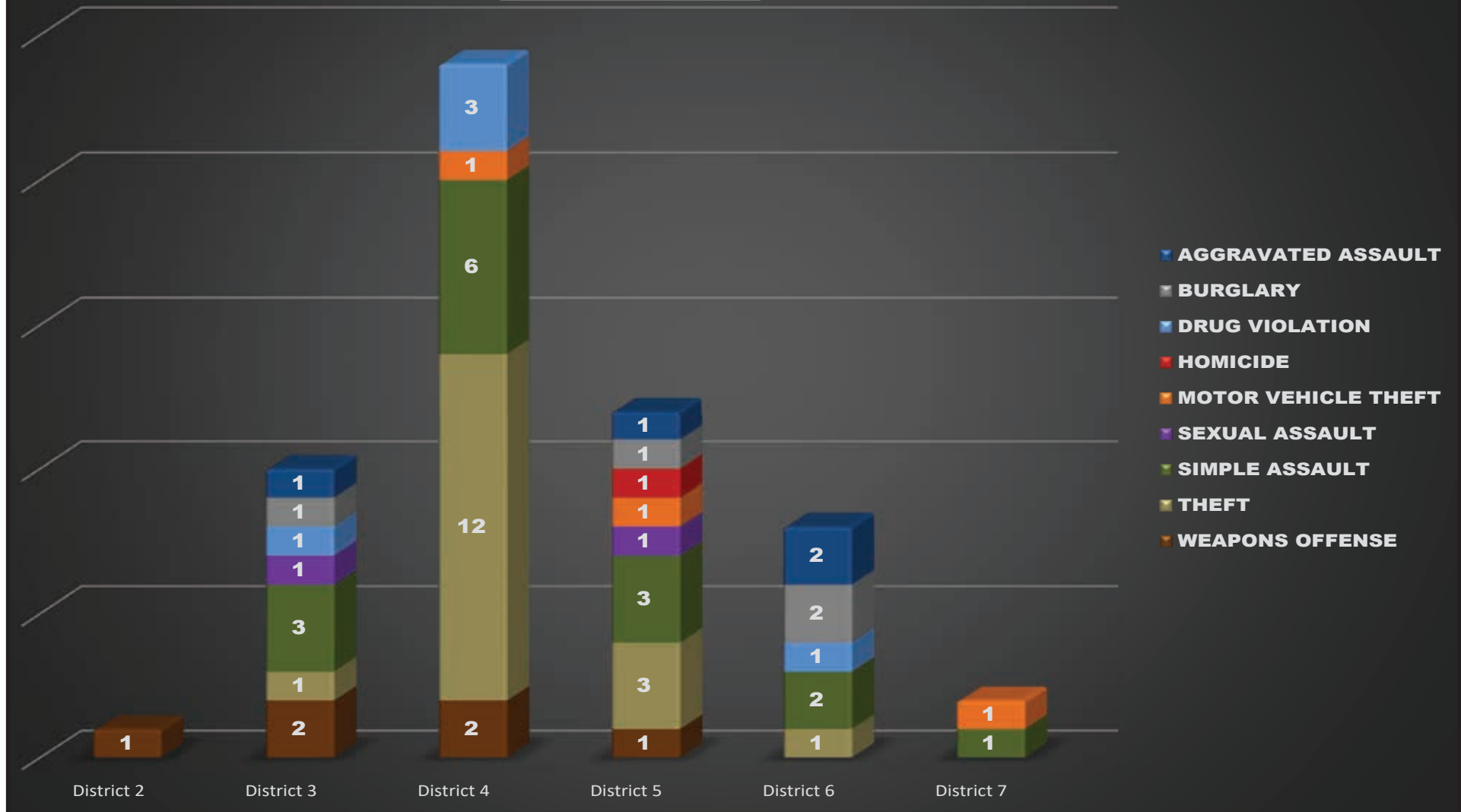
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THE CORNELL  
GUNTER COASTERS,  
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