



The Akimel O’otham Weaver’s Circle: A Space for Weavers to Thrive

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Traditional O’otham basketry, in essence, reflects a rich preservation of O’otham culture. Like the plant fibers that comprise a basket, the basket connects most Akimel O’otham even today.

In another sense, one could say, “A display of good baskets is, to me, like a gallery where the individuality of many artists is represented, and I no more think of the imperfections of design and workmanship than if such a thing never existed.” The Pima and His Basket (Breazeale, 1923), a book that documented the art of O’otham basket weaving through the lens of an Arizona archaeologist in an attempt to preserve the culture he witnessed in the desert lands.

In each perspective above, a distinct truth is woven, and this

year, many found the chance to weave their own at the Huhugam Heritage Center’s (HHC) O’otham Weavers Circle.

The Akimel O’otham Weaver’s Circle began Jun. 13 at The Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC), where three fellow basket weavers shared their passion. Joshua Yazzie, District 5 GRIC member, August Wood, from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, David Pecusa, Hopi, and GRIC member welcomed new and experienced basket weavers into a classroom space for individuals who wanted to learn and continue the practice of O’otham basket-making.

Additionally, students learned about the tools and materials required, where to harvest the material, and the process of preparing to create an O’otham basket.



Student weaver’s process their raw materials for the production of their baskets throughout the Akimel O’otham Weaver’s Circle class. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Classes would be hosted for four months, twice a week and every other Saturday, for the dedicated Weavers willing to learn the craft.

“There are many different ways to have a finished basket. Despite you (students) having your devils claw split into two ways or four ways, you’re still

ending up with a basket in the end,” said Yazzie. He also explained that creating the weaver’s circle with various basket weavers would help students learn different techniques. This model would better cater to their basket-making and build upon their abilities for the craft.

“Joshua and myself have been constantly producing pieces on our own, and so we kind of have that background of making baskets, and so being able to show them (students) what we have been able to create while also

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Skyline Gila River Holds First Homecoming Football Game

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Skyline Gila River celebrated its first football homecoming game to a raucous crowd of family, friends, and staff on Thursday, Oct. 19, where they faced off against Imagine Coolidge. Well into their season of home and away games throughout the valley, the Mustangs took to the field before a sizable home crowd-much larger than the first home game.



Skyline Gila River’s offense makes a run against their match against Imagine Coolidge. Kyle Knox/GRIN

The 7 p.m. kick-off signaled the crowd and Mustang cheerleaders that it was time to cheer on the boys on the field. By halftime, the score was uneven, with Imagine in the lead, but spirits remained high for the second half.

“I love that we have a lot more Community members here to support our team,” said Mandy Webb, District 4 Her son plays for Skyline. She was impressed with how much potential the team showed throughout the season and liked

that the school offered the program this year.

During the halftime program, students nominated for Homecoming King and Queen gathered on the field to find out who won the title. But before declaring the king and queen, the announcement for the Homecoming Prince and Princess took place.

Gathering the second most votes, Lucianna Rivers won the Homecoming Princess title, and Isiah Fino took the Homecoming Prince.

Finally, winning the most votes by their peers, D’Only Michael won Homecoming King, and Demari Makil won Homecoming Queen.

“Tonight was great and I’m happy to have won tonight as the first homecoming queen because it’s my last year here,” said Demari Makil, District 5.

As the whistle blew, ending the fourth quarter, the final score ended with 38-14, with Imagine

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Phoenix Symphony Orchestra Strikes Chords of Inspiration at CBCS

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Students at the Casa Blanca Community School (CBCS) received a special visit by the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, Oct. 24, on-site at the school’s campus.

The Phoenix Symphony is Arizona’s only full-time, professional symphony orchestra and the state’s largest performing arts group.

Members of the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra provided a live percussion concert in the school’s gymnasium to encourage students to develop a better and deeper understanding of music.

Students in grades K-5 were given the chance to listen and learn more about the orchestra and the instruments they use. Some students were even invited on-stage to assist in the performances. The orchestra also answered questions from students.

“We’ve been working

with Phoenix Symphony; this is our second year right after things opened up for from the pandemic, we reached out to Phoenix Symphony and they indicated that they were so happy to come out to Gila River and do presentations for our kids,” said Kim Franklin, CBCS Principal.

She added, “We were so excited that they were going to be able to come. They did the two shows for us, one for the youngest students and then one for the

older students.” Franklin said they hope to bring the Phoenix Symphony out annually for more concerts and presentations.

“We feel like the music, its world heritage, it’s everybody’s heritage, so we want them to have that experience just as much as we want them to have experiences of many cultures,” Franklin said.

The school’s music

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Casa Blanca Community School students are invited to perform alongside the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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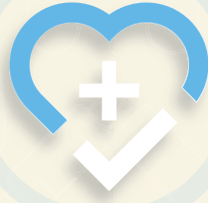
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Friday, November 24th
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Sunday, November 26th
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AOPPYC Inauguration Welcomes New Members and Leadership

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The Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) held its inauguration for incoming members and executive officers taking the oath of office on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Huhugam Heritage Center before their family and friends. The event also recognized its outgoing members of the AOPPYC.



2023-2024 AOPPYC President Junior Pancott takes oath of office. Emma Hughes/GRIN

The 2023-2024 Executive Officers for AOPPYC are President Junior Pancott, Vice-President Caiden Lewis, Secretary Sayuri Jackson, and Treasurer Aiyana Jackson.

Greg Mendoza, former Governor of the Gila River Indian Community and founder of the AOPPYC served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Mendoza highlighted the many accomplishments made by



Family and friends congratulate members of the AOPPYC. Emma Hughes/GRIN

the AOPPYC throughout the year, such as hosting traditional events held in the Community, representing in the UNITY mid-year and annual conference, and most notably representing GRIC during Vice President Kamala Harris’ visit.

“I was really touched when I saw them on the stage with the Vice President of the United States when she visited our Community back in July,” said Mendoza, “To see the young people behind the Vice President was very powerful, it was very historic, and I love the fact that the young people were given a seat at the table, whether it be at the tribal level or the national level.”

“Thank you to everyone who has been there with me throughout these past four years. Over time I’ve gained a tremendous amount of skills that have helped me throughout my schooling, my current employment, and just everyday life,” said outgoing president Ariana Blackwater. During her time as president, First Lady Jill Biden personally invited her to attend the White House Tribal Youth Forum in Washington, D.C., last fall.

“When we have young people like this, who answer the call to our Community, that shows leadership,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who shared words of encouragement for the new AOPPYC members and officers.

“We’re really proud of each of you for making this accomplishment,” said Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, who also shared remarks.

Judge Darren Pedro-Martinez oversaw the swearing-in of the new and returning members of the AOPPYC that evening. Judge Pedro-Martinez is also an AOPPYC Advisory Board member.



2023-2024 Akimel O’odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Emma Hughes/GRIN

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Number of Vacancies	Term of Service	Deadline
Five (5)	3 years	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

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

Membership to the Gila River Royalty Committee shall be open to any enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Committee, of which, two seats will be specifically filled by former Miss Gila River title holders

Members of the Gila River Royalty Community are expected to maintain a positive attitude and influence to the Gila River Royalty.

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Community Youth Springs into Action at Oklahoma State Fair

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A night at the state fair turned deadly for 14-year-old Illah Miguel from District 1, who attended the Oklahoma State Fair on Sat, Sept. 23. Miguel is a student at Riverside Indian School and was granted permission to leave the school with his friends and their parents when the unthinkable happened.

Miguel was at an ATM trying to pull out money for the evening when an argument broke out inside the Bennett Event Center. The ensuing conflict led to one person drawing a gun, leaving one person shot. “When I heard the shots, I didn’t think it was real at first,” said Miguel. As others ran from the scene, Miguel noticed the shooting victim bleeding out, and he felt a need to help him. After witnessing the victim in distress, “I was like, this is real life, and he really got hit,” Miguel said.

A video captured by Miguel’s friend, Trisidy Gabehart, captures Miguel springing into action, attempting to keep a 22-year-old victim awake by waving his hands in front of their eyes, as another witness assisted him in placing a piece of clothing under the vic-

tim’s head. Miguel removed his sweatshirt to apply pressure to the gunshot wound to slow the bleeding. This approach to treating a gunshot victim was the right move, according to the American Osteopathic Association.

“I’m proud of him,” said his mother, Claydene Miguel, District 1. She says that as tribal members, it is important to be good citizens and help people. She expresses that she was genuinely amazed by her son and that although they are apart, for now, they are always ready to support him.

The 22-year-old victim is in recovery at home; the victim’s family reached out to Miguel’s mother, hoping to meet the 14-year-old hero in Nov. Miguel is unaware of this yet as his mother wants to surprise him.

“I hope he’s doing good, and god bless him,” said Miguel. He didn’t think much of the courageous act and explained that he was trying to help someone who was hurt, and it didn’t really bother him.

Miguel aspires to join the military after high school and become the second known Native American Sniper for the Marines. “I really want to put natives on the map,” he said.



Illah Miguel (Second from the right) and his family. Photo courtesy of the Miguel family.

'Monster Mash' Brings Frights and Delights for the Community

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

From frightening clowns to sweet Wednesday Adams impersonators, The Trail of Doom's Monster Mash filled the Sacaton Fairgrounds with hundreds of Community members dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes on Oct. 26. The event drew

over a thousand attendees. The annual event was coordinated by the GRIC Tribal Recreation and Wellness (TRW) Program, with various GRIC departments assisting at the Trunk-or-Treat portion of the event.

TRW hosted many other events leading to the Monster Mash with a Zombie Zumba, Glow in

the Dark Volleyball tournament, 5k run/walk, a Madhouse workout, and a TRW family night leading to the Day of the Deadlift at the Monster Mash.

The sounds of vaila favorite, Gertie "n' the T.O Boyz, performed at this year's Monster Mash, filling the evening air with their cumbia and chicken scratch

music. Community members of all ages who attended the Halloween festivities could also be seen enjoying

the meals from local food vendors.

The evening ended with filled bags of candy

for the children and eager parents ready to go home to "test" the treats.



A trick-or-treater receives a sweet treat from 2023-2024 Miss Gila River Mavis Thomas at this year's Trail of Doom at the Sacaton Fairgrounds. Velia Moncada/GRIN



A competitor attempts a deadlift during the Day of the Deadlift event that took place at this year's Trail of Doom. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Veteran's Corner

Submission

GRIC Veteran and Family Service Office

November is National Veterans and Military Family Month!

Happy Birthday Marines! November 10, 2023 the Marine Corps will be celebrating its 248th Birthday!



Marines are trained to improvise, adapt and overcome. Known as the First to Fight, Marines will not accept defeat. They are called Devil Dogs from the German term Teufelshunde in reference to their ferocity. Marines are not just a brotherhood and sisterhood; they are a warriorhood. Calling a Marine a Jarhead does not

insult them. It makes them stand taller with pride. This year, Marine Corps Birthday Balls are being held in some of the surrounding cities. To all of our Marine Brothers and Sisters, thank you for your service! Once a Marine, Always a Marine! Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful)! Ooh-rah!

The signing of the Armistice ended the fighting of WWI. Now **Armistice Day** is known as Veteran's Day.

Happy Veteran's Day to all of our Veterans and THANK YOU for your service! The Veteran and Family Services Office will host a Veteran's Day Luncheon on **Thursday, November 9, 2023** at the District 3 Multipurpose building. We are asking Veterans, their families and GRIC employee Veterans to join us at 11 am.

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 25 years old? If so, you are required by law to register for the **Selective Service**. You may register beginning 30

days before turning 18 years old. Currently, our military is voluntary. Registration is required should the U.S. ever reinstate the military draft. Failing to register can come with monetary fines +/- imprisonment. Failure to register will also prohibit Federal employment, State based student aid and other programs. You can register on-line via sss.gov or get SSS Form 1 from any Post Office.

If you are aware of military **headstones** that need to be replaced, please contact one of our Peer Support Specialists. The Veteran and location need to be identified for us to have the Headstone replaced. Peer Support Specialists: Wesley Rhodes 520-610-4384 and Darrell Whitman 520-610-2037

Our Veteran and Family Services Office is located at 264 S. Bluebird Road, Sacaton, AZ. Phone 520-610-5135.

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Tribal Health Symposium Focuses on Wellness with Cultural Awareness

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Gila River Indian News

Molina Healthcare of Arizona hosted its first Tribal Health Symposium focusing on holistic health and wellness for Native Americans at Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel & Casino in Maricopa on Tuesday, Oct 24. It allowed healthcare professionals serving Tribal communities to increase cultural awareness and tribal health training through meaningful engagement and connection.

The one-day event brought together over 100 healthcare professionals and provided information and resources on topics such as substance abuse recovery, behavioral health, physical wellness, support for children and families, traditional medicine, and veteran's healthcare. It also covered the missing and murdered indigenous people epidemic.

"We've had some really positive feedback," said Cassandra Peña, tribal liaison for Molina Health-

care and a member of Gila River Indian Community's District 6. "I've received an overwhelming response of praise and gratitude and just the event itself provided so much connection and teachings."

The event also included GRIC members Joseph Davis, Youth Council Coordinator for the Ak-Chin Indian Community, who provided a blessing for the event, and Pam Thompson, Director of Health and Human Services for the Ak-Chin Indian Community, who helped lead a work session on providing health and healing through art, music, play, and creative connection.

Planning for the symposium began back in February 2023, Peña said.

"It started with a vision when I first started thinking of how we can engage with tribal partners and bringing providers and health professionals together," she added. Peña has served as the tribal liaison for Molina Healthcare for over two years. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in social work and credits the

Community for assisting in her education by providing a scholarship through the Tribal Education Department.

"I tailored my education to support the work that I wanted to do post-grad," Peña said. "Working in tribal health was always my mission."

Her background includes working with the Phoenix-area Indian Health Service office in the Integrated Behavioral Health Department. She began as a social work intern and transitioned to a full-time temporary position as an analyst assistant.

In Peña's role with Molina Healthcare, she serves as a link between Tribal health programs, including the Indian Health Service, 638 tribally operated facilities, Urban Indian Health Programs, and non-tribal health care providers.

She also coordinates physical and behavioral health care for Molina's American Indian and Alaskan members and serves as an internal and external resource.



Molina Healthcare Tribal Liaison Cassandra Peña and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Peña began collecting data from tribal partners on whether this kind of event would be helpful and what they would like to see.

"It just grew from there," she said. "I had an interest; I had several topics that people wanted to see and so from that we formed a tribal health symposium planning committee, all including various tribal programs, urban Indian programs and providers."

The planning committee began identifying topics they could focus on along with speakers and presenters.

"I facilitated and led this effort through my passion and thinking of ways to engage meaningfully with the Community," Peña said.

She added that she is thankful to everyone who was involved in the planning and logistics of the symposium and noted, "I'm really grateful for my organization, Molina Healthcare, for believing in that vision as well and offering support," Peña said. Next year's Tribal Health Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 22, 2024, at a location to be determined.



Waylon Pahona, Hopi/Tewa/Maricopa Pee Posh, hosts a session on physical and mental wellness. Emma Hughes/GRIN

SESD'S "MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN" ASSEMBLY

Submission

Sacaton Elementary School District

Engaging students equals successful students. Until we make school the best part of every student's day, they will struggle with attendance, achievement, and graduation rates. Failure to engage students has resulted in students tuning out and dropping out. Finding new ways to connect with students is difficult. Getting them to choose to connect, engage and be present takes thinking outside the box.

Sacaton Elementary School District wants students and parents to know that good things can happen to those who participate and engage in learning. Building trust is key in this process. Even more so, being present in mind and body are keys to learning engagement. This initiative compliments our School Mission to "engage

students to take ownership of their learning, embrace the culture, and contribute to the world around them."

RESEARCH SAYS: Brain based learning tells us that working memory is stored in the brain's prefrontal cortex during instruction of **SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION, SPECIAL EVENTS** or information that is **REPEATED**. Working memory only stays in the prefrontal cortex for 3-7 days. If information is not **SIGNIFICANT, SPECIAL** or **REPEATED**, it will not be converted to long-term memory. Our goal as educators is to capture and hold working memory.

This year our school has developed a student engagement initiative: **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!** Our goal is not only to get kids to come to school but be present while doing so. It is important to do this consistently to capture work-

ing memory. Coming to school consistently results in presence of mind as well as body. Hence **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

This past Friday, October 27 - we had our 2nd Must be Present to Win District Assembly and we honored our Sacaton Braves that were present for 10 days, 15 days, 20 days, and 30 days in a row - and most especially our students who have Perfect Attendance this entire school year so far!

We will continue to honor our students and reward them for being here at school to get the most out of their educational experience! Thank you to our families and communities for their continued support in making sure our Sacaton Braves are in school and are cared for!

BIG THANK YOU to our Governing Board Members, President White and GB Member Kyvitan

for your support. Thank you to Governor Lewis and Tribal Education for taking

the time and coming out to support our students. Thank you to the Phoenix Suns, we

had GO the Gorilla make a special guest appearance!



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Students cheer with excitement at the school district's "Must Be Present to Win" assembly. Photo courtesy of Sacaton Elementary School District

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Photo of the Akimel O'otham Weaver's Circle on the last day of class. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Weaver's Circle from the front Page

getting students together so they can learn," said Wood.

Through June and July, the O'otham Weaver's class began with the harvest of Devil's Claw and preparing their tools for the art. As the heat from the outside lowered in temperature, the weavers were seen outside harvesting the materials of Willow and Cattail. "I know it's not ideal because those are the hottest months, but that is when the material is ready to be picked and start making your own basket,"

said Wood. All staples to a genuine O'otham Basket. Later, in August and September, the class spent their time inside the classroom at HHC processing their materials and taking the first steps in creating the foundation of their baskets.

"Learning baskets, for me, it was sort of a way of filling a gap and figuring out a part of who I am," said Pecusa. He, like many other students in the weaving class, began with a curiosity about how to make a basket and wanting to find a connection to their own cultural identity.

"The reason I became interested in weaving was to learn the culture," said Grace Porter, a student of the Akimel O'otham weaver's class and Community member from GRIC. Porter explained that her favorite part of the class was the different ways of learning how to make a basket but also how she was able to go into nature and gather the materials. This information would help in the future so she knows what to look for independently. She also mentioned that the most challenging part for her was the patience it took

to prepare the material used for the basket. "There's so much more to weaving



than people know, and I'm finding that out as I go," Porter said.

The class concluded on Sept. 30 with a new generation of 12 O'otham Weavers. The three instructors gifted student's basket-making tools and personal photos of their time in the weaver's class. Students learned that the images will be archived for the future O'otham people. Students also received honorary glycymeris shells for their completion in the class as they prepare to continue the art of O'otham basketry and only time will



Student weavers harvesting their willow for their baskets. Velia Moncada/GRIN

tell if they will take their place as the next generation Weavers.

CBCS Symphony from the front Page

class taught by GRIC member Ted Huerta, shared that interest in percussion has increased since the visit. CBCS also offers traditional music and dance classes, taught by former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

For more information on the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, visit phoenixsymphony.org



The Phoenix Symphony Orchestra perform for students at the Casa Blanca Community School on Oct. 24. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and District 1 Councilman Joey Whitman meet backstage with Phoenix Symphony Orchestra musicians. Emma Hughes/GRIN

**WINTER BIRD COUNT
DECEMBER 2, 2023**



7 AM: Meet at the location nearest you to receive your field assignment:

- District 3: Gila River Interpretive Trail
- District 5: Casa Blanca Chevron Station
- District 6: Komatke Chevron Station
- District 7: D7 Service Center



Huhugam Heritage Center
23159 S. Maricopa Rd.
11 AM: Cultural Activities Begin
1 PM: Bird Count Concludes



Please Note: Transportation is not provided for this event.

ALL MINORS must be accompanied by an ADULT



Career Fair Provides New Pathways for Success



A representative from Sacaton Elementary School District shares the current job opportunities the district has to offer. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Friday, Oct. 27, over a hundred participants gathered in Sacaton for the 29th Annual Career Fair hosted by the Gila River Employment & Training Dept. The organizer brought over 30 local employers, unions, and schools that regularly work with Employment & Training's clients to showcase all the opportunities for the potential workforce and offer information on their services.

"After being here for 18 years, these fairs are always successful and I hope more of our clients come out each year and take advantage of all the opportunities available," said Eulonda Martinez, Adult Program Super-

visor. "What today is really about is finding opportunities for people and helping them to become work ready and self-sufficient."

For anyone looking to expand their career horizons, the Gila River Employment & Training Dept.

remains one of the best resources for job placement, training opportunities, and more. This annual fair allows everyone to find what opportunities await them through the diverse partners present that day.

This year's fair also



Dr. Anthony Newkirk shares his life journey and how he found success for himself and creating Warriors Code Inc. Kyle Knox/GRIN

featured a motivational address from Warriors Code, Inc. CEO Dr. Anthony Newkirk, a client success story by Jose Munoz, a business attire fashion show, and a basket dance performance by the Keli Akimel Dancers.

"It was a great turnout, thank you to everyone for coming out. Employment and Training are here throughout the year, so if there's anything we can do to help you, please come see us; we're here for you," said Antoinette Speers, Employment & Training Director Mentee. Speers advocated for everyone to learn as much as they can about the employers present and to also utilize the Employment & Training services that can provide life skills and job readiness training in addition to job placements in the Community.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shared remarks before lunch and applauded the continued efforts of the Employment and Training. "For 29 years, we've been using this event to find employment for our Community members; it's amazing to see so many people out here today," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Gov. Lewis alluded to the ongoing and upcoming projects requiring a construction-ready workforce and encouraged participants to consider trade schools and unions.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone also shared encouragement



Models share some professional business outfits ideas for participants with clothing provided by the Dress for Success Program. Kyle Knox/GRIN

for those in attendance interested in finding employment. "After COVID-19, we know how important it was for our Community to find work again, so it's great

to see this fair continue for you all. Know that we support you all and hope you can find something here today," said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Skyline Homecoming from the front Page

Coolidge maintaining their lead in the second half. Regardless, it was apparent that the sustained energy of the crowd demonstrated the support the Mustangs gained throughout their first season.

"It's an honor to be here

for Skyline's first homecoming football game, it's a special night to be here for the crowning of their homecoming court along with our fellow Community members," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. He commends Skyline Gila River for starting a tackle football team this season. He encourages the Community to come and

support all their athletic programs, including volleyball and basketball.

"Aside from the score, looking at the big picture seeing the Community come out, announcing our homecoming royalty, and seeing the Governor [Lewis] tonight adds to what we're building here at Skyline with this program," said

Brianna Phillips, Assistant Success Coordinator at Skyline Gila River.



Skyline Gila River Homecoming King and Queen D'Only Michael and Demari Makil. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Skyline Gila River Homecoming Prince and Princess Isiah Fino and Lucianna Rivers. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with the Skyline Gila River Cheerleaders at the homecoming game. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The Skyline Gila River Cheerleaders root on the Skyline Gila River Football at homecoming. Kyle Knox/GRIN

KNOW THE COVID-19 AND FLU SYMPTOMS

Both COVID-19 and Flu Symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Headaches
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sore throat

Stay Home, See your Healthcare Provider & get tested
Look for emergency warning signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Continuous pain or pressure in chest
- New confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish face

For more information: Scan QR Code

Tribal Health Department (520)562-5100

REVOLT RUN
KELI AKIMEL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023
1 MILE | 5K | 10K | HALF MARATHON

REGISTER HERE

Start Time: 7AM
Hashan Kehk Baseball Fields
8458 Park St, Sacaton, AZ 85147

Registration Closes: November 14, 2023



HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Monica Antone
Lt. Governor

Gov. Lewis Shares Tribal Leadership Experience with Policy Students at Grand Canyon University's 'Public Square' Series

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

On Oct. 16, Governor Stephen Roe Lewis served as a guest speaker at a public square series event hosted by the Canyon Civic Institute at Grand Canyon University (GCU). As a university initiative to promote civic engagement and encourage students to pursue a career in public policy.

"We are so honored to have him on campus," said Tristan John-Jandles, stu-

dent legal assistant and the leader of the Canyon Civic Institute at GCU, introducing the Gila River Indian Community's Governor to the GCU undergraduate class of public policy and law students.

"It's an honor to be here," said Gov. Lewis as he stood before a student-filled classroom on the GCU campus. He shared topics ranging from the Community's cultural background, GRIC's military history,

GRIC's tribal gaming and enterprises, and the Community's constitutional government, along with describing his own personal and professional background as a leader in tribal government and the fight for GRIC's water rights.

"It's important for me as a tribal, Indigenous leader to present in front of the future leaders as it is important to hear the stories of the Indigenous nations and tribes as we continue to make a mark in sustainability and resiliency for the future," said Gov. Lewis.

Afterwards, students were encouraged to ask Gov. Lewis questions relating to the students' interest in public policy. Students listened attentively to his responses and advice for their future reference. Questions ranged widely as many were curious about how Gov. Lewis felt for the Community, his experience representing GRIC at President Biden's State of the Union



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Grand Canyon University students at the conclusion of the Oct. 16 'Public Square' presentation. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shares the cultural significance of his shell necklace with students. Velia Moncada/GRIN

address in Washington, and his understanding of what tools and resources were most helpful in protecting tribal lands.

Lauren Baker asked Gov. Lewis regarding his sentiments on resourceful tools in protecting tribal lands. Baker is a student

studying government with an emphasis in legal studies and a minor in philosophy. She is also a fellow for the Canyon Civic Institute and native to O'ahu, Hawaii.

Baker said, "What I learned from Gov. Lewis is the importance of natural resources, the importance

of honoring those who came before you, as well as bringing awareness to native rights and native law and it's just great having a meaningful conversation with someone who is influential and someone who is protecting native rights."

GRIC Community Court Welcomes CASA/GAL Program



Submission

GRIC Community Court

Dear Community Members,

The Gila River Indian Community Court is pleased to announce that the Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem (CASA/GAL) program is the newest member of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem Association for Children (National CASA/GAL). Gila River is the only tribal community in Arizona that has a National CASA certification. There are 20 other tribes in the United States that have this endorsement out of 574 federally recognized tribes.

The National CASA/GAL program is a network of over 940 programs that recruit, train, and support volunteers who advocate for the best interest of children who have been abused or neglected. CASA/GAL volunteers are appointed by the Court to provide a voice

for children who are wards of the court. The volunteers work to ensure children receive the necessary services and support to help them thrive in a safe and permanent home.

CASA/GAL of Gila River Indian Community Court will recruit and train volunteers from the Community to serve as advocates for vulnerable children. The program will work in collaboration with Tribal Social Services, service providers and the Court to ensure that the children's needs are met and their voices are heard. Volunteers will be assigned cases, work directly with children and appear in Court to provide reports on the children's status.

Gila River Indian Community Court Chief Judge Anthony Hill stated, "The Court is excited that the CASA/GAL program is coming to the Community and the Court is honored that the National CASA/

GAL chose to recognize the Community's program. I encourage all Community members to volunteer for this program and be a voice for our children. There are too many children in our Court system and each child deserves the right to be heard. CASA/GALs are that voice."

CASA/GAL's vision is for every child to be safe, nurtured and given the opportunity to grow while ensuring their culture and tribal identity are honored and preserved. The opening of CASA/GAL of the Gila River Indian Community is an exciting development. We are grateful for the support of our partners and volunteers who will make this program a success. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Sharon Banda, CASA/GAL Coordinator, at 520-562-9860 or Sharon.Banda.JUD@gric.nsn.us.

About the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem Association for Children.

The National CASA/GAL Association for Children, together with its state and local member programs, supports and promotes court appointed volunteer advocacy so every child who

has experienced abuse or neglect can be safe, have a permanent home and the opportunity to thrive. National

CASA/GAL Association offers leadership and support to the network of programs and leads its continued

growth. To learn more, visit nationalcasagal.org.

In honor of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, tonight the Gila River Indian Community joined the Lighting Arizona Purple Campaign. Illuminating objects in purple symbolizes promoting domestic violence awareness, strengthening communities, and providing essential resources for victims.

District 5 Water Tower

District 3 Water Tower

District 3 Multi-purpose Building

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT OUR TRADITION

"Lets Heal our Community"

Phoenix Indian Center's Silver & Turquoise Ball Presented by Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise Sets Fundraising and Attendance Records

Randy Kemp was Honored with the Leon Grant Spirit of Service Award

Submission

Phoenix Indian Center

Phoenix, AZ — Phoenix Indian Center's 40th Annual Silver & Turquoise Ball, presented by Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise, set records for fundraising and attendance for the second year, raising necessary dollars to support its vital programs and services. The event took place on October

20, 2023, at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, with the theme "Celebrating Our Voices."

"Each year, I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support for the Silver & Turquoise Ball benefiting the Phoenix Indian Center," said Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, CEO of Phoenix Indian Center. "From the artisans and businesses

who donate to our auction, the patrons who show up year after year to celebrate us, and the team who puts this experience together for our guests, this is truly a community event. And it's because of these individuals, that the Phoenix Indian Center can continue to provide essential services and programming to the urban Native American population here in Phoenix."

The Silver & Turquoise Ball featured over 280 silent auction items — including American Indian art, jewelry, gifts, and services from local businesses — valued at over \$100,000. Native American painter, printmaker, and award-nominated flute player Randy Kemp (Choctaw/Muscogee-Creek/Euchee) was honored with the Leon Grant Spirit of the Community Award. Guests enjoyed live entertainment and an Indigenous-inspired dinner curated by featured Chef Denella Belin (Diné).

Setting history as the first tribally-owned enterprise, Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise served as the Presenting sponsor. Other noteworthy sponsors for the event include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Foundation for Community Health & Advancement, Desert Diamond Casino West Valley, AZ Central/The Arizona Republic, CKP

Insurance, Diamond Sol, JPMorgan Chase & Co., ASU, Boeing, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Cox Communications, Casino Arizona at Talking Stick, Discover, Freeport-McMora, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, PENTA Building Group, and SRP.

About Phoenix Indian Center

The Phoenix Indian Center, established in 1947, is the oldest and first social service agency in the United States dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all, with services targeted to American Indian people. The Center



serves over 9,500 customers annually with intensive workforce development, prevention services, cultural enrichment, youth programming, and community engagement activities targeted toward adults and youth. Related outreach touches more than 30,000 urban American Indian children and their families annually. To learn more, visit www.phxindcenter.org.

About Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise

Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise, created in 1941, was established as a guild to foster the artistry of the Navajo people through silversmithing, rug weaving, painting, and other Navajo art. Through the decades, NACE expanded into an enterprise of the Navajo Nation to build and support the local economy.



Tohono O'odham singer Cloe Lopez performs during the Silver & Turquoise Ball in Phoenix. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Randy Kemp (center-left) accepts the Leon Grant Spirit of Service Award from the Grant family. Kyle Knox/GRIN

RIVER OF LIGHTS PARADE PRESENTS

HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S THEME BY CHOOSING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY MOVIE

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 2023

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Gila River Indian Community

2023 GENERAL ELECTION

DATE	EVENT
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023	VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS for the General Election, November 7, 2023
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023	VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSURES for the General Election
OCTOBER 4, 2023	GRIC Community Council certifies the election results from the Primary Election, held September 19, 2023
OCTOBER 6, 2023	ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS for the General Election
NOVEMBER 6, 2023	ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSURES for the General Election. All absentee ballots must be accepted by a District Judge or the Tribal Elections office by 5 pm.
November 7, 2023	GRIC GENERAL ELECTION DAY Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
NOVEMBER 13, 2023	DEADLINE TO PROTEST THE ELECTION: any registered voter can file a protest in writing to the Election Board Chairperson by 5:00 pm.
DECEMBER 6, 2023	GRIC Community Council certifies the election results from the General Election
JANUARY 1, 2024	Newly elected candidates for the Office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judges are sworn into office.

Announcements & Notices

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 IN THE RE: Case: CEDRIC STONE, Petitioner/Plaintiff
 VS. ROLAND WILLIAM BLACKWATER JR., Respondent/Defendant
 CASE Number: CY-2023-0165-MO
 TO: Roland William Blackwater Jr., 949 E. Roma Ave. #6, Phoenix, AZ, 85014
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court. YOU shall respond at an Answer/Response Hearing regarding this matter on:
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I,

AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
 YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.
 If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
 GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
 DATED this 26th day of September, 2023

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 TO: Manuel Hernandez, IN THE MATTER OF, MARGARET ROBLES
 CASE Number: PB-2023-00-18-DE
 CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
 Please take notice that a **Review Hearing** has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
 Monday, November 27, 2023 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ.
 Given under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
 DATED this 6th day of October, 2023

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 TO: Rochina Thomas and Jerald Teller
 IN THE MATTER OF, M.T.
 DOB: 10/7/2017 - Minor Child(ren)
 CASE Number: JC-2023-0208-CA
Summons
Petition for Customary Adoption
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, a Petition for Customary Adoption has been filed regarding your child/children in the Gila River Indian Community Children's Court. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter under the Gila River Indian Community Children's Code.
Answer/Response Hearing:
 DATE: October 27, 2023
 TIME: 11:00AM
 LOCATION: Westend Judicial Center 4751 West Pecos Road Laveen, AZ 85339



SPOOKTACULAR PET COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS
Winners selected by a panel of judges, except for fan favorite category

Most Original: Silas Food Vendor	Fan Favorite: Buster Angry Elder	Spookiest Costume: Link Infected Zombie
Best Costume: Chugg Super Mario	Funniest Costume: Kitypaws Beetlejuice	

FOUR RIVERS INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES*
 a division of Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc.

Attention Gila River Members!

Four Rivers has installed a new land line exclusively for community members. To skip the voice recording and be directly connected to the office, please contact us at **520-562-3902**. You can also contact us by using our current number 520-562-3369.

If you leave a voicemail, we will call you back!

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MARCH TO MUL-CHU-THA

WE RUN THE REZ RUN SERIES

SAVE THE DATES

5K RUN: DECEMBER 16, 2023
10K RUN: JANUARY 13, 2024
15K RUN: FEBRUARY 10, 2024
HALF MARATHON: MARCH 9, 2024

****1 MILE ELDER WALK AVAILABLE AT EACH RUN****

Additional information will be announced as event date approaches.

For more information contact:
 Rheanna Jackson at Rheanna.Jackson.CSD@gric.nsn.us
 Aleshia White at Aleshia.White.TRW@gric.nsn.us
 (520) 562-2026

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH NUTRITION PROGRAM PRESENTS:

2023 VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL EVENT IN HONOR OF NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

INCENTIVES FOR THE FIRST 80 PARTICIPANTS TO REGISTER, ATTEND EDUCATION WEBEX SESSION, AND COMPLETE THE SCAVENGER HUNT BY DECEMBER 1, 2023 AT 5PM

OPEN TO GRIC COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL MEMBERS

MANDATORY VIRTUAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION SESSION VIA WEBEX MONDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2023 6PM TO 7PM

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST: **CHANTEL TSINGINE (520) 610 - 2967**

Register with the link below
<https://forms.office.com/g/zYETCJd2Vh>

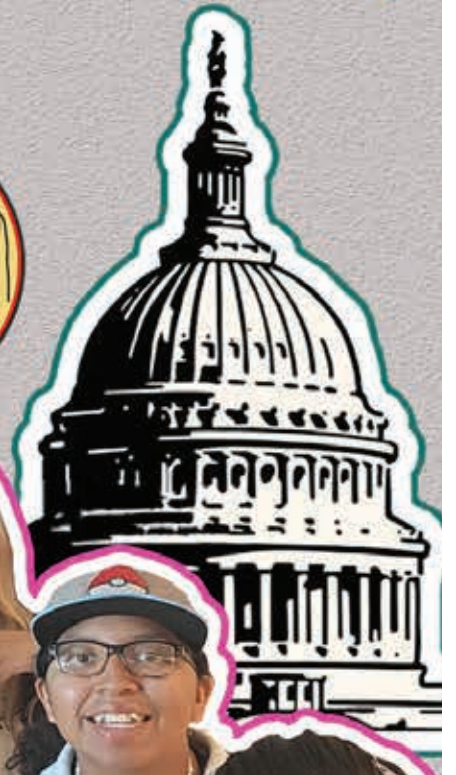
SCAN QR CODE

Registration Open October 23, 2023
 Registration Closes November 17, 2023

TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 433 WEST SEEDFARM ROAD SACATON, AZ 85147
 (520) 562-5100

2024 Washington Youth Tour June 14-21, 2024

APPLY FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!



- Must be a high school junior
- Must be an enrolled GRIC member
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must submit application and essay
- Deadline **December 1, 2023**

Visit www.gricua.net for more info



Submission
United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Pima Agency



NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS FOR LEASING OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pima Agency, on behalf of the allotted landowners, provides notice under Sealed Bids for the advertisement of available land for farming lease on trust or restricted Indian land. We will be accepting SEALED BIDS ONLY for the purpose of leasing agricultural lands to the highest bidder through November 30, 2023. All bids must be delivered to the Pima Agency's Superintendent by U.S. Postal Mail or personally deliver sealed bids to the Pima Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. The bid must be received at Pima Agency by November 30, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., to be considered as an acceptable bid offer. Bids will be opened and read at Pima Agency at 2:00 p.m. on November 30, 2023.

Bids must be enclosed in separate envelopes and each plainly marked, "SEALED BID ON FARMING LEASE, ITEM NO. _____, TO BE OPENED ON November 30, 2023." Mail bids to Pima Agency, P.O. Box 8, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 or deliver to 104 North Main Street, Sacaton, Arizona 8514 7.

ITEM	DISTRICT	TRACTS AND ACRES AVAILABLE
No.1	5	See attachment Exhibit "A" - 80.00 acres

Each offer of the bid must include the allotment number and legal description of the land to be leased, proposed conditions being offered including Bid/Dollar Per Acre Price and Term of Lease, being from one to ten years. In order to submit an acceptable tract bid, the bidder must propose a fair market value bid offer. The term of any lease bid accepted will begin on January 1, 2024, and will expire on the date negotiated under the lease terms. If your bid is accepted, the Superintendent, Pima Agency will provide notification that your bid has been accepted and will provide you with the lease documents and instructions to submit the executed lease agreement along with the supporting documentation needed to execute and approve the lease. The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids that do not meet the bid advertisement requirements. Bids may also be rejected by the Superintendent using her discretionary authority for any terms and rent. If this occurs, negotiation may resolve the issue(s) before any final rejection of a successful scaled bid.

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Big Knife, Realty Specialist, at the Pima Agency at (520) 562-3376 or samantha.bigknife@bia.gov.

Exhibit "A" Schedule of Lands

Allotment No.	Section	Township	Range	Acres
3410	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
3417	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
3418	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
3419	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
3413	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
3414	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
3415	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
3416	03	04 South	04 East	10.00
Total				80.00

Crossroads: Casa Blanca Road & Gopher Road

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Oct. 18, 2023

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Ann Lucas

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson(9:11); D5- James De La Rosa(9:08), Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.(9:35); D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans(9:35)

Council Members Absent:

D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #8 AND #9 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE RESOLUTION #4 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 AND #7; ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER

CHIEF JUDGE ANTHONY HILL ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER GORDON SANTOS, JR DISTRICT 5

(15-minute reception to follow in the Governance Center lobby)

COUNCILMAN GORDON SANTOS, JR. IS SEATED AS THE MEETING RECONVENES.

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 424 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3284 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1356 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian

Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2318-B Located On Allotted Trust Land In District One Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 3621 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2700 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AL OF AGENDA

8. A Resolution Authorizing Clint Buckelew To Reside At The Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park Located Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation From November 9, 2023 To December 29, 2023 Pursuant To GRIC Code Section 8.902.H (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

TABLED

9. A Resolution Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The State Of Arizona And The Gila River Indian Community To Accept Two Million (\$2,000,000) Dollars From The State Of Arizona To Pave Seedfarm Road And To Provide A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity Solely For The Purpose Of Enforcing The Provisions Of The Agreement And Enforcing Any Arbitration Award Up To The Amount Of The Costs Paid By The State To The Community And For No Other Purpose (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Steve Johnson, Sreedevi Manthra

TABLED

10. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP For Fiscal Year 2024 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

11. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC For Fiscal Year 2024 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

12. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Peter Mock Groundwater

Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2024 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

13. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Engineers, LTD For Fiscal Year 2024 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upper Valley Tour (NRSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Natural Resources Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND THE UPPER VALLEY TOUR UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

MINUTES

1. October 4, 2023 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• COUNCIL WORK SESSION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. VEE QUIVA HOTEL & CASINO

• D4 PUBLIC SAFETY GROUND BLESSING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT 7:00 A.M.

• WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

• EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE AND HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:51 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

GRIN Blotter Community Wide Crimes (Oct. 16th - Oct. 29th)

Crimes by District

	District 1	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	4			2	1
BURGLARY		1				
DRUG VIOLATION		1	1		2	
SIMPLE ASSAULT	5	11	7	8	2	1
THEFT	1		10		1	
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	1	1	2	3	

TOP 6 Offenses	Count
SIMPLE ASSAULT	34
THEFT	12
WEAPONS OFFENSE	8
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8
DRUG VIOLATION	4
BURGLARY	1
Grand Total	67

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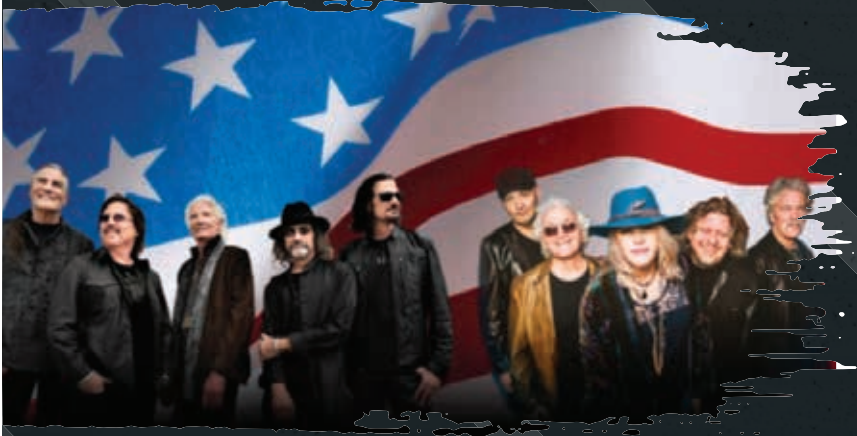


NOV 11 | 8PM

90'S REWIND

*FEATURING ROB BASE, TONE LOC,
C+C MUSIC FACTORY, DIGITAL
UNDERGROUND,
TAG TEAM, & CANDYMAN*

AT WILD HORSE PASS



NOV 18 | 8PM

GRAND FUNK RAILROAD

WITH JEFFERSON STARSHIP

AT WILD HORSE PASS



NOV 25 | 8PM

**NATIVE AMERICAN ALL-STAR
COMEDY NIGHT**

AT WILD HORSE PASS



DEC 1 | 8PM

CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA

AT WILD HORSE PASS

**MORE
UPCOMING
SHOWS**

- DEC 2 | LEANN RIMES
- DEC 3 | ABBAFAB HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS
- DEC 8 | ERNEST
- DEC 9 | THE STRUTS



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