



Honoring a Legacy: William “Billy” Allen Inducted into the Casa Grande Union High School Hall of Fame

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Gila River Indian News

On Thursday, Sept. 14, William “Billy” Allen was inducted into the Casa Grande Union High School (CGUHS) Hall of Fame. CGUHS bestowed this honor at a Honoree Barbecue banquet, where he shared the stage with six other esteemed teachers who significantly impacted their students at CGUHS. Highlights of Billy Allen’s professional career were recited during the banquet.

Billy was born in the old Sacaton hospital and raised in Va’aki or Casa Blanca. For over three decades, Allen served as a teacher and coach, providing a fundamental role for the O’otham Community, not only as a cultural educator but also as a mentor in the lives of the students and athletes he taught.

Mr. Allen received his bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education in 1975 and spent a year and a half with Sacaton Public Schools. Along the way, he earned a Master’s in Education in 1987, both degrees were from Arizona State

University. He began at CGUHS in 1977 and during those years he taught American Indian/ O’otham studies, American History, and O’odham Language classes. Allen retired in 2009.

“I feel honored,” said Allen, before receiving his award. “I think the big thing that helped was when we won the 1981 State Cross Country Championship,” he stated as he recalled the runners on that team. Allen spent 20 years as the cross-country and assistant track coach at CGUHS. His coaching was simply sharing his knowledge of track and cross country gained from Manuel Quintanar and George Young, of Central Arizona College.

“Billy was the staple here in our social studies department, he taught at the very beginning in what was called Indian Education and he taught history. He shared the love of his Community, the love of the history of this country with so many of the students; He changed their lives,” said Donna



William “Billy” Allen is congratulated by Dr. Christopher Lineberry, Principal of Casa Grande Union High School. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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GRIC Hosts NAFOA Fall 2023 Finance & Tribal Economies Conference at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass



On Oct. 3 David DeJong, Project Director, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis served on a panel highlighting GRIC’s innovative water management, moderated by Don Pongrace, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

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The Native American Financial Officer Association kicked off its 2023 Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference on Monday, Oct. 2, at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. For two days, participants discussed the current trends in tribal economic development and shared resources with tribal financial professionals and tribal leaders, paving the way for innovative new ways to approach tribal economic developments.

On the first day, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis served as the opening speaker, welcoming hundreds of attendees to the Community as the host site this year. And in true host fashion, Community members provided a cultural opening performance by the Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudk Dam dance group and color guard duties provided by the Pee Posh Veterans Association members and Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84.

“NAFOA offers best practices for everyone in these settings which is important because we’re in a truly historic moment when it comes to building out infrastructure in Indian Country and expanding our economic footprint,” said Gov. Lewis during his opening remarks. “Innovation and resiliency are what we want to harness during this conference and we’re honored to host you all here, the largest in the history of NAFOA, and offer our greetings and hospitality.”

Later that morning, Gov. Lewis served on the “An Innovative Approach to Funding New Construction in Indian Country” panel, where he outlined the new 105(l) lease program. During this time, Gov. Lewis shared how the Community utilized this new leaseback program from the federal government to build out the Gila Crossing Community School,

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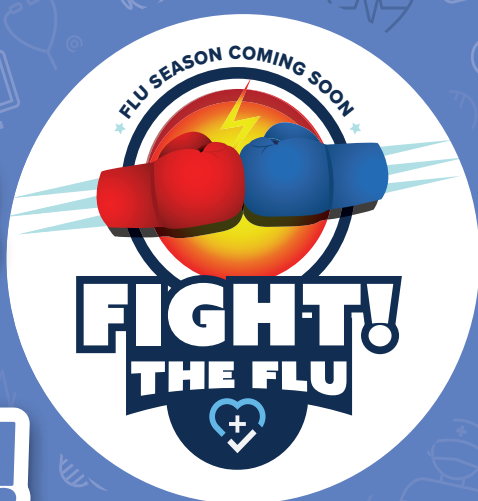
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Skateboard Trade Up Makes for a Great Evening in District 5

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As the evening sky changed into the night, at 6:00 p.m., the sky painted a beautiful sunset among the District 5 service center. GRIC youth and adults skated onto the premises of the basketball courts to a newly custom-built mini ramp and skateboard trade-up on Saturday, Sept. 16. Community-based skateboard company Seven Layer Army hosted the free event called "Ridez for the Rez" to showcase the donated skate ramp on behalf of the Cowtown S.K.A.T.E. non-profit.

The mini ramp was custom-built for the "Skate Hemapai at the Heard: Celebration of Skateboarding, Culture, Art, and Community" hosted by Cowtown Skateboards and Cowtown S.K.A.T.E who partnered with Seven Layer Army on June 17 of this year. It was there that Trent Martin, founder of Cowtown Skateboards, Cowtown S.K.A.T.E, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Seven Layer Army agreed to donate the skate ramp to GRIC.

"We built this ramp with the intent of building it to donate to an Indigenous community, and we really wanted to donate it to District 5 in the Gila River Indian Community," said Martin, mentioning that the ramp was hand-painted by Zachary Justin, District 6. They felt it was appropriate to donate the ramp to the artist's homelands.

"We were trying to figure out which district didn't have a park or anything to skate and it was District 5. As it was in the middle of the Community, so we said



Paul Molina, Reuben Ringlero, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Trent Martin, founder of Cowtown Skateboards and Cowtown S.K.A.T.E pose for a photo at the dedication of the new custom mini-skate ramp at District 5. Velia Moncada/GRIN

bring the ramp to District 5," said Reuben Ringlero, District 6, and of Seven Layer Army. He said he was looking forward to presenting the new mini ramp to the Community and offering new skaters with new boards or current skaters a chance to trade in their old skateboards for a new board from Cowtown S.K.A.T.E.

"I'm just so grateful that they came out and did this for the district, it's nice seeing them support our tribes. It brings joy to our hearts," said Victoria Ruiz, District 3. Ruiz brought her family

to partake in the event, sharing her enjoyment of the sport, and

watching the youth skateboard. Jayden Savage, from the Navajo Nation, was also seen skating around the court with his new Cowtown board. He said he attended the event with his brother as they both improved their skateboarding techniques.

The Rides for the Rez event ended at 8:00 p.m. with Seven Layer Army distributing skateboards and skate-related items among the gathered attendees in celebrations of the newest addition to District 5.



Dozens gather to swap out their old skateboards for new skateboards. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Jayden Savage shows off the new skateboard he received in District 5 on Sept. 16. Velia Moncada/GRIN



A representative from Cowtown's non-profit teaches a Community youth to balance and skate board at Ridez for the Rez. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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Skyline Gila River Mustangs Show Promise at First Tackle Football Home Game

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Gila River Indian News

As dusk approached on Thursday, Sept. 28, the Skyline Gila River Mustangs took to the field hosting Heritage Gateway Academy from Mesa. Under bright lights and to roars of the supporting crowd, the stage was set for the first home game of the Skyline Gila River High School's inaugural tackle football program.

Community youth comprise most of the football first team, led by coach



Players await the inside kick from the opposing team during the second half. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Darius Turner, for this season's first-ever tackle football season. The team has two wins and two losses, having defeated Heritage Academy 34-28 at their first home game.

Skyline Gila River competes in the Canyon Athletic Association. The association is distinct, with teams from across the region participating in eight-man gameplay instead of traditional 11-player matches on the field.

John Davis, District 5, was at the game to support his son, Ino Davis, and nephew Dominik Arredondo. "This program is giving our boys a healthy outlet to be productive while in school, so it's good to see how well they're doing for the first season," said Davis. He said he enjoys attending the games with fellow GRIC members and supporting their children as a Community. Davis saw the progress the boys had made since the summer, and to see them build off the experience each game presented was gratifying.

Also spotted in the

cheering audience was District 4 member Trina Hart. She attended to support the team and her grandson, Elijah Hart. She saw the school go from flag football to tackle and mentioned that Elijah was having fun playing tackle football. "We're a Community so everyone should come out and get involved and support our youth because every little bit helps, and I want to see more of our people here," said Hart.

She said the sportsmanship, camaraderie, and coaches are what her grandson find most satisfying as a player.

"I'm really excited for our team and seeing them learn new skills on the field and it's apparent that our teachers, staff, and families are excited too," said Keith Brown, Skyline Gila River Principal.

"Our coaches are stressing academics first, so football is being used as a motivator for our students to strive for academic success and serve as good citizens, so I hope more of the Community can come



Junior, Phillip Rocha successfully completes a route into the end zone during the second half of the Mustangs first home game. Kyle Knox/GRIN

out and see what we're doing here with the football program and all our athletic programs.

Brown said that football has created a noticeable difference among the team regarding attendance, behavior, and grades. He's proud of how well the team performs on and off the field.

"We're in a really good league, but our goal is to make the playoffs this season. Our boys are putting in the work and the long-term goal is to win a championship," said Daveda Taylor, Skyline Gila River's Athletic Director. "These kids work really hard and they're

from the Community and I hope that GRIC knows that we're here serving their youth and we want them to see how dedicated and disciplined they are," said Taylor.

Taylor would especially like to see the Community come out for their homecoming game on Thursday, Oct. 19, where they will take on Imagine Coolidge at 7 p.m.



Skyline Gila River offense line sets up for a 2-point conversion at the Sept. 28 game against Heritage Gateway Academy. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Submission

St. Peter Indian Mission School

Our Blessings continue

1993- New Basketball Court, thanks to the Phoenix Suns

1994- New 3 stall garage; back court was resurfaced and relined.(Hancock Hornes) 1996-New floors, floor coverings and cupboards in all classrooms (Joe Garagiola)

1997- New Convent for the Sisters (Hancock Homes) Addition of a new restroom and shower facility(Joe Garagiola)

1999- New 'Feast-house', large meeting room with restrooms and kitchen for the school and parish community. (Joe Garagiola)

2000- 'Awesome Fox Field', a 4 acre soccer, football, baseball field with track was grassed and irrigated and field lights installed (Joe Garagiola)

2002- Monastery was renovated (Hancock Communities)

2004- A blue shade was installed over the 'Center Court' .(NIH)

- The Church was air-conditioned;(Trane)

- The air conditioning in the monastery was replaced. (Trade) School Dining Room was air-conditioned(TraneO

2005- An even larger blue shade was installed over the practice court just east of

the adobe school. This shade is a gift from Curt Schilling.-Shade Foundation-

2007- Automated gates and outdoor security cameras installed.(school)

2015- Shea Foundation renovation of school (Grant)

- New School Kitchen
- Pre-School Building and playground


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- 24 outdoor security cameras

2019- Building of the Primary School and Science Room, Restrooms,(Shea Foundation) and new Primary Playground on East Side of Mission


-*5 classrooms, Children's restroom, Adult restroom.

This year, St.Peter Indian Mission School, is celebrating it's 100 Anniversary! We have had several Community Celebrations for our Centennial and to make this event *educationally*. St. Peter High School has welcomed it's first Freshman Class.

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Veteran's Corner - October 2023

Submission by
GRIC Veteran and Family
Service Office

Anchors Aweigh and
Happy Birthday to all those
who served in the US Navy!

This resolution of
the Continental Congress
marked the establishment
of what is now the United
States Navy on October 13,
1775.

“Resolved, That a swift
sailing vessel, to carry ten
carriage guns, and a propor-
tionable number of swivels,
with eighty men, be fitted,
with all possible despatch,
for a cruise of three months,
and that the commander be
instructed to cruize east-
ward, for intercepting such

transports as may be laden
with warlike stores and oth-
er supplies for our enemies,
and for such other purposes
as the Congress shall direct.

That a Committee of
three be appointed to pre-
pare an estimate of the ex-
pense, and lay the same
before the Congress, and
to contract with proper per-
sons to fit out the vessel.

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vessel be fitted out for the
same purposes, and that the
said committee report their
opinion of a proper vessel,
and also an estimate of the
expense.”

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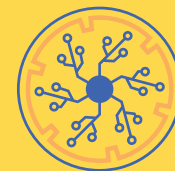
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and rooster tattooed on the
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animals were often kept in
wooden crates, they were
likely to float to shore in the
event of a shipwreck. For
the Sailors, having the tat-
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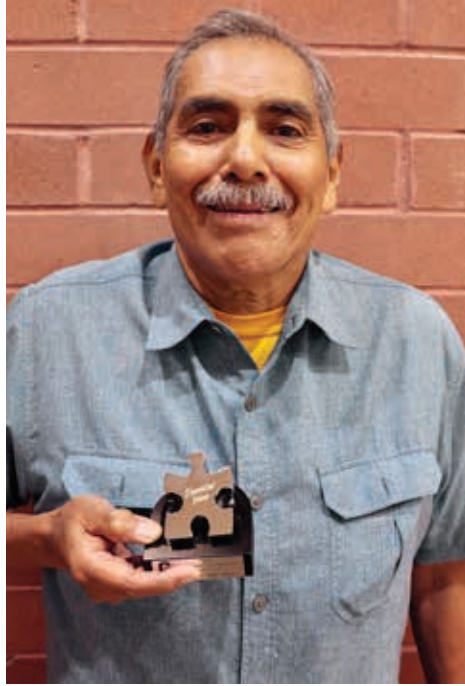


Billy Allen from the front page

Telles, Assistant Principal of Activities at CGUHS, recognizing Mr. Allen’s journey at the school. She explains his warm hellos in the hallways and his influence beyond the classroom as a dedicated coach. Mr. Allen also served as the social studies chair and president of the teacher’s association.

“He made us realize our worth,” said Steve Nasewyte, District 3, as he shared his memories of Mr. Allen. Steve Nasewyte was the first of many O’otham runners to become elite Arizona high school runners Allen would coach. He said that Mr. Allen taught Nasewyte the importance of embracing diversity as an Indigenous person, living with simplicity, and cultivating gratitude. “He is someone that I looked up to, other than my mom,” he said.

Mr. Allen and others were also introduced during halftime of the CGUHS vs. Maricopa High School Homecoming football game on Sept. 15. When Mr. Allen was introduced, he was greeted with “Sa:p kaij, Billy?” The emcee was a long time employee who used to ask Mr. Allen for O’otham phrases, an example of Mr. Allen’s dedication and passion for teaching. When you



William “Billy” Allen holds his award presented to him from the Casa Grande Union High School for his acceptance into their Hall of Fame for teachers. Velia Moncada/GRIN

see Mr. Allen approach him and say, ‘Sa:p kaij?’ (What do you say?)



Vashai Gakithag Mashath – Dry Grass Month/Moon

**This submission pertains to the month of Sept.*

Submitted by
Huhugam Heritage Center

The name for this month refers to the time of year when the landscape and vegetation begins to dry out from the summer growing season. Later on during this month, the Autumnal Equinox takes place and signifies the arrival of fall. Days become shorter and nights longer. This month marks the second full moon of our children’s return back to in-person learning on many of our Community’s school campuses.

In this article, we will talk about school items used in your daily school lessons. In your classrooms, you probably have some of these items in your desks and bookshelves. We will go through these items and give hints as to what these O’otham words mean. The first is Ha-mashchamtham, this person gives you instruction on a daily basis. Hashpakuḍ, you use this white liquid to bind things together. Thapial-ki’ishpakuḍ, with this tool you cut things like paper and fabric. I-ma:sichakuḍ, these items come in a box and are of many shades.

Kosthal, this accessory you wear on your back to carry school books and other items. Kuinthakuḍ, with this tool, you measure things. Ohonakuḍ, you probably have several of these

items in your desk, some contain graphite lead and others different colors of ink. Thapial-si:shpakuḍ, with this small metal object, you temporarily bind sheets together. I-wa:nakuḍ, this object is made of rubber and you use it to remove your mistakes. Ohon, you probably have a lot of these in your classroom on a shelf, or in a drawer. E-mashchamtham, this person learns things and they can be of any age. Thapial, some of these items have lines so you can write on them, others are blank so you can draw on them.

This month’s crossword puzzle will test your memory of school items used on a daily basis in your classrooms. We encourage you to learn and speak these O’otham words in your everyday lives. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and learn how to say the words. Words may be slightly different between villages. See if you can match the O’otham word with its English name in the crossword puzzle.

A special Thank You to the Community Elders for sharing their knowledge of items used in the classroom.

Crossword Puzzle Solution on Page 11



William “Billy” Allen (third from left) along with other honored Casa Grande Union High School teachers inducted into the CGUHS Hall of Fame on Sept. 14. Velia Moncada/GRIN

September 2023, School & Classroom Items Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Teacher
3. Scissors
7. Pen, Pencil
9. Eraser
10. Book
11. Student

Down

2. Glue
4. Crayons
5. Backpack
6. Ruler
8. Paper Clip
12. Paper

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CSD Staff enjoy a day of games and appreciation

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Gila River Indian News

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease, the Gila River Indian Community has slowly returned to a sense of normalcy. On Sept. 19, the Community Services Department (CSD) recognized their staff for their hard work during the pandemic.

CSD held a special event at the District 3 Multi-purpose building at 8 a.m. called Community Services Day or “CSD Day” to honor their 340 committed employees for a gratifying celebration.

“The event today is to show appreciation to our CSD employees coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. They were considered frontline staff by providing services to the Community,” said Laurie Thomas, Community Services Dept., Director. “This is our opportunity to network and get to know one another. And this is our first time gathering since the pandemic.”

The CSD Day featured motivational guest speakers and numerous group activities ranging from sports obstacle courses and games to cake walks and trivia.



CSD employees enjoyed food and baked good served by the GRIC Tribal Recreation & Wellness Center staff. CPAO Photo



CSD staff enjoy a game of cake walk inside the District 3 Multi-purpose lobby for a variety of prizes. CPAO Photo





Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended CSD Day and assisted with the drawing of tickets for raffle prizes. CPAO Photo

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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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A bird dancer performs in the morning of the second day of the conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN

NAFOA Conference from the front page

Casa Blanca Community School, and the new Gila River Police Department facility.

Rodney Butler, Chairman of Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, and Mike Lettig, National Executive, KeyBank Native American Financial Services, served on the panel with Gov. Lewis and shared the successes being made and outlined the potential of the 105(l) program in Indian Country.

On day two, the morning session began again, demonstrating GRIC's rich culture by performing Pee Posh bird songs and dancing for the audience.

Then, as the program proceeded, the Community showcased its groundbreaking strategies for water conservation. David DeJong, Project Director, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, joined Gov. Lewis on the "Innovation in Water Management" panel, where they highlighted projects

that have allowed GRIC to establish policies that fund projects that secure GRIC water rights, utilize solar-over canal panels, a return of the Community's riparian wetlands, and fostering a healthy habitat for wildlife. Additionally, Gov. Lewis shared the unique ways this work contributes to conserving water that benefits all involved, including nearby communities like Chandler.

"Since time immemorial, everything we needed to sustain us, as a people, was found at the river so when we established our managed aquifer recharge sites we knew this would lessen our dependence on the Colorado River, but more importantly help us to protect the lifeline of our people using Gila River water," said Gov. Lewis.

As the panel closed, Gov. Lewis imparted the Community's progressive strategies for managing tribal resources to ensure social and economic longevity into the future.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis opens the conference, welcoming everyone to GRIC and the renowned Sheraton Grand Resort. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Keli Akimel Hua Modk Cudk Dam dancers perform a basket dance for everyone on day one of the NAFOA conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Arizona Cardinals Donates \$5,000 to the Gila River Fire Dept.



Arizona Cardinals owner Michael Bidwill hands Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis a check for \$5,000 for the Gila River Fire Dept.'s Firefighters Apprenticeship Scholarship Program. Photo courtesy of HUB 1111

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

On Sunday, Sept. 24, the Arizona Cardinals hosted dozens of Community members for the annual Community Day game for the sold-out match against the Dallas Cowboys. The Arizona Cardinals organization made a \$5,000 donation to the Gila River Indian Community's Fire Department for their crisis response team and apprentice program.

Before the game, Ira H. Hayes, American Legion Post 84 color guard, presented colors during the singing of the National An-

them as Cardinals owner Michael Bidwill presented the check to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis on behalf of the Arizona Cardinals.

The ongoing partnership is one that Gov. Lewis appreciates greatly, and admires the direction of the Cardinals organization and owners, having provided numerous contributions to GRIC. Gov. Lewis cites the monetary donations, football camps for youth, and ticket donations for the day's game serves as a true hallmark of the strong partnership GRIC maintains with the Arizona Cardinals.

"This funding is going directly to our GRFD crisis

response team that helps our Community when their going through a wide variety of crisis, it means a lot for the Cardinals to provide this support for something that's going to make a big difference at critical times our people face," said Gov. Lewis.

Also in attendance was Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. "As our Community continues to grow our GRFD also needs to grow, so today's donation will go a long way in securing equipment, training, and other needs to help our first responders. I can't thank the Cardinals enough," she said.

"Our fire fighters and



The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 color guard takes to the field for the posting of colors before the kick-off Sunday Sept. 24. Photo courtesy of HUB 1111

crisis response teams serve 365 days a year so I want to say thank you again to the Arizona Cardinals and our first responders for all that you do in keeping our Community safe," said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Though Dallas Cowboys fans packed State Farm Stadium with blue, it was a good day for the Cardinals, who were victorious against the Cowboys, winning 28 to 16. But, it was an even remarkably better day for the Community, benefiting from the monetary and ticket donations from the Arizona Cardinals.



Arizona Cardinals players warm up prior to their match up against the Dallas Cowboys. Photo courtesy of HUB 1111

Gila River Indian Community Praises Decision to Block Voter Suppression Laws in Arizona

Judge's ruling will keep tribal members from providing proof of residency requirements

Press Release

Communications & Public Affairs Office

Sacaton, AZ – The Gila River Indian Community received a favorable ruling in a lawsuit against the State of Arizona with regards to voting rights of tribal members and other plaintiffs against HB 2492, a law signed by former Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey.

On Sept. 14, 2023, U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton ruled against a 2022 state law that required proof of a physical address and other provisions that suppress Native American voters from casting ballots.

“The Gila River Indian Community is pleased with the decision, which will ensure our Community members can exercise their right to vote using tribal identification and our reservation addresses,” said Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis signs the proclamation declaring Oct. 10, 2022 as “Porter and Johnson Day” in recognition of GRIC members Peter Porter and Rudolph Johnson, who were denied the right to vote in 1928. Emma Hughes/GRIN

“We continue to fight for our voice to be heard through our vote and will challenge any attempts to suppress our votes, because as we have shown in the last several elections our Community’s vote counts and the Native vote matters.”

Judge Bolton’s ruling

blocked voting laws that would require tribal members, who rely on P.O. Boxes, from providing a standard street address when registering to vote, which would have disproportionately targeted tribal members who live on the reservation.

GRIC and ASU’s Indian Legal Clinic partner to assist with Estate Planning

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

On Friday, Sept. 29, the Arizona State University (ASU) American Indian Legal Clinic partnered with the Community, where law students assisted with estate

planning at the District 5 Service Center.

Eight law students from Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law served 16 Community members by establishing a power of attorney

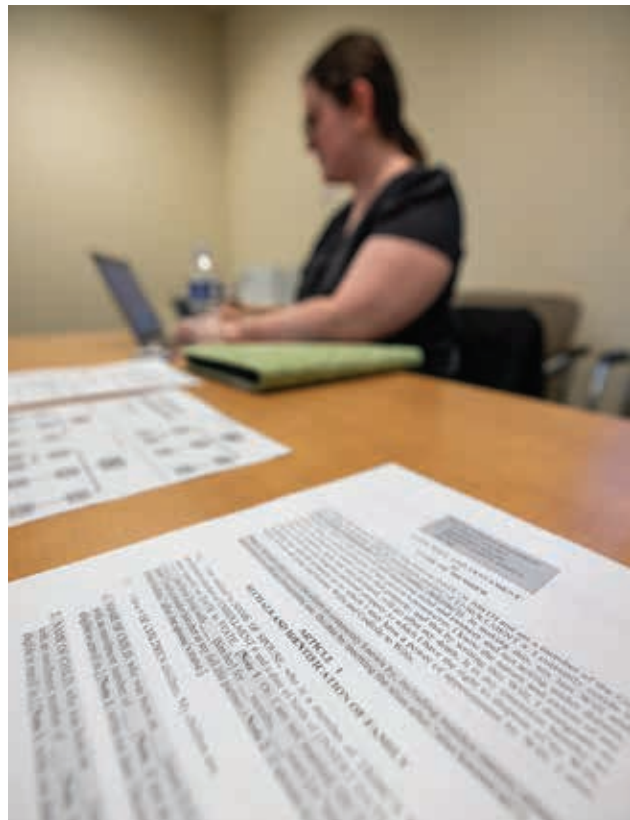
and a last will and testament to aid in their asset planning in the case of an emergency or death.

For Native American families who own land, planning the distribution of land and significant assets among family members remains imperative, given the passing of an individual landowner.

“I encourage everyone to complete a will because it makes the process easier when it comes to homes and assets because without one it forces the Community to make those decisions when it should be made by the individual,” said Laurie Thomas, Director of the GRIC Dept. of Community Services.

Thomas shared that a similar clinic took place in 2022 and found that individuals filled up the registration quickly. She decided that additional clinics were necessary for 2023 and was thankful ASU could commit more students this year.

“ASU is providing such a crucial service for our elders and the students are very supportive and welcoming to everyone,” said



An ASU law student prepares documents that will assist Community members plan their estate. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning

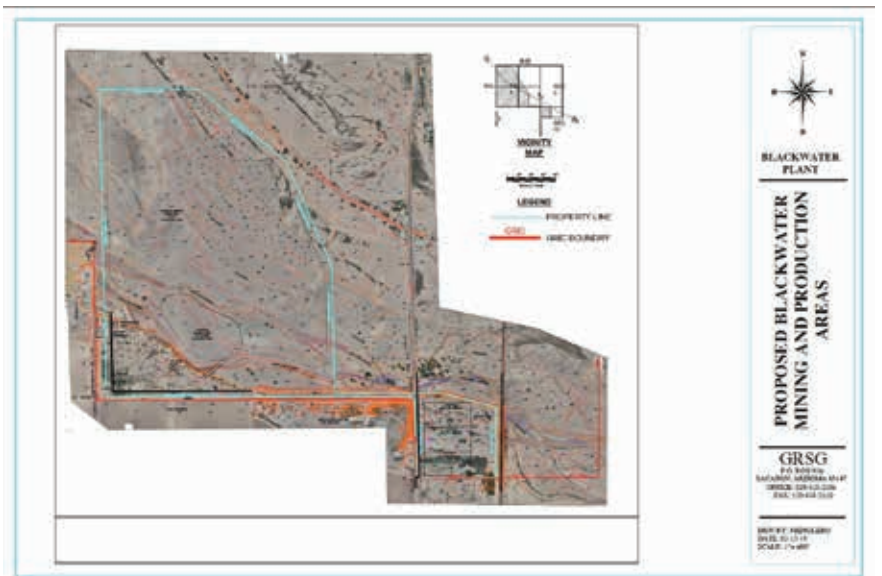
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Project Name: Gila River Sand & Gravel Corp.- Blackwater Site
For: Special Use Permit
Location: East of Kenworthy Rd. & Mayfield Rd.
Date and Time of Public Hearing: October 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Place: District One Service Center – Aerobics Room

Notice is hereby given that the Gila River Indian Community’s Natural Resources Standing Committee on **Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in District One at 15747 N. Shegoi Rd. Coolidge, AZ 85128, will hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a Special Use Permit Application submitted by Gila River Sand & Gravel Corporation for their Blackwater site to be used for aggregate mining.

The public hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed Special Use and allow the Natural Resources Standing Committee to review and verify that the proposed Special Use, as it is submitted, contains such requirements and safeguards as are necessary to protect adjoining property and the public’s health and safety.

Public comments can be submitted prior to the public hearing by emailing the Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning at LUPZSupportGroup@gric.nsn.us and Cc PlanningDevelopmentTeam@gric.nsn.us. Any questions may be directed to Corinna Ortiz, Project Manager at PlanningDevelopmentTeam@gric.nsn.us or at (520) 562-6003.



If you have any questions, please contact Planning Development Team at Department of Land Use Planning & Zoning (520) 562-6003 Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center-left) and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone (center-right) join the ASU Indian Legal Clinic students and Four Rivers Indian Legal Services at District 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. “Establishing a will provides such a great sense of relief for the family and elders here today and I can’t thank ASU’s American Indian Legal Clinic enough for assisting our elders.”

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone also attended and said, “Today is all about future planning and I’m happy when I see the relief it brings to the elders.” Lt. Gov. Antone was pleased with how prepared the elders were and the level of trust in the students to properly handle their documents.

The Four Rivers Indian Legal Services also assisted

with the clinic by providing witnesses and notary services to bind the documents legally. Also supporting this

effort was the GRIC Enrollment Department, which will securely store the documents for future use.



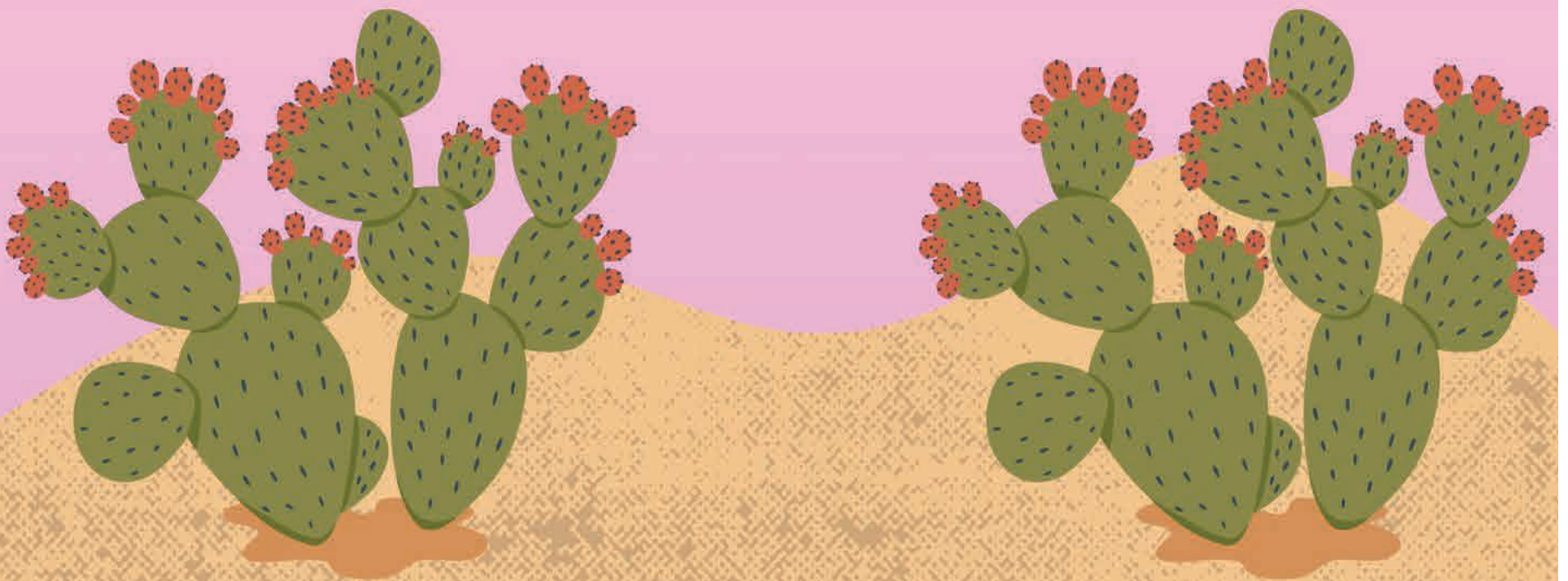
A Community elder successfully completes their estate documents on the first day of the clinic. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Save the Date

Winter Bird Count

December 2nd, 2023



COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Sept. 20, 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, September 20, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

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 (9:19); D5-

Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr.

Council Members Present via WebEx:

D5- James De La Rosa

Council Members Absent:

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (Travel)

D6- Charles Goldtooth (Travel)

D6- Terrance Evans (Travel)

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Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Jennifer Burkhalter

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Presenters: Shannon White

APPROVED

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Presenters: Cheryl Pablo

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Tribute 2023



October 13

West Cemetery, Sacaton, Az

TIMELINE OF EVENTS:

- 5:00 pm Governance Center
- 5:30 pm Procession to West Cemetery

SUNSET TO SUNRISE:

- 6:00 pm Guard Detail
- 1st Responders
- Veterans
- Sunrise Ceremony



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PBS to Broadcast "Native Ball" Documentary in November

Press Release

Family Theater Productions

Blackfeet college-basketball player Malia Kipp is at the heart of the award-winning half-hour film *Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer*, coming to PBS for Native American Heritage Month.

Kipp was a trailblazer. In 1992, only one of the roughly 5,000 American high-school girls who annually received a full-ride Division I basketball scholarship was a Native American: Malia Kipp.

As a member of the University of Montana's Lady Griz, Kipp faced challenges learning to live in two worlds, but she carried the burden with grace and grit. Described by her chief Earl Old Person as "a warrior," she blazed an heroic and inspiring trail for other Indigenous girls to follow.

Starting November 1, the award-winning documentary from Family The-

ater Productions will air on 80 PBS affiliates around the country and stream on PBS.org, the PBS app, and the PBS YouTube channel.

"Malia treasures her heritage as a member of the Blackfeet Nation," said executive producer David L. Guffey, National Director of Family Theater Productions, "but she also entered into the arena of NCAA basketball. She speaks of the struggles and tensions that arose but demonstrated the courage and wisdom to be true to herself and her call."

The film's writer/director/producer Megan Harrington, who also played Lady Griz basketball, said, "I hope whoever watches the film is entertained, inspired, and educated -- docs have the power to hit those three marks in a unique way."

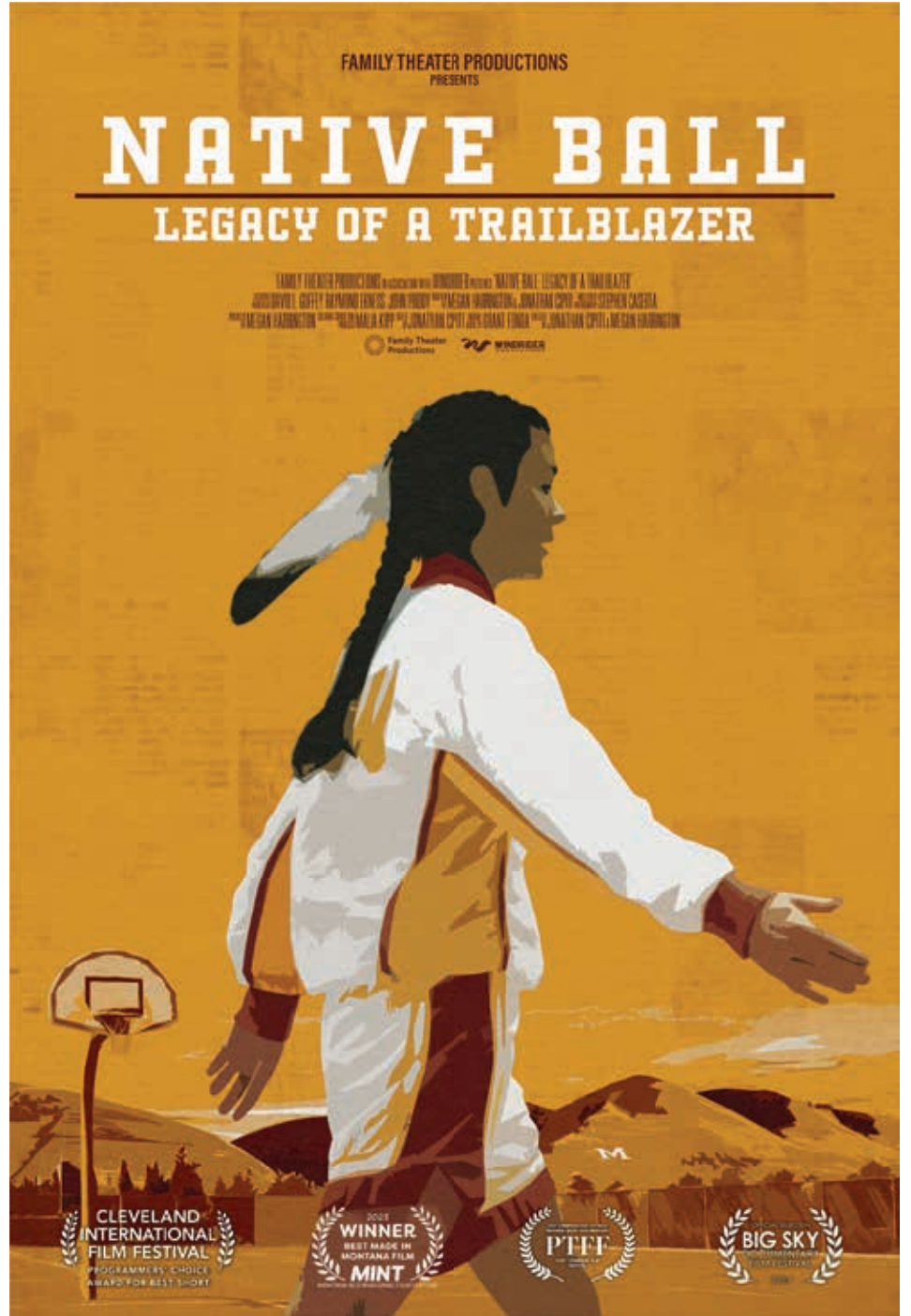
"In particular, with Malia's heroic journey, there is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and cultural differences Native Americans

face living in two worlds. It would be wonderful if that sparked a larger conversation!"

"Everybody has a story to tell," said Kipp. "Everybody struggles; everybody goes through things. Megan wanted to tell my story, and she did it in such an awesome way."

Native Ball has landed awards at film festivals around the country, including the prestigious Cleveland International Film Festival, where it won the Programmers' Choice Award for Best Short, and the Montana International Film Festival, where it won Best Made In Montana Film.

To learn more about *Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer* and how to see it at a PBS channel near you, or online, go to www.nativeball.com.




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