



Gila River Indian Community's 2024 Inauguration Ceremony *Federal, State, and Tribal Officials come together for this historic occasion*

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Hundreds gathered at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass on Jan. 20, for the historical inauguration of Gila River Indian Community's Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone as well as swearing-in ceremonies for Chief Judge Anthony Hill and associate judges Charles Aragon, Sheri Cassa, Gwendolyn Morago, Darren Pedro-Martinez and Brianna Rhodes.

This is Gov. Lewis' fourth term in office, previously serving as Lieutenant Governor. He has led the Community for 12 years, making him the longest-serving governor of GRIC. Lt. Gov. Antone enters her first term in office, previously serving one term on Community Council.

"Today is a day to honor our history, our culture, and our traditions because we are firmly rooted in our past and in the legacy of those who have gone before us to lay the foundation for all we have today," Gov. Lewis stated. "It's also a day to look forward to the future with confidence and hope."

He said the administration will forge a 100-day plan highlighting key areas of importance to the Community over the next few years.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone at the 2024 GRIC Inauguration on Jan 20. Zachary Redbird/CPAO

"Our goal with this 100-day plan is to ensure that the Community leadership works as a team to move forward and maintain all of the momentum that we've built up over these past very productive years," said Gov. Lewis.

Protecting water rights, usage and supply are among the Community's highest priorities, he stated, especially given the historic drought in the Colorado River Basin.

"We've already agreed that the time is right for us to update our strategic plan for water with the development and adoption of

our second five-year water plan," said Gov. Lewis. He added that his goal is to have the new plan developed and ready for adoption by the end of April.

In 2015, the Community Council successfully adopted its first five-year water plan to fully implement the 2004 GRIC Water Rights Settlement. It identified challenges that affected the water supply, such as the increasing cost of water from Central Arizona Project and mismanagement by the federal government.

Lt. Gov. Antone noted she looks forward to coming together



L-R: T.J Shope, Arizona Senator, Ruben Gallego, Congressman, Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner for Bureau of Reclamation, Kate Gallego, Phoenix Mayor, and Katie Hobbs, Arizona Governor. Zachary Redbird/CPAO

and working as a team with other entities.

"We have the same passion, the same goals," she said. "We're eager to look forward to working together with the Sister tribes, with the outstanding state and federal officials."

Lt. Gov. Antone added, "I'm humbled and honored to stand before you. I want to congratulate all the judges, [and] governor in your election [and] I look forward to working with you."

The theme for the inauguration was "O'otham & Pee-Posh Unity," and it brought out GRIC members and former leaders

along with state, tribal and federal dignitaries.

To begin the event, veterans from posts throughout the Community posted colors followed by students from the St. Peter Indian Mission School singing the national anthem. Traditional O'otham singers and basket dancers as well as Pee-Posh bird singers and dancers also performed at the event.

"It is a known fact that the Community is a leading force in Arizona and across the nation, whether it's in education or

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Department of Transportation Awards \$95 Million for INFRA Grant for I-10 Widening Project within the Gila River Indian Community

Press Release

Communications & Public Affairs Office

Sacaton, Arizona. – On Jan. 25th, Secretary Pete Buttigieg called Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis to notify the Community that the \$95 million grant submitted by the Community and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) received funding for the ten-mile portion of Interstate 10 that includes the Seed Farm Road interchange.

The grant award is the culmination of an intensive years-long effort to highlight the critical need for this grant funding to improve the safety, conditions, access, and reliability of this stretch of the I-10 for Community members.

When a prior federal grant submission last year failed to receive funding in the last cycle of grant awards, Gov. Lewis requested a debrief of the prior grant and the reasons the grant was not among those funded. As a result of that feedback, Gov. Lewis insisted on a stronger role for the Community in developing the new grant proposal, which resulted a joint grant submission by the Community and the State. Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs was an instrumental partner in this effort, supporting the Community's involvement from the beginning. The new grant submission not only emphasized the safety needs for the Community and the up to 126,000 vehicles who use this stretch of the I-10 each day, but

to also address the long-standing equity associated with the only unimproved portion of the I-10 being the section contained within the Community.

For many years, this portion of the I-10 has been unreliable, unsafe, and has stretched the resources of the Community's first responders due to the high number of accidents and fatalities in what is often described as the "fatal funnel." The consistent strain on the Community's families, students, elders and employees led to an aggressive advocacy push by the Community to ensure funding is received and this stretch can be widened to match the roadways off the Reservation.

As a result, in what may be a historic first, Gov. Lewis and

Hobbs made this grant proposal the top infrastructure priority for the State and the Community and traveled to Washington D.C. together to present the joint proposal to the White House and Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. The partnership between Hobbs and Gov. Lewis was a key component of describing the impact of the grant to the entire State.

The Community also worked hand-in-hand with members of the Congressional delegation. Senators Kyrsten Sinema and Mark Kelly used every opportunity to ensure the Biden Administration was aware of the importance of this project to the State and the Community and Representatives Ruben Gallego and

Greg Stanton worked tirelessly to express the need for this project and to improve safety for Community members, and all those who travel on this stretch of the highway.

In addition, the State Legislature played a key role in securing this grant funding by committing a state-match which will make up the remainder of the total cost of the project when combined with funding set aside by the Maricopa Association of Governments.

This partnership encompassing the Community, the State Executive, the State Legislature, Members of the Congressional delegation, Maricopa Association of Governments, and local

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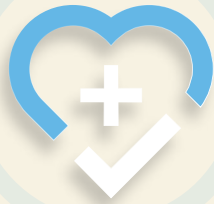
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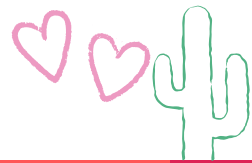
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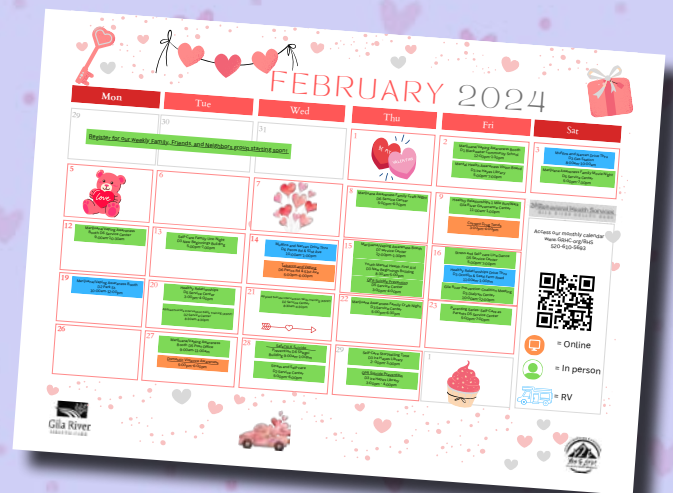
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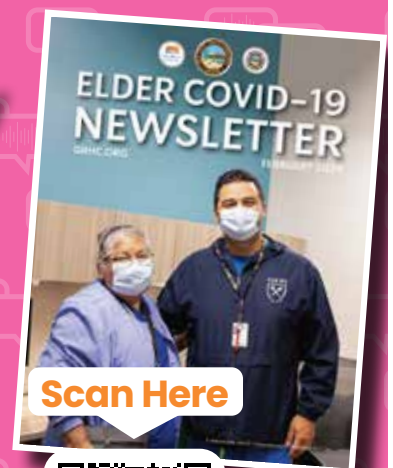
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GRGE hosts 'The Major' Annual Golfing for Wellness Event



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (far left) along with the GRGE staff and guests at the third annual 'The Major' Golfing for Wellness event on Jan. 25. Photos Courtesy of Lt. Gov. Regina Antone

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On Jan. 25, Gila River Gaming Enterprises (GRGE), in partnership with Whirlwind Golf Club, held its third annual Golfing for Wellness—The Major event to promote health and well-being among its employees from all four GRGE locations: Vee Quiva, Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte and San Tan.

The event brought together 60 team members and featured special guests Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, GRGE Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Manuel, the GRGE leadership team, two-time MLB world series champion Jacoby Ellsbury, Epson Tour Profession-

al Gabby Lemieux and PGA Professional Jason Montoya.

Lt. Gov. Antone said although she's never golfed, "The way it was set up for beginners to experienced players, I felt welcomed to learn. There were many employees at different skill levels all having fun."

In a few short years, this golf event has become a popular employee engagement program that also offers networking opportunities. It includes basic golf instruction for beginners consisting of fundamental training in swing, chipping and putting as well as practical, hands-on experience with a nine-hole course. Intermediate and advanced players can join a summer league.



GRGE Team members enjoy a day out on the golf course at Whirlwind Golf Club on Jan. 25. Photo Courtesy of Myron Sundust

Manuel, the GRGE CEO, established the Gila River Gaming Enterprises' Wellness Program in 2019, and Golfing for Wellness has become an integral part of that, according to Myron Sundust, general manager for Vee Quiva. "Since its inception, the Wellness Program has experienced remarkable growth," he stated in an email, "offering a diverse array of events and activities aimed at promoting employee well-being."

The program has flourished under the guidance of GRGE Human Resources Program Specialists and Wellness Champions Cecilia English and Faith Mc-

Laughlin. "These dedicated individuals have orchestrated various initiatives, such as hiking, 5K runs/walks, lunch and learns, basketball and hot yoga, catering to the diverse interests of our team members," Sundust said.

"It truly felt like a family reunion," Lt. Gov. Antone said. "It was a time to relax and decompress, but still exercise in the spirit of wellness. I appreciate the organizational staff who continue to put on different types of activities for all interested employees throughout the year."



L-R: Scott O'Gorman, GRGE Wild Horse Pass General Manager, Kenneth Manuel, GRGE CEO, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Gabby Lemieux, Jacoby Ellsbury, Jason Montoya, and Myron Sundust, GRGE Vee Quiva General Manager. Photo Courtesy of Myron Sundust



Akimel O’otham Farming presented during HHC Winter Speaker Series

Joseph Morales
GRIN Intern

On Jan. 24, several gathered to learn about traditional and modern O’otham agriculture at the Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC), as part of their ongoing ‘Winter Speaker Series’ held every Wednesday evening until Feb. 28.

The series features a variety of speakers, sharing and discussing topics related to O’otham and Pee Posh culture.

Former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, held a presentation to inform fellow Community members about the importance of agricultural knowledge passed down through generations and traditional seeds grown then and now.

The presentation even touched basis on tools, plants and the environment around us in today’s world. The comparisons of traditional and modern methods were focus points in Stone’s presentation and how this knowledge can help the Community.

Stone, District 5, is well known as a spiritual leader, traditional singer



Robert Stone shares a slide show comparing traditional and modern-day tools. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

and farmer, artist, Indigenous seeds & food advocate, culture and language instructor, as well as former GRIC Council member and Lt. Gov. for the Community.

“We are able to set up our presentations in the future for Community members to be proud and learn traditional knowledge,” an HHC employee stated. “We try to implement different kinds of presentations for Community members to be more involved”.

The presentation had many opportunities for those in attendance to be involved with asking questions directly to Stone and even featured hands-on experience with different traditional seeds.

One attendee stated, “it is very important to learn our traditions, as O’otham agriculture is what kept us alive”.

Stone shared quality information about traditions of O’otham agriculture and how it can help in

the modern world. Adapting to styles of farming helps build education, protection and resources. Stone stated, “It’s part of our sovereignty, our foundation”.

In the future, Stone plans to build a website through Gila River Farms for the purpose of community members gaining additional knowledge. For now, those who are interested in learning more about agriculture or would like certain products can visit Gilariverfarms.org



Interstate 10 exit at Casa Blanca Road. Photo Courtesy of Arizona Department of Transportation

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towns, cities, and government, is an example of what can be accomplished with strong partnerships coming together to meet the needs of the Community and all Arizonans.

When notified of the funding, Gov. Lewis stated, “I am so proud of the Community’s aggressive effort to ensure that this long-neglected stretch of the I-10 will be widened and improved to enhance the safety and reliability of this roadway for our Members and all those who travel through the Community. It not only will improve this vital stretch of highway in our State, it will improve the Community’s access to it by building a new intersection at Seed Farm Road, connecting our government services directly to this vital transportation corridor. The historic and unique tribal,

state, federal and county partnership paved the way for a sustained commitment by all parties that led to today’s announcement. I look forward to ensuring this partnership continues so the improvements to the I-10 can occur in an efficient and timely manner that takes into account the safety of the Community. It will revolutionize travel for our Community, improving access to government services and employment, and we are so grateful to President Biden and his Administration for their recognition of the need to direct these vital infrastructure resources to benefit those rural and tribal communities that have been overlooked for so long. We are looking forward to welcoming Secretary Buttigieg and his team to our Reservation to celebrate this historic investment in Indian Country.”



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There were four chaplains stationed on the U. S. American Transport (USAT) SS Dorchester in February 1943 (WWII). Although they were of different faiths (Catholic, Jewish and 2 Protestant), they all agreed that they should promote unity on the USAT USS Dorchester. When religious ceremonies were held aboard ship, they encouraged everyone available to attend, not just those of the faith for which the service was being held. During their free time, the Four Chaplains would play cards and games with the troops. The ship also carried some civilians and contractors.

The captain of the USAT USS Dorchester warned his troops and passengers that they may come under attack. They were

told to sleep in their clothes and life preservers but not all heeded this warning.

On February 3, 1943 in the early hours of the morning, in the freezing waters of the North Atlantic Ocean, the USAT SS Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo that slammed into the engine room, causing the ship to sink. Some of the life boats were frozen in place and could not be released, while others were damaged from the blast.

The USAT SS Dorchester was being accompanied by 2 Coast Guard Boats which began rescuing survivors within minutes after the blast from the frigid water. With 904 aboard, 229 people were saved and 675 lives were lost that morning.

The four chaplains remained calm while doing everything they could to save the lives of those on board. This included giving away their gloves and even their own life preservers. Eyewitnesses reported seeing the four chaplains linked arm-in-arm praying as the ship sank below the frigid waters. All four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross.

There are annual ceremonies to remember the heroic four chaplains and

other passengers aboard the USAT SS Dorchester. Many monuments have been erected across the country to ensure that they are remembered and not forgotten.

United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve

February 13, 2024 marks the 81st birthday of women marines continuous service.

During WWI, women enlisted in the Marine Corps (mostly clerical billets) so that men could go to the field. They were called Marinettes. After the war, they were all discharged. "Free a Man to Fight" called women to serve in the Women Marine Reserves during WWII. This time, they were allowed to remain in the Marines and have had continuous service since. They are no longer called Marinettes. They are Marines! Happy Birthday Women Marines! The Fewer, The Prouder! Semper Fidelis!

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Thank You Message from Governor Stephen Roe Lewis

Dear Gila River Indian Community members, as Lt. Gov. Regina Antone and I embark upon the first year of our administration, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who made our 2024 Inauguration a truly special event.

We saw an unprecedented amount of support from federal, state, and tribal dignitaries who shared in the festivities on Jan. 20, at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. Visitors came from all over the country to partake in a historic celebration that honored our past while looking toward a very bright future.

I also want to acknowledge all our elders, youth and veterans who participated in the inauguration. Either as guests or volunteers, we always look to you for continued strength and inspiration.

The safety of our Community members and guests is always a priority and I want to recognize all of our public safety for allowing us to come together in large numbers to witness our first in-person inauguration since before the pandemic.

I am also reminded of the staff, employees and volunteers who assisted in the planning and programming of our event. It was a collective effort, and I am extremely impressed with how dedicated everyone is in serving the Community.

Lastly, I want to thank each and every Gila River Indian Community member. From the Executive Office, and the judges who also took the oath of office that day, I am deeply thankful for our seven districts and urban members who gathered under the theme “O’otham & Pee-Posh Unity.”

It was an honor to share the Lewis-Antone Inauguration with all of our members near and far and it was a blessing to be in your presence as we look ahead to what will be a very important year.

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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor of the Gila River Indian Community





Thank You Message from Lt. Governor Regina Antone



Blessings to the Community, the employees of all the Tribal entities, State and Federal leadership, and friends who came out to the 2024 Lewis-Antone inauguration. I am truly humbled and proud to represent you as your Lieutenant Governor.

It was a joyous celebration, and everyone at the event wholeheartedly felt the love, pride, and hopefulness that you all shared. The feeling that everyone experienced was the overwhelming commitment to unity. It has been expressed by you all numerous times through your words, tears, and smiles how everyone felt the teamwork of leadership. Including our Sister Tribes; their words of encouragement and excitement to work together were tremendous, and hearing the crowd erupt with applause was remarkable.

I look forward to becoming a strong team that moves our Community forward by working together with the council, Governor Lewis, and the people of the Gila River Indian Community.

I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your support. Thank you to the committee that put the event together and the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass for hosting the location; the staff is always amazing. I ask for continued prayers for our leadership and our Community. Let me end by wishing you all continued blessings and a prosperous New Year to you and your families.

Thank you again, and remember, if we want change, we must be the change for future generations.

Regina Antone
Lt. Governor of the Gila River Indian Community



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Senator Kyrsten Sinema, and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone during the 2024 GRIC Inauguration. Zachary Redbird/CPAO



O'otham singers and dancers perform for the ceremony. Emma Hughes/GRIN



L-R: Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman, Martin Harvier, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Chairman, and Verlon Jose, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman. Emma Hughes/GRIN

From the Front Page

economic development, health or water," said Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton. "The leaders you've elected in the past, the leaders you swear in today, represent the leadership and vision and stability to both continue the work for today and to continue your vision into the future."

Touton, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, Arizona Sen. T.J. Shope, Rep. Ru-

ben Gallego and Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego gave remarks during the event.

Hobbs said it was an honor to celebrate with the Community and a pleasure knowing and working with Gov. Lewis over the years.

"Governor Lewis, time and time again, you have shown up for your community and for Arizona, always with a good attitude, a collaborative spirit and a cool pair of sneakers," said Hobbs.

Gallego, an Iraq war veteran, commended the GRIC on becoming the second tribal veteran organization in the country to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"This Community is not just focused on the past, it's focused on the future, and with Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone's leadership, I look forward to continuing this partnership in the coming weeks, months and years," Gallego said.

All commended Gov. Lewis on his commitment to the Community while creating and maintaining these crucial and productive partnerships.

Keynote speakers included Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Verlon Jose.

"We always have to remember as leaders that we should always try to

do things that will leave things better for the next leaders that are coming after us," said Harvier, who lauded the Community for its progress and development.

Miguel said it is remarkable when O'otham can get together and "identify and highlight what we can do together as a community."

Gov. Lewis thanked Community members,

fellow tribal leaders and state and federal officials for attending and for their support.

"We will continue keeping those bonds strengthened that were formed from time immemorial by our ancestors that led us here today to be able to embrace the future—a future that is bright; a future that has so much potential," said Gov. Lewis.



L-R: Darren Martinez-Pedro, Associate Judge, Brianna Rhodes, Associate Judge, Sheri Casa, Associate Judge, Gwendolyn Morago, Associate Judge, Anthony Hill, Chief Judge, and Charles Aragon, Associate Judge. Zachary Redbird/CPAO



Keynote speaker Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman, highlights O'otham unity, at the 2024 GRIC Inauguration. Emma Hughes/GRIN



L-R: Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation, Ruben Gallego, Congressman, Kate Gallego, Phoenix Mayor, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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Jr. Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

Young women between the ages of 13-17 years of age on or before February 16, 2024

- Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community
- Have never before held the Title of Jr. Miss Gila River
- Must be a full-time student with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A.
- Must be single, never married, and have no children
- Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion
- Must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Jr. Miss Gila River throughout the twelve-month reign

Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

Young women between the ages of 18-24 years of age on or before February 16, 2024

- Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community
- Have never before held the Title of Miss Gila River
- Must be a full-time high school or college student with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. or employed full-time and in good standing with employer
- Must be single, never married, and have no children
- Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion
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FITNESS & WELLNESS

Tribal Youth Participate in Soccer Clinic

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Recreation and Wellness Center (TRW) hosted an inaugural soccer clinic for ages three to 15 at the Sacaton Fairgrounds, from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 27, in hopes of sparking interest in TRW's very first soccer league.

52 youths from GRIC and other tribal affiliations attended the event, which covered the rules and in-

cluded age-appropriate drills and team-building exercises. The league starts March 30, and participants won't have to travel outside of the Community because games will be held at the Sacaton Fairgrounds.

In addition to drumming up interest among youth, another goal of the clinic was to train officials on an easier sport and gradually prepare them for handling other games, according to Sonja Luevano,

District 1, TRW recreation manager.

"[The soccer clinic] is just to introduce the game to the kids and then we will move them into our league in March," Luevano said. "We wanted to start introducing something in the Community where we can train officials and get them going easily."

Coach Michael Luevano, recreational coordinator for District 4 and Major League Soccer (MLS), said communication, consistency and life skills are important in sports, and he noted he was glad "to see the Community youth come together and meet new kids and see parents communicate with each other."

While leading a soccer drill at the clinic, he added, "As a team, when we work together, we are stronger."

Huey "Duane" Guy, youth sports coordinator for TRW, said this is the first time that the MLS will sponsor uniforms for a youth sports league in the Community.

Sabrina Dupris, a Tohono O'odham Nation member, brought her son, Chayan Gonzales, 7, to the



Tribal Recreation & Wellness Center hosted a soccer clinic for tribal youth on Jan. 27. Velia Moncada/GRIN

TRW soccer clinic. Dupris said she saw the flyer online and wanted her son to learn the basics and have fun. "Soccer is his number one sport now," Dupris said. "He loves it, so we figured we'd bring him out."

To register for the TRW soccer league, visit mygilariver.com and click on the Tribal Recreation and Wellness tab under "District Announcements."

For information on becoming an official with TRW, call (520) 562-6087.



Chayan Gonzales, Tohono O'odham member and soccer participant, prepares to pass the ball to his partner in one of the soccer team building drills. Velia Moncada/GRIN



L-R: TRW staff Sonja Luevano, recreation manager, Huey "Duane" Guy, youth sports coordinator, and Cael Bennett, adult sports coordinator, distribute shirts and gym bags to participating youth. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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Public Notice: Application for Federal Financial Assistance

January 5, 2024

Contact: Dawn M. Coomer, dawn.coomer@gric.nsn.us

Public notice is hereby made that Gila River Indian Community is applying for federal financial assistance to provide public transportation service in all seven districts. Service is deviated fixed-route and operates weekdays, excluding holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Gila River Transit operates four routes. Due to lack of staff, routes are not running as scheduled. Service will be restored as staff are hired. The Sacaton Shuttle and West End Shuttle started in early 2016. The Sacaton Shuttle serves District 3 and the West End Shuttle serves Districts 6 and 7. Two additional shuttles started in April 2019. The East Side Shuttle serves Districts 1, 2 and 3, and the Central Shuttle serves Districts 3, 4 and 5.

Public notice is further made that Gila River Indian Community is also applying for federal financial assistance to expand public transportation services. Currently the East Side Shuttle is scheduled to run two days per week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the Central Shuttle is scheduled to run three days per week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We hope to run service five days a week on these shuttles with operating funding obtained from the grant application, after a federally-funded transit bus is delivered and staff are hired.

The transportation service will be available to the general public during all hours of operation. The project is expected to be financed by FTA Section 5311 Rural Program public transportation funds, with additional funds provided from Gila River Indian Community tribal funds. The total federal share of operating funds is expected to be approximately \$860,000 for the October 2025 through September 2026 period.

Gila River Indian Community ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided with regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and with

the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For more information regarding our Title VI/ADA obligations or to file a complaint, please contact Ms. Coomer at the address below.

Comments on the grant application are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers and human service agencies. **Interested parties may comment or obtain more details by writing to: Dawn M. Coomer, Transportation Manager, Gila River Indian Community, Department of Transportation, PO Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147. Comments are also taken by sending email to dawn.coomer@gric.nsn.us, or by calling Ms. Coomer at (520) 562-6306.**

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordinate with Gila River Transit in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service description and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators may request copies of the project service description from the above named person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, submit a proposal, request service coordination, or request a public hearing on this project, you must make your interest known in writing 15 calendar days of the date of this publication and provide your comments within 15 calendar days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests and/or comments must be sent to Ms. Coomer at the contact information above.

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 - Desktop Specialist (1) – Starting @ \$18.19
 - Parent Liaison (1) – DOE
 - Instructional Assistants (10) – Starting @ \$17.14
 - Bus Monitor (1) – Starting @ \$15.22
 - Elementary Teachers (3) – DOE
 - Interventionist (Math & Reading) (1) - DOE
 - Science Teacher (1) – DOE
 - Cultural Specialist-Part-time (2) - DOE
- (All positions are open until filled)
- BONUS:**

 - Sign-On Bonus of \$2,000 (prorated)
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School Information:
Casa Blanca Community School is located in District 5 in Bapchule, Arizona a few miles from Interstate 10 and 25 miles south of Phoenix Metropolitan Area (15–20-minute drive). Our district is located on the Gila River Indian Reservation south of Chandler, Arizona.

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

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



Updated 01/08/2024

Announcements & Notices

Help Wanted

Elderly couple and family members seek live-in or partial live-in caretaker for Laveen area. Experience preferred but not required. Salary will be based on experience. Home is in a secured, gated community. Successful candidate will have competitive compensation, private room, vehicle and meal allowances with scheduled time off and aid with patient care.

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GRIC COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, Petitioner/Plaintiff
MARGARET ROBLES
 Case Number: PB-2023-0038-DE
 CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
 TO: Manuel Hernandez

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, February 12, 2024 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2024.

GRIC COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

SHAWN ANDREW CARRA Petitioner/Plaintiff VS. MARLEE JEAN HOWARD Respondent/Defendant

Case Number: FM-2023-0067-PT
SUMMONS Civil Division
 TO: Marlee Jean Howard
 P.O. Box 1336, Sacaton, AZ, 85147
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:

Monday, March 18, 2024 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 should 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.

Dated this 8th day January, 2024

GRIC COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In Re Case: **Eugene Meza vs. Whispering Wind Walker**

Docket Number: **FM-2023-0049-PT**
 This case has been scheduled and **YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR** on the date, time and place designated below. **IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR**, your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be

issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Review Hearing
 Westend Judicial Center,
 4751 West Pecos Road,
 Laveen, AZ 85339

6th day of May, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII before the Honorable No Judge

GRIC ORDER OF PROTECTION

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY STATE OF ARIZONA

Order of Protection
 Case No. **CV-2024-0005-OP**
 County: PINAL/MARICOPA State: AZ

PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:
MARGARET VICKIE JOHNSON
 Date of Birth: 03/19/1965

VS.

RESPONDENT
MALACHE RED CLOUD CASE
 Relationship to Petitioner: Nephew

DOB: 12/22/99	SEX: Male	SSN:	RACE:
EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black	HT: 509	WT: 150
DRIVERS LICENSE #: D10087402	STATE: AZ	EXP DATE:	

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:

That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter.

There is reasonable cause to believe that the Respondent may commit an act of domestic violence or has committed an act of domestic violence.

Additional findings of this order are as set forth below.

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:

That the above named Respondent be restrained from committing further acts of abuse or threats of abuse.

That the above named Respondent be restrained from any contact (in person, by phone, in writing, by electronic mail or social media, fax or through unauthorized third parties) with the Petitioner.

Additional terms of this order are set forth below.
The terms of this Order shall be effective until January 6, 2025

WARNINGS TO RESPONDENT:

This order shall be enforced, even without registration, by the courts of any state, the District of Columbia, any U.S. Territory, and may be enforced on Tribal Lands (18 U.S.C. Section 2265). Crossing state, territorial, or tribal boundaries to violate this order may result in federal imprisonment (18 U.S.C.

Section 2262). Federal law provides penalties for possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving any firearm or ammunition (18 U.S.C. Section 922(g) (8)). Only the Court, in writing, can change this order.

THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS:

RESIDENCE: The Petitioner is granted exclusive use and possession of the residence listed below.

CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN: The Petitioner is granted custody of the minor children: _____

DEBTS: The Respondent shall pay the following debts: _____

PROPERTY: The Petitioner is granted possession of the following property: _____

PROTECTED LOCATIONS: Respondent shall not go to or near the Petitioner's or other Protected Person's:

RESIDENCE: 240 Gila Buttes Circle

WORKPLACE: _____

SCHOOL/OTHER: _____

OTHER ORDERS: _____

WARNING - See Gila River Indian Community Code Section 5.711(F)(13).

This is an official Court order. If you disobey this order, you will be subject to arrest and prosecution for disobeying this order and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order. A copy of this order will be registered with the Gila River Police Department. See Gila River Indian Community Code Section 5.711 (G)(2).

ADDITIONAL WARNING TO RESPONDENT:

Violations of this order should be reported to a law enforcement agency, not the Court. Nothing the Petitioner does can change or undo this order without the Court's written approval. You must appear in Court to ask a judge to modify (change) or quash (dismiss) this order. Even if the Petitioner initiates contact, you could be arrested and prosecuted for violating this order. If you do not want the Petitioner to contact you, you have the right to request a Order of Protection against the Petitioner. However, orders are not automatically granted upon request.

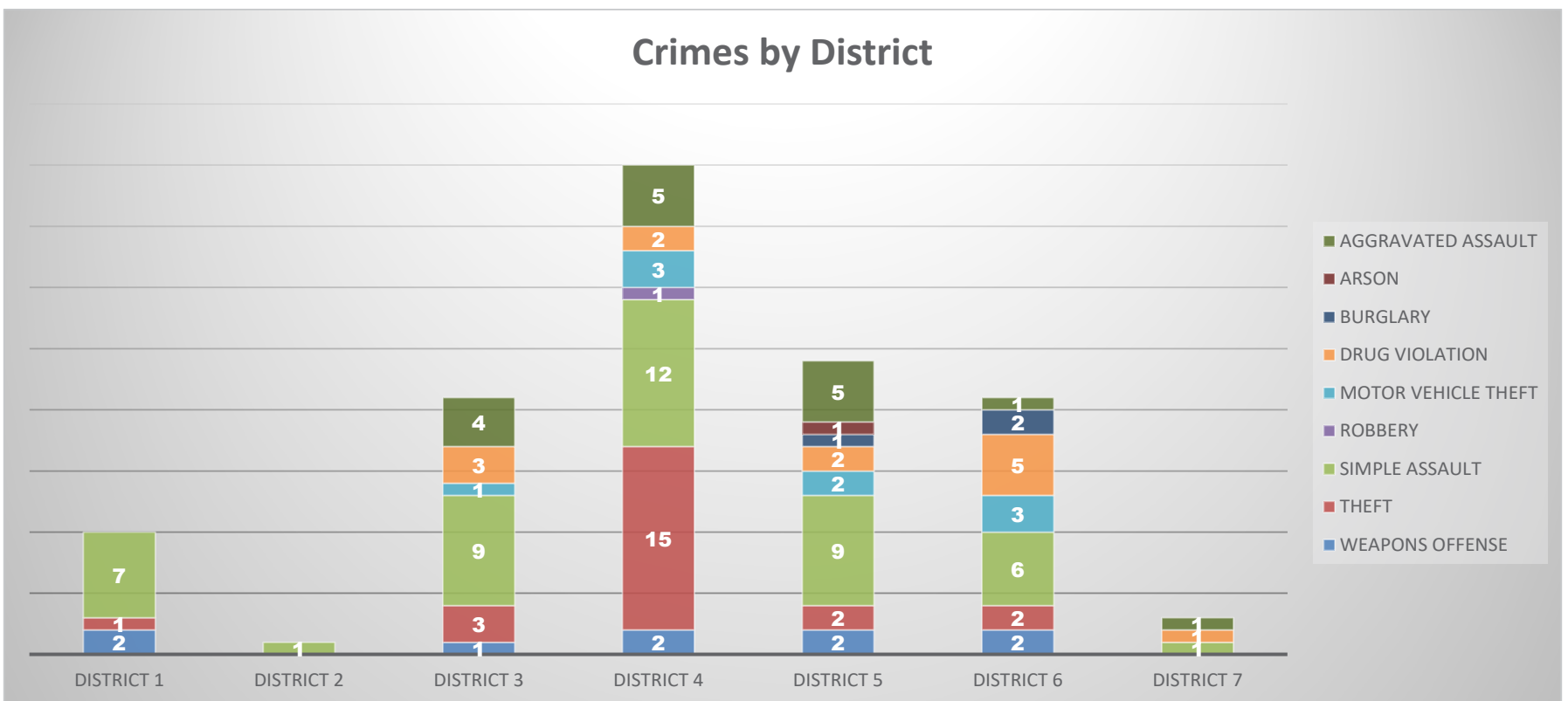
January 8, 2024
 Date

Darren Pedro Martinez
 Judge's Printed Name

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

GRIN Blotter (Jan 1 - Jan 28, 2024)

Crimes by District



Top 10 Offenses	Count
SIMPLE ASSAULT	45
THEFT	23
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	16
DRUG VIOLATION	13
WEAPONS OFFENSE	9
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	9
BURGLARY	3
ARSON	1
ROBBERY	1
Grand Total	120

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Jan. 03, 2024

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, January 3, 2024, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona and WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Regina Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D3- Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.

Council Members Present Via WebEx:

D2- Ann Lucas

D3- Avery White

D4- Christopher Mendoza

D4- Jennifer Allison,

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

D6- Charles Goldtooth

D6- Terrance Evans

D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr. (Personal)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #12 PENDING REVIEW BY NRSC AND TABLE REPORTS #1, #9, AND #30 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 THROUGH #8, #10, #11, #13 THROUGH #29 AND #31 THROUGH #36; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

1. Gila River Health Care Tobacco Tax Grant FY23 Annual Report (Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, GRHC Executive Leadership

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Employment & Training and TERO FY2023 Annual Report October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Presenters: Lana Chanda, Dyron James, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Tribal Health Department FY2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023)

Presenter: Candalerian Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Community Service Department-Nutrition Assistance Program FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Mary Dixon, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Community Service Department- Elderly Nutrition Program FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Mary Dixon, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Community Service Department-Elderly Services Program FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Regina Antone, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Community Service Department-Tribal Recreation & Wellness Program FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Joanne Brewer, Sonja Luevano, Laurie Thomas, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. TSS FY2023 Annual Report

Presenters: Kelly Vickrey, Christina Lopez, Julian Garza, Curtis Slatina

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Victim Services FY2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Katherine Lewis, Crystal Shebola, Krystal Beren-Tsosie

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Office of the Community Manager FY2023 Annual Report (October, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Department of Public Works FY2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Jesus Haro, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. Department of Transportation FY 2023 Annual Report (October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Steven Johnson, Michael Preston

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. Human Resources Department – FY2023 Annual Report

Presenters: TeriLynne Kisto, Suzanne Jones, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. Department of Community Housing FY2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Derwin Cooper, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. Community Services Department – FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. Community Services Department-District One Service Center FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Maria Ramirez, Joni Notah, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. Community Services Department-District Two Service Center FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Ralph Grajiola, Alison Anderson, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. Community Services Department-District Three Service Center FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Erma Antone, Valerie Johnson-Antone, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. Community Services Department-District Four Service Center FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Sandy Thayer, Faron Humeypumtewa, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. Community Services Department-District Five Service Center FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Erika Hernandez, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. Community Services Department-District Six Service Center FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

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

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. Community Services Department-District Seven Service Center FY'2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Pamela Valdez, Jasmine Reece, Laurie Thomas, Joanne Brewer, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. Tribal Projects Development FY2023 Annual Report

Presenters: Howard Reno, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. Management Information Systems – FY2023 Annual Report – October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 & MIS Policies

Presenter: Chris R. Cabanillas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council FY2023 Annual Report October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Michael Preston

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>26. FY23 Facility Maintenance Department Annual Report

Presenters: Henry Quintana, Michael Preston

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>27. Veteran & Family Services Office – FY2023 Annual Report (October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenters: Eric White, Michael Preston

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>28. FY2023 Department of Housing Development Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023) and RHIP Policy

Presenters: Wayne M. Allison, Michael Preston

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>29. Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenter: David DeJong

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>30. Department of Environmental Quality FY 2023 Annual Report (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)

Presenter: Lisa Gover, Michael Preston

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>31. Tribal Elections Program FY 2023 Annual Report

Presenter: Valerie Rivera

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>32. Head Start Program FY2023 Annual Report- October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Presenters: Michelle Tohtsoni, Lance Reyna, Anthony Gray

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>33. Early Education/Child Care FY2023 Annual Report- October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Presenters: Philana Thinn, Lance Reyna, Anthony Gray

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>34. Student Services Department FY2023 Annual Report - October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

Presenters: Jennifer Hinton, Lance Reyna, Anthony Gray

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>35. THPO FY2023 Annual Report

Presenters: Barnaby V. Lewis, Larry Benallie, Jr., Reylynn Williams, Darius Enos, Suzanne Jones, Michael Preston

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>36. Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Service Traditional Counseling Program Quarterly Utilization Report

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Priscilla Foote, Wade Brandimore, Jivik Siiki, John James, Alvis Robertson, Kerry Van Volkinburgh, Dr. Anthony Santiago

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• DISTRICT FOUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONVEYED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE MONETARY GIFT, IT WAS HELPFUL TO FAMILIES

• COUNCIL WORK SESSION REGARDING THE STRATEGIC PLAN WILL BE HELD JANUARY 11-13, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Development**

Lone Butte Solar, LLC: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utility Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Notice for Potential Impacts to Floodplains

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utility Service (RUS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is issuing an environmental assessment in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Lone Butte Solar, LLC (Lone Butte Solar), of Boise, Idaho. The proposal is for construction of a 50-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generating facility and the potential construction of a 50-MW battery energy storage system (BESS) on 355 acres of tribal trust land in portions of District 4 and District 6 of the Gila River Indian Community in Maricopa County, Arizona. Lone Butte Solar has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

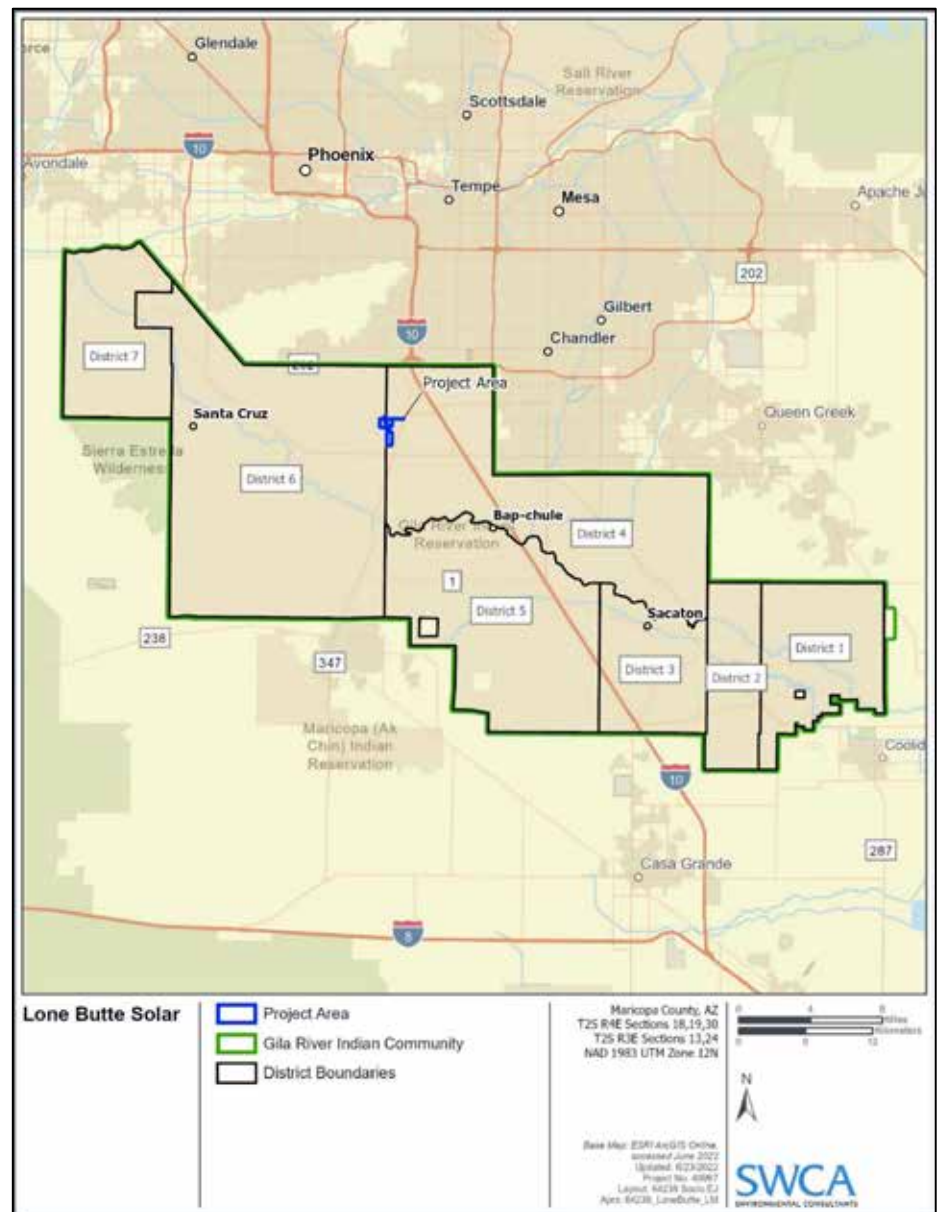
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SWCA Environmental Consultants prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the proposed project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects, as applicable. The project would consist of solar PV arrays and the following components: perimeter fencing, a BESS, a project substation, collector lines and inverters, a step-up transformer, an overhead transmission line (i.e., generation-tie line), and access roads. The purpose of the overhead transmission line is to interconnect the solar energy facility to the central Arizona transmission grid at the proposed point of interconnection at the Lone Butte Substation. The solar project is expected to operate for 35 years. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of construction of the project.

If implemented, the proposed project would convert approximately 0.32-acre of floodplain for the construction of a proposed access road. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, the purpose of this notice is also to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

Questions and comments should be sent to Alan Hachey at: RUSPublicComments@usda.gov. RUS will accept questions and comments on the EA for 14 days from the date of initial publication of this notice. A copy of the EA and supporting documentation will be available for public review at this website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/assessment/lone-butte-solar-llc>. A physical copy of the EA will be available for review at the Gila River Indian Community District No. 6 Service Center located at 5230 West St. Johns Road, Laveen, Arizona 85339.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent on, compliance with all relevant federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 Code of Federal Regulations 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposed project is shown below.



General Location Map

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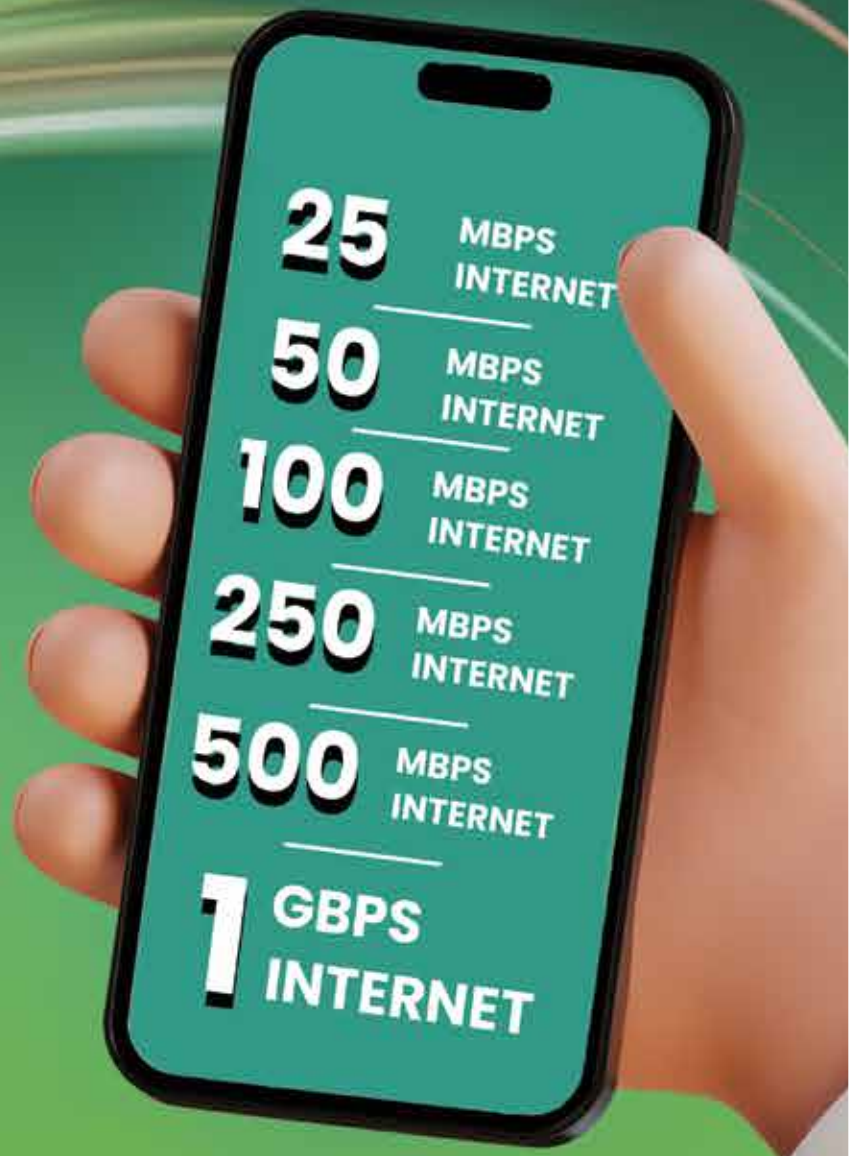
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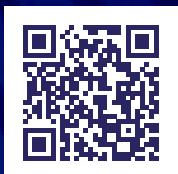
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