



## Post 84 hosts Veterans Banquet



R-L: Lance Corporal Adam Juan and Wilfred Evans Sr., District 1, were bestowed pendleton blankets from the Yakama Warriors Association for the youngest marine and oldest marine in attendance at the Ira H. Hayes banquet. Velia Moncada/GRIN

**Velia Moncada**  
Gila River Indian News

The Ira. H. Hayes American Legion Post 84's banquet on Friday, Feb. 23, in Sacaton at the District 3 Multi-Purpose Building, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., kicked off a weekend of festivities honoring the anniversary of the Iwo Jima flag-raising leading up to the annual parade and powwow.

The banquet featured speakers, presentations, a meal and guests who returned to Sacaton since the pandemic halted the annual celebrations.

The pre-event dinner commemorated a significant moment in American history while also paying tribute to GRIC's very own her, Ira H. Hayes, one of the Marines who raised the flag on Mr. Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945.

Over 200 guests, including tribal leadership and various veteran groups from across the country, as well as other Arizona posts, visiting tribal guests, GRIC members and family of the late Hayes.

Tony Enos, District 3, began the dinner with a blessing followed by introductions from Oscar Urrea, Post 84 Judge Advocate and Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

"We are celebrating two things: honoring our veterans from World War II that served, and also the marines that fought in Iwo Jima, but also, we are honoring Ira Hayes who was one of the flag bearers up on Mt. Suribachi," said Urrea.

Veteran guests and their fam-

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## Gila River Honors 79th Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary



The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 march in the 79th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade on Feb. 24 in Sacaton. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community came together for the first time in four years for the 79th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Parade as hundreds of Community members, non-community members, and veterans filled the street corners of the Mathew B. Juan – Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park on Voak Drive on Feb. 24, in Sacaton.

Veterans from Arizona and throughout the country marched to commemorate the raising of the United States flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima on Mount Suribachi, which took place on Feb. 23, 1945 and captured by photographer Joe Rosenthal in the iconic photo featuring GRIC member and former Marine, the late Ira H. Hayes.

The parade began with a military airshow featuring a B-17 aircraft and many others. Gov.

Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone were amongst the first to walk in the parade, which contained three floats to accommodate the Ira H. Hayes family and relatives as Grand Marshals—followed by the float of the honorary Army veteran of the year Lawrence Williams.

As part of fundraising efforts this year, the Disabled American

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## Farewell Celebration held for Gila River Royalty

**GRIN Staff**  
Gila River Indian News

The reign of Gila River Royalty 2023-2024 is nearing the end. A year representing the Gila



Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch and Miss Gila River Mavis Thomas. CPAO Photo

River Indian Community brought Miss Gila River Mavis Thomas and Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch to the brink of being current title holders to the doorstep of the "former Miss Gila River" sisterhood going back six decades.

The Gila River Royalty Farewell, held Feb. 24 at the District 3 Multi-Purpose Building, showed the strong bond between Thomas and Lynch as well as words of appreciation from those in attendance including family and friends with remarks from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Thomas and Lynch each spoke before their guests with Thomas also performing a dance presentation and Lynch presenting gifts to family and friends.

Gov. Lewis was on hand to express his thanks to both young ladies as well as their families

for their continued support and encouragement, guiding Thomas and Lynch over the course of a year.

Gov. Lewis shared memories of each titleholder from their many appearances together and travels across Indian Country to the little moments that he hopes they carry with them throughout their next journey.

He also expressed his gratitude to the families, who's involvement was essential to each lady's ability to wear the crown and sash.

Former Miss Gila River Kelsey Martinez and former Jr. Miss Gila River Eliana Rhodes introduced themselves and shared words of encouragement to the soon-to-be former Gila River Royalty.

Martinez and Rhodes then presented Thomas and Lynch



Jr. Miss Gila River Eleanor Lynch and Miss Gila River Mavis Thomas. CPAO Photo

with gifts and hugs during an emotional portion of the program.

Special guests also came forward with their own messages to share during the evening that additionally included a meal

and music provided by a DJ. The event closed with a dance among the guests and goodbyes for Thomas and Lynch who will be part of a long legacy of former Gila River Royalty.

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# Elders enjoy Prom Night held in District 5

**Velia Moncada**  
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community Services Department, Community's Elderly Services and Elderly Nutrition Program collaborated to host a heartwarming Elderly Senior Prom Night. The event took place on Feb. 22 at the District 5 Service Center. Elders from all seven districts RSVP'd to the event that hosted 250 guests.

The event celebrates the vibrant spirit of GRIC elder members with an ambiance reminiscent of a high school prom as they enjoy an enchanting evening filled with reconnection.

"(The Sr. Prom night) is to promote socialization for our elderly population and just help them come together and spend time together, and just be able to dress up, and have a meal," said Lindsay Antone, District 1, program coordinator for Elderly Ser-



Community elders perform for the senior prom night at the District 5 Service Center on Feb. 22. Velia Moncada/GRIN

vices. She said the departments came together, eager to organize a special event for the Community's elders, which took six months to bring together.



Community elders sign in for the prom night extravaganza with dancing, raffles and a meal. Velia Moncada/GRIN



R-L: Jeannie Hinton, District 6, Marceline Bonito, District 4, Donna Padgley, District 4, Linda S. Lewis, District 5, Dawn Evers, District 5, and Rose Acunia, District 6 enjoy the senior prom night. Velia Moncada/GRIN

"Being our first ever to a senior prom, right now, it's fabulous; I was excited, I was excited all day," said Melva Enos, District 3, alongside her husband Vernon Enos, District 3.

Mr. Enos took the crown as prom king of the night, along with Ginger Kalka, District 1, who was named prom queen. A name drawing selected the two.

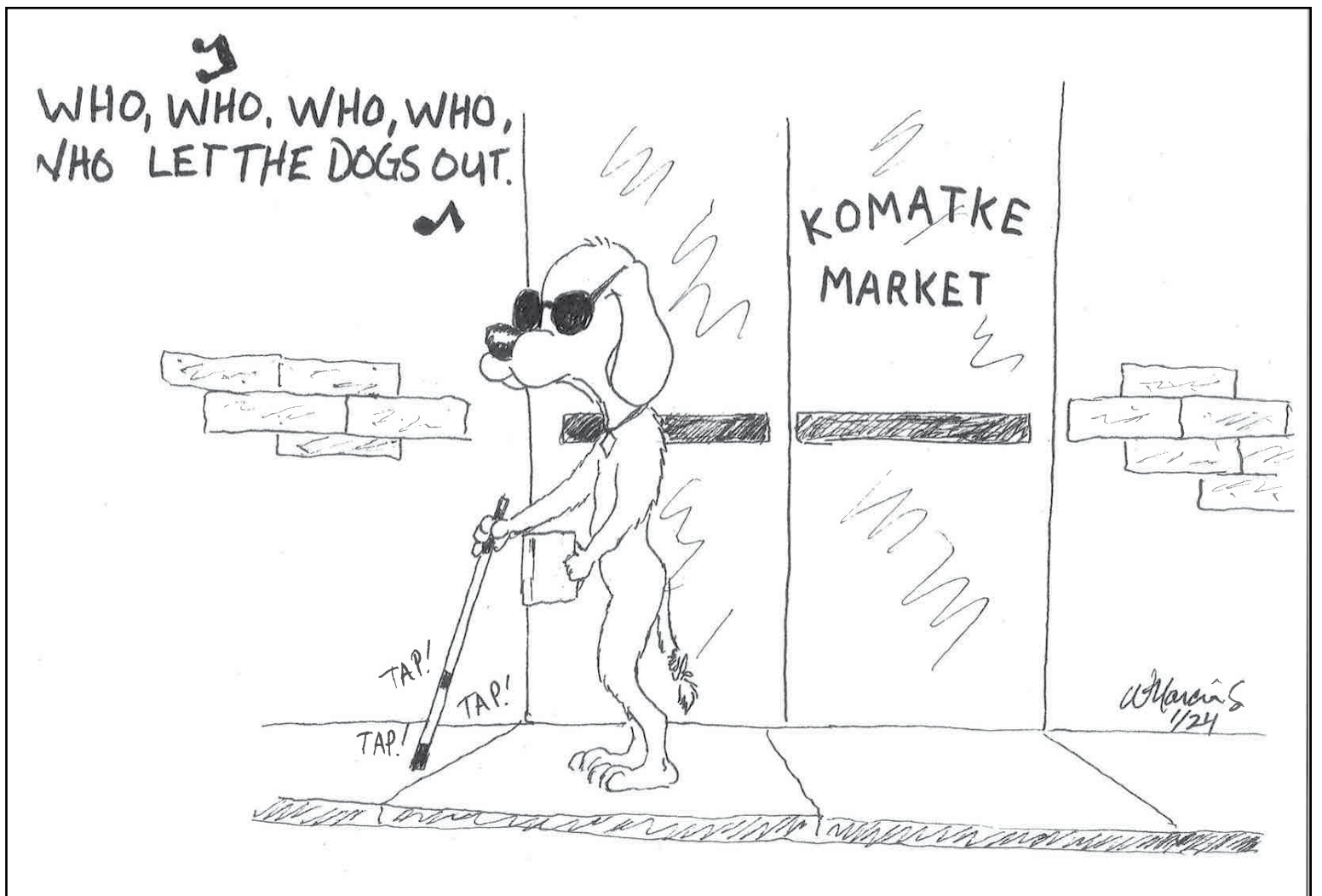
Elders received a delicious meal and eagerly participated in raffle drawings and prizes. Laughter and camaraderie filled

the room as attendees showcased their best dance moves throughout the night with country and "chicken scratch" dancing to the Community's Native rock band, Eagle Heart.

The event served as a reminder of the importance of fostering social connections and celebrating elders' invaluable contributions to the Community. It was a night to remember, brimming with laughter, love, and cherished memories for all who attended.



Vernon Enos, District 3, and Ginger Kalka, District 4, are crowned senior prom king and queen. Velia Moncada/GRIN







**Blackwater Community School's Color Guard walking in the parade.** Velia Moncada/GRIN



**Veteran (Army) of the Year, Lawrence Williams, District 4 and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis stop for photos during the parade route.** Velia Moncada/GRIN

**From the Front Page**

Veterans (DAV) Group from Pinal County proudly entered their 1948 Willys Jeep into the parade, an initiative led by Air Force Chaplain Elliot La Beau, a member of DAV. He shared that they aim to raise funds for the DAV, a non-profit group that provides life-changing services to veterans.

As the parade concluded, ceremonies occurred at the Matthew B. Juan – Ira

H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park, where Oscar Urrea, Post 84, welcomed everyone.

Students from the St. Peter's Indian Mission School sang the national anthem and pledge of allegiance for the flag-raising ceremonies.

Marine veteran Urban Giff, District 6, was selected as a keynote speaker for the Iwo Jima flag-raising parade ceremonies. He said the parade was an oppor-

tunity for young people to learn more about themselves and serve the people, "It's an opportunity for self-improvement," Giff said.

The Scottish American Military Society Post 1297 Arizona Highlanders conducted a sentimental ceremony honoring past, present, and future military service members.

Veterans placed wreaths on the monuments in the park, honoring all six branches of the military and the American flag.

The events concluded in the afternoon with swarms of veterans and their supporters happy to gather again and be recognized for their efforts and accomplishments as they were a part of the 79th celebration of the Iwo Jima flag-raising parade.



**Members of the Hayes family, who were named as Grand Marshals, listen to the keynote address at the park.** Velia Moncada/GRIN



**Marine Lance Corporal Adam Juan at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Iwo Jima Monument.** Velia Moncada/GRIN



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# Boys & Girls Clubs of GRIC Welcomes New Cultural Director

Submitted by  
Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila River Indian Community would like to congratulate and present our new Cultural Director, Terrence Peters. Terrence is a member of the Gila River Indian Community and has been a part of the Boys & Girls Club Organization for 15 years. As the new Cultural Director, Terrence will help establish programs within the Komack and Sacaton Branches that will help educate and encourage cultural traditions. The BGCGRIC has been working hard to establish this opportunity within our organization because we believe our traditions hold the key to improving our community and the lives of our youth. We look forward to seeing these pro-



**Terrence Peters, Cultural Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gila River Indian Community.** Photo Courtesy of Boys & Girls Clubs.

grams grow throughout our branches. Terrence's passion for the community, the youth, and our culture makes him a valuable asset to the organization and we are so pleased to have him

step into the role of Cultural Director.

Please help us congratulate Terrence on his promotion. We wish him a successful and happy transition into his new role.

# GRPD hosts 'Coffee with a Cop'

Velia Moncada  
Gila River Indian News

At District 6, Gila River Police Department (GRPD) West End Precinct nestled within the Gila River Indian Community, the highly anticipated "Coffee with a Cop" series event unfolded on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. Despite the modest turnout, four dedicated Community members gathered, eager to

engage with GRPD staff. "It's intended to bring the Community to us so that we can positively interact with the Community and address any concerns they may have or just to get to meet the officers in a non-confrontational manner," said GRPD Chief of Police Jesse Crabtree.

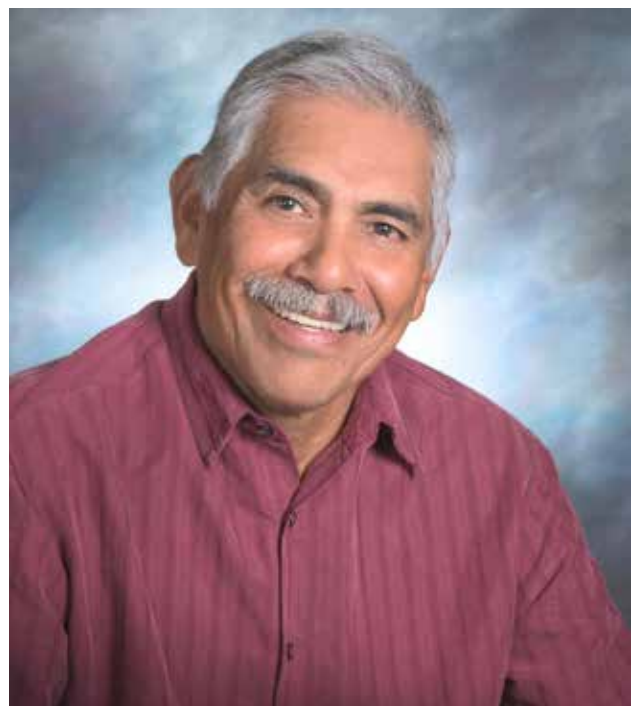
As the air filled with the inviting scent of freshly brewed coffee and the

aroma of donuts, Crabtree emphasized the importance of connecting with Community members on a more personal level, regardless of their relationship with law enforcement.

For those interested in joining future discussions, visit gricsafety.org for updates on upcoming "Coffee with a Cop" events, where all voices are welcomed and valued.

# A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about



Submitted by  
Billy Allen

Music and songs tie us to episodes of our lives. My 2023 was a year of changes. John Lennon comes to my mind:

There are places I remember all my life, though some have changed. Some forever, not for better. Some have gone, some remain.

Life becomes different

when "some have gone," but we must keep walking on.

I binged "Reservation Dogs," and while "In My Life" was not part of the TV show, it would have fit so many scenes.

"Reservation Dogs" centers around four young Oklahoma Natives who lose a friend to suicide, how the community was affected, and how all handled their feelings. There are

funny and heartbreaking situations, a slice of life, our human condition, the Native experience. It could have been stories from the Gila River Indian Community.

The soundtrack caught my good ear—it was like another character. A memorable scene took place at a river where the four youths sought guidance from two elders in reversing a curse, they felt plagued their town. To reverse the curse, a sacred song had to be sung. The youths looked expectantly to the elders; the elders looked back. Then Brownie broke into 'Free Fallin,' a 1989 Tom Petty song. For him, the elderly, it was ancient and sacred. I wondered what songs GRICster musicians would have offered?

I turned to a singer with Sweetwater roots. He recalled going to various celebrations on the Gila River, Salt River, Ak Chin, and Tohono O'odham communities. Back then, the entire family would go. Such doings usually had elders singing old songs, who sang for the joy of it. The boy would go and listen, he knew O'otham, but some words, phrases, he couldn't grasp. It stirred a desire to learn more.



# GRIC Voter Registration

Community Council Elections, will take place on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024** for Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6.

If you are 18 or will be 18 by May 7<sup>th</sup> you may register to vote, last day to register or update your information is Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

<b>DISTRICT 3</b> Saturday February 17 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Sacaton Post Office Parking Lot	<b>DISTRICT 3</b> Saturday March 16 <sup>th</sup> MulChuTha Fair 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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In the late 1980s, this future ne'edam or singer felt he needed to learn a song. He asked Barnaby Lewis for help, so Mr. Lewis drove to Tucson because the future ne'edam was working for Native Seeds Search. As a result, he was invited to come sit in with a group of ne'edam also learning. This future ne'edam showed up with his plain, handmade gourd rattle or savikud. He also picked up more gourd making skills which he continues to make today. As the future ne'edam began to learn the songs, his father gave him some advice, "Be strong and keep doing it. If you were meant to sing, you will become one." The father was a member of an Old Time Fiddler O'odham band, no amplification. Some of their Canyon Records recordings still exist.

The 'Peace and Dignity' Run of 1990, had Native runners from North and South America run to Mexico City. This ne'edam participated in the relay run to San Xavier, which took 4 days and 4 nights. (Wally Kyyitan stayed with the group all the way to Mexico City.) But an opportunity arose to fly to Mexico City. He joined the relay as they made their way to Teo-

tihuacan, home of the Pyramid of the Sun and Pyramid of the Moon.

Different indigenous villages welcomed the runners and made them feel at home. After one dinner, Robert Stone took out his faithful handcrafted gourd to sing an O'otham song. Using his gourd and O'otham voice, the song echoed off the pyramids.

The other musician who shared was more modern, he liked amplification. His uncles, Virgil Jose and Joe Miguel, learned music at boarding school and came home to channel their musical knowledge in forming a chicken-scratch band. Musical instruments were among the playthings at the house. His mother learned early that music had a calming effect on her son. As a young boy he spent some time in Santa Rosa, Tohono O'odham was a hotbed for waila bands. Returning to Stotonic, his father began teaching the boy guitar chords. An uncle taught the grade schooler bass notes gleaned from waila cassette tapes. The next thing the young boy knew, he was in the Assembly of God church band.

Then one day his uncle came to take him to play with the waila band—in a

bar. His mother and the boy were scared, both knew what could take place there on a Saturday night. But his father decided to let his son experience a part of the family tradition. The boy was anxious but overcame the fear.

In his teenage years, modern rock was on the airways, he turned to s-ve:c vainom or heavy metal. At a musical crossroad, he chose vaila. We are grateful for that. Over the past 37 years, playing with various waila bands, he has noticed learning the different steps for the various styles seem to be less popular. But with the first notes of a cumbia, the floor becomes a swirling parking lot.

Corwin Norris does publicize waila but prefers to let the music sing for itself. 'I believe people will come on their own. O'odham musico, is one way to express pride.' Adding, 'I just stuck with it. It's in my heart.'

Music preferences for O'otham and O'odham are varied. Individuals have their favorites, age-groups have their standards. I don't know what song I would sing if I was in Brownie's position. But I know what style two O'odham musicians would choose.

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# **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

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# FITNESS & WELLNESS

## Tribal Health Dept. Hosts 5k Run/Walk Series in District 2

**Joseph Morales**  
GRIN Intern

On Saturday, Feb. 24, over 100 participants gathered for the early morning 5k run/walk series hosted by the Tribal Health Department (THD) at the District 2 Service Center.

All ages participated in this event with joy and smiles as they went through the course. The total number of participants reached 126 and was open to all federally recognized tribal members. Runners and walkers pass by, stating, "It's so beautiful out here," and "Take another picture of my good side."

Incentives were given to the first 100 participants to complete the run/walk.

The series from THD began on Jan. 27, bringing together 168 participants to promote and provide physical activity opportunities for the Gila River Indian Community.

"THD is happy to provide these events [and] op-



Participants begin the 5k course in District 2 on Feb. 24. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

portunities to participants in each district throughout Gila River," said Telesha Irving, THD's Community Health Education Specialist.

Those who might have missed the two events are in luck; THD will host two more run/walk series. The next one will be held in

District 5 on Saturday, Mar. 30, and the last run/walk of the series will be held in District 4 on Saturday, Apr. 27.

For more information, contact Telesha Irving at (520) 562-5118 or at Telesha.Irving.TH@gric.nsn.us.



Runners of all ages complete the course. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales



Participants receive snacks and incentives upon completion of the run/walk. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales



Families and pets participate in the run/walk in District 2 on Feb. 24. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

## 2024 MCT Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament Winners

32 teams participated in the 2024 Mul-Chu-Tha Elder Chair Volleyball Tournament, hosted by Gila River Tribal Recreation & Wellness. Held on Feb. 27-28, teams from various tribes came together in fierce competition at the District 2 Service Center.





# ★ VETERANS ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 48 Years on Tanks: GRIC Veteran Returns Home

Submitted by  
Joey R. Whittman

On April 30, 1975, South Vietnam fell to the North Vietnamese. In school, I thought about what I would do after graduating high school. Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted to be a soldier; I didn't want to stay home on the reservation; to me, there was no future here.

So my mind was made up, I would follow my brothers, Jewel (Army-Vietnam), Franklin (Marine Corp-Okinawa), Malcolm (Germany), and Leander (Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri), on May 31, 1975, I, Joey Richard Whitman, Entered the Armed Forces of the United States (Army).

I reported to Fort Polk, Louisiana. 1st Brigade, 4th Battalion, F – Company, Where I was trained for Basic Training to become a soldier and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) to be

an infantryman (11 bravo).

I remember we trained as if we were going to re-take Vietnam—that was drilled into our heads. After I graduated from AIT, I remained at Fort Polk. I reported to the 5th Infantry Division (Red Diamond), 12th Cavalry 1st Squadron A Troop.

As the 5th Infantry Division formed, I was told I would report to another unit: 3rd Battalion 77th Armor, B Company, where I would be trained to be a “TANKER.” I was trained to drive, load, and fire the main gun (105 mm) on an M60A1 Patton Tank.

I thought, “This is AWESOME!” I wanted to see what a tank could do and feel the engine's and main gun's power when it was fired.

We trained on tactics and tank gunnery to qualify the tank crew. We prepared to fight and kill Russians and soldiers of the Warsaw

Pact. We were taught how to identify their tanks, the T-62 and T55, their light vehicles, the BRDM and MTLB, and other vehicles and aircraft. I learned a term called the COLD WAR.

The countries of the Warsaw Pact, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, led by the Soviet Union, were communist. If they wanted to extend communism, they would attack Europe and fight against the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The Cold War is when the United States and the Soviet Union faced off without shooting at each other. If they did, each Country had enough weapons to kill millions of people in a few seconds.

I remember in school, if there was ever a bright flash during class, we were told to get under our desks



Photo Courtesy of Joey R. Whitman.

and, if it was outside, to fall to the ground and cover our heads.

On TV (black and white), there was a cartoon commercial of a turtle wearing a helmet with ‘CD’ on it for civil defense; if an atomic bomb exploded, he did DUCK AND COVER (early ‘60s)

In 1977, I reported to the 2nd Infantry Division

(Indian Head), 72nd Armor 1st Battalion A Company, where I trained to kill North Koreans if they crossed the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ); I was a gunner, a one-year adventure. Korea is a cool country and a very cold place.

The Demilitarized Zone is a strip of land across the Korean peninsula near the 38th parallel.

North Koreans consistently infiltrated the South; in an incident I remember that happened before I was in Korea, North Korean soldiers axed American soldiers to death. The soldiers were cutting down a tree in the DMZ

In 1978, I went back to Fort Polk. This time, I re-

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## Flag Breathing Ceremony for Ira H. Hayes & Kenneth Hayes



Community veterans conduct the flag breathing ceremonies for Ira H. Hayes, at the Huhugam Heritage Center on Feb. 22. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

Members of the Gila River Indian Community, veterans, and relatives of brothers Kenneth and Ira H. Hayes convened on Feb. 22, for a deeply significant flag-breathing ceremony, a tribute to the two men's service and sacrifice. The Veteran & Family Services Office, in collaboration with the Huhugam Heritage Center, proudly hosted this momentous event.

Joseph and Nancy (Whittaker) Hayes were the parents of Ira and Kenneth Hayes, who served their country with distinction. Ira, a member of the United States Marine Corps, is renowned for his role in rais-

ing the American flag atop Mount Suribachi during the WWII Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. Kenneth, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War, was a recipient of the prestigious Purple Heart medal.

The ceremony was a community-wide effort, with relatives of the Hayes family being honored and veterans from the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, First Nations Warrior Society, and Bushmasters American Legion Post 114 participating. Officers from the Gila River Police Department and Gila River Emergency Medical Services also lent their support, assisting with the ceremonies.

“Well, I think it came out pretty good because the last time when I redid the flags, it was at the Veteran's [Memorial] Park and we put them up, we raised them up on the poles for about 20-30 minutes, re-folded it [and] presented back to the family,” said Douglas Juan, U.S. Army, “We didn't have a large audience because it was still during COVID, but now that people can come, it's good to see that happening and sharing with the community instead of just the family.”

*More on this story will be featured in the next issue of the GRIN.*

## VA Benefits, National K9 Day, Vietnam War Veterans Day, and U.S. Flag folding



Submitted by  
Veteran & Family Services Office

**Claim denied? Reapply:**

There's a possibility of reapplying for a Veterans Affairs (VA) Service Connected Disability if you have been denied for conditions in the past. It doesn't matter how long it has been since you were denied, as time goes on, not only do your medical conditions change, but so do the VA's conditions and requirements.

Contact Veteran & Family Services (VFSO) for an appointment and we will review your denials and discuss the options.

**National K9 Veterans Day:**



March 13, recognizes

National K9 Veterans Day and the dedicated K9 units who've served since World War II.

During the WWI, the United States took notice of the European use of canines as sentries, message carriers, and several other functions.

A lot of things changed after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. We rationed oil, leather, and rubber. The military drafted men into service, women rolled up their sleeves for building war supplies and dogs were called to duty.

**U.S. Flag Triangular Folding:**



The United States flag is folded into the shape of a triangle to resemble a hat like those worn by General George Washington and other soldiers.

Each of its 13 folds has a symbolic meaning:

The first fold symbolizes life. The second fold symbolizes the belief in eternal life. The third fold symbolizes fallen veterans. The fourth fold symbolizes trust in a higher power.

The fifth fold symbolizes honor and acknowledgment of our country. The sixth fold symbolizes the heart. The seventh fold symbolizes the U.S. Armed Forces. The eighth fold symbolizes those who enter the valley of the shadow of death. The ninth fold symbolizes womanhood. The tenth fold symbolizes fatherhood. The 11th fold symbolizes the seal of King David and King Solomon. The 12th fold symbolizes eternity. And the 13th fold symbolizes the national motto, “In God We Trust.”

**Save the Date!**



The VFSO Office will be hosting a Vietnam Veterans Day luncheon for Vietnam Veterans and their families on **Thursday, March 28. Location and time TBA.**

Veteran and Family Services Office 520-562-9704

Peer Support Specialist Wesley Rhodes -520-610-4383

Peer Support Specialist Darrell Whitman 520-610-2037



### From the Front Page

ilies, along with the Hayes family in attendance, received special recognition.

Keynote speakers featured Army veteran Nathan Brown Eagle, District 4, member of the Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51, Army veteran Lawrence Williams, District 5, and Wayne M. Allison, District 3, great-grandson of Emma Whittaker - sister to Nancy

Whittaker Hayes (Ira H. Hayes' mother), along with remarks from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone.

"I want to thank all of our veterans in the Community; I also want to thank all those veterans' groups throughout Arizona that have come back here to honor the Ira Hayes family, both native veterans' groups and non-native veterans' groups because you are truly brother and sisters

of ours," said Gov. Lewis.

Many gifts and words were shared among the guests including the visiting Yakama Warriors Association who presented gifts to Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Antone and Daniel King from the Oneida Nation and Co-chairman of NCAI

(National Congress of American Indian) Veterans Committee who presented a gift as well to Post 84.

The evening rounded off into the night with the announcement of the Ira H. Hayes family to be the Grand Marshal for the Iwo Jima flag raising parade.

"It's a big honor. Before I wasn't in the military, so, I always came to these events as a civilian, but now since I am currently active duty, it's more of a huge privilege to be here," said Lance Corporal Marine, Adam Juan, District 5, great nephew of Ira H.

Hayes.

Juan expressed that his time as a Marine deepened his own knowledge of his great-uncle. He now understands the comradery and great respect Ira Hayes has in the military.



**Lawrence Williams, District 4, is awarded Veteran of the Year for the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary Parade.** Velia Moncada/GRIN



**St. Peter's Indian Mission School's student basket dancers and gourd singers perform at the Veterans Banquet on Feb. 23.** Velia Moncada/GRIN

### 48 Years on Tanks Cont.

ported to the 3rd Battalion 77th Armor. B Company, I became a Tank Commander. I had my own tank and crew; I trained them as my old tank commanders trained me. Here, we tested a new version of the M60 and the M60A3, which had a laser rangefinder and made getting the range to the target easier. We still trained to fight the Warsaw Pact.

In 1980, I reported to Schweinfurt, Germany, 3rd Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion 64th Armor; my enemies this time were the East Germans and Polish soldiers. We were the backup for the 11th Armored Cavalry if they attacked through the Fulda Gap.

In 1982, we were issued a new tank, the M1 Abrams. This tank was a far better tank than the M60A1. We did training exercises called REFORGER (Return of forces to Germany). After we received the tanks, we did REFORGER "Certain Shield." The tank was named "Silent Death" by the opposing forces (red force) because the tanks were hard to hear, and the M1 was fast because of the turbine engine.

In late 1982, I reported to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where I would become a New Equipment Training Instructor and train soldiers on the M1 tank. I traveled to different posts throughout the Country, including Fort Hood, Texas (2nd Armored Division, 1st Cavalry Division), Fort Benning,

Georgia (197th Infantry Brigade), Fort Stewart, Georgia (24th Infantry Division), and Fort Polk, Louisiana (5th Infantry Division).

In 1988, I reported to Amberg, Germany, to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Squadron, L Troop. Now, I trained to kill Czechoslovakian soldiers. The unit patrolled the border between West Germany and Czechoslovakia in case the Warsaw Pact nations attacked. In 1989, the Wall came down. The Cold War was over. I was transferred to I Troop, which needed a Platoon Sergeant. I was assigned to the 2nd Tank Platoon.

In August 1990, Saddam Hussein's soldiers (Iraq) invaded Kuwait; the U.S. responded by sending the XVIII Airborne Corp; upon request by General Schwarzkopf needing additional troops, the VII Corp would deploy from Germany, which included the 2nd Armored Cavalry; in November the Regiment deployed to Saudi Arabia. "WHITMAN'S WARRIORS" (the platoon came up with the platoon's name) trained to kill Iraqi soldiers.

G-1 (G, for a ground war, - (minus) 1 one day before G Day) Saturday, Feb. 23, 1991, the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment crossed the berm into Iraq. Once we crossed, there was little resistance; we set for the night. The next day, G Day, we started to move again, and the rest of the Corp followed. We fought several small battles (G+1, plus 1 day after G Day). On the 25th, we engaged an Infan-

try Battalion, destroyed 32 personnel carriers, and captured 180 enemy prisoners of war (G + 2). On the 26th, we encountered elements of the Tawakalna Division, a division of Iraq's Republican Guards. The Republican guards were the best troops Iraq had; they also had the best tank: the soviet T-72; we destroyed several T-72s. This battle would be called "Battle of the 73 Easting". We fought from early afternoon till about midnight. At 0200, The 1st Infantry would pass through our line as we rested; G+3 the 27th, we were the Corp reserve. Little did we know the war for us was over; we fought 82 hours of the 100-hour war.

Later, we would move along the Euphrates River to a town named As Samawah; as we moved, we relieved the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions. As we passed the units, it reminded me of the movie A Bridge to Far, where the airborne soldiers had no protection from the weather elements. Once we reached the town, we would provide security and see the other side of the war. Seeing the misery of refugees and people trying to survive - especially older people, kids, and women; We would try to help them as much as possible. Saddam Hussein was killing his own people.

The 1st Infantry would relieve us of this mission, and we would march 200 miles back to King Khalid Military City in Saudi Arabia. In late April, we would return to Amberg, the City of Amberg, and our sister unit, the 123rd Panzer gave

us a 'welcome home' celebration. It was cool to see the citizens standing on the sidewalks yelling for us and especially the German soldiers standing with their weapons at present arms as we marched through the city. We marched downtown to a church, did a religious ceremony, and marched back to the post, where a celebration was set up.

I was awarded two Army Commendation Medals, one for Meritorious achievement during Feb. 23-28, 1991, "While serving as a Platoon Sergeant for Third Squadron, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment, Sergeant First Class Whitman displayed Exemplary professionalism in the performance of duty. During Operation Desert Storm, his leadership always placed his platoon in a position to bring destructive fires on the enemy at a critical point, which led to the destruction of an Iraqi battalion and the capture of enemy prisoners."

The second Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement on Feb. 26, 1991, while serving as a Platoon Sergeant for I Troop, Third Squadron, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment, while deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. "Sergeant First Class Whitman distinguished himself while fighting a superior armored force in prepared defensive positions. His leadership contributed greatly to his platoon, destroying seven tanks and eight personnel carriers and capturing fifty enemy prisoners of

war. Sergeant First Class Whitman's courage under fire, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety bring great credit upon him, the Second Armored Cavalry Regiment, and the United States Army.

I wish all 'Whitman's Warriors' were awarded Commendation medals; the platoon did their duty. They performed their duties as trained; these medals are not mine. They are "WHITMAN'S WARRIORS" medals they earned by doing their duty. PFC Donald Smith told me after we finished fighting, "Hey Sgt. Whitman, we did this just like training." It made ME PROUD OF THEM.... Soldiers magazine interviewed members of I Troop, Titled IRON TROOPS TRIAL BY FIRE. Members of the 2nd platoon were interviewed; I was asked to make a statement, but I refused; I told the reporter to talk to the platoon. It made me even more proud of them.

The Regiment was awarded the Valorous Unit Award For extraordinary heroism in action against the Iraqi Army. The Dragoon Battle Group attacked southern Iraq, under the lead of VII Corps, with such audacity that the Dragoon Battle Group quickly overwhelmed superior enemy forces, demoralizing them and taking hundreds of enemy prisoners. On Feb. 26, during the Battle of the 73 Easting, the Dragoon Battle Group established contact with the Tawakalna Division and Iraqi Republican Guards Corps and decisively defeated their

advanced elements as well as elements of other Iraqi armored units. Effectively fixing these superior enemy forces so the Corp could maneuver against and destroy them. The 2nd Dragoon Battle Group displayed valor in combat that clearly set them apart from other combat units in the VII Corps.

In late 1991, I reported to Fort Knox, Kentucky. 194th Armored Brigade, Brigade S3, a staff job, but I would be in charge of the vehicles: The M113s, M577s, 5-ton trucks, humvees, 2 NCOs, 10, E-4, and below. I was unhappy with this job but did my best to accept it. We still had a combat mission as part of XVIII Corp, and we supported the Armor school with tanks. We did three joint exercises with the Canadians in Canada. We were scheduled to do an exercise with the Country of Jordan, and our vehicles arrived at the port in Jordan; the unit was notified to depart for Jordan.

As we flew to Germany, the exercise was canceled. We were told Hussein was moving troops to Jordan, so we refueled and returned to Fort Knox. The Red Cross workers welcomed us back.. "You have been away for a long time; Welcome Home," they said. We were only gone just enough time to fly to Germany, refuel, and return... it was the thought that counted.

*More on this story will be featured in the next issue of the GRIN.*





# HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Stephen Roe Lewis  
Governor



Regina Antone  
Lt. Governor

## Gov. Lewis shares GRIC's commitment to Green Energy at White House Roundtable

### GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended a White House Roundtable in Phoenix on President's Day, Feb. 19, to highlight the Community's commitment to green energy and its recent project to put innovative solar panels over approximately 3,000-feet of canal.

The roundtable, held at the offices of Cartwright School District, focused on the Direct Pay Programs established by the Inflation Reduction Act and how tribes can benefit from investments into clean energy projects.

"Direct pay is going to allow tribes like Gila River to apply directly for funding to offset a lot of these projects that we're looking at for 'green technology,'" said Gov. Lewis.

The roundtable also



L-R: Supervisor Bill Gates, Maricopa County, Ryan Whalen, Special Assistant to the President & Sr. Advisor – White House Intergovernmental Affairs, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Adrian Keller, Arizona Program Manager – United Solar Neighbors, Mayor Kate Gallego, City of Phoenix, Intergovernmental Affairs Director – Tom Perez, Victoria Farrar, Chief Financial Officer – Cartwright Elementary School District, David Eichenthal, US Treasury Department, Carla Vargas Jasa, United Way, President and CEO, Daniel Barajas District Deputy Chief Director for Workforce and Economic Development. CPAO Photo

included White House Intergovernmental Affairs Director Tom Perez, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego,

and Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates. The visit by Perez was part of

the Biden-Harris Administration's fourth Investing in America Tour to highlight

opportunities to grow a clean energy economy.

Mayor Gallego called the Inflation Reduction Act an "amazing tool" to lower energy costs and address climate impacts. According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, "elective pay" or "direct pay" is one of two credit delivery mechanisms that will allow state, local, and tribal governments to take advantage of tax credits for clean energy—groups that could not fully take advantage of the tax incentives before.

"I am particularly excited about some of the

work [GRIC] is doing with solar [panels] over the canals as well as the (Governor's) great leadership on water," said Mayor Gallego.

Perez followed Gallego in touting the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to clean energy. "I've never seen an opportunity for a wider array of stakeholders to avail themselves of incredible moments so that you can improve the quality of your community," said Perez, who was accompanied by Ryan Whalen, Intergovernmental Affairs, and David Eichenthal, U.S. Treasury.

Gov. Lewis, the only tribal leader who participated in the roundtable, was joined by local educators, labor leaders, and representatives from the non-profit sector. The roundtable included a tour of Cartwright School District's electric school bus as an example of a sustainability fleet option for local schools.

"We have a goal for the [Gila River Indian Community] to develop a blue-green economy," said Gov. Lewis, explaining that "blue" stands for the Community's focus on water conservation, while "green" indicates how sustainability, as in the solar-cover canal project, has become a focus for the Community.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis highlights GRIC's latest work towards green energy. CPAO Photo



Tom Perez, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of the Intergovernmental Affairs. CPAO Photo

## Lt. Gov. Antone attends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Terminal at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway

### Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

On Feb. 20, hundreds gathered at the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport for a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new terminal, which officially opened for use on Feb. 21.

Federal, state, local officials, as well as business representatives celebrated the newest addition. The 30,000 square foot south

concourse terminal, features five gates and is a collaboration with the Arizona Congressional Delegation, Arizona Governor and State Legislature, and the six communities that surround the area: Apache Junction, Gila River Indian Community, Queen Creek, Mesa, Gilbert and Phoenix.

"I thought it was really amazing because it's similar to Sky Harbor, but way smaller," said Lt. Gov. Re-

gina Antone, "being smaller is more community; it's more personal, it's more customer service oriented and that's kind of how we are in our community. It's all about people and teamwork."

Lt. Gov. Antone serves on the Board of Directors and was present for the opening ceremonies. The Board of Directors meet once a month to review all the projects.

She added, "A lot of them are coming to the end now and we're getting new projects, which is really booming around here, which I'm excited because I don't know if the community members know what has been going on out here and all of the economic development that's happening out here."

The \$28 million project was made possible through a mix of funding sources including grants from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, FAA Airport Improvement Program,

the State of Arizona, and contributions from the six Airport Member Communities.

2023 marked the busiest year in the history of the

Airport, welcoming over 1.9 million passengers.

Congressman Ruben Gallego, who was present for the ribbon cutting, stated, "Arizona is boom-

ing, and the success of the Gateway Airport is a testament to that growth – helping Arizonans connect to colleagues and loved ones across the country."



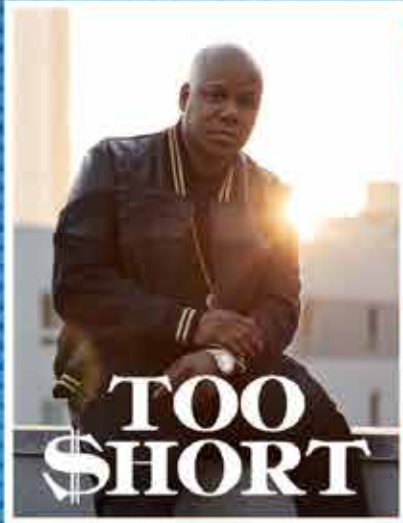
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L-R: Mayor Julia Wheatley, Town of Queen Creek, Greg Stanton, Congressman, Mayor Brigitte Peterson, Town of Gilbert, GRIC Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Mayor John Giles, City of Mesa, Mayor Chip Wilson, City of Apache Junction, and Tom Perez, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of the Intergovernmental Affairs Emma Hughes/GRIN



# MUL-CHU-THA FAIR & RODEO PRESENTS



# LIL JON



**SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | 7PM**



# Common Kings

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | 8PM**

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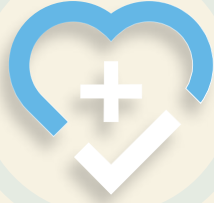
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Please remember that all smoking is prohibited at all Gila River Health Care campus locations.

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# GOOD FRIDAY

## *Holiday*

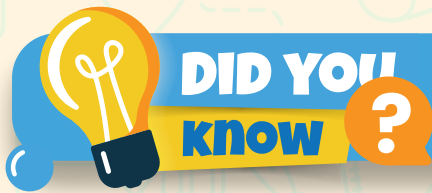
Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be

**CLOSED**  
**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

### Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Pharmacy Hours

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> ..... C L O S E D**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> ..... 8:30 am - 8:00 pm**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> ..... 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

For any information on services open during the holidays, call our main line at (520) 562-3321. Normal business hours will resume Monday, April 1st. If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.



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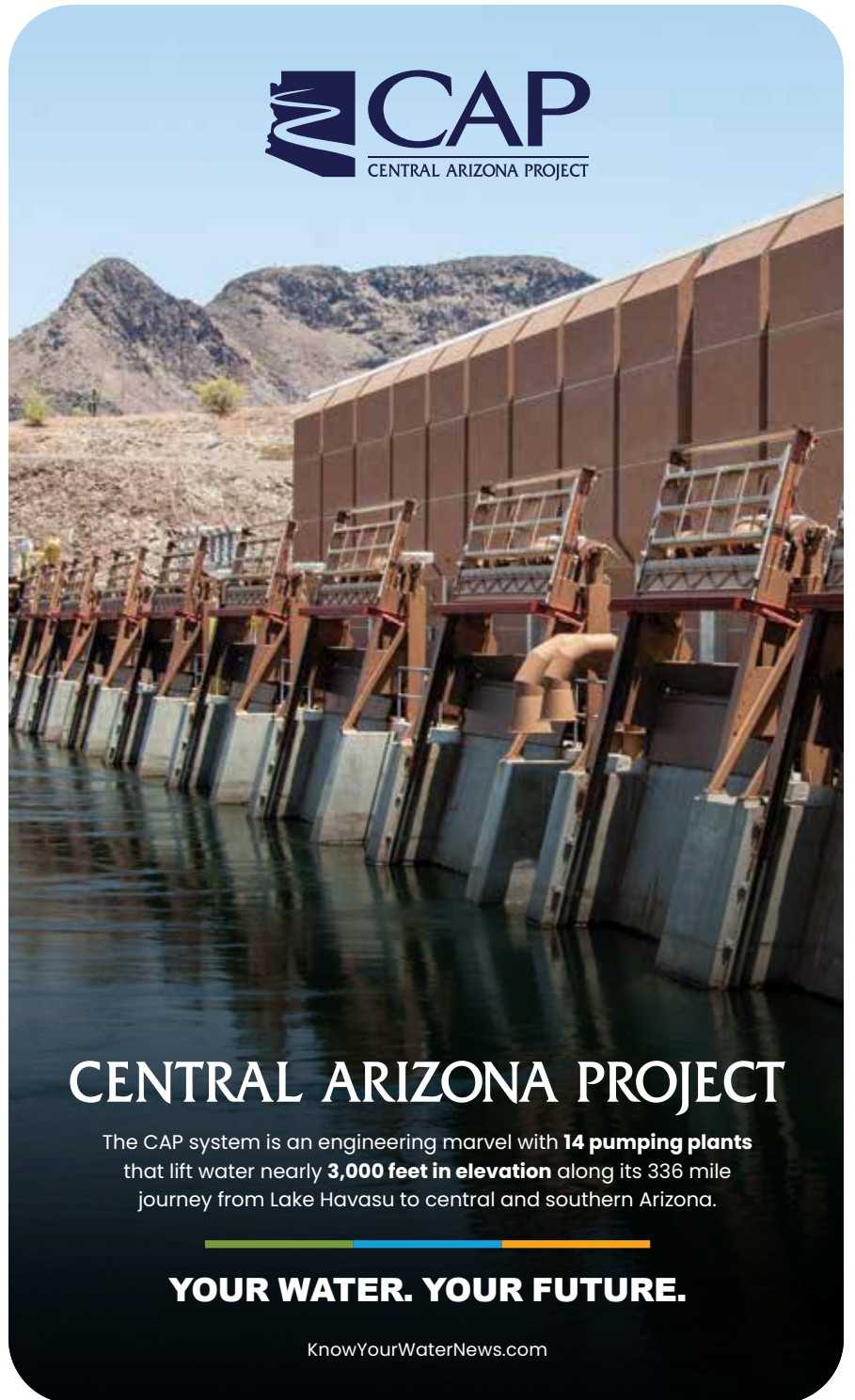
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# ATTENTION GILA RIVER!

## Student Services College Fair

### March 21, 2024

### D3 Headstart

### Sacaton, AZ

### 3pm-6pm

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- Parent Liaison (1) – DOE
- Instructional Assistants (9) – Starting @ \$17.14
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- Elementary Teachers (2) – DOE
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- Cultural Specialist-Part-time (2) - DOE

(All positions are open until filled)

**BONUS:**

- Sign-On Bonus of \$2,000 (prorated)
- Hard-to-Fill Bonus of \$4,000 (may apply to some positions)

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](http://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 02/07/2024.

## Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

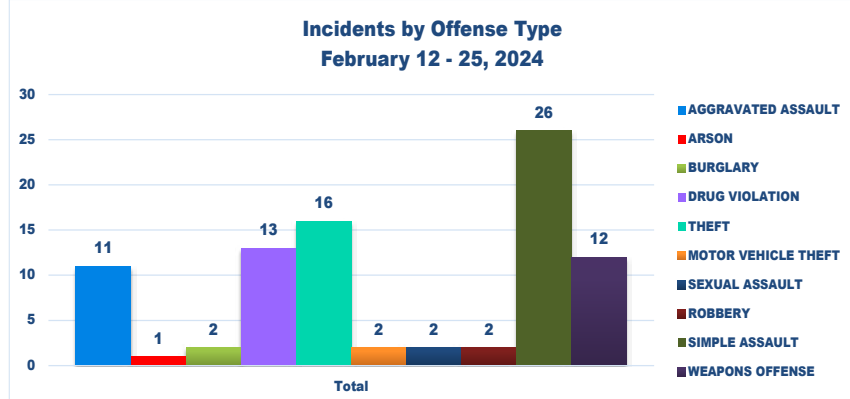


### Gila River Police Department Blotter Report

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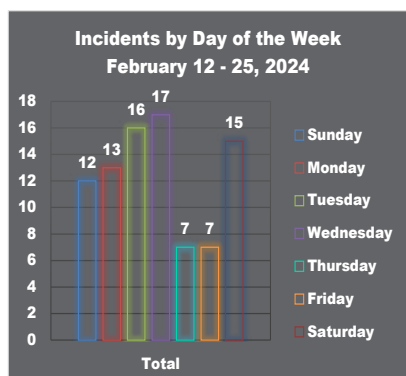
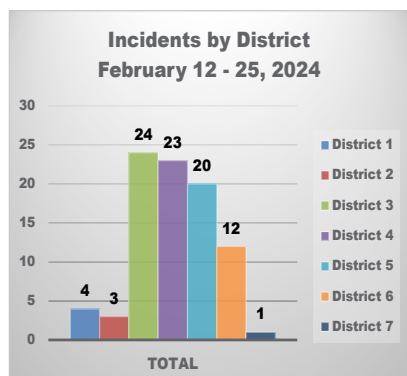
**FOR: GILA RIVER INDIAN NEWS**

**REPORTING DATE: 02/12 – 02/25/2024**



**TOP Community Wide Crimes**

From February 12 - 25, 2024 the TOP crimes committed were Simple Assault (26), Theft (16), Drug Violations (13), Aggravated Assault (11), and Weapon Offenses (12).



**Incidents by District/ Day of the Week**

From February 12 - 25, 2024 the day of the week with the highest reported crimes committed were on Wednesdays. Most crimes were reported to have occurred between the hours of 3pm – 8pm.

From February 12- 25, 2024 the district with the most reported crimes was District 3 with District 4 coming in second.

**GRIC ORDER OF PROTECTION**

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

Order of Protection  
Case No. **CV-2024-0067-OP**  
County: PINAL/MARICOPA State: AZ

**PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:**  
**DEBRA GARCIA**  
Date of Birth: 03/03/1968

And/or on behalf of minor family member(s):  
Elena Ramon

**VS.**

**RESPONDENT**  
**SHAELENE RENAE MANUEL**  
Relationship to Petitioner: Daughter

DOB: 07/05/2005	SEX: Female	SSN:	RACE:
EYES: Black	HAIR: Black	HT: 5'2	WT: 180
DRIVERS LICENSE #:	STATE:	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 February 25, 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:** Howie Rd #2, Sacaton

**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.

February 27, 2024  
Date

Sheri L Cassa  
Judge's Printed Name



### Announcements & Notices

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: **NORMAN ANTONE WELLINGTON, SR.**

CASE NUMBER: **PB-2023-0052-DE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Lorraine Wellington, was appointed Estate Administrator of this estate on January 23, 2024. All persons having claim against the estate must present their claim within 60 calendar days of the date of the publication of this notice or forever lose the right to recover your claim. The claim must be signed and include the name and address of the claimant or claimant's agent, the basis for an agent signing for the claimant, the facts or circumstances constituting the basis of the claim, and the amount of the claim. Any documents evidencing the claim must be attached. Claims must be presented by filing the original of the claim with the Community Court and by delivering or mailing a written copy of the claim to Lorraine Wellington, the Estate Administrator, at P.O. Box 1226, Sacaton, AZ 85147

#### GRIC COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

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

**DEBRA GARCIA** Plaintiff(s)

VS.

**MORRIS RAY CLASHIN III** Defendant(s)

CASE NUMBER: **CV-2024-0068-RO**

#### TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a **RESTRAINING ORDER**; and it appearing that a **Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date, a Restraining Order against the named defendant,**

**MORRIS RAY CLASHIN III.**

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED **DEBRA GARCIA, ERLENA RAMON** IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON **Friday, March 8, 2024 at 3:30 PM** in Courtroom I, **AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.**

FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

Date: **February 27, 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 GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

**NEISHA JOYCE CARLETON** Petitioner/Plaintiff

VS.

**ROBERT ADAM VALDEZ** Respondent/Defendant

CASE NUMBER: **FM-2022-0025-PT**

**SUMMONS Civil Division**

TO: **Robert Adam Valdez**  
19211 S. Ho Hi St, Laveen, AZ 85339

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:

**Response Hearing** regarding this matter on:

**Monday, March 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, 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.

Dated this 12th day February, 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 COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

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

In Re Case: **Alexis Marie Leyvas vs James Leroy Perez**

Docket Number: **FM-2023-0009-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**  
**AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,**  
**721 West Seed Farm Road,**  
**Sacaton, AZ 85147**

**19th day of March, 2024 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheri L Cassa**

#### GRIC ORDER OF PROTECTION

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

Order of Protection  
Case No. **CV-2024-0045-OP**  
County: PINAL/MARICOPA State: AZ

#### PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:

**ANNETTE LEWIS**

Date of Birth: 04/11/1966

#### VS.

#### RESPONDENT

**DEMARIO GOCLANNEY**

114 W. Toha Street  
Sacaton, AZ 85147

DOB: 08/05/2001	SEX: Male	SSN: 764-12-7281	RACE: Am. Indian/Alaskan Native
EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black	HT: 507	WT: 175

DRIVERS LICENSE #:	STATE:	EXP DATE:
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#### 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 February 4, 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:** 24 E Toha Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147

**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.

February 6, 2024

Date

Sheri L Cassa

Judge's Printed Name

#### GRIC ORDER OF PROTECTION

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

Order of Protection  
Case No. **CV-2024-0046-OP**  
County: PINAL/MARICOPA State: AZ

#### PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:

**ANNETTE LEWIS**

Date of Birth: 04/11/1966

#### VS.

#### RESPONDENT

**DEANGELO CHEBON GOCLANNEY**

114 W. Toha Street #24  
Sacaton, AZ 85147

DOB: 06/25/2004	SEX: Male	SSN: 764-44-0818	RACE: Am. Indian/Alaskan Native
EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black	HT: 506	WT: 135

DRIVERS LICENSE #:	STATE:	EXP DATE:
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February 6, 2024

Date

Sheri L Cassa

Judge's Printed Name



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Feb. 7, 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, February 7, 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 9:04 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 Regina 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; D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans(9:16)

Council Members Present via WebEx:

D5- James De La Rosa

D5- Gordon Santos, Jr.

Council Members Absent:

D7- Devin Redbird

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #5, #6 AND #7; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #5 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS PRESENTED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Office of the Treasurer Introduction – Ann Long, Budget Administrator

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Ann Long  
TREASURER GARY T. MIX INTRODUCED MS. ANN LONG AS THE NEW BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR. MS. LONG HAS WORKED FOR THE COMMUNITY IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND HAS OVER 20 YEARS WITH THE TRIBE. MS. LONG IS HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE. VARIOUS COUNCIL, LT. GOVERNOR, AND GOVERNOR CONGRATULATED MS. LONG IN HER NEW POSITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

## REPORTS

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

Presenters: Lisa Gover, Michael Preston  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Community Technology Center FY2023/2024 1st Quarter Report

Presenter: Connie Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Tribal Opioid Payments Permissible Uses Implementation Committee Report to Council  
Presenter: Sunshine Manuel

REPORT HEARD

4. LUPZ Ordinance Team Report; Follow-up on Complaint About Encroachment in the District 1 Southern Boundary East of Skousen Road By An Outside Party RP-103-24 LUPZ #24-35319

Presenters: Ordinance Team, Kimberly Cooper

## REPORT HEARD

>5. Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) Biennial Report

Presenters: Tamara Thompson, Lance Reyna  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act IDEA Part C&B Birth Through Five Years Old December 1- Tribal Child Count Report 2023

Presenters: Tamara Thompson, Lance Reyna  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. K-12 Education Program Quarter 1 Report SY2023-2024

Presenters: Anna Edwards, Lance Reyna  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council December 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gila River Gaming Commission, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia Acosta

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report December 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Schedule of Investments ending December 31, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving Modification No.

2 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2024 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Revolution Industrial, LLC For Developing, Operating And Managing A Secured Gravel Yard, Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John Martin, Teresa Mandelin, Bartley Harris

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Candice Jean Williams AKA Candice Jean Poleahla From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval to remove Candice Jean Williams AKA Candice Jean Poleahla from the Membership Roll of the Gila River Indian Community)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Deanna Enos

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Re-Enrollment Of Teresa Lynette Brunacci Into The Membership Of The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Deanna Enos

APPROVED

>5.A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2023 (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval

and placement on the Consent Agenda)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Deanna Enos  
ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:35 A.M.]

## ORDINANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Initial Summary Analysis on Apartments (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to support by resolution a business style apartment complex concept with land and cost identified, NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Teresa Mandelin, John Martin

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT BY RESOLUTION A BUSINESS STYLE APARTMENT COMPLEX CONCEPT WITH LAND AND COST IDENTIFIED

2. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Director's Declaration of One (1) Vacancy (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business to declare the vacancy and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

3. Housing Advisory Committee Appointment – District Five (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to appoint Bonita Lyons to the Housing Advisory Committee)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT BONITA LYONS TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4. 16th Annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development Conference March 19-20, 2024 – Tucson, AZ (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Government & Management Standing Committee

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

5. NAFOA 42nd Annual Conference April 29-30, 2024 – Hollywood, FL (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Government & Management Standing Committee

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

6. Rx and Illicit Drug Summit April 1-4, 2024 Atlanta, Georgia (H&SSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

7. Gila River Gaming Commission Declaration of Two (2) Gaming Commission Vacancies (LSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

8. Enrollment Department Community Outreach Los Angeles, CA - March 2, 2024 (LSC forwards to Council to for any interested Council members to attend under Dues and Delegations)

Presenters: Sheila Valenzuela, Deanna Enos  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND UNDER DUES & DELEGATIONS

9. 17th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference June 18-19, 2024 Temecula, California (EDSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Economic Development Standing Committee

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

10. Reservation Economic Summit March 11-14, 2024, Las Vegas, Nevada (EDSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Economic Development Standing Committee

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

11. FY2024 Revenue Internal Audit (RIA) 1st Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT NEW BUSINESS #11 AND #12

12. FY2024 Gaming Internal Audit (GIA) 1st Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

ACCEPTED AT NEW BUSINESS #11

## MINUTES

1. January 17, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. January 22, 2024 (Special)

APPROVED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

• PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF DISTRICT 5 ELDER DELVINA SETOYANT

• IOPC MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

• REVIEWING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.

• BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION VISIT BLACKWATER SCHOOL FEBRUARY 7, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

• JOHN HESTON, FORMER ATTORNEY FOR THE OFFICE OF WATER RIGHTS PASSED AWAY

## ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:49 A.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



## Protecting Your Home from Termites

Termites are regarded as a major problem in the Community, often dreaded because of their devastating effects on wood in homes and other structures. Subterranean termite colonies live underground near moist soil to protect themselves from dehydration. They construct and travel in mud tubes above ground in search of cellulose matter, such as wood-based materials in homes, during favorable times of the year when the weather is warm and humid.



To prevent termites from entering a structure and causing damage, pest management businesses apply **pesticides** to the soil under the foundation of the home, either before the foundation is poured (**pretreatment**), or after the home is constructed (**post-construction treatment**). New homes constructed in the Community are pretreated and are issued a **five-year warranty** by the pest management business that conducts the treatment.

It is crucial for the homeowner to inspect for evidence of termites in their home. Evidence of termite activity includes mud tubes on the outside of the home's foundation or protruding through dry wall in the ceiling or walls inside the home. If evidence of termites is identified and the home is still within the five-year warranty period, the homeowner can contact the pest management business that guarantees the treatment, and schedule to have the home retreated.

Some **good practices** to prevent termite infestations in the home are:

- Inspect every month for signs of termites, cracks in the foundation, and erosion of the pesticide barrier;
- Remove cellulose materials like stumps, roots, and wood scraps;
- Maintain adequate drainage away from your home.

Things to **avoid doing** are:

- Allowing wood from the structure to contact the soil;
- Allowing paper/wood debris to collect near the home;
- Allowing for water to pool near the home;
- Digging along the foundation, disturbing the pesticide barrier.



**Questions** about warranties and the effectiveness of treatments should be brought up with the pest management business who conducted the treatment, or by referencing the new home transfer packet. If the home is out of warranty (>5 years), check with your District Service Center to see if assistance with termite treatment is available. The DEQ Pesticide Program can also provide a list of permitted pest management businesses who conduct termite treatments.

[www.GRICDEQ.org](http://www.GRICDEQ.org)

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## REV RUN

DJ RUCKUS & BIG DADDY KANE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 | 9PM



## ICE CUBE

& E-40

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 | 9PM



## LUIS ÁNGEL "EL FLACO"

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 | 8PM



## MARTINA MCBRIDE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | 8PM



## LOS LONELY BOYS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 | 8PM

### MORE UPCOMING SHOWS

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APRIL 21 | DWIGHT YOAKAM AT WILD HORSE PASS

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