



Skyline Gila River Girls Flag Football Team Wins State Championship



Skyline Gila River students win CAA State Championship on May 4. Photo Courtesy of Skyline Gila River

Submitted by Skyline Gila River

When faced with a new opportunity, Skyline Gila River (SGR) student-athletes took the challenge and ran with it mentally and physically.

Girls flag football was a new sport this year for the school and district-wide. In the season, SGR athletes had no prior knowledge or experience playing the game.

Still, they ended the season as state champions during a play-off at Arizona State University (ASU) West on Saturday, May 4.

When talking to Coach Darius Turner, it is evident that the girls put nothing but hard work and dedication into this season. Turner stated that he started the season wanting nothing more than this to be a learning experience and fun opportunity for our students. They were willing to

show up to practice every day and learn all the rules, regulations, and positions of the game with rigor.

Our student-athletes demonstrated remarkable resilience. They maintained their academic standards, attended every practice with unwavering commitment, and started the season undefeated. Even their sole loss was not

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Voter Registration Efforts Continue in the Community



Pinal County assists Community members update their voter registration at the Voter Outreach event. Miyana Manus/CPAO

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In the 2020 Presidential Elections, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) witnessed a 50 percent voter turnout, with 2,758 out of 5,520 registered voters casting their ballots. As 2024 approaches another election year, GRIC's Communications & Public Affairs Office (CPAO), in partnership with Maricopa and Pinal County, is pushing efforts to register Community members for the upcoming State and Federal elections. Having already hosted three voter registration events in Districts 1, 5, and most recently in District 7, the endeavor to ensure registration for all Community

members continues.

The latest voter registration event occurred on May 8 in the lobby of the District 7 Multipurpose Building, Maricopa County, the Intertribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), and the GRIC Tribal Elections Department were also present, emphasizing the importance of the Native vote.

Each organization hosted its own tables, encouraging participation in federal and state elections and reinforcing the significance of tribal governance and representation.

"We are providing voter information to the Community," said ITCA's Civic Engagement

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Construction on New I-10 bridges over the Gila River Begins

Press Release Arizona Department of Transportation

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has begun construction of the new I-10 bridges over the Gila River and is part of the I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Project that runs along 26 miles of I-10 in both directions between the Loop 202 (Santan/South Mountain Freeway) and State Route 387 near Casa Grande.

Construction of these new bridges is one segment of the project's four segments. The other segments of the project are expected to begin at later dates throughout the next few years. Work for the entire I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Project is expected to take place between early 2024 through late 2028.

Crews will construct the new bridges next to the existing ones and any planned roadway restric-

tions during construction will take place overnight in order to minimize the impact on motorists.

Major construction components of the new I-10 bridges over the Gila River include:

- Adding an additional lane in both directions (replacing the two lanes in each direction on the bridges to three lanes in each direction)
- Reconfiguring the approach to the bridges on both ends
- Widening the shoulders of the bridges

Once completed, the I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Project will have widened I-10 by adding an additional lane between south of Chandler to north of Casa Grande, providing motorists with three continuous lanes of travel in each direction between Phoenix and Tucson. Other major components of the I-10 Wild Horse Project include:

- Extending the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in

each direction on I-10 from Loop 202 (Santan/South Mountain Freeway) to Riggs Road

- Improving interchanges and crossroads for enhanced capacity and safety, and multimodal (bike and pedestrian) crossings
- Installing a fiber optic backbone to install freeway management technology to allow for installation of sensors, cameras, variable message signs and other highway operations and safety-related technology.

Funding for the I-10 Wild Horse Pass Project comes from both the state and federal governments, including a \$95 million federal grant. Some funding of the project is through Prop 400, a half cent sales tax that was approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004.

For more information on the construction dates and timelines, and on the project, visit i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com.



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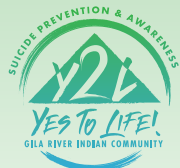
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Project DreamCatcher wraps up Spring Cohort

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Two members of the Gila River Indian Community recently graduated from the Project DreamCatcher 2024 Spring cohort on April 26.

Susanna Osife, District 2, and Yvonne Garcia, District 4, were just two of 25 women who were selected from 300 applicants for the Project DreamCatcher spring cohort.

Project DreamCatcher is a free business development program for Native American women entrepreneurs, created in partnership with Freeport-McMoRan Foundation and Arizona State University's Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Eligible participants must be enrolled members of one of the qualifying Tribal Nations, which include the Hualapai Tribe, Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Tohono O'odham Nation. While priority is given to participants from these five tribes, enrolled members of nine additional Tribal Nations are also eligible, which include Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tonto Apache Tribe, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe, and Zuni Pueblo.

Over seven days, participants engaged in intensive workshops covering various topics, from business planning and marketing strategies to financial literacy and networking, all designed exclusively for Native women. The program includes one-on-one coaching, advisory sessions, and MBA-level business classes.

This unique initiative, aimed at fostering economic empowerment among Indigenous women, provided participants with critical tools and insights to navigate the entrepreneurial landscape.

"I've actually had three businesses prior to this latest one,"



Susanna Osife, District 2, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Yvonne Garcia, District 4, at the Project DreamCatcher graduation ceremony on April 26 Photo Courtesy of Yvonne Garcia

said Garcia. Her first business was web consulting and web design for some years; she was also a jewelry consultant and an independent beauty consultant, which she still does part-time. "I just transitioned into other things, but they definitely gave me experience that I needed as far as working with other people, managing clientele."

Garcia, a graduate of ASU, is employed with the Gila River Broadcasting Corp. as a production coordinator. She heard about the DreamCatcher program from fellow students at ASU and saw the entrepreneur program as a vital stepping stone.

"I've had this idea for my latest endeavor, and I just refer to it as my 'native network' because I've come to learn that I am a sort of hub within my circle," said Garcia.

Throughout the week, she honed her business plan, learning how to attract investors and market her unique approach to creating a business that serves as event planning services while acting as a liaison and providing a database between individuals and organizations.

Osife's business, Rez Streetwear, is a fashion design brand where she creates her own apparel with an Indigenous and modern touch.

"Gratitude fills my heart as I reflect on an unforgettable experience," said Osife. "Throughout the week, I worked with women from various tribal communities. I've learned so many aspects to further improve my small business."

The program's success is not just measured by the knowledge imparted, but by the community

it fosters. Participants leave with more than business acumen; they gain a network of like-minded women who understand their struggles and share their dreams. This sense of solidarity and mutual support is crucial in overcoming the unique obstacles faced by Native women entrepreneurs.

"I'm so grateful for this journey of growth, empowerment, and sisterhood. Being part of a supportive community of like-minded entrepreneurs has been invaluable. The encouragement and shared experiences have filled my passion and determination."

For more information on Project DreamCatcher, visit <https://thunderbird.asu.edu/lifelong-learning/entrepreneurship/dream-catcher>





MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

“Remembering our lost O’otham & Pee-Posh Relatives”

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis in Arizona is a significant and ongoing issue, reflecting a broader national tragedy affecting Indigenous communities. Arizona, home to 22 federally recognized tribes, has one of the highest rates of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in the United States.

Contributing factors include systemic racism, underreporting, inadequate law enforcement resources, and jurisdictional complexities between tribal, state, and federal authorities. Efforts to address the crisis in Arizona include legislative actions, the establishment of task forces, and collaborations between tribal nations and various government agencies to improve data collection, enhance community outreach, and implement preventative measures. However, significant work remains to ensure justice and safety for Indigenous people in the state.

In 2021, the Gila River Indian Community proclaimed May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day. In 2023, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs signed an executive order enacting an official state task force to address the issue.



On May 3, Gila River Indian Community employees participated in a one-mile awareness walk around the Governance Center in Sacaton, in honor of Missing & Murdered Indigenous People. GRIC Departments were also on-site offering information and support.



On May 4, the Gila River Indian Community Crime Victim Services Department hosted the Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day walk in Sacaton at the District 3 Multipurpose Building. This year’s theme was “Remembering Our Lost O’otham and Pee Posh Relatives”.

Ten Tribes Sign Preservation Agreements with National Park Service

Press Release
National Park Service

WASHINGTON – With the addition in April of the Tule River Indian Tribe in California, the National Park Service (NPS) has signed ten new Tribal Historic Preservation agreements with Tribes in five states over the last year.

With the new agreements, the Tribes have assumed certain historic preservation functions from the states they're located in.

"I'm deeply honored to assist these Tribes in more fully participating as sovereign governments in their historic preservation," National Park Service Director Chuck Sams said. "Crafting historic preservation plans is important and complex work. I welcome these ten new Tribal Historic Preservation Offices into the federal preservation community."

NPS welcomes the following new Tribal Historic Preservation Offices:

- Modoc Nation (Miami, OK)
- Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma (Carnegie, OK)
- Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the Lovelock Indian Colony, Nevada (Lovelock, NV)
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (Mayetta, KS)
- Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki Nation) (Tama, IA)
- Paskenta Band of

Nomlaki Indians of California (Corning, CA)

- United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Tahlequah, OK)
- Summit Lake Paiute of Nevada (Sparks, NV)
- Delaware Nation, Oklahoma (Anadarko, OK)
- Tule River Indian Tribe (Porterville, CA)

NPS has the responsibility under the National Historic Preservation Act to administer the Tribal Historic Preservation Program. The program assists Indian tribes in strengthening their historic preservation programs managed through Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) on tribal lands. Once signed, THPO agreements transfer certain historic preservation responsibilities to Tribes that would otherwise be the responsibility of the state.

The NPS Tribal Historic Preservation Program works with each tribal applicant while they develop their program plan, which may take a year or more. The program also consults with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and other tribal and federal preservation partners during the process before acceptance of the final plan and development of the THPO agreement.

One of the historic preservation responsibilities that most Tribes assume in the THPO agreement is to provide public information, education, training, and technical assistance in

historic preservation.

In 2022, the Yurok Tribe and Yurok Tribal Historic Preservation Office celebrated the opening of the first tribally-operated visitor center within the California State Park system. The buildings and exhibits were completed in 2021, but due to the pandemic, it was not safe for people to mingle until 2022. The visitor center is located within Humboldt Lagoon State Park, at the Yurok location of Chah-pekw O' Ket'-toh (Stone Lagoon), which is an important place for Yurok history and cultural revitalization.

With 574 federally recognized Tribes, continued engagement with Tribes supports many potential new THPO programs. There are currently 222 Tribes with signed THPO agreements. For more information about the Tribal Historic Preservation Program, visit the program website: nps.gov/thpoprogram.

About the National Park Service: More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 429 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

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Submitted by
Gila River Indian
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ing. The CASA continues to monitor the case to assure that the judicial and child welfare systems are moving ahead to secure a safe, permanent home for the child, and that court-ordered services are provided to the child and family. The CASA is a valuable resource for the Judge, attorney for the child and social worker in reaching the goal of permanency.

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Pilkañ Baithag Mashath 2024



Submitted by
Huhugam Heritage Center

In the 1690's Father Eusebio Kino introduced wheat to the Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh. Since that time, this food crop has played a major role, in the history of farming for our Community. The last hereditary Chief of the Akimel O'otham, Antonio Azul informed the anthropologist Frank Russell in the early 1900s about Pilkañ Baithag Mashath meaning the "ripening of the wheat moon", also known as May. Our fertile soils enabled Akimel O'otham and Pee-Posh to grow many wheat fields in our middle Gila River valley. Pilkañ had its own category of words associated when grown and harvested. A "Pilkañ Oithag" is a wheat field. The head of the wheat is called "eshpo" (beard) and the stalk is called "va'ogach" (mainstem). In days gone by, the Tohono O'odham would come north and helped the

O'otham and Pee-Posh with the wheat harvest. Men and women formed a line in the pilkañ oithag to "pilkañ hi:k" (cut the wheat) with a sickle, then tied it in a sheave with a short piece of rope, as they walked along. These were left on the ground and a horse and wagon was driven at a walk by the driver. The wagon was flanked by men, who "voksha" (picked up) the sheave's and tossed them to another man who stood in the bed of the wagon. The man in the wagon quickly untied the sheaves and tossed the rope back on the ground. He piled as much pilkañ as he could into the wagon, when it was full, it was driven to the threshing floor. A pole was set up in the middle of the threshing floor and a team of horses was driven around the pole to "keihiva" (to separate wheat seed) by stepping on it. The threshed wheat removed from the floor, placed in a pile, before more was added to

the threshing floor. At the pile, men used a pitchfork to "thaichtha" (to pitch) the wheat and straw up into the wind. The wheat seed fell back down as the wind carried away the "mo:gach" (wheat straw). A portion of the mo:gach set aside for the women to weave the "vashom" (granary storage basket) after the harvest. When flour was needed for "chemmaith" (flour tortilla), the women and girls ground the wheat seeds into flour on the "mach'chuḍ" (grinding stone). After the crop was gotten in, the Tohono O'odham were paid in wheat for their labor. They knew when to come up north to help with the wheat harvest each year. Today, the Gila River Farms and Independent Growers raise a brand of wheat called Desert Durum and most of our annual wheat crop is exported to Foreign Markets around the world. You will soon observe the combines out harvesting this year's pilkañ crop. You will

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Pilkañ Baithag Mashath 2024: Match the O'otham word with its picture!

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remember a little history of the way men and women worked together when they harvested in the old way. We encourage you to learn the Akimel O'otham words in the word match and use them in your everyday lives. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and learn to say

the phrases. Terms may be slightly different between the villages.

A special Thank You to community Elders for sharing their knowledge of Pilkañ Baithag Mashath, which made this article possible. Additional source related from The Pima In-

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Two GRIC Members named UNITY's 25 Under 25

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) recently announced its latest cohort of 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leaders on April 30.

Launched in 2014, the UNITY 25 under 25 is a national youth leadership recognition program and is designed to celebrate the achievements of young Native American and Alaskan Native leaders who embody UNITY's core values and pursue holistic well-being in their lives.

"Our Native youth are passionate about enhancing their communities. The 25 Under 25 program by UNITY acknowledges their accomplishments and inspires them to continue their engagement while nurturing their leadership abilities," said Mary Kim Titla, executive director of UNITY, in a press release.

Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) members Evelyn Enos, District 4, and Precious Vicente, District 1, were selected for this year's cohort.

Enos, an Akimel O'otham/Pee Posh Youth Council member and 2023 Earth Ambassador for UNITY, has been actively involved with the Community and representing GRIC and Native youth nationally.

Vicente, a former member of AOPPYC, also served as vice president and president during her



Evelyn Enos, GRIC member from District 4. Photo Courtesy of UNITY

term. In 2023, she was named Corps Member of the Year with the Corps Protection Network, which was highlighted as part of her nomination.

Vicente expressed her excitement about being selected and said she was nominated by Bianca Wahkinney, who was her program coordinator during her internship with the National Park Service (NPS)—Casa Grande Ruins. "She's been like my mentor," said Vicente. She has a lot of experience, and it's helped me a lot." Vicente is now a Tribal Liaison with the National Park Service.

"I like to help do demonstrations and talks and stuff like that throughout the community, especially when it comes to my work or if it's anything traditional when it comes to

singing, playing traditional games, anything like that," Vicente said.

She added, "I think if I hadn't joined the youth council, I wouldn't be as active in the Community as I am now, especially with the park service and what I do."

Enos, who attends Arizona State University (ASU), said, "I am honored and so grateful to my nominator, Victoria Quintero, one of our Youth Council advisors. With her help, I am so grateful to accept this award in June at the National UNITY conference."

Through her work with AOPPYC, Enos loves being able to give back to the Community and supporting the youth by providing them outlets to express themselves. For her final project as earth ambassador, Enos hosted a webi-



Precious Vicente, GRIC member from District 1. Photo Courtesy of UNITY

nar with youth on climate, discussing the current issues with environmental policies and the impact of climate change on Indigenous communities, something she's been passionate about.

Under this new accolade, she plans to host workshops in writing and crafting to support local youth and assist them in learning their language and cultural skills.

Honorees will be recognized during the national UNITY conference that will be held from June 29 - July 3, in Portland, Oreg. Each 25 Under 25 recipient will receive a distinctive handmade beaded medallion and experience specialized training over the next eight months to foster their personal growth.

"I think the organization is great, especially

for younger people to get involved and to network with other people, especially if you're located in other parts of the world," said Vicente. "For myself, UNITY was really a good chance to network with people and find out what their organizations are doing."

The 2024 Class of 25 Under 25 National Native Youth Leaders are:

- Alyssa Mosley, 23 Nanticoke Lenni Lenape, New Jersey
- Anagali Duncan, 21 Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma
- Carmella Bear, 17 Penobscot Nation, Maine
- Dasia Peters, 22 Mashpee Wampanoag, Massachusetts
- Derek Capitan, 24 Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico
- Elise Lamas, 19 Tohono O'odham, Arizona
- Evelyn Enos, 19

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- Jori Cowley, 23 Cherokee Nation/Shawnee, Oklahoma
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- Laney Marie Lupe, 23 White Mountain Apache, Arizona
- Mariah Hernandez-Fitch, 23 United Houma Nation, Louisiana
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Miss Indian Cesar Chavez 2024-2025 Crowned

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

The Phoenix Union High School (PUHS) district's Native American Education program partnered with the Gila River Indian Community's (GRIC) Tribal Education Department (TED) to host the 2024-2025 Miss & Mr. Indian Cesar Chavez High School pageant on May 2, at the school's performing arts center.

"We are just trying to get students interested in running for this pageant because it's all about them and their cultural identity and being able to bring awareness to that," said Lance Sanchez, K-12 Student advisor for GRIC TED.

Sanchez emphasized that the pageant encourages students to enhance their confidence, emerge as leaders within their school community, and embrace their Himdag (O'otham way of life).

Nevaeh Blackwater, District 6, emerged as the sole applicant for the pageant,



Nevaeh Blackwater, District 6, is crowned as Miss Indian Cesar Chavez 2024-2025. Velia Moncada/GRIN

representing the spirit of the occasion as she auditioned for the role of the 2024-2025 Miss Indian Cesar Chavez.

"I wanted to run for this, to know more about my culture, and step out of my comfort zone," said Blackwater, reflecting on her motivation after being crowned as the new 2024-2025 Miss Indian Cesar Chavez.

Throughout the pageant, Blackwater presented her talents, including her ability in public speaking during her introduction, her graceful presentation of her cultural attire and dance performance, and her keen sense of fashion.

The evening also honored the 2023-2024 Miss Indian Cesar Chavez, Morningstar Delowe, of District 6, and Jacob Black-

water, also from District 6, who held the titles of the 2023-2024 first Mr. Indian Cesar Chavez and Mr. Indian Phoenix Union (PXU). The departing honorees delivered their farewell speeches, bidding appreciation to their reign. They were honored with gifts to commemorate their dedicated service before they passed the crown to the new royalty.



Nevaeh Blackwater, District 6 performs her talent for the 2024-2025 Miss Indian Cesar Chavez pageant. Velia Moncada/GRIN



2023-2024 Miss Indian Cesar Chavez Morningstar Delowe (center), District 6, performs her farewell dance. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Former AOPPYC Member Serves as New Youth Council Coordinator

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Joseph “Joe” Davis, District 5, is a former member of the Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC), serving when he was 16. He is now the new Youth Council Coordinator.

“I typically started with how everybody else does through the [Gila River] youth conference,” said Davis, discussing how he first joined AOPPYC. “So, when you go to the youth conference, they hold elections. So that’s a lot of people’s first time learning about what the youth council does and going through the election process.”

AOPPYC allows members to collaborate with different departments and organizations, providing opportunities for their peers. Participants in the program are challenged to learn new skills and apply them as they participate in local, state, and national events.

Davis served on AOPPYC for two years, first as a representative for District 5, then as vice-president. Once Davis completed his term, he took a break and graduated high school.

He shared that AOP-



Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council Coordinator Joseph “Joe” Davis, District 5. Emma Hughes/GRIN

PYC was a true positive for him. He called the council a good outlet, especially during high school, and said it gave him the confidence to go on to college. He explained that participating in youth council helped him grow more self-assured and to pursue other opportunities.

Davis rejoined AOPPYC in 2017, when he was 21 years old. He said he returned to offer what he could in terms of his expe-

rience, mostly traditional singing.

“I think that was really the role that I wanted to capitalize on,” said Davis. His commitment to preserving and promoting O’odham culture and values played a role in every project he undertook.

“It didn’t take long for me to feel passionate about what the youth council does and what our mission is, and more importantly, what my role is in it,” said

Davis.

Michael Preston, the youth council coordinator for AOPPYC at the time and a former member in the early 2000s, said the program has evolved throughout the years.

He encouraged Davis to run for a national position with United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY). Davis became the Western Region representative and eventually male co-president for UNI-

TY, serving from 2017-2019.

“He was always respectful and worked well with all ages,” said Preston. “He was receptive to learning new concepts and immediately knew how to best apply them to projects and tasks.”

After completing his term with UNITY, Davis took on a new role as the Youth Council Coordinator for the Ak-Chin Indian Community. After nearly 10 years of representing youth, he assisted others in assuming their own roles and responsibilities.

“I was somebody who’s in charge of advocating on behalf of a youth council or being there to assist the Youth Council president, and that was a learning process for me,” said Davis.

Under his guidance, the youth council launched several successful initiatives, including community outreach programs and cultural and educational workshops. He prioritized fostering collaboration among youth council members, ensuring everyone had a voice and a role to play. Davis called the role challenging, but said he approached the job with determination and resilience.

“I think the biggest challenges were just trying to be as creative as we can during COVID,” said Davis. “Trying to think outside the box ... was pretty hard ... because you can’t overcome the fact that people need to be safe but we tried to make do with what we could.”

Davis says he is excited to be with AOPPYC once again and looks forward to what they can accomplish together and to further developing different areas of the program. Most recently, the program successfully held a clothing drive for Earth Day, provided information and assistance at various Community events, and hosted a basketball tournament in District 4.

“I’m really happy to be home,” said Davis. “I feel like it’s a full-circle moment. Being a youth council coordinator was always my dream job.”

Next up for AOPPYC is the O’odham New Year and the 37th annual Youth Conference, which will be themed “Revitalizing the River.” For more information on AOPPYC and its events, contact (520) 562-1866 or email youthcouncil@gric.nsn.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING

Environmental Assessment for the Value Gateway Project
District 4 of the Gila River Indian Community

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pima Agency and the Gila River Indian Community (Community) are releasing this notice in support of an environmental assessment for the proposed Value Gateway project (Project) in District 4 of the Community. The Project would be a new commercial facility with a gas station and convenience store, restaurant, hotel, truck parking and driveway, service bay, a truck fuel service area, and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations that would provide travel and transportation services in the Community for the foreseeable future. This notice is intended to provide details about the proposed project and to request your input.

Proposed Action

The Project proponent (Value Added Holdings II, LLC) plans to submit a commercial lease application to the BIA for the development of a new commercial facility on approximately 17.2 acres of allotted lands (Allotments 350, 557A, and 557B) within the Community. The Project would be located on the north side of Riggs Road and approximately 0.10-mile northeast of the Interstate 10 and Riggs Road traffic intersection. The project would require coordination with the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over Riggs Road for utility easements and driveway access. Key Project components would include the following:

- Gas station and convenience store with parking and fuel pumps area for standard vehicles.
- Full-service restaurant store with motorcycle parking.
- Limited-service hotel.
- Full-service vehicle bay with truck wash bays and semi-tractor charging stations.
- Truck fuel service area with a scale, dumping stations, and fuel pumps.
- Truck parking area.
- Access road providing ingress/egress each from Riggs Road to the truck parking area.
- Driveways off of Riggs Road for ingress/egress points.
- EV charging stations.

Early site development would begin in the fourth Quarter of 2024, with construction expected to be complete within 12 to 18 months. Vehicle access along Riggs Road would be maintained throughout construction and no traffic delays are anticipated. Additionally, no transportation detours or changes in transportation access are anticipated as a result of project development.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to develop a new commercial facility to provide travel and transportation services within this portion of the Community, as well as to more heavily developed communities nearby.

This Project would provide a much-needed services to a geographic area where travel and transportation related facilities are currently lacking. The project would also constitute a new commercial business opportunity within the Community that would facilitate economic growth and increase lease revenues paid to allottees, representing a direct quality of life improvement.

Scoping Period

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act, federal agencies are required to consider the potential social and environmental impacts of proposed actions. This letter serves as the BIA’s invitation to you or your agency to submit comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the proposed action. All comments received become part of the public record associated with the proposed action. Accordingly, your comments (including your name and address) will be available for review by any person that wishes to view the record. At your request, we will withhold your contact information to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act. Please submit your comments within 15 days, to:

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★ VETERANS ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembering D-Day



Submitted by
Veteran & Family Services
Office

June 6, 1944 is known as D-Day. More than 160,000 Allied troops landed on five beaches on the coastline of Normandy, France to engage in battle with the German Nazis. The Allies were comprised of over 12 countries. By the end of the day, about 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed allowing more than 100,000 soldiers to gain

ground in defeating the Nazis. During a five-day battle at Normandy, there were 10 Medal of Honor Recipients. A Kansas State University anthropologist and researcher calculated 175 Native soldiers landed at Omaha Beach. The Department of Defense has identified 55.

In 2019, Mr. Charles Shay of the Penobscot Indian Nation in Maine participated in a commemorative ceremony to recognize and remember the American and Canadian Indian soldiers that participated in the invasion. Mr. Shay was one of approximately 500 Native Americans that participated in the invasion at Normandy. He wanted to make sure that they were

not ignored or forgotten.

The Veteran and Family Services office will be hosting a RoundTable for veterans, their families and caregivers on June 20, 2024 at the District 4 Multipurpose Center from 12:00 to 15:00. Lunch will be served. This session will provide invaluable information about the PACT ACT and other information that directly relates to veterans.

Peer Support Specialist - Wesley Rhodes 520-610-4383

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Veteran Service Officer - Kim Skelton 520-610-7644

21st Century Native hosts Art Market

Joseph Morales
GRIN Intern

21st Century Native, an organization that strives to increase awareness and recognition while supporting Indigenous artists, held an arts and crafts market on May 4 at the Matthew B. Juan—Ira Hayes Veterans Memorial Park in District 3, Sacaton.

“We tried to align our markets with holidays for more exposure,” said Amanda Lyons, District 3, founder of 21st Century Native. She said they began hosting the art markets in the Fall of last year and have continued. The event was a great success, with over 30 vendors sharing their crafts.

Paul Burciaga, a District 3 artist, was one of the many talented individuals who seized the opportunity to showcase his artwork. Burciaga, the owner of “Gila Boy Creations”, uses



21st Century Native hosts Artist Market in Sacaton, on May 4. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

his paintings to express his unique perspective. He shared, “I was invited three times but only able to attend twice. I’m excited to just share my work.” Like many others, his art was a testament to the diversity and creativity of Indigenous artists.

“Being able to see all these beautiful works of art is so important. To see many artists come from all over the state and share their work is amazing,” said an attendee, visiting from outside the Community.

She expressed how exciting the event was to see.

This event was the last art and crafts market until next Fall. Due to the hot weather in the community, 21st Century Native will continue where they left off when things cool down. Until then, they will have various events throughout the community. To stay informed and support their organization, you can find all their information on the website www.21stcenturynative.co



Community members and visitors browse various items for sale. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

AKIMEL O'ODHAM PEE-POSH YOUTH COUNCIL

O'ODHAM NEW YEAR

JUNE 15TH, 2024
7:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.
CULTURAL CIRCLE AT SACATON FAIRGROUNDS
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“Seating will be limited providing your own chair is encouraged”

For more information contact
Akimel O'odham Pee-Posh Youth Council (520) 562 1866

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Veteran & Family Services Office

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Sacaton Middle School Celebrates O’otham Himthag

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Despite the completion of end-of-year testing, the learning continued at Sacaton Middle School (SMS) before the summer break. Over two days, from May 9-10, SMS hosted its annual O’otham Himthag Thash. This vibrant event showcased a plethora of cultural presentations, performances, and lessons from various GRIC departments, guests, and groups representing tribes from across Arizona, truly highlighting the richness of Native American heritage and the diverse Community involvement.

“It’s just a day to cel-



Sacaton Middle School students learn the traditional women’s game of Thoka. Emma Hughes/GRIN

brate who they are,” said day of the celebration at the school’s gymnasium. “It’s not just concentrating

on our culture tribe here. It’s branched out to other tribes.”

Hoover has been with SMS for 23 years and said the celebration is usually held in May once school testing is complete. Students rotate to different classrooms for presentations on culture, history, land, and resources from various Community departments, such as the Tribal Education Department (TED), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Boys & Girls Club, Community Council, Akimel O’otham Pee Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC), and Pima Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP).



Students learn how to make chemait. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Local veterans, Gila River Royalty, and elders also shared time with the students and their knowledge and understanding of the Community. O’otham food demonstrations were given and traditional games were taught and played.

Visiting tribes also participated in O’otham Himthag Thash, forging a connection with the students who, having completed another successful school year at Sacaton Middle School, were at the heart of this celebration, fostering a sense of pride and belonging in their cultural heritage.

On May 10, Harry Antone provided the blessing and Miss Gila River Susan-

na Osife gave a welcoming. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis also addressed the students.

“He’s always encouraging them,” said Hoover of Gov. Lewis, an alumni from Sacaton.

Miss Indian Arizona Ben gave a blessing, followed by cultural presentations and performances from champion hoop dancer Sampson Sixkiller Siquah, Cibecue Creek Dancers, and O’odham Parko’ola, among others.

Hoover stated, “It’s a lot of planning, and I love doing it because I want our students to know who they are and to get that not just from me but from other adults in our community.”



Department of Environmental Quality teach students about plants native to the Community and their traditional uses. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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a setback, as they avenged it later in the season, finishing with an impressive 11-1 record.

They went into the playoffs as the number one seed and won their first-round game 43-0 against Canyon State.

The championship game was a heavy defensive battle against EduPrize Gilbert, and the Lady Mustangs came out on top, winning 14-2.

Every player on the team worked their absolute hardest, and 9th grader BrieAnn Dixon came out of the game as the playoffs defensive MVP.

It was an amazing



Skyline Gila River Lady Mustangs during the CAA Championship game on May 4. Photo Courtesy of Skyline Gila River

thing to see these outstanding athletes from the Community representing their school on a state-wide level.

Coach Turner would like to thank the relentless

support from the Community and the families of his players for coming out to all of the games, whether they were close to home or far away. He cannot wait for next season.



Skyline Gila River Lady Mustangs celebrate their championship win. Photo Courtesy of Skyline Gila River

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE GILARIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY SUMMER CULTURE PROGRAM

The BGC GRIC is happy to introduce Akimel O’otham-Pee Posh culture & traditions into our programs, along with the language and history of our tribes we are also offering some of the experiences listed below.

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Welcoming GRIIDD's New 4-H Program Coordinator



GRIIDD 4-H Program Coordinator, Liane Iglesias. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Liane Iglesias is the newest addition to Gila River Indian Irrigation Drainage District's (GRIIDD) 4-H Youth Development program, serving as the Program Coordinator.

With a passion for youth development and community engagement, Iglesias brings a fresh perspective and boundless enthusiasm to the 4-H program.

Raised in Maricopa, Iglesias has always been familiar with farming. She shared that her grandfather worked on cotton farms, and she grew up around livestock. She was also in a 4-H club when she was younger.

Iglesias has a proven track record of fostering positive relationships within the Gila River Indian

Community (GRIC) and empowering young minds to reach their full potential. She was previously with the Community's youth program for Employment and Training, working with youth 14 to 24 years old.

"There's a lot of young adults here in the community, and I just met a lot of great kids through that program," said Iglesias. "They had their goals, they were ready to decide on a career, and I was looking for more opportunities to reach the younger youth."

Before working with GRIC, she was employed with Ak-Chin Indian Community's Education Department. Under Iglesias' leadership, Community members can expect to see an array of exciting initiatives and programming to provide GRIC youth with opportunities for personal and professional develop-

ment.

She says the 4-H program, which stands for head, heart, hands, and health, brings together the four pillars of agriculture, healthy living, civic engagement, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) for youth to learn and develop with hands-on activities.

"There's so many projects that can be under one of those pillars," said Iglesias. "One of my goals is to teach the younger youth and spark that interest in something agriculture-related because that is a big part of Gila River."

The 4-H club is open to GRIC youth and residents ages 5-18, and the program is also looking for adults (21 years and older) to become certified volunteers, actively sharing their skills and guidance with youth in the Community.

University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension, Pinal County

GRIC 4-H CLUB

4-H membership provides youth to educational and competitive opportunities at the club, county, state, national, and sometimes international level.

4-H provides opportunities for youth development and for youth to develop skills, practical knowledge, and wisdom through observing, doing, and living through experiences. The 4 H's are Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



Join 4-H Today! Open to all youth between the ages 5 and 18. GRIC 4-H Club welcomes you to be part of the 4-H family.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us today!
Liane Iglesias, 4-H Program Coordinator
(520) 610-7240 / gric4h@griidd.com

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"We want to teach these youth and be able to help them gain leadership skills and expose them to careers that they may like to pursue, and that's something that 4-H can provide," Iglesias said.

Enrollment for the program will begin in August, and official club activities will launch in the fall at least once a month. For more information about the GRIC 4-H Club, contact Liane Iglesias at (520) 610-7240 or email gric4h@griidd.com

Volunteers Needed!

GRIC 4H Club is seeking adult volunteers (21 years old and up)

As the nation's largest youth development organization, 4H club serves the youth where they are. When you become a 4H volunteer, you will be serving the youth in our Community.

Your participation will help give GRIC youth the resources they need to learn, gain support and receive caring adult mentorship.

Please contact GRIC 4H Coordinator to start volunteer application process today!

Contact Name: Liane Iglesias
Phone: 520-610-7240
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Let's GLOW SKATING

with Gila River Royalty

Thursday, June 20, 2024
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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Regina Antone
Lt. Governor

Gov. Lewis Joins Western Governors' Association Panel on Prosperity

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis participated in the Western Governors' Association's (WGA)-Western Prosperity forum, as a keynote speaker and panelist on April 24. The event was hosted at Arizona State University's (ASU) Thunderbird School of Global Management.

"My message today is not about how well we are managing our small section of our region, but to call each of you out to redouble your efforts and join us in finding common sense solutions to our common problem of dwindling water supplies and increasing needs," Gov. Lewis told the audience.

The WGA membership includes governors of the 22 westernmost U.S. states and territories. The asso-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended the 2024 Water Prosperity Forum as a keynote speaker and panelist. Velia Moncada/GRIN

ciation focuses on bipartisan policy development, information exchange, and collective action on critical issues in the west.

As a panelist, Gov. Lewis provided insights into strategies for fostering prosperity across the western states regarding emerg-

ing energy opportunities for rural communities.

The Governor said one of the strongest examples practiced by GRIC is its Solar-Over-Canal Project agreement. The Community's partnerships with the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps



Panelists for the 2024 Water Prosperity Forum at ASU's Thunderbird School of Global Management. Velia Moncada/GRIN

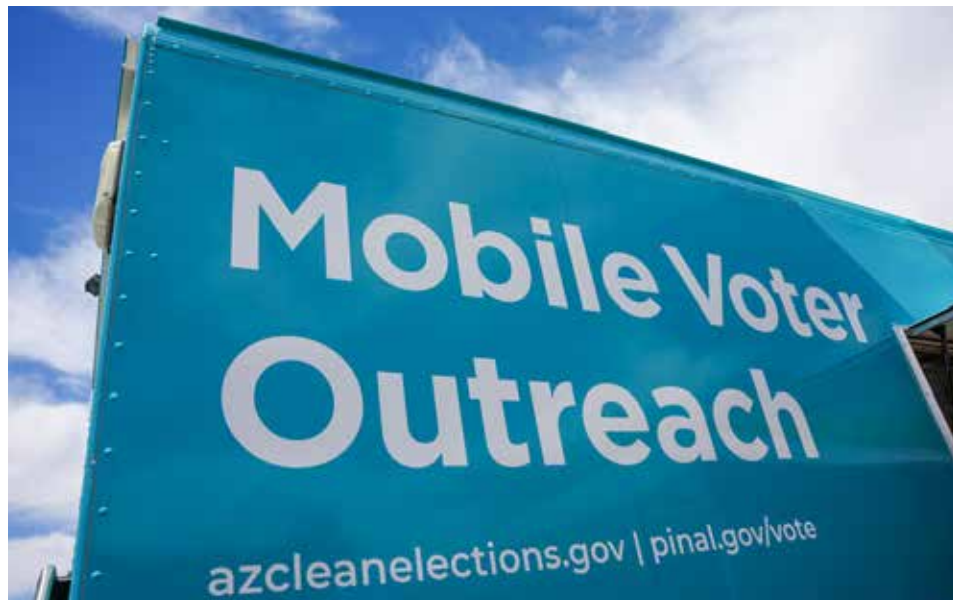
of Engineers are expected to produce approximately 2 MW (1.3 MW at the Casa Blanca Canal project and .76 MW at the I-10 project) of renewable energy to offset energy needs and costs for tribal farmers.

"We have invested heavily in our on-reserva-

tion infrastructure, seeking to put every drop of our water to the best use possible," Gov. Lewis continued. "The Akimel O'otham – the river people - and I are proud to carry on the tradition of my ancestors of responding to adversity with innovation, partner-

ship, and hard work."

For more information regarding the WGA, visit <https://westgov.org>. If you're interested in learning more information regarding the Solar-Over-Canal Project please visit <https://www.doi.gov>.



Pinal County's Mobile Outreach has partnered with GRIC to assist in voter registration. Miyana Manus/CPAO

From the Front Page

Tribal Coordinator, Alexander Castillo-Nunez. "We help them prepare for non-tribal elections, like the primary in July and the general elections in November."

Nunez and his colleague, Cassie Santoro, Social Media Manager, previously presented to the Community on voter information during the Elder Concerns Meeting in District 3 in April. They continue to engage with the Community and show their support.

ITCA provided incentives such as voting T-shirts for adults and youth, hats, and personalized voting bags containing essential information for preparing for the upcoming non-tribal elections.

"We are just trying to get new people either, registered or get them updated," said Tribal Elections program representative, Valerie Rivera, District 6. Coming down from their most recent Community event which occurred be-

fore May 7, Rivera was there to help Community members make any necessary updates for voting within tribal elections.

Deputy Registrar Outreach Coordinator of the Maricopa County Recorder's Office Sarah Frechette

stated that her purpose was to register members of the Community to vote. "My secondary purpose is to recruit people to volunteer with us and take the training in voter registration," said Frechette.

Frechette explained that the mechanics of voting can be taught through the Deputy Registrar training program. The more people volunteer, the more they can become the trusted voices in assisting others throughout the process of voting.

During previous voter registration events in Districts 1 and 5, the Pinal County voter engagement team, Pinal Votes, actively participated in Community outreach efforts, utilizing their Mobile Voter Outreach unit to facilitate voter registration.

At the District 1 Voter

Registration event on April 11, in Blackwater, Pinal County Recorder Dana Lewis joined her Pinal Votes team to engage with the Community. Lewis emphasized the importance of voter registration, stating, "We're out here with the voter outreach mobile unit making sure we register people to vote. We encourage everybody to come out and register to vote today." In District 5, Council Reps. Gordon Santos Jr. and James De La Rosa demonstrated their support by attending the Voter Registration event on April 24. Both interacted with Community members, encouraging their District to register for the upcoming 2024 elections.

Through collaboration and outreach efforts, CPAO, the Tribal Elections program alongside ITCA,

Maricopa County, and Pinal County, sets a commendable practice. By prioritizing voter registration and civic involvement, they pave the way for a more inclusive and representative democratic process.

The upcoming 2024 State Primary Election is on July 30, 2024, with the voter registration deadline of July 1, 2024. The State General Election is on November 5, 2024, with the voter registration deadline of October 7, 2024.

The next voter registration drive will be in District 2, on May 29, 2024, at the District 2 Service Center, from 10AM-2PM, in collaboration with Pinal County. You can learn more about the upcoming elections by visiting www.mygilariver.com/index.php/gric-vote.



GRIC members register to vote during an outreach event in District 5 on April 24. Miyana Manus/CPAO



Intertribal Council of Arizona provides information to GRIC members in District 7 on May 8. Miyana Manus/CPAO

Gila River Farms completes remodeled building, gets ready for additional construction

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

To enhance its administrative facilities and accommodate growing operational needs, the Gila River Farms has embarked on an extensive renovation project for its administrative building that has been years in the making.

On April 22, Gila River Farms unveiled a newly remodeled building and held a blessing and groundbreaking for an additional building that will be constructed adjacent to the current structure.

Gila River Farms staff, Board of Directors, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, and Community Council Representatives Anne Lucas, Chris Mendoza, Frank Pablo Sr., Gordon Santos Jr., Jennifer Allison, Joey Whitman, and Nada Celaya were present for the event. Former Lt. Gov. and former General Manager for the Farms, Robert Stone, provided the blessing. Council Reps. Allison and Celaya also serve on the board of



Newly remodeled Gila River Farms admin building. Emma Hughes/GRIN

directors.

“It was a pleasure to attend the ground blessing and speak to staff. This building is a long time in the making,” said Lt. Gov. Regina Antone. “The Gila River Farms have always struggled and is on their way to moving and growing into the future.”

The Gila River Farms’ mission is to provide quality agricultural services, training, and employment for Community members through agricultural busi-

ness planning and continual expansion of services related to land and water use. Their primary crops include alfalfa hay, cotton, and olives.

The ambitious endeavor aims to modernize the existing infrastructure and includes plans for an additional building to cater to the burgeoning demand for office space in the foreseeable future.

Gila River Farms’ administrative building, built in 1977, received a much-needed comprehensive makeover that encompasses structural enhancements and aesthetic improvements. Prior to the renovation, the building had been closed for over seven years due to flooding issues and was, at one point, assumed to be condemned. During this time, Gila River Farms began renting a modular building for its operations.

Due to the continuous cost of renting the modular, the Gila River Farms Board of Directors decided to move forward with ren-

ovating the old building. Over the past three years, Board Chairwoman Jennifer Allison worked with the Farms’ Comptroller Kimberly Fisher to ensure they were able to acquire all the funds needed, with the assistance of Community Council —which covered the cost.

Gila River Sand & Gravel (GRSG) was hired to do the 3,200-square-foot renovation in November of last year. This included installing a whole new septic system and developing additional office space, a conference room, and a kitchen.

Robert Mendez, GRSG’s construction manager, shared some of the processes and challenges they encountered during the renovation, such as the building’s HVAC system, which was installed underground.

“I’ve never seen a building like that with underground air ducts. So that was kind of concerning because stuff got in there, and so it made it challenging

because when we started digging down for the waste pipes, we started hitting these big air ducts,” Mendez said.

GRSG installed a whole new HVAC and plumbing system, replaced all the water piping with brand-new copper, and even added a septic system to the outside warehouse, which had only been using portable restrooms.

Mendez added, “Another issue was that there wasn’t enough water pressure to push it to the office building and the warehouse, so we helped them put in a water booster pump.”

He also noted that building codes had changed so much since 1977 and that another much-needed update was adding windows that can open and close. “They had windows in each office, but they didn’t open, so you couldn’t get any fresh air or anything. So we

went through and replaced every single one of them,” said Mendez.

GRSG will continue to construct the new building in June and they are looking to complete it in October of this year.

“I have always supported the work from [Gila River] Sand & Gravel, and the buildings that Robert Mendez creates are truly a work of art. For him to be able to construct the new office for the Farms will be an honor for the staff, all employees and the Community who will enter the building,” said Lt. Gov. Antone. “Thank you to all who put together and all the hard work you all do for our Community”

“I was just really happy for the staff,” said Allison. “They finally get to work in a safe, sturdy place. They’re real proud of their offices.”



L-R: Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Karin Jackson, District 4 Council Rep. Jennifer Allison, District 4 Council Rep. Nada Celaya, District 2 Council Rep. Anne Lucas, GRSG Robert Mendez, and Gila River Farms General Manager Benito Alvarez Jr. Photo Courtesy of Lt. Gov. Regina Antone



Illustration shows what Gila River Farms will look like once construction is complete. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community

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Camp Hours

Monday- Friday

8am-6pm

Closed July 4th

Breakfast, Lunch &
 Snack Provided

Registration Information

Membership Age 5-18 years old
 (Must be enrolled in school)

Must attend orientation
 (Required to attend Field Trips)

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 3, 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, April 3, 2024, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Regina Antone

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(9:10), Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth(9:15), Terrance Evans(9:11); D7- Devin Redbird(9:17)

Council Members Absent:

D4- Nada Celaya (Travel)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #4 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Akimel O’Odhams/Pee-Posh Youth Council Coordinator, Mr. Joseph Davis

Presenters: Michael Preston, Joseph Davis

MR. MICHAEL PRESTON INTRODUCED MR. JOSEPH DAVIS AS THE NEW YOUTH COUNCIL COORDINATOR. MR. DAVIS STATED HE HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AS A TEEN DIRECTOR, THE HUHUGAM MUSEUM AS A MUSEUM AIDE AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY. MR. DAVIS LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE YOUTH AND MAKING POSITIVE CHANGES GOING FORWARD. VARIOUS COUNCIL WELCOMED MR. DAVIS, PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.

2. Introduction to Tribal Recreation & Wellness Program Manager, Ms. Sonja Luevano

Presenters: Laurie A. Thomas, Sonja Luevano

MS. LAURIE THOMAS INTRODUCED MS. SONJA LUEVANO AS THE NEW TRIBAL RECREATION & WELLNESS PROGRAM MANAGER. MS. LUEVANO IS A COMMUNITY MEMBER, HER GRANDMOTHER AND MOTHER ARE FROM DISTRICT ONE. MS. LUEVANO HAS A BACHELORS FROM ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. MS. LUEVANO WILL BE HOLDING TEAM SPORTING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY QUARTERLY ON UPCOMING EVENTS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS CONGRATULATED MS. LUEVANO ON HER POSITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL SPORTING EVENTS SHE IS PROPOSING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICTS.

3. Introduction to Elderly Services Program Coordinator, Ms. Lindsay Antone

Presenters: Laurie A. Thomas, Lindsay Antone

MS. LAURIE THOMAS INTRODUCED MS. LINDSAY ANTONE AS THE NEW ELDERLY SERVICE PROGRAM COORDINATOR. MS. ANTONE IS A COMMUNITY MEMBER FROM DISTRICT ONE AND IS GRATEFUL TO BE BACK. MS. ANTONE’S MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS ARE WILLIAM AND MARIE APPEGATE. MS. ANTONE HOLDS AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY IN PSYCHOLOGY AND

IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON HER GEROPSYCHOLOGY CERTIFICATE IN GERIATRICS. MS. ANTONE STATED THAT THE ELDERLY SERVICE PROGRAM IS WELL STAFFED AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH ALL DEPARTMENTS AS CARING FOR OUR ELDERS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS WELCOMED MS. ANTONE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.

4. Introduction-Tribal Education Department Director, Ms. Sherilyn Analla

Presenters: Michael Preston, Sherilyn Analla

MR. MICHAEL PRESTON INTRODUCED MS. SHERILYN ANALLA AS THE NEW TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR. MS. ANALLA IS A COMMUNITY MEMBER FROM DISTRICT 6 AND IS ALSO FROM THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA AND GREW UP IN BOTH PLACES. MS. ANALLA HAS A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN LINGUISTICS, A MASTER’S DEGREE IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES WITH AN EMPHASIS IN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON HER PHD IN TEACHING AND TEACHER EDUCATION. MS. ANALLA WORKED FOR TRIBAL EDUCATION AS THE EDUCATION COORDINATOR FOR 10 YEARS AND IS GLAD TO BE BACK. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS CONGRATULATED AND WELCOMED MS. ANALLA BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

REPORTS

>1. BGCGRIC Quarter 1 and 2 Reporting for 2024

Presenters: Jason Jones, Mark Clavell, Soyet Antone, Tamara Peters, Terrance Peters

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Executive Travel Report ending December 31, 2023

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

3. Mandatory Financial Literacy Implementation Update

Presenters: Neomi Martinez, Treasurer Gary T. Mix

REPORT HEARD

4. Preserving Our Himdag: A Narrative Proposal for Woodland Management on Gila River Indian Community

Presenters: Lisa Gover, Ashton Lynch, Zachary Picciotti

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #5, #6, AND #7

5. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council February 2024 (Executive Session)

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

ACCEPTED

6. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report February 2024 (Executive Session)

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

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #5

7. Schedule of Investments – February 29, 2024 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AT REPORT #5

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Sacaton Elementary School District No. 18 For The Operation Of School Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and ESC concur)

Presenters: Bartley Harris, Todd Araujo, John Martin
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Temporary Special Event Liquor License To The Chemo Companions, Inc. For Use At The Wild Horse Pass Festival Grounds On April 27-28, 2024 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Casaundra Wallace

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Approving The Master Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Arizona Department Of Transportation And The Gila River Indian Community For The Purpose Of Providing A Mechanism For ADOT To Reimburse The Community For Services Provided By Community Employees, Its Agents And/Or Contractors, In Support Of Activities Required For The Development Of Various ADOT Projects Within The Tribal Jurisdiction (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Javier G. Ramos, Ian Shavitz

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Alvin Joe Dukepoo Jr. Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Approving The Removal Of Maricela Mia Encinas From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRGE Request for Enterprise Orientation and Work Session (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business to be held on April 25, 2024 at San Tan Mountain Casino)

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

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD A COUNCIL ORIENTATION AND WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 25, 2024 AT SAN TAN MOUNTAIN CASINO

2. National Tribal Health Conference May 19-23, 2024 in Rapid City, South Dakota (H&SSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL TRIBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE MAY 19-23, 2024 IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA UTILIZING DUES & DELEGATIONS

3. WHPDA One-Day Work Session (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation to schedule a one day work session on Wednesday, May, 22 2024 at the Sheraton Grand)

Presenters: Paul Vanderveen, Casaundra Wallace

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE A ONE DAY WORK SESSION WITH THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON WEDNESDAY, MAY, 22 2024 AT THE SHERATON GRAND

MINUTES

1. February 7, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. March 6, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

3. March 20, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• SERVICES FOR MR. FREDRICK RINGLERO, JR. WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M. AND FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 9:00 A.M.

• SERVICE FOR MS. LINDA KELLER, WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 AT QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MESA AT 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Announcements & Notices

GRIC COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

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

ALEXIS MARIE LEYVAS,
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
JAMES LEROY PEREZ,
Respondent/Defendant

CASE number: FM-2023-0009-PT

CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a(n) **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:

Thursday, May 30, 2024
at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I,
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2024

GRIC COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

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

DAVID JAMES MIRANDA,
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
SENA MARIE STONE,
Respondent/Defendant

Case Number: FM-2024-0015-PT

SUMMONS Civil Division
TO: Sena Marie Stone
1010 N. Park Ave.
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

YOU may respond at an **Answer/Response Hearing** regarding this matter on:

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I,
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court.

If you fail to appear and defend, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 2nd day of April, 2024

CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

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

DEBRA GARCIA,
Plaintiff(s)
VS.
MORRIS RAY CLASHIN III,
Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0068-RO

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, ERLENDA RAMON,** IN ANY MANNER:

FOR THE PERIOD OF SIX(6) MONTHS COMMENCING ON 04/19/2024 AND ENDING ON 10/16/2024.

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

Dated: April 19, 2024

TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

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

JOSIE MARIE SAMPSON,
Plaintiff(s)
VS.
MARIA ANTONE,
Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0076-RO

a Restraining Order against the named defendant, **MARIA ANTONE.**

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED **JOSIE MARIE SAMPSON,** IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KU KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

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

Dated: April 26, 2024

TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

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

DANIEL MACAZAN,
Plaintiff(s)
VS.
ZACHARY LEWIS,
Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0111-RO

a Restraining Order against the named defendant, **ZACHARY LEWIS.**

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED **DANIEL MACAZAN,** IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KU KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

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

Dated: April 26, 2024

TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

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

DANIEL MACAZAN,
Plaintiff(s)
VS.
JULIAN LEWIS,
Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0112-RO

a Restraining Order against the named defendant, **JULIAN LEWIS.**

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED **DANIEL MACAZAN,** IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KU KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

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

Dated: April 26, 2024

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Gila River Police Department

Blotter Report

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

FOR: GILA RIVER INDIAN NEWS

REPORTING DATE: 04/15 - 04/30/2024

INCIDENTS BY OFFENSE

Offense	Count
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	38
BURGLARY	4
DRUG VIOLATION	11
THEFT	12
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
SIMPLE ASSAULT	10
VANDALISM	32
WEAPONS OFFENSE	10

TOP Community Wide Crimes

From April 15 to April 30, 2024, the crimes most frequently committed were Simple Assault (38), Vandalism (32), Aggravated Assault (13), and Theft (12).

INCIDENTS BY DISTRICT

District	Count
District 1	8
District 2	4
District 3	35
District 4	39
District 5	24
District 6	10
District 7	2

INCIDENTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

Day	Count
Sunday	19
Monday	19
Tuesday	22
Wednesday	14
Thursday	20
Friday	11

Incidents by District and Day of the Week

From April 15- 30, 2024, the district with the highest reported crimes was District 4 (39), and the district with the second highest reported crimes was District 3 (35).

Between April 15- 30, 2024, the day of the week with the highest reported crimes were on Tuesdays. Most crimes were reported to have occurred between the hours of 2 P.M to 7 P.M.

05/13/2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for air quality operating permits for the following facilities:

Facility Name	Facility Type	Permit Action	District
CEMEX Maricopa	Concrete Batch Plant	Renewal	4
Desert Ready Mix	Concrete Batch Plant	Renewal	4

Air Contaminants Emitted: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
Particulate Matter (PM)
Particulate Matter <10 Microns (PM10)
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Public Notice Start Date: **May 3, 2024**
Public Notice End Date: **June 3, 2024**

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the -proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review on the AQP website at:

<http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notices>.

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

Gila River Indian Community
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Ryan Eberle
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2139, Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information or to schedule an in-person review, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 / ryan.eberle@gric.nsn.us.

MISSING PERSONS

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLAYTON WAHPETA



Last seen: 06/03/2005
Age: 37
Sex: M
Hair: Black (shaved)
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 190

PETER THOMAS



Last seen: 08/03/2007
Age: 47
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 190

JOSEPH UGALDE



Last seen: 05/14/2009
Age: 43
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 200

ANTHONY PORTER



Last seen: 10/15/2011
Age: 48
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 210

KERMIT BREAD



Last seen: 04/11/2014
Age: 39
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 150

CYNTHIA ACEVEDO



Last seen: 08/31/2019
Age: 39
Sex: F
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 230

TONY GUTIERREZ



Last seen: 09/16/2022
Age: 37
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 350

ABRAHAM ENOS



Last seen: 02/12/2024
Age: 13
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 220

ANNISSA ENOS



Last seen: 03/16/2024
Age: 18
Sex: F
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 145

JEUELZ BALTAZA



Last seen: 04/23/2024
Age: 16
Sex: M
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 140

ZABEL TERRY



Last seen: 04/30/2024
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 160

ZANE RAMON



Last seen: 05/11/2024
Age: 17
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 175

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT: (520) 562-4511



MMIP Response Team: KNOW THE CODES

****Excerpts from GRIC's Criminal Code****

Facts on GRIC Codes involving:

Interference (Custody, Law Enforcement), Contributing to the Delinquency Obstructing a Criminal Investigation, Refusing to Aid Law Enforcement

What does this mean?

The Missing and Murdered Indian People/Persons Response Team is sharing the following information for those who may be in contact with runaways or missing youth. These codes will be enforced if you are committing the following:

5.504. Interfering with Law Enforcement of Jail Employee. (abbr.)

A person commits the offense of interfering with a law enforcement officer or jail employee if he intentionally or knowingly engages in conduct with the intent to impair, obstruct, hinder, or prevent a law enforcement officer or jail employee from discharging his official duties...

5.505. Refusing to Aid Law Enforcement Officer. (abbr.)

A person commits the offense of refusing to aid a law enforcement officer if upon a reasonable command by a person reasonably known to be a law enforcement officer he intentionally or knowingly refuses to aid such law enforcement officer...

5.517. Obstructing a Criminal Investigation or Prosecution. (abbr.)

A person commits the offense of obstructing a criminal investigation or prosecution if he knowingly:

1. Bribes, misrepresents, intimidates, or forces or uses threats of force to obstruct, delay or prevent the communication of information or testimony relating to a violation of any criminal offense to a public officer, Community judge, prosecutor or Jury...

5.708. Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. (abbr.)

A person commits the offense of contributing to the delinquency of a minor when he intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently contributes, encourages or causes a minor...

5.709. Interference with Custody. (abbr.)

A person commits the offense of interference with custody if, with knowledge that he has no privilege or right to do so, he takes, entices, keeps from lawful custody, or harbors a minor child from the lawful custody of a parent, guardian or custodian, or incompetent entrusted by authority of law to the custody of another person or institution...



SCAN FOR FULL CRIMINAL CODE

If you have any information regarding a missing child or person, please contact the Gila River Police Department at (520) 562-4511.

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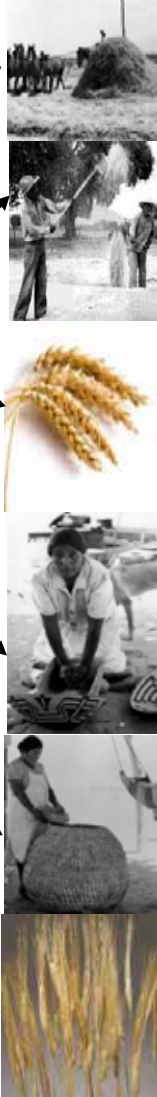
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DANGERS OF FENTANYL USE



Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid drug up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

Fentanyl is addictive and deadly. Fentanyl is also being used in counterfeit medication, including pills. Opioids were involved in over 80,000 deaths in 2021 (CDC). You can request Narcan Nasal Spray, the life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid/Fentanyl overdose at Gila River Health Care. (No Prescription required)

For more information and substance abuse treatment contact Gila River Behavioral Health Services at (520) 562-3321 Ext: 7100 or (602) 528-7100

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RANGER**



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**2022 TOYOTA
TACOMA**



SR5 V6

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FRONTIER**



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TAHOE**



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