



April Proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month at Community Fair

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Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis declared April as Child Abuse Awareness month for the Gila River Indian Community, along with all future Aprils, during the Tribal Social Services (TSS) Child Abuse Prevention Fair held April 24 at the District 6 Learning Center.

“On behalf of GRIC, the month of April is identified as Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is an important initiative not only to the Executive office but to every department here in the Community,” said Sr. Assistant General Counsel Sunshine Manuel, District 3.

The fair offered interactive activities, resources, and live

presentations to families from a number of GRIC organizations. Representatives from the Gila River Police Department and Gila River Healthcare’s Behavioral Health and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) programs participated, along with Tribal Recreation and Wellness, and others.

“We are always trying to look out for the safety and well-being of the children of this Community, because the children are the future,” said Child Protective Services (CPS) supervisor, Phillip Polk, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. He emphasized that TSS is a sustenance to families in the Community, and that the agency’s main goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of younger Community members.

“For that to happen, we also must look at the safety and well-being of the family,” Polk explained. “We are all about creating a whole and healthy fami-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis signs proclamation declaring the month of April as GRIC’s Child Abuse Awareness Month. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Community applauds during Gov. Lewis’ announcements at the Child Abuse Prevention fair. Velia Moncada/GRIN

ly.” Families attending the event left with a well-cooked meal, raffle toy prizes donated by the Arizona Foster Care Alliance, and essential tools to protect and create a safer, healthier future for all children. “This is all about keeping our Community safe, from our children to our elders to everyone in between,” said Gov. Lewis in his speech prior to signing the proclamation. For more information regarding the Tribal Social Services program, please contact (520) 562-3396.

161st Annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration



Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration Parade begins along 83rd Ave. in District 7. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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About 800 people, including Community members and other tribal and non-tribal visitors, attended the 161st annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace celebration held Saturday, April 13, in District 7- Maricopa Colony.

The event recognizes the 1863 peace treaty between the Akimel O’otham, Pee-Posh, Hualapai, Yuman, and Chemehuevi tribes. These tribes banded together as sovereign nations to promote peace among their peo-

ple and protect the land.

The celebration began with an early morning two-mile walk/run at the field across from the District 7 Multi-purpose Building. During that time, the American and tribal flags were raised in the District 7 cemetery.

Later that morning, cars lined the sides of 83rd Ave. in front of the District 7 Multi-purpose Building to watch the parade of 20 floats pass by as judges were present for the parade. They designated the following winners:

- First place, Leuhua Lani

Dosela, a contestant running for 2024 Miss Indian World

- Second place, Royalty from the San Xavier District in the Tohono O’odham Nation
- Third place, The Maricopa Colony Bird dancers and singers

After that, 2024-2025 Gila River royalty introduced themselves and welcomed attendees, followed by the pledge of allegiance; District 7, Council Rep. Devin Redbird and Gov. Stephen

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Indigenous Center Opens with a Celebration at ASU’s Tempe Campus



Alexander Soto, Director for the Labriola National American Indian Data Center, provides remarks during the event. Miyana Manus/CPAO

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Arizona State University’s Tempe Campus hosted the pre-grand opening of the Labriola National American Indian Data Center (LNAIDC) inside the Hayden Library on April 3.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was joined by ASU dignitaries, tribal leadership, and ASU students in support of the latest expansion for Indigenous students, in a space that honors O’otham Jevod (land).

Alexander Soto, a Tohono O’odham Nation member and the Labriola Center director, wel-

comed everyone into the newly renovated space with opening remarks and introductions of his Indigenous staff. Soto’s remarks were followed by a welcoming song by Andrew Pedro, District 3, a land acknowledgment song from Miss Indigenous ASU, Hannah Nockideneh, and Miss Indian Arizona First Attendant, Tonana Ben.

Speeches from Gov. Lewis, ASU President Dr. Michael Crow and ASU’s University Provost, Nancy Gonzalez, followed.

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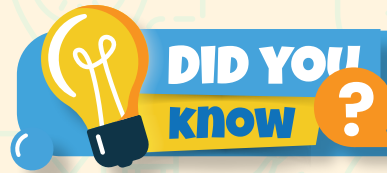
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LIFE CENTER

DIABETES, ENDOCRINOLOGY & WELLNESS



The Life Center encourages you to take some time this month to learn more about mental health and prioritize your self-care. Wellness includes our physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Our Life Center team is here to support you in these areas.

TIPS FOR TAKING CARE OF YOU:

- Get enough sleep
- Reach out to a friend, co-worker, or family member
- Take a break (laugh, dance, breathe, do something you enjoy)
- Make a list of things you are grateful for
- Garden/connect with nature
- Take a break from screen time
- Ask for help when you need it

For more information, please stop by any of our Life Center locations or call (520) 562-3321 Ext. 7940

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For any information on services open during the holidays, please call our main line at (520) 562-3321. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28th. If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Event Educates, Supports More Than 200 Attendees

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On April 23, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Crime Victim Services (CVS), along with Gila River Police Department (GRPD) and Gila River Health Care's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) department hosted a Sexual Assault (S.A.) Awareness Month event at the District 3 Multi-purpose Building in Sacaton.

The event focused on the importance of speaking out against sexual violence, reaching over 200 Community members.

The responsibility of CVS is to provide help and counseling to victims and survivors of violent crimes in the Community, as well as to GRIC members residing in



GRIC's Crime Victim Services staff who assisted in putting together the event. Miyana Manus/CPAO

the surrounding areas.

"Sexual Assault Awareness month is held in April, so we want to spread awareness during the month," said CVS Coordinator

Krystal Bergen-Tsosie, from the Navajo Nation.

The theme of the event, "Your Voice is Power," aimed to empower survivors and allies, emphasizing the significance of everyone's voice in raising awareness and combating sexual assault. By amplifying voices, sharing resources, and promoting education, the event served as another step towards creating a Community dedicated to ending sexual violence and supporting those affected.

"I think it's important for Community members to be aware of what's available to them, and that we are here to support them and believe them," said Director of CVS Katherine Lewis, District 3.

"They can get things taken care of here," Lewis continued. "They can put a face to a program, so if they have to be seen (by a support programs team member) ... maybe they will remember somebody and make the process a little more comfortable for them."

Attendees engaged with department booths by participating in a raffle game of booth bingo. Food and pickle slushies were served, along with a T-shirt giveaway. Representatives from supporting departments delivered presentations providing valuable insights into reporting procedures and victim support services, encouraging survivors to seek assistance and justice.

The day's speakers included Joy Martin, the director of the S.A.N.E. Program; GRPD Chief Jesse Crabtree and Sgt. Rachele Rodriguez; Prosecutors Seymour Gruber and Biagio Gingo, from GRIC's Office of the Prosecutor also spoke.

"Use your voice and break the silence," said Sgt. Rodriguez. "The more people come forward and feel safe to report it, the more these people (S.A. perpetrators) aren't protected."

For more information covering Sexual Assault Awareness please visit <http://gricvictimservices.org>



Jr. Miss Gila River Shayla Davis, during the Sexual Assault Awareness Event. Velia Moncada/GRIN

GRIC Celebrates Earth Day, hosted by DEQ

Joseph Morales
GRIN Intern

Gila River Indian Community celebrated Earth Day with an event hosted by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in District 3 on April 19.

Many in the Community gathered for the celebration, which honored and educated attendees. Those in attendance had the chance to listen to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who opened the event by emphasizing the importance of celebrating the day.

Gov. Lewis and District 1 Council Rep. Joey Whitman received the Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program (VESP) award on behalf of the Community, for the installation of solar panels over GRIC canals, presented by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's CEO Karen Peters.

VESP recognizes and awards incentives to Arizona businesses and other organizations with

a good history of environmental compliance. These organizations strive to go beyond what is legally required to protect public health and the environment.

GRIC, in collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, undertook a significant project to install solar panels over canals in the Community.

This initiative was aimed at conserving eight-million-acre feet of water from evaporation and generating renewable energy, showcasing the Community's commitment to environmental conservation.

Those who gathered were invited to explore and interact with more than 50 informational booths, including the National Park Service (NPS), showcasing their work and offerings.

"It is important to be here celebrating such an important day. It is important to reach out to tribal communities and connect



Community members gather to celebrate Earth Day on April 19. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

with our lands," said Raeshaun Ramon, Tohono O'odham. Ramon is the Community Engagement and Tribal Support for NPS - Saguaro National Park.

GRIC's Tribal Education Department was also on site to reach out to the youth. Student Advisor for Tribal Student Services, Anthony Tarin, said, "This event is important for the Earth but also for the youth. Education is important for our youth so we want them to look into their future and what they want."

Many departments and programs participated in the event, sharing a wealth of information that was of great importance to the Community and the land. Topics ranged from environmental conservation to renewable energy, and all of them had a significant impact on the Community. This event was a huge success, with many attendees staying until the very end, enjoying the music and food that was available.



AZDEQ CEO Karen Peters presents Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and District 1 Council Rep. Joey Whitman, with the Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program award for GRIC's Solar over Canals project. Miyana Manus/CPAO



Youth learn more about the National Park Service during the Earth Day Celebration on April 19. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

Gila River Sand & Gravel Gets Pink Tractor For Breast Cancer Awareness



GRIN Community Newsperson, Velia Moncada, stands next to the new pink tractor at Gila River Sand & Gravel for size comparison. Photo Courtesy of Mike Morago

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In a heartwarming gesture meant to bring more awareness to breast cancer, Gila River Sand & Gravel (GRSG) has received a new addition to their machinery: a bright pink front-loading tractor adorned with the familiar pink ribbon that symbolizes breast cancer.

The GRSG team was approached by the Empire Corporation, which manufactures heavy machinery, to honor the Breast Cancer Awareness with the pink 988 front loader, decorated with the pink ribbon logo. The machine was delivered to GRSG's main offices in Sacaton on April 22nd.

"A lot of our employees, including myself, have family members or relatives that suffer from this affliction, so that's why we are participating," said Mike Morago, the Chief Executive Officer of GRSG.

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) research estimates that more than 310,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. The disease will claim the lives of an about 42,000 women in 2024, according to the NCI.

Morago said that the workers on site have been admiring the new machinery and are excited to utilize the vibrant tractor that serves as a beacon of hope.



Newest addition of machinery to the Gila River Sand & Gravel in support of Breast Cancer awareness from the Caterpillar cooperation event on April 5. Velia Moncada/GRIN

He also says that the tractor will be decorated with the O'odham man in the maze symbol and the GRSG logo in the coming months.

The eye-catching machinery will be utilized to extract material from the GRSG mine site for processing. The GRSG team has embraced the pink tractor, using it as a tool to spread awareness and symbolize solidarity with those affected by breast cancer.

HHC hosts Elder Appreciation Day

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Good times rolled on at the Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC) for Elder Appreciation Day. The festivities began on the morning of April 5, bringing in 160 Community elders across GRIC's districts and urban communities. Elder Appreciation Day is a celebration outlining the continuous gratitude the HHC has for the Community's elders.

"Planning this every year, is something that we all like to do. We always make sure they (the elders) have a great time," said HHC Director, Shirley Jackson. She said the HHC staff wanted a celebratory Mardi Gras theme with carnival-style games this year.

The success of the event was also due to the generous contributions from our Community. Those who



Elders stand in line to play the carnival style games for a chance at raffle prizes at the Elders Appreciation Day event on April 5. Velia Moncada/GRIN

excelled in games like ring toss, bowling, and fishing were rewarded with raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes, including Pendleton blankets donated by Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 and Pee-Posh Veterans, as well as jewelry items from the First Nations Warriors society.

A light breakfast and lunch were provided for attendees.

Monica Miguel, a community elder from District 5, expressed her love for Elder Appreciation Day, describing it as a time for everyone to come together, let loose, and feel young again. Similarly, Jaime Enos, an Urban Community elder, shared that she enjoys the event for the opportunity to bond and play with everyone.



Elders bowl during the Elders Appreciation Day event hosted by the Huhugam Heritage Center. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Community Walk brings Awareness to Autism

Joseph Morales
GRIN Intern

April is National Autism Awareness Month, and on April 13, an Autism Awareness walk was held in District 6 - Komatke.

Loraine Allison, a member of the Gila River

Indian Community, was one of the organizers of the event. Her grandson Alijah "Bitho" Allison's autism diagnosis was the driving force behind the event.

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), is a neurological and de-

velopmental disorder that affects communication, behavior, and social interaction. Individuals with autism may have difficulty with verbal and non-verbal communication, repetitive behaviors, and challenges in understanding social cues.

The term "spectrum" reflects the wide variation in challenges and strengths possessed by each person with autism. While some individuals with autism may require substantial support in their daily lives, others may lead relatively independent lives. Early diagnosis and intervention can greatly improve the quality of life for those with autism.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), autism can be diagnosed at any age and is described as a "developmental disorder" due to symptoms generally appearing in the first two years of life.



Community members participate in the Autism Awareness walk on April 13. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

Allison stressed the importance of the Community understanding autism and its characteristics. Other attendees shared their experiences and came together to support the event. Southwest Behavior & Health Services played a

significant role, providing support and raising awareness.

Marco Juan, a Health Education Specialist on the Tohono O'odham Nation, also expressed his support, stating, "It's important to support all awareness, es-

pecially for our sister tribe and make our communities more aware."

Allison is currently planning an event for the month of May. More information on the event will be made available in Community announcements.



Participants receive shirts for the Autism Awareness walk in District 6 on April 13. Courtesy of Joseph Morales

Justice Department Strengthens Efforts, Builds Partnerships to Address Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona Participates in Multiple Events Across the State for Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day

Press Release

U.S. Department of Justice

PHOENIX, Ariz. – The Justice Department joins its partners across the federal government, as well as people throughout American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, in recognizing May 5 as National Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day.

In recognition of MMIP Awareness Day, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland highlighted ongoing efforts to tackle the MMIP and human trafficking crises in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, and other pressing public safety challenges, like the fentanyl crisis, in Tribal communities.

“There is still so much more to do in the face of persistently high levels of violence that Tribal communities have endured for generations, and that women and girls, particularly, have endured,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “In carrying out our work, we seek to honor those who are still missing, those who were stolen from their communities, and their loved ones who are left with unimaginable pain. Tribal communities deserve safety, and they deserve justice. This day challenges all of us at the Justice Department to double

down on our efforts, and to be true partners with Tribal communities as we seek to end this crisis.”

“Missing Indigenous Persons cases require more from us as prosecutors,” said United States Attorney Gary Restaino. “The uncertainty caused in a missing persons case can exacerbate trauma for family and friends. We need to re-think how and what we can share with next of kin so that we can promote better outcomes, support greater sensitivity to Tribal customs and culture, and instill greater confidence in the results of investigations.”

“The FBI remains unwavering in our pledge to work with our law enforcement partners to address the violence that has disproportionately harmed Tribal communities and families,” said FBI Director Christopher Wray. “We will continue to prioritize our support of victims and will steadfastly pursue investigations into the crime impacting American Indian and Alaska Native communities.”

“DEA’s top priority is protecting all communities from deadly drugs, like fentanyl, and drug related violent crime,” said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. “We know that no community has been spared from these deadly threats and we are committed to keeping

Tribal communities safe.”

Justice Department Prioritization of MMIP Cases

Last July, the Justice Department announced the creation of the MMIP Regional Outreach Program, which permanently places 10 attorneys and coordinators in five designated regions across the United States to aid in the prevention and response to missing or murdered Indigenous people. The five regions include the Northwest, Southwest, Great Plains, Great Lakes, and Southeast Regions. In the Southwest, the District of Arizona is currently in the process of hiring the region’s Coordinator, and the District of New Mexico has already hired a lawyer to assist in regional efforts.

To commemorate MMIP Awareness Day and honor victims, U.S. Attorney Gary Restaino, AUSA Kiyoko Patterson, and victim advocates from the U.S. Attorney’s Office will participate in an MMIP Awareness event at the Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix on May 4. On May 2, members of the U.S. Attorney’s Office participated in the 3rd Annual National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Day of Awareness Symposium at the University of Arizona.

The MMIP regional

outreach program prioritizes MMIP cases consistent with the Deputy Attorney General’s July 2022 directive to U.S. Attorneys’ offices promoting public safety in Indian country. The program fulfills the Justice Department’s promise to dedicate new personnel to MMIP consistent with Executive Order 14053, Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People, and the Department’s Federal Law Enforcement Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against American Indians and Alaska Natives, Including to Address Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons, issued in July 2022.

Not Invisible Act Commission Response

The Department’s work to respond to the MMIP crisis is a whole-of-department effort. In March, the Departments of Justice and the Interior released their joint response to the Not Invisible Act Commission’s (NIAC) recommendations on how to combat the MMIP and human trafficking crises. The response to the NIAC, announced by Attorney General Garland during a visit to the Crow Nation, recognizes that more must be done across the federal government to

resolve this longstanding crisis and support healing from the generational traumas that Indigenous peoples have endured throughout the history of the United States.

Addressing Violent Crime and the Fentanyl Crisis in Indian Country

As noted in the joint response to the NIAC, research suggests that certain public safety challenges faced by many American Indian and Alaska Native communities—including disproportionate violence against women, families, and children; substance abuse; drug trafficking; and labor and sex trafficking—can influence the rates of missing AI/AN persons.

Further, fentanyl poisoning and overdose deaths are the leading cause of opioid deaths throughout the United States, including Indian country, where drug-related overdose death rates for Native Americans exceeds the national rate.

Therefore, federal law enforcement components are ramping up efforts to forge stronger partnerships with federal and Tribal law enforcement partners to address violent crime and the fentanyl crisis, which expose already vulnerable communities to greater harm. The U.S. Attorney’s Office in the District of Arizona has conducted sev-

eral collaborative training sessions with Tribal law enforcement partners on fentanyl interdiction and prosecution strategies, and has undertaken fentanyl prosecution initiatives in several Tribal Nations in Arizona.

Accessing Department of Justice Resources

Over the past year, the Department awarded \$268 million in grants to help enhance Tribal justice systems and strengthen law enforcement responses. These awards have also gone toward improving the handling of child abuse cases, combating domestic and sexual violence, supporting Tribal youth programs, and strengthening victim services in Tribal communities.

For additional information about the Department of Justice’s efforts to address the MMIP crisis, please visit the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons section of the Tribal Safety and Justice website, <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/mmip>.

For more information about reporting or identifying missing persons, visit <https://www.justice.gov/action-center/report-and-identify-missing-persons>



2024 GRICUA HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM


Students will learn about the tasks and responsibilities of the employees who provide electric service to the Community.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

- Students will work 40 hours per week, (Monday-Friday).
- Pay will be \$14.35 per hour (Arizona Minimum Wage).
- Students will learn from experienced draftsmen, warehouse supervisors, meter technicians, line workers, accountants, customer service representatives and others directly involved with the work in the utility.
- Students must be 16 years of age.
- Students must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
- Students should have basic computer skills, such as word processing and spreadsheets.
- Students must pass a drug screen and background check.
- Students MUST complete the GRICUA Application of Employment which can be found at <http://www.gricua.net/employment.html>.
- The deadline for filling out applications is May 10, 2024.
- Applications will be evaluated upon receipt and interviews may be scheduled before the closing date.
- Selected students will be notified on or before May 31st.
- Apply online: www.gricua.net.

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- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.
- Program for students will be based on his/her major course of study (business or accounting will work primarily in the Finance Department; an engineering or technical major will work primarily in the Operations Department of GRICUA).
- Must have a clear Arizona driver’s license.



We're Hiring

The Fuels and Restoration Crew is looking to hire more crew members!

Starting rate \$15/hr.



Requirements:

- ◊ High school diploma or GED
- ◊ Ability to lift 50 pounds
- ◊ Work outside in various Arizona weather conditions
- ◊ GRIC member or another tribal affiliation (GRIC members priority)
- ◊ Economically disadvantaged
- ◊ Unemployed (more than 7 days)
- ◊ Registered for Selective Services (males between 18—26 years of age)
- ◊ Individual seeking any additional training to attain a credential

We are seeking individuals who are interested in fuels reduction and ecosystem restoration projects throughout the community. These projects occur throughout the year, help keep fire activity low and restore historical ecosystems.

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- Elementary Teachers (3) – DOE
- Cultural Specialist-Part-time (2) - DOE

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

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



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Dates:

*Football Camp:
 June 3rd-6th 2024
 (current 8th-11th graders only)
 8am-11am

*Basketball Camp June 10th-13th 2024
 Session 1: Girls Only
 8am-9:30am (current 6th-11th graders)
 Session 2: Boys Only
 10am-11:30am (current 6th-11th graders)

*Volleyball Camp
 June 17th-20th 2024
 8am-11am
 Girls Only

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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 30 days, to:

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★ VETERANS ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veteran Disability Claims and VA eligibility



Submitted by
Veteran & Family Services
Office

Are you a Veteran that has never filed a disability claim with the VA?

We can discuss your eligibility for VA health care

and disabilities. If you have conditions for which you can file disability claims. We will do most, if not all of your paperwork and walk you through the process. Remember, VA Disability and Surviving Spouse benefits are non-taxable and non-reportable! Spouses of veterans, we will discuss possible benefits for you should the veteran pass away before you.

Veterans, if your overall disability rating is 30 percent or higher, you are eligible to add a spouse

and minor aged dependent children to your award for additional monetary compensation.

Do you currently have a disability rating with the VA? You may be eligible to file for an increase. Make an appointment and we will discuss your current rating and filing for increases. You make the choice. We will discuss all the possibilities with you and you decide if you want to move forward with filing new claims/increases.

The VA has a program

called Individual Unemployability. If you have a single condition rated at 60 percent (or higher) or have an overall rating of 70 percent (or higher) and one of your conditions is rated at least 40 percent, then you qualify to apply. Your rating stays as is but the VA will pay you at 100 percent and you receive all the benefits of being 100 percent. If you maintain the 100 percent disability/Individual Unemployability rating for at least 10 years (and you have been married at

least one year) your spouse is eligible to receive a monthly monetary benefit. If less than 10 years, there are some things the surviving spouse will need to do to be eligible for a monthly benefit.

We can explain the requirements in advance so the claims processing will be slightly shorter.

Please make an appointment with our office. We can discuss Disability, Pension, Individual Unemployability, Surviving Spouse DIC, Surviving

Spouse pension or Military Honor Services.

Our Veteran Service Officer is available to answer questions regarding benefits for Veterans and their families.

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Families of Korean War Soldiers Receive Ambassador for Peace Medals



Families of Harry Miguel, Johnson McAfee, and Lloyd Miguel, who were killed in action during the Korean war, were presented with medals on March 28. Miyana Manus/CPAO

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

On March 28, Korean War soldiers who were killed in action, were posthumously awarded the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal.

The families of Harry Miguel, Johnson McAfee, and Lloyd Miguel, were presented with the medals for their relatives' service and sacrifice during the conflict.

Veterans and Community members gathered for the special recognition during the National Vietnam Veterans Day event, organized by the Veteran and Family Services Office (VFSO), at the District 5 Multi-purpose Building.

The South Korean government honors these fallen soldiers who fought bravely in the 1950-1953 Korean War.

Lt. Gov. Regina Antone presented the medals, to recognize the soldiers' contributions to defending freedom and democracy on the Korean Peninsula.

The Ambassador for

Peace Medal is a prestigious honor bestowed upon veterans who participated in the Korean War as a gesture of gratitude and remembrance. It serves as a token of appreciation for their valor and commitment to the shared values between South Korea and its international allies.

During the ceremony, representatives from each family expressed their gratitude and pride in accepting the medals on behalf of their late relatives. They shared poignant stories and memories, underscoring the lasting impact of their loved ones' service.



Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal awarded posthumously to three GRIC members. Emma Hughes/GRIN

It served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by soldiers from around the world to preserve peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

As the Ambassador for Peace Medals were presented, attendees observed a moment of silence to honor the fallen soldiers and reflect on their legacy.

The South Korean government remains committed to recognizing and honoring the contributions of veterans and their families, ensuring that the memory of their service lives on for future generations.

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Roe Lewis then proceeded with speeches honoring the event that is so monumental to the Community.

"We became five tribes strong," said Gov. Lewis. He recalled the history of the tribes uniting to fight and protect each other, resulting in this unique occasion.

"Five tribes, it's historical. I mean, just the length of time of 161 years of celebrating all the five tribes coming together and signing a peace treaty. When Arizona, wasn't even a state yet... we should be proud that we celebrate this treaty that has been around for 161 years," said Redbird.



Children participate in the food scramble on the ball field in District 7. Velia Moncada/GRIN

The day's festivities were filled with vibrant performances from red and black Fort Yuma, Fort Mojave bird dancers, gourd singer Albert Harper from Chemehuevi, and many more artists, all coming together to celebrate the Five

Tribes' Treaty of Peace Celebration.

"This is a great event that they're putting on, a lot of people come out and participate. A lot of youth that we're bringing up to learn these songs and the dances," said Harper.

Community arts and crafts vendors and informational booths from GRIC departments were also present throughout the day. The event also included a horseshoe tournament and plenty of outdoor activities for youth, followed by a bird dancing competition and a dance to close the celebration off for the night.

"I'm saying the tribes got together and made peace so we can have a feast," said Jennifer Perchero, Grand Marshal of the 161st Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Parade.



Attendees visit informational booths and vendors at the Five Tribes Celebration. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Bird Singers and Dancers perform during the celebration on April 13. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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Consumers may qualify for the Lifeline program if they have a gross income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

| HOUSEHOLD SIZE | 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DC & TERRITORIES |
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| 1 PERSON | \$20,331 |
| 2 PEOPLE | \$27,594 |
| 3 PEOPLE | \$34,857 |
| 4 PEOPLE | \$42,120 |
| 5 PEOPLE | \$49,383 |
| 6 PEOPLE | \$56,646 |
| 7 PEOPLE | \$63,909 |
| 8 PEOPLE | \$71,172 |
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THE Tribal Education NEWS

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Tribal Education Dept. Student Spotlight

Dru Antone-Alvarez is a 12th grader at Basha High School, who resides in Dist. 3. When asked to share about himself he said, "I am a student who does what he can and I've earned a Student of the Month Award and maintained a 3.5 GPA each semester." As a senior in high school have you had many challenges that you have had to overcome? "I remained focused and have done what was needed including taking extra time to learn and understand concepts I was unfamiliar with." Who has supported you in your scholastic achievements? "My Mother, Aunt, Grandparents and general family." What are your future plans after high school? "Currently, I am planning to attend Chandler/Gilbert Community College to get basic credits before deciding on any further education." Do you have any advice or words of encouragement for other students? "Take it easy and work hard, life is a marathon not a sprint." Dru, what do you like to do for fun? "I listen to music, read and generally just sleep." This month's Student Spotlight was awarded to Dru because he truly has done great things at Basha High School. He was one of the news anchors for Basha News, and was asked to speak in front of the School Board in November 2023 for Indigenous Month. Dru is very well known, well liked, and well thought of by his peers and staff at Basha High School.



Dru Antone-Alvarez

"Great Job Dru, Keep up the Great Work"

Intensive Culture & Language Focus at 9th Annual Governor's Education Summit

On March 9th the Governor's Education Summit was held at the Casa Blanca Community School and focused on Language and Culture. The Summit featured various presenters sharing different aspects of language and culture revitalization including technology, elder perspectives, the Gila River Orthography and what is being done at Casa Blanca Community School. Other presenters focused on various areas of education such as nutrition, behavioral health and physical fitness. During the lunch hour, the Culture & Language Program shared the current Culture Curriculum that is being created for the Culture Teachers within the

schools. An older hand-drawn curriculum that is currently being updated was shown, followed by the showing of the drafted new version. Unlike normal education areas like math and reading, resources for culture/language instruction in Native American languages are hard to find and often times these Culture Teachers find themselves creating their own teaching materials. To close out this year's Summit, students from Saint Peter's Indian Mission School shared traditional songs and dances with the attendees; the sharing of songs and dances left all Summit attendees with great feelings.



St. Peter Indian Mission School Dancers

Photo Courtesy of GRIN

Mul-Chu-Tha Art & Essay Contest Winners

The Tribal Education Department was honored to host the department's 10th Annual Art & Essay Contest for this year's 60th Annual Mul-Chu-Tha. The Art & Essay contest has been an exciting and fulfilling event that all students of Gila River Indian Community could demonstrate both their artistic and academic brilliance to the community. Each year the contest aligns with the theme of the community's MulChuTha. This year, the theme focused on "How this generation will contribute to the next 60 years in our community". There were a total of 98 participants who entered 23 Essays and 75 Art entries this year. The 2024 MulChuTha Art & Essay contest winners were:

4th-5th Grade Essay Winners:

- 1st Place-Symphonie Chiago, Sacaton Elementary School, Grade 4
- 2nd Place-Caulnon Lewis, Sacaton Elementary School, Grade 4
- 3rd Place-Justice Antone, Sacaton Elementary School, Grade 4.

4th-5th Grade Art Winners:

- 1st Place-Journey Eschief, Blackwater Community School, Grade 5



L-R: Symphonie Chiago, D'Rey Mark, Monty Vincent, Harmonie Chiago, Alena Hutchinson, Alayna Mark, and Sayuri Jackson on Mul-Chu-Tha Stage.

Photo Courtesy of GRIN

- 2nd Place-Cierra Brooks, Casa Blanca Community School, Grade 5
- 3rd Place-Bernardo Martinez, Casa Blanca Community School, Grade 5

6th-8th Grade Essay Winners:

- 1st Place-Alena Hutchinson, Coolidge Junior High, Grade 8
- 2nd Place-Harmonie Chiago, Sacaton Middle School, Grade 6
- 3rd Place-D'Rey Mark, Sacaton Middle School, Grade 7

6th-8th Grade Art Winners:

- 1st Place-Kyren Lewis, Sacaton Middle School, Grade 6
- 2nd Place-Me'ya Casey, Sacaton Middle School, Grade 7

- 3rd Place-Madison Shelde, New Horizon, Grade 7
- 3rd Place-Monty Vincent, Coolidge Junior High, Grade 8

9th-12th Grade Essay Winners:

- 1st Place-Sayuri Jackson, Hamilton High School, Grade 10
- 2nd Place-Alayna Mark, Casa Grande Union High School, Grade 12

9th-12th Grade Art Winners:

- 1st Place-Frances Hestia, Casa Grande Union High School, Grade 11
- 2nd Place-Dennis Escalante Jr., Skyline Gila River High School, Grade 10

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Gov. Lewis welcomes attendees to the 2024 NTTA Tribal Broadband Summit

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed over 200 experts and federal partners in broadband networking and telecommunication technology across Indian country to the National Tribal Telecommunications Association (NTTA) Summit on April 9 at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos—Wild Horse Pass.

“We are really in such historic times, and with all the leaders here and subject matter expertise, this moment can be a techno-

logical movement,” said Gov. Lewis in his welcome address.

Gov. Lewis acknowledged the great work of Gila River Telecommunications Inc. (GRTI) as they continue to provide services throughout the Community. He explained the significant technological advancements GRTI has developed, creating more resources for Community members that were not available to them before.

Gov. Lewis said that, as a tribal leader, it is amazing to see the advancements in

equitable access to technology in the Community. He also said it was an honor to host the NTTA summit, as many tribal telecommunications and broadband networking companies were in attendance, as well as federal partners to invest in and assist with the growth of this type of networking across Indian country.

“There are 574 federally recognized tribes throughout the United States and only 11 telcos that are owned by tribes,” said NTTA President, Godfrey Enjady.

He explained that if creating a telco was easy, there would be more tribal communities with telcos.

NTTA was created to assist with the regulatory hurdles and barriers that can occur when establishing a telco. With funding from the government through the NTTA, the association works with tribal communities to provide their own telecommunications and broadband networking.

The summit also showcases innovative strategies and success stories in



Governor Stephen Roe Lewis welcomes the National Tribal Telecommunications Association (NTTA) Tribal Broadband summit at Wild Horse Pass Resort & Casino. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and NTTA President Godfrey Enjady. Photo Courtesy of GRTI

tribal telecommunications, with discussion on policy initiatives and funding opportunities. Along, with many other presentations empowering tribal communities and the vitality of telecommunications and broadband networking.

For more information on NTTA and their resources, visit <https://national-tribaltelecom.org>



Tribal owned telecommunication companies and networking industries showcase their knowledge and skills in the world of broadband. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Lt. Gov. Antone joins fellow Tribal Leaders on Capitol Hill

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Lt. Gov. Regina Antone joined the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA) and represented the Gila River Indian Community in Washington on Capitol Hill on April 16-19.

ITAA comprises 21 tribes in Arizona and provides a forum for tribal governments in the state to combine their efforts and resources for shared goals.

These Tribal Leaders united in a powerful display of advocacy, coming together to champion their community’s needs and challenges while meeting with Congressional Leaders on Capitol Hill.

“It was an honor to meet other tribal leaders and listen to their concerns and challenges. It allowed me to understand that we all have the same struggles within our communities, and speaking up and advocating on Capitol Hill is the only way to get our voices heard for our communities,” said Lt. Gov. Antone.

She added, “The Gila River Indian Community will continue to fight in all areas needed for our Community, especially the appropriations support-



Lt. Gov. Regina Antone meets with Sen. Kyrsten Sinema during visit with ITAA. Photo Courtesy of Lt. Gov. Regina Antone.

ing older adult programs, by strongly requesting for continued and increased funding to support the Older Americans Act and other aging services programs for older adults, caregivers, grandparents raising grandchildren, and individuals with disabilities.”

Lt. Gov. Antone held discussions with Congressman Greg Stanton – serving on Judiciary/ Transportation & Infrastructure committees; Senator Kyrsten Sinema – serving Appropriations/Commerce, Science, and Transportation/Home-

land Security and Governmental Affairs/Veteran’s Affairs committees; Congressman Ruben Gallego – serving Armed Services and Natural Resources committees, Senator Mark Kelly – serving; Armed Services/Environment and Public works committees, and Staff Representative for Raul Grijalva – serving on the Education and the workforce/Natural Resources committees.

Sen. Sinema was gifted with a Pendleton blanket for all her help and assertiveness at the Senate level in support of Native Communities.

Fellow Tribal leaders joined Lt. Gov. Antone in addressing topics affecting all Native people and communities, including the Native American Voting Rights Act, by establishing State-level Native American Voting Rights task forces to address the unique voting issues within Indian Country, such as improving access to voter registration, polling locations, and drop boxes on Tribal lands, and the acceptance of Tribal identification by outlawing the prohibition of Tribal IDs when voting.

Tribal leaders urged



L-R Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Hualapai Tribe Council member Cheyenne Majenty, and Hualapai Tribe Vice-Chairman Shelton Scott Crozier. Photo Courtesy of Lt. Gov. Regina Antone.



Sen. Kyrsten Sinema is presented with a Pendleton. Photo Courtesy of Lt. Gov. Regina Antone.

more education to the general public and non-native communities that house polling sites to better understand and accept Tribal IDs.

“These are just some of the areas of concern that needed to be heard,” said

Lt. Gov. Antone. “It was a long week, but all Tribal Leaders pushed their concerns and held strong. A memorable quote was ‘If you’re not at the table, don’t expect to be served.’”

2024 Tribal Self-Governance Conference held at Wild Horse Pass

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The 2024 Tribal Self-Governance Conference, hosted by the Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC), was held April 15-18 at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos—Wild Horse Pass.

The SGCETC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) consortium of tribal nations that have elected to use self-governance to deliver programs and services for their citizens and communities, assisting them in achieving their own goals. It seeks to ensure that Congress, the administration, fellow tribal nations, and all other interested parties accurately communicate and understand the tenets and purpose of self-governance.



L-R: Lummi Nation Council member Nickolaus Lewis, Gila River Police Chief Jesse Crabtree, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Emma Hughes/GRIN

The conference, which featured tribal leaders, tribal officials, federal partners, and those who work closely with tribal communities, was a platform for discussions, presentations, informative workshops, and networking opportunities.

Key discussions featured Indian Health Service, Department of Interior, and Department of Transportation leadership and focused on Tribal Self-Governance Q&A with tribal leaders from Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, New Zealand, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Oneida Nation, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; Native Vote and Self-Governance updates while sessions focused on Tribal experiences negotiating with various agencies, self-governance for finance professionals, planning for transition of healthcare programs to self-governance,

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provided a welcome

to attendees followed by a discussion with tribal and state leaders: Buu Nygren, President for the Navajo Nation, Katie Hobbs, Gov-

ernor for Arizona, and Robert Miguel, Chairman for the Ak-Chin Indian Community. The discussion centered around water policy for the future, specifically addressing the on-going drought and the inclusion of tribes when it comes to water issues, coming together to create water policy for the future.

“This Conference is just one of many steps we are taking to collaborate with Indigenous communities,” said Hobbs. “We’ve made so much progress over the last year, but I realize there’s still work to do. I look forward to continued partnership with Tribal leaders as we build an Arizona where everyone can thrive.”

GRIC representation also included Gila River Police Department’s Chief of Police, Jesse Crabtree, who joined a panel discussion on tackling substance abuse in Indian Country from the law enforcement perspective; Gila River Broadcasting Corp. who was featured as part of the ‘digital storytelling room,’ sharing their work as the first low-powered television station operating in Indian Country; Tohono O’odham Young Voices Podcast, featuring GRIC member Napoleon Marrietta, who has been working with the podcast that focuses on and produces tribal topics and stories concerning tribal communities in Southern Arizona.



Gila River Police Chief Jesse Crabtree discusses substance abuse in tribal communities. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gila River Broadcasting Corp. present their work at the 2024 Tribal Self-Governance Conference. Emma Hughes/GRIN

From the Front Page

“If you follow ASU, you know that we are increasingly known in many things, (including) innovation, global impact, sustainability,” said Provost Gonzalez. “The Labriola center is yet another example. Labriola and this space is the one and only Indigenous-led library centers ... in the United States.”

Gonzalez said the Labriola center uniquely promotes Indigenous academic excellence by providing a culturally safe space to engage with Indigenous

information, histories, and cultures.

The center will also uphold tribal sovereignty and data sovereignty, meanwhile contributing to cultural resilience for ASU’s 4,000-plus Indigenous students, 70-plus Indigenous faculty members, and the 23 regional tribal communities that are a part of the ASU community.

“ASU has an ongoing ... sacred responsibility to provide, and to stand for and to support, those 22 tribes here in Arizona, because of the land it’s on, they are O’otham lands,”

Gov. Lewis told the attendees of the grand opening.

The space features art from Indigenous artists, books written by Indigenous authors, and music that is familiar to Indigenous people. The center also offers amenities for Indigenous students to utilize, including a stage with cameras and speakers in the ceiling, and monitors to host Zoom calls.

The glass murals that outline the center depict O’otham landmarks represented by Tohono O’odham artist, Thomas “Breeze” Marcus and Onk Akimel

O’odham artist, Dwayne Manuel.

“If you go on top of “A” mountain (Oithbad), you can see Tempe,” said Marcus in an interview with the GRIN. “There’s so many buildings now, that it’s almost hard to see the land of sight to the North.”

Marcus said his teachings and tribal traditions emphasize each mountain across the O’otham territories: Red Mountain in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Baboquivari Peak located in the Tohono O’odham Nation,

and Phoenix South Mountain, home to the Gila River Indian Community.

“It’s getting harder and harder (to see) with the development, so we wanted to reintroduce that into the space, and show the past of the river flowing and the transition into modern day,” said Marcus.

In an interview with the ASU news team in March, center director Soto said “This space has an opportunity to help our students see what is possible. With our staff members being all Indigenous, we can provide library services that support Indigenous research meth-

odologies... Native students don’t have to explain themselves to us since we can relate to where they are coming from.”

The event concluded with specially prepared Indigenous themed meals, prepared by chefs Nephi Craig (White Mountain Apache) and Twila Cassadore (San Carlos Apache).

The grand opening continued in the afternoon with a public ceremony that included an open house and live music featuring Diné (Navajo) DJ Reflekshin and indie rock band One Way Sky (Akimel O’otham/Tohono O’odham).



L-R: Jacob Moore, ASU Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations in the Office of Government and Community Affairs, Thomas “Breeze” Marcus, Tohono O’odham Nation - Mural Artist, Alexander Soto, Director, Labriola National American Indian Data Center, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, stand before the hand painted mural by Marcus and Dwayne Manuel, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Miyana Manus/CPAO



Etched glass in the ASU Labriola National American Indian Data Center, representing O’otham Jevved. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Law Day Festivities bring Community Together



S.A.N.E. gives a presentation on their work within the Gila River Community Court during Law Day on May 1. Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

Joseph Morales
GRIN Intern

The Akimel O’otham Loditha Kud Ki - Gila River Indian Community Court hosted ‘Law Day’ in Sacaton, to showcase and celebrate the rule of law in the Community.

Chief Judge Anthony J. Hill opened the event, expressing its importance, “In celebrating this day, it welcomes the community to be more aware of a system set in place to help.”

After the opening remarks, the event kicked off with many activities for those in attendance. An estimated 20 booths shared

information for various departments in the Community.

The biggest attraction was the dunk tank, with many attendees lining up to take a chance to dunk in the tank. Even Chief Judge Hill joined the fun.

The event also held four information sessions in the court about law processes and programs. Attendees were required to attend all four sessions to be entered into a raffle for prizes ranging from Harkins Theaters gift cards, tumblers cups, a television, and more, announced during the event’s closing remarks.

The occasion was a fun-filled day to learn more about law and showcase those who work within the Community Court. Participants walked away with plenty of information, food, and raffle prizes.

Chief Judge Hill closed out the event, expressing his appreciation and contribution to a successful event. He hopes for more events in the future and looks forward to next year’s Law Day.



Jr. Miss Gila River Shayla Davis throws a ball to the dunk tank during the Law Day event. Miyana Manus/CPAO



Gila River Community Court hand out commemorative 2024 Law Day T-shirts. Miyana Manus/CPAO



Gila River Police Dept. assist in feeding attendees for the event. Miyana Manus/CPAO

Gila River Team Plays Hoops Fundraiser Against First Nations Motorcycle Club

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

The engines of more than 60 Redrum MC (Motorcycle Club) First Nations members thundered into the District 3 Service Center on April 6, for a day of basketball games with the Gila River Basketball team, the club’s honorary second-year sponsors.

The Gila River Basketball team showcased their newest jerseys with smiles and waves, as the Chi’Chino Spirit group performed a welcome song to the incoming motorcyclists.

“This is our second year and they (Redrum MC) come out to support the kids and donate. We want to give them a big thank you,” said Brent Escalante, District 3, the head coach of the basketball team.

Cliff Mattias, Taino/Kichwa and the International President of Redrum MC First Nations, called the event a terrific tradition.

“We think these sorts of programs are so important for the kids,” he said. “It creates positive role models, and then also, for them to be off the streets, play sports, and stay healthy.”

Escalante, the coach, told the GRIN that his staff coaches youth between the ages of pre-k to 18, with a total of 70 kids this year. The Gila River basketball team is open to any youth willing to learn and play the sport. There are no charges



The Gila River Basketball team welcome members from the Redrum MC. Velia Moncada/GRIN

or fees for parents as Escalante’s staff volunteers their time with the team.

The Redrum MC First Nations commits to showing the essence of being warriors to the people, Mattias explained. The motorcycle club demonstrates this by serving surrounding communities within their

Chapters around the globe. This particular sponsorship provided by Redrum MC will contribute to the team’s purchase of uniforms, equipment, and support for upcoming tournaments and leagues, said Mattias.

“It’s helped us pretty good,” said Jasmine Jay



The Gila River Basketball and Redrum MC play a few games at the District 3 Service Center on April 6. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Mendivel, District 3, and a three-year athlete with the Gila River Basketball team.

Mendivel expressed her gratitude for the donation Redrum MC gave to

the team as she was able to play through three co-ed tournaments last year from their previous donation. She also really liked that her team got the opportuni-

ty to play basketball in their new jerseys.

As a formal thank you to the Redrum MC First Nations club, Head Coach Escalante bestowed the Redrum MC with their very own Gila River basketball team jersey, which included a Redrum MC First Nations patch. The rest of the afternoon consisted of a party with food donated by parents of the players, and games featuring the basketball players versus the bikers.

If you’re interested in connecting a youth to the Gila River Basketball team contact Brent Escalante on Instagram at @gilariver_basketball. For more information involving the Redrum MC First Nations club, please visit <https://redrummc.com>.



The Gila River Basketball team and members of the Redrum First Nations Motorcycle Club during their visit to the Community on April 6. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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CLAYTON WAHPETA PETER THOMAS JOSEPH UGALDE ANTHONY PORTER KERMIT BREAD CYNTHIA ACEVEDO TONY GUTIERREZ



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

JAIME GONZALEZ KINGSTON DAVIS ABRAHAM ENOS JOSEPH VALDEZ ANNISSA ENOS TRANT JACKSON NICHOLAS APKAW



Last seen: 01/19/2024
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 140



Last seen: 02/03/2024
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 150



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



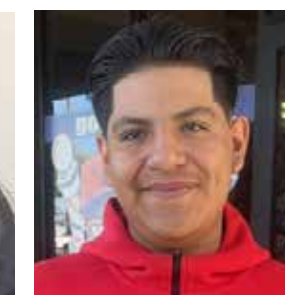
Last seen: 03/09/2024
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Dark Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 200



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



Last seen: 03/23/2024
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 110-120



Last seen: 04/12/2024
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 190

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.

Blue Envelopes help drivers with autism during traffic stops

Rollout of enhanced communication includes law enforcement training

Press Release

Arizona Department of Transportation

PHOENIX – Arizona is launching a program through which drivers on the autism spectrum can place their credentials in special blue envelopes to enhance communication with law enforcement officers during traffic stops.

This voluntary program, which includes education for law enforcement officers, follows a model used successfully in Connecticut. The envelope will have instructions for the driver and law enforcement officer to follow and advise the officer that the driver may respond differently to instructions in situations that can increase anxiety.

To provide the necessary groundwork and training, the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division is partnering with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS) and the University of Arizona’s

Police Department, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (ArizonaLEND) training program.

“When I heard about this program in Connecticut, I was extremely fascinated and intrigued to see if we could incorporate it here in Arizona,” ADOT MVD Director Eric Jorgensen said. “MVD is thrilled to be partnering with DPS and the University of Arizona Police Department to help calm what can otherwise be potentially stressful situations.”

This program will function similarly to the one Connecticut established in 2020. The blue envelope is a voluntary way to hold important vehicle documents such as insurance and registration, while also being a communication tool between the driver and law enforcement during an interaction.

“This program pro-

vides explicit support for drivers who choose to participate,” said Jennifer Casteix, UArizona Clinical Professor and ArizonaLEND faculty member. “Better understanding of communication differences should positively impact these interactions.”

After his interim appointment at the University of Arizona in May 2023, Police Chief Chris Olson shared his desire to bring the Blue Envelope Program to the university. Creating partnerships with University of Arizona units that specialize in autism research and caring for the community have been key in laying the groundwork for this program at the University of Arizona.

According to Chief Olson, “The Blue Envelope program is an outstanding public safety initiative that seeks to improve communication between police officers and autistic drivers during traffic stops.”

Director Jeffrey Glover of the Arizona Department of Public Safety said,



Photo Courtesy of ADOT

“The AZDPS is proud to support and be a part of the Blue Envelope Program. A program like this, seeking to enhance safety for both members of the public as well as all law enforcement officers in the State of Arizona, is absolutely invaluable.”

“We are implementing this program with an evidence-based approach to

better support law enforcement and autistic drivers to improve safety outcomes,” said Dr. Nell Maltman, UArizona Assistant Professor with the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences.

Training with officers and volunteer drivers to simulate a traffic stop with the blue envelopes will be happening next week at the University of Arizona’s

Tucson campus.

The envelopes are expected to be available through ADOT MVD offices, various law enforcement locations as well as other locations across the state starting in May.

For additional information about this program, please visit azdot.gov/BlueEnvelope.

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-notice>.

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.

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

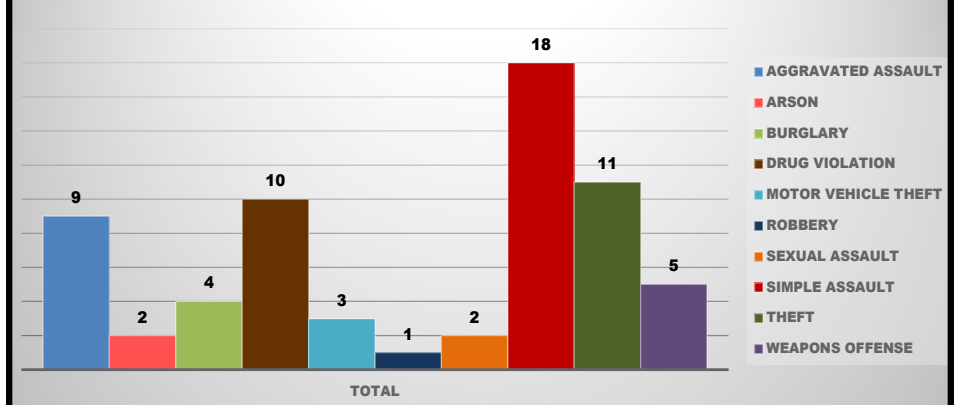


Gila River Police Department
Blotter Report

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

FOR: GILA RIVER INDIAN NEWS REPORTING DATE: 04/01 - 04/14/2024

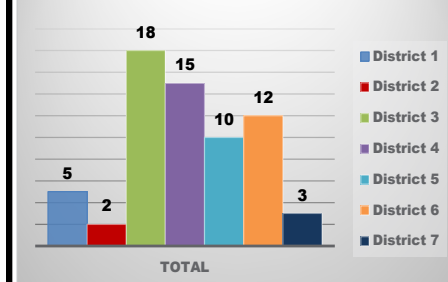
INCIDENTS BY OFFENSE



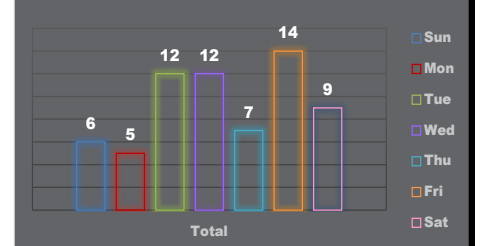
TOP Community Wide Crimes

From April 1 to April 14, 2024, the crimes most frequently committed were Simple Assault (18), Theft (11), Drug Violations (10), and Aggravated Assault (9).

INCIDENTS BY DISTRICT



INCIDENTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



Incidents by District and Day of the Week

From April 1-14, 2024, the district with the highest reported crimes was District 3 (18), and the district with the second highest reported crimes was District 4 (15).

Between April 1-14, 2024, the day of the week with the highest reported crimes were on Fridays. Most crimes were reported to have occurred between the hours of 3 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Announcements & Notices

On behalf of the Miles Family, we would like to Thank the following for their support in the funeral services for my Dad, Dennis Miles Jr., Joseph Enos for the unwavering support throughout the years, Melda Eschief for everything you done above & beyond, Pastor Lee Miguel, St. Anthony's choir, St. Anne's Rosary group for giving much of your time and prayers, Aaron Brown for your countless donations, Corwin Norris for jamming for my pops, Gregory Jim for the Blessings, Joker Jones, Vickie Enos, Kevin Smith, Gary Jackson, Harold Patrick, John Antone, Lloyd Brown, Ernie Lucero, St. Peter's Rosary group, Ace Kyyitan, Traveler's for Jesus, for the Words and music, Maxine Brown, Glendora Kyyitan for the chumuth and wamich, Nathan's D2 for the donations, Sharon Lewis, District 4 service center, Gila River Indian Community for giving us the resources. A big heartfelt Thank you to my Miles Family, Suzy, Carla, Ruth, Bais, Uncle Boy, Eldon, Betty, Bird, and Dave. I appreciate you all and the many others who helped, supported, and donated while we laid my Pops to rest. Sapó!

Donnie Miles
P.O. Box 757
Sacaton, AZ, 85147
(480) 617-0168



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

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, 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

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, 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

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

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, 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

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, 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



The following list contains of names of individuals and other entities with outstanding checks issued by Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. (GRGE) and recorded as of September 30, 2023. In accordance with Escheat Ordinance GR-10-09, public notice of unclaimed checks will be published in the Gila River Indian Newspaper and GRIC's official web site. If the last known owner is known to be a Community member, the department, program, or entity shall also post notice at all District Service Centers.

In order to claim the check, the owner must claim it in person within 30 days of publication or posting. In addition, to make claim, the person must provide the department, program, or entity with positive identification, including photo identification showing the person claiming the check is the last known owner. If the check is unclaimed for 60 days after publication, it shall escheat and title thereof shall vest in the Community. If you are the recipient of the Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. (GRGE) unclaimed property, please contact the GRGE Corporate Finance Department by sending an email to Accounting@gila.casino or call (520) 796-7198 for further instructions.

- JERRY WILSON
FRANCINE LOUISE KADES
CONLIN TRAVEL
SPENCER AUTO REPAIR LLC
KALVIN PEARY
KALVIN PEARY
CESAR ALMODOVAR
PINNACLE LIVE LLC
AMBER K LOTT
ANGEL L LYONS
SONJAA BEATTY
THOMAS J HABROS
BRIAN E BLACKBURN
SUSAM L NELSON
JUSTIN L LANDRY
DESTINI D MOLINA
TAMARA R SHEMAMI
TRAVIS G THOMAS
ROSE ANNE CABALTERA
BRIANA M GALVAN
JAEQOB A TASHQUINTH
SALVADOR E JACK
RICHARD C PABLO
TIMOTHY R BALDRINGER
NORMA A LARA
DILLON J ALLISON-MANUEL
KAYELYN M ENOS
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JONATHA B BUCHANAN
DAMION D HOWARD
DANIEL M HUNTIMER
MARYETTA MORENO
ELOUISE MEDINA
FERDINAND QUINO
TERRI ANNE WOLFE-SAMPSON
KORI B ARNOLD
MASON GALLAWAY
DELVAN SOKE
JULIA PABLO
KAZIMIR J BEBIAK
WANDA ENOS
BRDFORD HANNAH
ANGELIQUE BABCOK
DANIEL MORGAN
ISSAM CHIDIAC
BENEFIT EVOLUTIONS LLC.
SCOTT SMITH
MEGAN L SHELDE
CHRISTINE R FALAN
ARIZONA SURGICAL INSTITUTE
BEST MEDICAL/URGENT CARE
JIN YUK, MD
LEON DURYEA
PHOENIX NEUROLOGICAL ASSOCIATE
MAGDA WILLIAMS
HOSPITALISTS OF ARIZONA
CHAD D SCOTT
JOANNW LOBRACCO
TIMOTHY D YERKES
KERRIE L SHAW
JAMES D BAUMANN D O PC
JOSEPH HABROS
CHANDLER ACC AND INJ MED CTR
MARGARET MEARS, MD
FRANK MALDONADO
CHRISTOPHER S FABIAN
HMS AAF MERCY CARE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • March 20, 2024

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, March 20, 2024, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Regina Antone at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Franklin Pablo, Sr.

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Regina Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Nada Celaya; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird(9:21)

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Absent:

D4- Christopher Mendoza (Medical)

D4- Jennifer Allison (Medical)

D4- Lalena Jackson

D6- Charles Goldtooth (Medical)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #2; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #2 THROUGH #15; AND NEW BUSINESS #1 AND #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REMOVE NEW BUSINESS #3 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Chief Patrick R. Melvin, Candidate for Pinal County Sheriff-Introduction (LSC forwards Chief Patrick R. Melvin Candidate for Pinal County Sheriff to Council under Introductions)

Presenter: Chief Patrick R. Melvin

CHIEF PATRICK R. MELVIN, CANDIDATE FOR PINAL COUNTY SHERIFF STATED HE IS A VETERAN, A DEACON IN HIS CHURCH AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS COMMUNITY. HIS PROUDEST ROLES ARE AS A HUSBAND, DAD, GRANDFATHER, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT VETERAN. HE COMES BEFORE THE COUNCIL TODAY WITH A PROFOUND SENSE OF DUTY AND A SINCERE COMMITMENT TO THE SHARED SAFETY AND WELLBEING. AS FORMER POLICE CHIEF OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY HE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE TREATING COMMUNITY ELDER AND YOUTH WITH RESPECT, DIGNITY, DECENCY, AND PRIVACY. CHIEF MELVIN UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND WILL ENSURE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE RESPECTS THE TRIBAL LAND AND TREATS MEMBERS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. 38 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICING, 12 YEARS OF BEING A POLICE CHIEF IN THREE DIFFERENT AGENCIES, EXPERIENCE IN CITY POLICING, TRIBAL COUNTRY POLICING, CHIEF MELVIN HAS WITNESSED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES COMMUNITIES FACE. HE BELIEVES IT IS TIME FOR NEW LEADERSHIP AT THE HELM OF THE PINAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. IF ELECTED, CHIEF MELVIN ENSURES COLLABORATION WITH TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT WHILE RESPECTING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY. VARIOUS COUNCIL PROVIDED WELL WISHES IN CHIEF MELVIN'S RUN FOR PINAL COUNTY SHERRIFF.

REPORTS

[LT. GOVERNOR TURNED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OVER TO COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG]

*1. Action Plan Report

Presenter: Lt. Governor Regina Antone

REPORT HEARD

[CHAIRMAN HOGG CALLED FOR A 15 MINUTE

BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:22 A.M.]

>2. GRSG FY24 Q1 Report

Presenters: Michael H. Morago, Donna Stowell

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. FY2024 Financial Activity Report ending February 29, 2024 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving An Amendment To The Fleet Management Policies And Procedures, Section V. Vehicle And Equipment Acquisition And Disposal Procedure, G. Executive Vehicle Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Todd Araujo

APPROVED

>2. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation Funds For Schools Located Within The Gila River Indian Community Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs with correction) Presenters: Lance Reyna, Sherilyn Analla

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1511 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1356 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1246 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1382 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 295-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1154 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 164 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 164 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1169 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1169 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Talia Apkaw, Eugene Blackwater, Kimberly Cooper

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Temporary Special Event Liquor License To The Chandler Compadres, Inc. For Use At The Whirlwind Golf Course On April 5, 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

>14. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Temporary Special Event Liquor License To The Chemo Companions For Use At The Wild Horse Pass Festival Grounds On April 6, 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

>15. A Resolution Amending Delores Enos Tribal Homesite Assignment/Agreement By Dividing The Parcel Into Two Separate Parcels Located In District Four Within The Gila River Indian Reservation And Approving A Fifty Year Homesite Assignment/Agreement For Amelia Enos (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Subdivision Administration Team, Kimberly Cooper, Corinna Ortiz, Talia Apkaw

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16. A Resolution Approving The Articles Of Incorporation Of Tribal Co. That Is Wholly Owned By The Gila River Indian Community (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council in executive session with recommendation for approval)

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Presenters: Bartley G. Harris, Javier G. Ramos

APPROVED

17. A Resolution Authorizing Tribal Co. To Form State Companies (Executive Session) (EDSC forwards to Council in executive session with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Bartley G. Harris, Javier G. Ramos

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ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

>1. GRICUA FY23 Financial Audit Packet (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Ken Stock, Arnold Mejia, Adam Cavin

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. FFY25 Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Grant Applications for Law Enforcement Projects (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Jesse Crabtree

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT AP-

PROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Dance Permit Additional Information (LSC forwards to Council under New Business as FYI with amendments and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Jesse Crabtree, William Morago

REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - ITEM HEARD

4. Court of Appeals Vacancies to LSC (LSC motioned to advertise (3) Court of Appeal Judge positions and (2) Court of Appeals Community Judge positions for (45) days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Anthony J. Hill

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADVERTISE THREE (3) COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE POSITIONS AND TWO (2) COURT OF APPEALS COMMUNITY JUDGE POSITIONS FOR 45 DAYS.

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MINUTES

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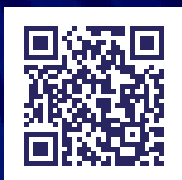
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