



U.S. President Joe Biden makes Historic visit to GRIC Gives formal White House apology for Indigenous boarding school policies

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President Joe Biden and Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland visited the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) on Oct. 25, with an important message to deliver. During an event at Gila Crossing Community School in District 6, Biden gave an official presidential apology for boarding school policies against Native American communities.

GRIC leadership including Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, and Community Council representatives were present to witness the important event. This was also the first time a president and vice-president had visited a tribe during the same term. Vice-President Kamala Harris visited Gila Crossing Community School in 2023.

“For over 150 years, the federal government ran boarding schools that forcibly removed generations of Native children from their homes to boarding schools often far away,” the White House issued in a statement on Oct. 24.

“I formally apologize as president of the United States of America, for what we did.



President Joe Biden is welcomed by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis during a public address at the Gila Crossing Community School on Oct. 25 Photo Courtesy of Joseph Morales

I formally apologize. And it’s long overdue,” said Biden, who acknowledged that the federal government had never formally apologized for what happened to Native students, families, and communities during the boarding school era.

Biden recognized that the policies caused pain and suffering for generations of Native Ameri-

can children with many survivors in the audience to hear his message.

According to the investigative report released by the Department of Interior in 2022, over 400 boarding schools across the Country were supported or operated by the U.S. and confirmed that American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian chil-

dren were targeted as a pursuit of cultural assimilation.

“The policy continued even after the Civil Rights Act, which got me involved in politics as a young man. Even after the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, it continued,” Biden stated.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gave remarks and introduced Biden while thanking him for the

message and acknowledged the tribal leaders and supporters in attendance.

“I think we can say, with no exaggeration, that President Biden truly is Indian Country’s president,” said Gov. Lewis. “All of these historic investments in Indian Country share in common - that is this President’s commitment to honoring tribal sovereignty, to treating tribes as nations, to carrying out the treaty and trust responsibility – not just in words, but by his actions.”

“For decades this terrible chapter was hidden from our history books, but now our administration’s work will ensure that no one will ever forget,” said Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland.

Miss Gila River Susanna Osife spoke as well saying, “We are breaking barriers, we are setting a path for future generations for our people to succeed and it’s so much easier to be able to have that guidance to ensure that we are standing up for our people; our voices are being heard and our communities are being represented.”

Osife and Jr. Miss Gila River

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GRIC breaks ground on Water Projects

Press Release

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Sacaton, Arizona – Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community (“Community”) and Deputy Commissioner David Palumbo of the Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) announced in a Oct. 1 groundbreaking ceremony on the Gila River Indian Reservation that the Community is commencing work on the first three separate federal funding agreements totaling nearly \$107 million to fund critical water infrastructure to be located on the Community’s Reservation in Arizona. The Community and Reclamation executed these agreements just last week, and, due to the close coordination and planning between the two partners, the Community is able to commence construction on the first, and largest of these projects,

the Gila River Farms Efficiency Improvements Project (“GRF EI Project”) less than one week later.

Under the agreement executed during the last week of Sept., the Community is receiving \$63,808,473 in funding to replace nearly 30 miles of up to 90-year-old concrete pipeline laterals on the Community’s 12,000-acre Gila River Farms (“GRF”). The project will replace original inefficient concrete pipe installed between the 1930s and 1950s by the U.S. Indian Irrigation Service. The pipes are not only outdated and long past their useful lifespan but they are also undersized based on the modern high flow irrigation demands of the GRF after it was laser leveled in the 1980s and 1990s.

As part of the pipeline replacement project, P-MIP will also implement on one of the 13 pipeline laterals slated for re-



GRIC Council Reps. along with Deputy Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation David Palumbo (center left), Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone during the groundbreaking on Oct. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

placement a new on-farm technology referred to as “FarmConnect,” an irrigation technology developed by Rubicon International and designed to deliver water rapidly across fields so that water irrigates only to the appropriate root zone. By ensuring rapid flows across the field, GRF

irrigators can ensure a uniform delivery of water to the crops. As a result of these improvements, P-MIP has calculated the GRF can improve water efficiencies from under 70% to 80% or more, resulting in an estimated annual water savings of 4,702 acre-feet.

Construction on this project

is to be completed in 2026.

For its part, the Community has agreed as part of the funding agreement to leave 47,020 acre-feet of its CAP entitlement in Lake Mead over a 10-year period beginning in 2025. This means

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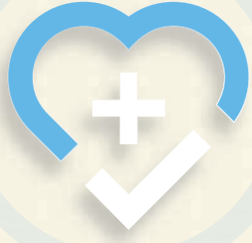
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Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Renewal Energy Program

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On Nov. 14, the Gila River Indian Community broke ground to begin the construction of Phase I of the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Renewal Energy Program for the water canal along the I-10 next to the Phoenix Premium Outlets.

“This is now our fourth solar installation and we're not done yet,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. “Our goal is to have a net zero agricultural economy and when these four projects are complete, we will be over 50 percent of the way to our goal.”

“We are truly leading the way to a new agricultural approach in the southwest. One that is best described as a blue-green economy; An economy that can turn a crisis to a better future,” Gov. Lewis said.

The project is a result of the Biden Administration's support for new and innovative solutions to the significant drought crisis threatening the Colorado River Basin. The Community has partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct the solar panels over the canal.

Colonel Handura, from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - South Pacific Division, joined Gov. Lewis, Council Rep. Avery



GRIC leadership, P-MIP and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers during groundbreaking on Nov. 14. Emma Hughes/GRIN

White, and Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project (P-MIP) staff for the groundbreaking ceremony.

“The South Pacific Division holds deep respect for the more than 180 federally recognized tribes within our region,” said Handura, “We're committed to working together through

the USACE Tribal Partnership Program on projects like the one we're going to celebrate today. Our strategic vision for the South Pacific Division is delivering bold solutions to serve and strengthen all communities.”

He added, “The solar over the canal project is an outstanding example of the kinds of bold solutions we're looking for to help protect the community's natural resources. This is an innovative and environmentally friendly approach to meet water resource challenges and provide renewable energy solutions. The solar panels will be installed along the canal will provide renewable energy to offset the community's electrical power costs associated with irrigation and conserve water.”

Handura went on to commend the Community's stewardship of the land and its natural resources. “The tribe has done tremendous work to get us to this point. And there's potential to use this technology at other locations across the nation,” he

said.

The partnership between the GRIC and USACE has also opened the door for other efforts in the future. The Solar River Canal Project is the Los Angeles District's first tribal partnership program to reach active construction.

“We at P-MIP and in the community, we're really excited to be part of this historic project, this historic groundbreaking,” said David Dejong, Director for P-MIP.

Dejong shared that the goal of the community is to make the Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District (GRIIDD) the first carbon-neutral irrigation project in the world by offsetting the roughly \$2.5 million of electric power that the district purchases every year.

In addition, the project will conserve water by reducing evaporation and generate clean, renewable energy without impacting other sacred lands.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis gives remarks prior to the groundbreaking on Nov. 14. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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that the water savings from this project begin to accrue to the benefit of the Administration's drought response efforts in time to be considered in connection with the renegotiation of the Post-2026 Shortage Sharing Guidelines.

“We are launching the first, and largest of these 3 major new projects. Gila River Farms is our Community-owned farming operation and it represents the essence of who we are as a farming people. The improvements we are launching today are especially important to us and it is right that this is the first of these major projects to get started,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

“The fact that we are starting on this project less than one week after we signed our agreements with Reclamation in Santa Fe, is

truly remarkable and a testament not just to our tremendous team, but also to the deep partnership we enjoy with Reclamation.”

“Our ability to partner with Reclamation to plan, design, fund and execute on these kinds of projects is truly remarkable, and is a testament to the longstanding relationship we have on drought issues here in Arizona. The fruits of our success will be enjoyed not just by future generations of our Community, but also around the entire region,” said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis added, “We will be building on today's groundbreaking, with another one tomorrow, and a third at the end of the month. This is a lot to take on, but we will start and finish these projects on time, and under budget, as we always do.”

The three new projects will complement the Community's steady and consistent infrastructure investment, Gov. Lewis added, with more projects yet to



David Palumbo, Tom Perez, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Rep. Greg Stanton Deputy Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation, shares remarks during groundbreaking on Oct. 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

come. “These investments are a continuation of a carefully planned water infrastructure investment program that we have been steadily implementing,” Gov. Lewis explained. “Our Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project, an investment of \$83 million in

federal infrastructure dollars, will be completed, and operational, by late October of this year.”

“We intend to be as ready as we can be for the new Post-2026 Guidelines because we are deeply concerned about the cuts our State may have to face.”

Wi-Fi Now Available in Service Centers throughout the Community

Submitted by
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Wi-Fi internet service is now available in all seven district service centers, thanks to a unique collaborative project between the Gila River Indian Community and Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

Have you ever been at a service center and had trouble connecting to the internet? Maybe your cellular plan was out of data for the month, or your phone couldn't reach the cell towers due to the building's structural materials. Now, simply sign into the "GRTI Free Public WIFI" network while inside any district service center and you're online! It's fast, free, and secure!

GRTI knows that the district service centers are a resource where community members go daily to handle personal business. We are pleased to bring Wi-Fi to the community using GRTI's fiber network, providing access to online applications, virtual interviews, school, and meetings, and much more for the benefit



Wi-Fi installation at one of the District Service Centers. Photo Courtesy of Gila River Telecommunications Inc.

of the community.

The internet is the most powerful tool for information exchange in human history. Without it, individuals, households, and communities are at an extreme disadvantage in the modern economy. That is why we work every day to ensure our community has the broadband connectivity it needs to provide GRIC members and residents with opportunities for self-sufficiency and self-empowerment.

The Digital Connect Initiative (DCI) was created by GRTI to help bridge the digital divide in Gila River. The digital divide is

defined by three characteristics: internet access, hardware & software, and skills & support. DCI is working to bridge the digital divide in the Gila River Indian Community in all three categories. The purpose of the Public Wi-Fi Project is to improve internet access for GRIC members.

DCI spearheaded the public Wi-Fi project, in collaboration with GRTI, Native Technology Solutions, and several GRIC departments including the Community Services Department, the MIS Department, and the Office of the Community Manager.

How do I access the Wi-Fi?

Here is how to connect to the internet at your local service center:

1. Open the Wi-Fi settings on your device and select the Network named "**GRTI Free Public WIFI**".

(Depending on your device, you may have to click a button confirming that you want to connect to the Wi-Fi network.)

» Your device will open a window prompting you to read and accept the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the button that says, "**Continue to the Internet**".

» The GRTI website will load to confirm that you are connected to the internet.

3. Click the button that says, "Done" to close the pop-up window. **You're connected!**

What is the password?

There is no password! Simply select the network, click the button that says, "Continue to the Internet" and you're online!

Who provides the internet service?

Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. is the internet service provider. Credit for installation of the Wi-Fi equipment goes to Native Technology Solutions (NTS), a subsidiary company of GRTI.

Will GRTI track my activity online?

No, but all network activity is monitored for malicious activity by anti-virus software. If there is an issue with

the network, it may be temporarily shut down until the problem is resolved.

How many people can be on it at once?

The new network has the capacity to serve hundreds of people at once, making it an ideal solution for internet access during large capacity events at the service centers.

Didn't the service centers have Wi-Fi before?


Previously, some Wi-Fi service was available at each facility, but it was typically limited to one room or small area. The new Wi-Fi service will be maintained by GRTI and covers nearly every square inch of the interior of each facility.

How was the project funded?

This project was made possible by the Treasury Capital Projects Fund, a federal grant program from the U.S. Treasury Department. It was executed through a unique collaboration involving the Gila River Indian Community's Community Services Department, MIS Department, and Office of the Community Manager and GRTI's Network Services department, IT department, Native Technology Solutions, and Digital Connect Initiative.



Are there plans for expansions to other locations?

DCI is seeking opportunities for fund and expand Wi-Fi access in GRIC but no locations have been secured for expansion at this time.



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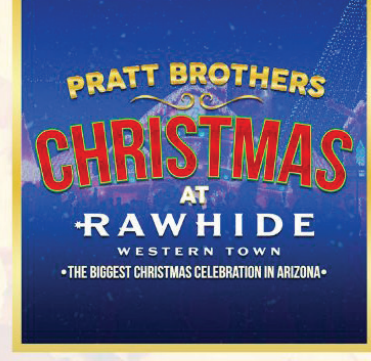
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S-uam Mashath 2024



The name for this month means the yellow/brown month in the Akimel O’otham language. The name refers to the plant-life that goes dormant during the winter months. This month marks the beginning of the holiday season and a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate in the days ahead. Akimel O’otham and Pee-Posh have always been social people and enjoy large family gatherings.

There are certain social protocols and traditions that take effect when we have company over to visit. One protocol that should be practiced is being a good host. When we have visitors over it is always proper to offer something to drink and snack on. If they have traveled, a great distance its proper to feed them a hot meal. When we were young, we introduced ourselves to our visiting relatives and used the proper

kinship terms in greeting them. Our Elders always spoke first and would say to us kids Eñ Vopsmaj! (My Grandchildren!), taking turns we each would shake his hand or give him a hug and say Eñ Vosk! (My Grandfather! - father’s side of the family). The whole family continued in this fashion until everyone had been reacquainted.

When it came time to sit down for our Thanksgiving dinner, Eñ Vosk would always say grace. After his Prayer, he would proclaim Oig thoth gegos! (Okay let’s eat!). Then our Je’e (Mom), or Lulu’u (Grandmother – mother’s side of the family) would say loudly Amk si e gegosith! (Eat to your heart’s content!). Some polite phrases spoken at the dinner table include:

Naph thonom? -- Are you thirsty?
Ha’o, thonom anth. -- Yes, I’m thirsty.

Naph biu:gim? -- Are you hungry?

Ha’o, biu:gim anth. -- Yes, I’m hungry.

Hiksha eñ vasbith heg shu:thag. -- (Please) pour me some water.

You can also use kavi: ‘coffee’, vi:p ‘milk’, vadgaj ‘juice’, so:la ‘soda’ in place of shu:thag.

Hiksha eñ ma:k heg um’ach. (Please) bring me the (turkey thigh). You can ask for your ‘favorite part of the thova (turkey) ba:sho ‘sliced breast meat’, a’anach ‘wing’, kayio ‘leg’, or ko:-ji chu:kug ‘sliced ham.’

Siovimu:v! -- Itsmellstasty!

Si sap ap ka:k! -- It tastes really good!

This month, as our families get together to celebrate Thova Thash (Thanksgiving) we encourage you to use these phrases and speak with an Elder or Speaker in your family about the protocols and relationship terms of your immediate family. This month’s crossword puzzle will focus on I:mik. Akimel O’otham is more precise

S-uam Mashath 2024 I:mig – Family Kinship Terms Crossword Puzzle

<p>O:g Amjeđ (Father’s Side)</p> <p>2. Uncle (Father’s Younger Brother) 6. Aunt (Father’s Younger Sister) 8. Grandmother 9. Aunt (Father’s Older Sister) 10. Grandfather 11. Uncle (Father’s Older Brother)</p>	<p>Je’e Amjeđ (Mother’s Side)</p> <p>1. Grandfather 3. Uncle (Mother’s Younger Brother) 4. Aunt (Mother’s Older Sister) 5. Uncle (Mother’s Older Brother) 7. Aunt (Mother’s Younger Sister) 12. Grandmother</p>
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in that the names for our relatives identify whether they come from our mother’s side or father’s side of the family. Remember that spellings and terms may be slightly different between the villages. We encourage

you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. From all of our families here at your Huhugam Heritage Center, we wish you and your family a S-he:kig Thova Thash! (Happy Thanksgiving)!

A special Thank Youth to community Elders for sharing their knowledge of O’otham protocols and I:mik, that made this article possible.

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A’AGA Something to be told or talked about



Submitted by Billy Allen

So many choices or platforms exist for music today. But over 60 years ago, along the dusty roads of Va’aki, we streamed music through radios or TV. Songs which mentioned or had a Native theme caught our ears.

Disclaimer: The following may include material now considered offensive. If you are an O’otham or Xalychidom Piipaash advocate-disrupter-activist you might have an angry “Skoden!” reaction, but this column isn’t intended to offend. You’ll get a glimpse of the lyrical world GRIC elders grew up in.

1952—Hank Williams sang about a cigar-store wooden Indian named “Kaw-Liga.” The lyrics were easy to sing:

♪Poor ol’ Kaw-liga, he never got a kiss
Poor ol’ Kaw-liga, he

don’t know what he missed
Is it any wonder that his face is red

Kaw-liga, that poor ol’ wooden head!

Kaw-liga became a teasing name to use because we all had wooden heads back then.

1960— “Running Bear” hit No. 1. It was a story song we kinda liked.

♪There the on the bank of the river

Stood Running Bear, young Indian brave

On the other side of the river stood his lovely Indian maid

Little White Dove was her name, such a lovely sight to see

But their tribes fought with each other, so their love could never be!

We reworked the lyrics: On the bank of the Gila, stood (insert anyone’s name). Little White Dove was changed to an O’otham girl’s name. We thought it was hilarious. We were just wooden-headed kids!

Another hit song in 1960 was “Mr. Custer.” One reviewer wrote, “It was offensive, morally wrongheaded, and unlistenable musically.” We liked it -- we weren’t “woke” then. The song is about a soldier afraid to go to the Little Big Horn.

♪Please Mr. Custer, I don’t want to go (forward ho)

Aw, I wonder what the injun word for friend is
Let’s see friend kemo

sabe, that’s it!

At school, when the first bell rang for class, we sang, “Please Mr. Custer, I don’t wanna go.” O’otham/humor.

The 1950s were known as the “golden age of television.” We could watch TV till midnight, when all three stations stopped broadcasting. We saw what the rest of America was viewing. No need to read or tell time. When you heard a certain song, it was time for your show. With trumpets blaring, “The Lone Ranger” TV show opened with a horseback chase to the tune of The William Tell Overture. Later we would mimic the opening notes when we got on a horse, yelling “Hi-Yo Silver, away!” The kavwu would begin walking, not running. Those horses put up with a lot of our nonsense. (GRICster elders may recall that “kemo sabe” came from the Lone Ranger’s sidekick, Tonto.)

When the 60s hit, we were teenagers — rock and roll forever, “ha’o!” Radio stations played music for us, to us. In 1964, Johnny Cash came out with “The Ballad of Ira Hayes.” Commenting on this song would require another article.

Jimi Hendrix, of Cherokee lineage released “Castles Made of Sand,” in 1967.

♪A little Indian brave who before he was ten
Played war games in the woods with his Indian

friends

And he built a dream that when he grew up

He would be a fearless warrior, Indian Chief!

The music of the 70s exploded in our heads. The Temptations released “Ball of Confusion” which had this lyric:

♪Fear in the air, tension everywhere

Unemployment rising fast, the Beatles new record’s a gas

And the only safe place to live is on an Indian reservation

And the band played on!

Is it still safe out there?

Many of us will remember “Indian Reservation” from 1971:

♪They took the whole Cherokee nation

Put us on this reservation

Took away our ways of life!

Paul Revere and the Raiders recorded this hit. Suddenly we were all raiders.

In 1973 Cher’s song “Half-Breed” went to # 1. It is about a young woman who experiences societal rejection because of her mixed-race heritage, with a white father and Cherokee mother. The song explores themes of racism and double standards.

Then in 1974, “Come and Get Your Love,” hit the airwaves climbing to #5 on the Billboard Hot 100. Redbone became the

first Native American band to accomplish such a feat. (Hendrix’s best was #7) Many know it from the Guardians of the Galaxy series, but for us it was music of our prime!

Iron Maiden had this in-your-face song, “Run to the Hills” in 1982.

♪White man came across the sea

He brought us pain and misery

He killed our tribes, he killed our creed

He took our game for his own need!

This became a head-

bangers anthem. We still move our head, but the hair is white, if any.

In my youth, I listened to a kahon/radio, aka hev-el niok. I still prefer the radio. So many choices or platforms exist, but over 60 years ago, we listened to a different world. I would do an electric slide, but my electric--it don’t slide anymore. ♪ Get it together, baby! ♪

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POLICY UPDATE

Community Services Department

We have Updated Our Facility Use Policy for District 1 Thru District 7

Effective January 01, 2025 the new policy guidelines will start

- ✓ The updated policy establishes the administrative responsibilities & oversight of all Tribal Facilities for each District
- ✓ Creates Uniformity and Consistency with Districts of Facility Use Practices
- ✓ Establishes general guidelines, rules and regulations for Multi-Purpose Buildings, Parks, Ballfields, and Annex Buildings for the safety of the community members.
- ✓ Establishes a standard refundable fee for all Districts and Refund Process.
- ✓ Promotes safety for all Community members and Consistency

Gila River Resorts & Casinos Partners with GRIC Departments to provide Food Boxes

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Gila River Resorts & Casinos

Gila River Resorts & Casinos is proud to have joined forces with the Gila River Indian Community's Nutrition Assistance Program and Food Distribution Center.

The Nutrition Program provides food distribution that seeks to provide the community quality food items to households experiencing food insecurity, they also provide on the spot food to those that are living unhoused and emergency food boxes on a regular basis.

Vee Quiva Casino conducted a food drive through the entire month of October in support of the Community's Nutrition program. Jean Yatta, BINGO Manager at Vee Quiva, and her amazing team of bingo experts put on a wonderful promotional program to collect shelf-stable, non-perishables food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, pasta



Godfrey Nish, Food Distribution Warehouse Supervisor with the food boxes collected and ready to be delivered. Photo Courtesy of Gila River Resorts & Casinos

sauce, and boxed meals. The Bingo team at Vee Quiva Casino collected over 7,000 pounds of food items in their first two weeks surpassing their initial goal of 5000 pounds. The people that play BINGO at Vee Quiva are true lovers of the game; they come every week to take part in the excitement of being able to call out BINGO, and the food drive was an added bonus that allowed

them to give back to the community ahead of the holiday season. The guests loved the idea of the food drive and over 4,000 guests participated, most guests were happy to contribute extra items. The total donated food surpassed 25,000 items, filling over 500 boxes weighing roughly 24,000 pounds topping the casinos goal of 20,000 pounds.

63rd Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program



L-R: Mavis Thomas, Tonana Ben, Isabella Newman, Hannah Nockideneh, and Lehua Lani Dosela. Apphia Shirley/CPAO

Apphia Shirley Communications & Public Affairs Office

The 63rd Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program (MIA) took place on Oct. 12 at the Chandler Center for the Arts in Chandler, AZ.

Isabella Newman, representing the San Carlos Apache Tribe was crowned as the 63rd Miss Indian Arizona. Hannah Nockideneh and Tonana Ben, both from the Navajo Nation won

First Attendant and Second Attendant.

Mavis Thomas of District 2 and Lehua Lani Dosela of District 6 represented the Gila River Indian Community as participants in this year's program.

Thomas, escorted by Community Council Rep. Joseph Manuel, Jr. ran with the platform to "Advocate for Native Youth in foster care by incorporating culture through arts".

Dosela, was escorted

by GRIC's Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, her platform was to "Promote the preservation of traditional ways through the acts of community service."

"Miss Indian Arizona, Honoring Warrior Women... Celebrating the Legacy of Veronica Homer" was the theme set for the MIA Program this year which celebrates the achievements of the late Veronica Homer of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Homer was crowned as the first Miss Indian Arizona in 1961, she also served as the first female President of the National Congress of American Indians, Vice Chair of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and dedicated her time over the years to advocate for Tribal Nations through her different roles.

Five participants vied for the title of Miss Indian Arizona as each were judged in five categories including a Personal Interview, Talent Presentation, Evening dress, Traditional dress and Oral Presentation.



L-R: Second Attendant Tonana Ben, Miss Gila River Susanna Osife, Miss Indian Arizona Isabella Newman, and First Attendant Hannah Nockideneh. Apphia Shirley/CPAO

November 12, 2024

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District 7: D7 Service Center
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11 AM: Winter Bird Count Celebration



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Bird Singing/Dancing, Birds on Display, Guest Speakers, Raffles

PLEASE NOTE:

Transportation is not provided for this event. **ALL MINORS must be accompanied by an ADULT.**

GRICUA Welcomes First Nations Major Projects Coalition

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

On Nov. 14, the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) welcomed visitors from the First Nations Major Projects Coalition, representing over 170 First Nation communities throughout Canada.

The coalition is made up of elected councils, hereditary Chiefs, Tribal councils, and development corporations, who collaborate to advance shared interests. Their mission is to safeguard air, land, water, and medicine sources from the impacts of resource development; advocate that their members receive a fair share of benefits from projects undertaken in their



Mark Podlasly, Chief Sustainability Officer, Nlaka'pamux Nation. Emma Hughes/GRIN

traditional territories; and explore ownership opportunities of projects proposed in their members' traditional territories.

During their visit to Arizona, the coalition met with tribal utilities: Ak-Chin Indian Community Electric Utility Authority,

Tohono O'odham Utility Authority, Navajo Power in Flagstaff, and GRICUA, to learn more about their operations and explore renewable energy projects.

Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Council Representatives Jennifer Allison, Joseph Manuel Jr., and



Delegation of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Employees, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone (center), Community Council Representatives, and the Akimel O'otham Pee-Posh Youth Council gather for a photo on Nov. 14. Photo Courtesy of Gila River Utility Authority

Leah Williams, Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council, and GRICUA employees welcomed members of the delegation with culture sharing and presentations about the work being done here in the Community.

Youth Explore Tech Basics at First Hahajun Tech Camp

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

On Oct. 19, a group of students and families from the Casa Blanca Community School dove into the fascinating world of technology during a one-day "Tech Camp," hosted by DCI (Digital Connect Initiative) in collaboration with AZ StRUT (Arizona Students Recycling Used Technology).

The event introduced third to fifth-grade students to the basics of computer hardware and software while incorporating the O'odham language, making it a memorable and hands-on experience.

Throughout the day, youth learned the essential parts of a computer—from processors to memory and storage. Instructors explained how these components work together to power devices that are central to our daily lives.

The highlight of the camp was the interactive session, where students opened up actual desktop computers and disassembled. With guidance, they removed and examined indi-

vidual components, learning what each part does and how it contributes to a computer's functionality.

After identifying and handling various components, participants faced the challenge of reassembling the computers themselves.

This hands-on practice not only reinforced their understanding but also built confidence and

problem-solving skills. By the end of the day, the students had not only gained a better grasp of technology but also received their own desktop computers to take home.

For more information about DCI resources and events, visit digitalconnect.org.



Camilla Roberts, AZ StRUT, instructs students on how to disassemble the computer. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Students disassemble a desktop computer to learn more about its components. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Participants of the tech camp received a desktop computer and books. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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Gila River Youth Leaders attend 4th White House Tribal Youth Forum

Submission

United National Indian Tribal Youth

Center for Native American Youth and the White House, co-hosted the 4th Annual White House Tribal Youth Forum on Nov. 15 in Washington, D.C. The event, held at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services building, brought together nearly 125 Native youth leaders from across the country to engage in critical discussions on issues impacting tribal communities. Key topics included climate resilience, mental health, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), food sovereignty, and more.

UNITY's youth leaders, including Gila River

Indian Community members Evelyn Enos and Precious Vicente, had the opportunity to engage directly with federal officials and policymakers. During this historic gathering, they shared their unique perspectives and advocated for solutions to address the pressing challenges faced by Native communities. Key discussions focused on policies and initiatives aimed at enhancing mental health services, addressing the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP), improving access to nutritious and traditional foods, promoting food sovereignty, and advancing sustainable energy projects.

A significant highlight of the forum was the in-



Native youth at the White House Tribal Youth Forum. Photo Courtesy of UNITY

son participation of U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, who offered words of encouragement and hope to the young leaders. Her presence under-

scored the critical role that Native youth play in shaping the future of Tribal Nations.

The forum provided a unique platform for Native

youth to not only engage with federal officials but also to showcase their leadership skills and contribute to conversations that will shape the future of tribal

communities. It also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of amplifying Native voices in policy discussions at the highest levels of government.

City of Mesa Officially Renames Mesa Grande Cultural Park



Local tribal leaders attend the renaming ceremony of the park on Nov. 4. Photo Courtesy of the City of Mesa

Press Release City of Mesa

The City of Mesa is pleased to announce the official renaming of Mesa Grande Cultural Park to reflect our region's rich cultural heritage and profound connection to the O'odham and Piipaash peoples and their ancestors. The name given to the site is Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki.

In the Oodham language, it means Blue Flys place of dwelling or Blue Flys house.

Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki, pronounced CHUH-dag MOO-vahl VAH-kee, comes from a series of songs originating at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, located only about one mile from the ancestral site.

The renaming ceremony at Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki, located at 1000 N Date, Mesa, Arizona honored the ancestral lands of the Native communities who have inhabited this landscape for generations, demonstrating the City's ongoing commitment to acknowledging and preserving the historical and cultural link that exists

between the Oodham, the Piipaash and Mesas cultural heritage.

"The lands that comprise present-day Mesa are culturally affiliated with the O'odham, Piipaash and their ancestors, who have lived on and stewarded this land from time immemorial," said John Giles, Mayor of Mesa. "This renaming pays tribute to their enduring legacy and the sacred significance of these lands to the O'odham and Piipaash way of life."

The City has long partnered with Indigenous communities, including the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), to preserve and steward important cultural sites within the region. This renaming is a testament to these collaborative efforts and the deep connections the O'odham and the Piipaash maintain with the landscape.

SRPMIC has awarded the Arizona Museum of Natural History (AZMNH) a \$200,000 grant to develop new signage, interpretive labels and an education-

al curriculum related to Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki.

The City of Mesa acknowledges that it gathers on the homeland of Native peoples and their ancestors, whose cultural values are deeply embedded in this landscape.

Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki will open to the public for the season on Saturday, Nov. 9. It will be open until mid-April on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit azmnh.org.

About Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki

The ancestors of the modern Oodham built Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki near the headgates of one of the largest and most sophisticated networks of irrigation canals created in the Americas. Sce:dagi Mu:val Vaaki featured a large platform mound (vaaki) that served as a civic and gathering center where administrative and religious activities were performed. It is estimated that the site controlled over 27,000 acres of highly productive farmland supporting a large community.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Cultural Specialist-Part-time (2) – DOE
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- Elementary Teachers (5) – Starting Salary @ \$53,690.00
- E.S.S. Teachers (2) – Starting Salary @ \$53,690.00
- Executive Assistant (1) – Starting Salary @ \$26.69
- Instructional Assistants (7) – Starting Salary @ \$20.23
- Culture/Language Instructor (1) – Starting Salary @ \$53,690.00

School Information:

Casa Blanca Community School is located in District 5 in Bapchule, Arizona a few miles from Interstate 10 and 25 miles south of Phoenix Metropolitan Area (15–20-minute drive). Our district and school are located on the Gila River Indian Reservation south of Chandler, Arizona.

At Casa Blanca Community School, we are always looking for talented, high-quality professionals to work with our students and in our schools. We may be small in size, but we possess great spirit and dedication regarding the education to our students, as we have one goal in mind each day as we come to work, and that is to instill in our students a never-ending thirst for knowledge. If you are looking to become a member of our collaborative team, we invite you to check out our current job openings above. We dare you to apply.

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THE Tribal Education NEWS

Get Ready To Soar!

Tribal Education Dept. Student Spotlight

Join us as we recognize Amare Pratt a sophomore at Casa Grande Union High School. Amare has a long list of accomplishments including two honorable mentions while competing for the Chief Antonio Azul Scholar Award and being a recipient of the Brandon Enos Scholarship. In 2023, Amare was also named Miss Amerind First Attendant for CGUHS.

When asked about the challenges she has faced, Amare explained that a lack of in-person learning and online teaching during the pandemic made her education journey more difficult for her to keep up with the expectations of starting high school. She later realized she could overcome those challenges by asking for help from teachers, friends, and family.

Amare's parents, Rick and Carolynn Laborin, and her five brothers have always supported her goals and aspirations. After finishing high school, she plans to pursue higher education and a career in law. Amare's ultimate goal is to be of service to her community and stand as a great role model for GRIC youth.

When Amare was asked about her interests, she shared that she loves playing basketball with her brothers and other family members. Recently, Amare has seized the opportunity to learn beading and credits her success to the amazing patience of her teacher, Ms. TreeTop.

Amare said she loves working with elder community members during the summer and has learned much from the experience. Amare shared a bit of the advice she would give to her peers, "Don't ever stop, don't give up on yourself. If you want something go all in. If you don't have any supportive people on your side, use that for power." Amare lives by a powerful message, "We can't change the world unless we change ourselves."

Way to go Amare, we're rooting for you!



2024 Drive-Thru for School Supplies Back to School Drive!



Top: Antonio Davis and Arlanna Jackson greet participating community families with a smile and backpack.



Left: Members of the T.E.D. team are hard at work.

Far Right: Backpacks ready for distribution.

Photos provided by the Tribal Education Department

In September the Tribal Education Department's Accessing Choices in Education (ACE) Program sponsored two 'Drive-Thru for School Supplies Back to School Drive' in District 3 and District 6. The events advanced ACE's goals of providing students with the tools they need so they can focus on their studies and not worry about school supplies.

The ACE Program's funding provided for 1,000 backpacks filled with binders, multiple types of notebooks, sheet protectors, filler paper, dividers, scissors, crayons, markers, pens, pencils, pencil pouches, erasers, glue sticks, staplers, index cards, protractors, and a TI-83 graphing calculator for high school students. Elementary, junior high,

and high school students could choose from clear backpacks or black, navy, or grey Jansport backpacks. Black backpacks were the first to go. The ACE Program still has backpacks left. If any Communi-

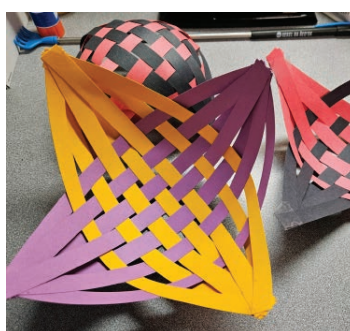
ty member would like one, please contact the TED office directly for information on how to get one. The department is committed to ensuring the educational success of each of our students.



Vashai Gakidag Mashath "Dry Grass Moon"

During the month of September, the Community celebrated its American Indian Day. The Culture & Language Program had a blast providing fun activities, presentations and enjoying the company of all who celebrated: Gila Crossing Community School, Department of Rehabilitation & Supervision, District 6 Recreation, Skyline-Gila River and St. Peter's Indian Mission School.

In September the Education Culture Committee held its first monthly meeting for the 2024/2025 school year. This year we have a couple new faces joining us in our efforts to revitalize the Community's cultures and languages. Mr. Kino Reed, Teacher at Sacaton Elementary School, and Napoleon Marrietta, Classroom Teacher at the Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision.



American Indian Day Basket Weaving Activity

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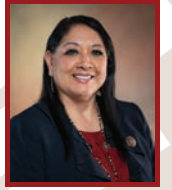
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Stephen Roe Lewis
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President Biden during his visit with O'otham singers and dancers welcoming him. Apphia Shirley/CPAO

From the Front Page

Shayla Davis greeted Biden upon his arrival on the tarmac at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix on Oct. 24. Gov. Lewis and other tribal leaders joined Biden on Air Force One for his trip to Arizona to discuss his message the following day.

Major networks and local news outlets reported Biden's apology across the nation, which also included an outline of the Biden-Harris Administration's relationship with tribal nations.

"The federal government mandated the removal of children from their fam-

ilies and tribes, launching what's called the federal boarding school era," said Biden. "One of the most horrific chapters in American history. We should be ashamed. A chapter that most Americans don't know about."

"That era represents a painful time in our country's history," said Gov. Lewis. "With the president's words today, his actions before and since, we can begin the healing that will resonate far into the future."

The Gila River Indian Community coordinated for Community members to witness the event. Registration for the event started a week prior along with pub-


lic safety meetings to plan for a presidential visit.

Biden's message at Gila Crossing was for all of Indian Country and said that the full history was never revealed.

Biden also outlined his administration's efforts to improve relationships with tribes including re-establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs, relaunching the White House Tribal Nations Summit, and his support of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

"I know no apology can or will make up for what was lost during the darkness of the Federal Boarding School policy. But today, we're finally


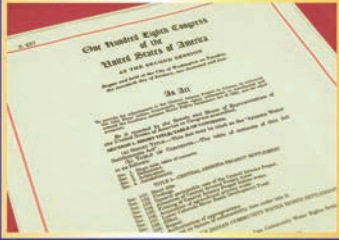
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moving forward into the light," said Biden.

O'otham and Pee-Posh singers and dancers from the Community as well as

the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, performed in

unison for the event and presented for the president's arrival on stage and during his exit.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Royalty and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone at Sky Harbor for President Biden's arrival. Apphia Shirley/CPAO



Sec. Deb Haaland with Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan and GRIC leadership at the Huhugam Heritage Center on Oct. 24. Apphia Shirley/CPAO



Sec. Deb Haaland addressing the audience at Gila Crossing prior to Pres. Biden's address. Apphia Shirley/CPAO



Miss Gila River Susanna Osife gives the opening remarks at Gila Crossing Community School. Apphia Shirley/CPAO

Randy's Donuts Celebrates Historic Water Rights Settlement with a Special Treat for the Gila River Indian Community

Submission
Randy's Donuts

Randy's Donuts, an iconic donut shop that began in California and recently opened shops in Arizona, is honoring the Gila River Indian Community's historic water rights settlement with a limited-edition "Water Rights Donut."

The custom donut will feature a blue icing swirl symbolizing water and a design inspired by traditional patterns of the Gila River Indian Community. The donuts will be available on Dec. 10, Water Rights Day and are provided free for Community members and sponsored by PIMMEX Construction, a Community member owned firm.



On Dec. 10, GRIC members can visit Randy's Donuts location on 17405 S 40th Street in Phoenix for a limited-edition Water Rights Day Donut. Photo Courtesy of Randy's Donuts

The limited-edition donut will only be available at the Randy's Donuts located within the Community at 17405 S 40th St, Phoenix, AZ 85048 (40th street and



Customers wait in line to order at Randy's Donuts. Photo Courtesy of Randy's Donuts

202). Community members are encouraged to bring proof of community affiliation to claim their treat.

The water rights settlement is a significant achievement for the Gila River Indian Community, marking a historic day of

recognition and progress. Randy's Donuts expresses gratitude to PIMMEX Contracting for the sponsorship and for the opportunity to celebrate this historic occasion with a gesture of sweetness and solidarity.

High School Senior to play Collegiate Volleyball at University of Wyoming

Joseph Morales
GRIN Intern

Gila River Indian Community member Anna Williams recently received a scholarship from the University of Wyoming. Williams is a volleyball player and a senior at Hamilton High School in Chandler.

"I want to leave my mark. I want to showcase hard work in my class and program," said Williams. On Nov. 13, she signed to

the University of Wyoming during the high school's signing day event.

"It's awesome to see," said her father, Jeremy Williams. "I get to see her talent and work."

Williams began playing volleyball when she was nine years old and at first, "I didn't really like it," she said.

Aspire Volleyball Club recruited Williams during her freshman year of high school. It is a premium club

in Arizona that offers teamwork with competition and the opportunity for exposure. Last year the class of 2024 had 23 athletes committed to colleges all over the Country.

Joining the club seemed like the perfect match for Anna. "It's a dream come true to play a college sport," said Williams, who had her sights set on Wyoming and even had the opportunity to tour the school.

"It was fun to see, it's a small college town and beautiful land different from here," she said.

Thanks to her hard work and dedication, she will continue playing to finish out her senior year at Hamilton and will move on to her new journey in Wyoming next year.

Along with her success in volleyball, she is still looking toward school and would like to study Criminal Justice and Defense.



GRIC member Anna Williams signs to play volleyball with the University of Wyoming. Photo Courtesy of Anna Williams

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★ VETERANS ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Peter Indian Mission School hosts Run for the Fallen event



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presents family members of David Mida and Richard Laws are presented with shadow boxes and the Arizona Gold Star Medal. Photo Courtesy of St. Peter Indian Mission School

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Students Honor Fallen Soldiers Through Ceremony and Community Run

St. Peter Indian Mission School held its annual Run for the Fallen event to posthumously honor Community members who served and recognize their families on Nov. 1.

In a heartwarming and solemn tribute, students from the St. Peter Indian Mission School have taken the initiative to honor fallen soldiers from the Gila River Indian Community through a unique and meaningful event.

The annual ceremony, organized entirely by the students, combines cultural performances, heartfelt medal presentations, and a community mile run, all

dedicated to the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The event began with the posting of colors by the school's color guard, followed by a traditional song and dance performance from the students.

The centerpiece of the ceremony is the presentation of commemorative medals to the families of fallen soldiers. This year, PFC Richard N. Laws and SSG David Milda were honored and their families were presented with the Arizona Gold Star Medal presented by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Laws served with the 158th "Bushmasters" Infantry and was killed in action in the Philippines. He is the second individual interned overseas in Manila Philippines (American

Battle Monuments Commission).

David Mida, a member of the 158th Infantry "Bushmaster," volunteered to be an Alamo Scout, a top-secret organization that would perform top-secret missions. Behind enemy lines, the first class graduated 50 out of one hundred applicants. 20 of those 100 were American Indians, and only nine graduated - three were from Gila River

Following the ceremony, participants gather for a one-mile memorial run on the school's track field. The run invites students, teachers, veterans, and Community members to join in honoring the fallen. This year also included newly installed mile markers with the names of each fallen Community member along the track.

Veteran's Day 2024



Submitted by
Veteran & Family Services Office

What does a Veteran look like?

There's no single answer. They are all shapes, sizes, colors, ages, male and female.

They came from diverse backgrounds and brought their life lessons with them to answer the call of service to their country. Basic training is where they learned to function as one entity. It is not about the individual, it is about the mission. After basic training, they are sent to learn an occupational specialty. No occupational specialty is better than another. Each one is like a piece of a puzzle. You must have all the pieces fitting together and working together in order for the mission to be complete and successful.

After completion of the occupational training, the military members were

disbursed across the continent and around the world. They worked with others that are part of the same larger puzzle including other military branches. They were exposed to new life experiences and interacted with other nationalities and cultures. They learned that others who were different from them were/are their Brothers and Sisters in arms, always protecting each other as the mission was accomplished.

When the contracted service time was completed, some returned home to their roots while others began/continued life in a new location. Either way, they were forever changed.

Some veterans wear caps, pins or shirts to identify themselves as veterans and show pride for their service, branch or military unit. There are others walking quietly among us.

Remember that not all veterans are combat war veterans. Women serving before the early 1990's (Gulf War) were not allowed in combat, yet they honorably served. Females have never been drafted, so each of them volunteered. You may never know that the elderly woman you pass at the grocery store once stood strong and proud in the defense of her country.

Many, male and female served during peacetime.

Our Vietnam veterans (many were drafted) were not shown appreciation when they returned home. Please take time to shake their hands or buy them a meal. Most of all, tell them, "WELCOME HOME"!

Ask a veteran, "Which Branch is the best?" They will always tell you their branch is the best. Put military members from different branches together and the branch/sibling rivalry begins! That is a way they stayed bonded together. In the end, they always have each other's six! They are family.

As we approach Veteran's Day, we are thankful to all who have served.

Veteran's Day - Nov.11 at 11:00 (the eleventh month, eleventh day and eleventh hour) was formerly known as Armistice Day. It was an agreement to stop the fighting of World War I.

Veteran and Family Services Office:

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Willard Wayne Antone Jr
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That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.

For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home"
Author unknown

You are loved and missed dearly, gone but never forgotten..
Rest in peace, until we meet again.

Xoxos Elizabeth Apodaca

RIVER OF LIGHTS PARADE



Songs of the Season

**This year's theme is Songs of the Season!
Entries should reflect your favorite Christmas song!**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2024
6:00 PM | SACATON, AZ**



For more information or to request an application, please contact the
Communication & Public Affairs Office (520) 562-9715

FITNESS & WELLNESS

Nike N7 hosts Coach Summit at Casa Blanca Community School

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Nike N7, in collaboration with the Center for Healing and Justice through Sport (CHJS) and the Notah Begay III Foundation, hosted a coach summit for coaches from the Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and surrounding areas on Nov. 9 at the Casa Blanca Community School.

The Center for Healing and Justice through Sport specialize in providing

training that explores the impact of trauma on the brain, body, and behavior of young people and provides participants with an understanding of how sports can be leveraged to help youth through relationships and physical activity.

CHJS offered sessions that focus on core concepts that coaches can integrate into their work, known as the “three Cs” Connection – to focus on how to build positive connections with youth and sports, choice – strategies for coaches to implement to empower the youth voice and ensure that

they are seen, heard, and acknowledged. Challenge – provide ways for coaches to integrate different approaches in their coaching to allow youth to grow along their own path.

The summit also included breakout activities and ice breakers, planning and culture sessions for the coaches to bring new ways of learning and understanding to the youth they work with. This is the first summit to be held within the Community that received a well response among the coaches in attendance.



Coaches from around the Community participate in ice breakers during the Nike N7 Coaches Summit on Nov. 9. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Lewis joins join coaches during closing activities at the Nike N7 Coaches Summit on Nov. 9. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Arizona Cardinals’ Big Red mascot visits GRIC Youth



Big Red of the Arizona Cardinals visited Gila River Tribal Recreation & Wellness Program’s NFL Cardinals Flag Football teams as they played at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on Oct. 4. Big Red interacted with the children and families, signed autographs and wished all the teams good luck on a successful season. Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

1st Annual
warm their feet
SOCK DRIVE

This drive is a community service effort put together by Coolidge High School student **Natasha Juan** of District 3. Help us help her determination to give be successful.

HELP US KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM THIS WINTER

We are asking for a donation of new socks. All sizes for men, women, and kids.

Donated socks will be distributed to our local community members in need.

Drop off location: Sacaton Post Office parking lot (Sign will be posted)

Drop off dates:
December 7, 2024 from 12pm – 2:30pm
December 13, 2024 from 10am – 2:30pm
December 14, 2024 from 9am – 2:30pm

Any requests for local donation pick up can be directed to **Josette (520) 840-3073**.

ATTN: MOMS, DADS, GRANDMAS, GRANDPAS, AUNTS, UNCLES, FAMILIES!

CBCS FACE PRESCHOOL
NOW ENROLLING

Programs Includes:

- Transportation for all eligible children ages 4 & 5
- Schedule aligns with school calendar.
- Students will attend Monday - Thursday full day & 1/2 days on Fridays
- A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN AND EXPLORE

UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL WITH OUR FACE PROGRAM!
Front Office: (520)315-3489

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

RESIDENT NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2025

The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.

- ✓ All non-member residents 18 years of age and older must register their residency with the Enrollment Department by January 31st each year.
- ✓ Previously registered non-member residents will receive a renewal form by mail. All other non-member residents should contact the Enrollment Department.
- ✓ The Registration Form can be submitted in person at the Enrollment Office, a photo ID is required.
- ✓ Registration Forms can be submitted by email, fax or mail, notary is required.



Contact Information:

Mailing Address:
PO Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Physical Address:
525 W Gu U Ki
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Phone: (520) 562-9790
Fax: (520) 562-8103
Email: enrollment.dept@gric.nsn.us

MISSING PERSONS

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



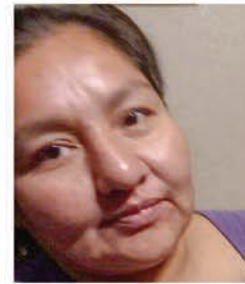
Last seen: 05/14/2009
Age: 43
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 200



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

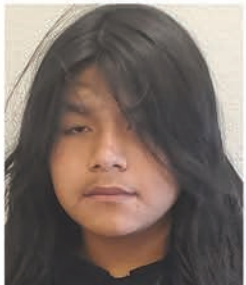


Last seen: 08/31/2019
Age: 39
Sex: F
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 230



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

TRANT JACKSON, JR CELESTINA ARVISO LORENZO JOSE EMMANUEL BARRERA ANESSA MENZIES CHRISTINA LUNA ELEIJAH BROWN



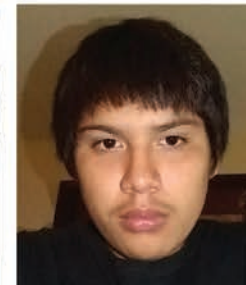
Last seen: 06/29/2024
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 150



Last seen: 07/24/2024
Age: 16
Sex: F
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: Unknown



Last seen: 08/29/2024
Age: 17
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 170



Last seen: 09/01/2024
Age: 20
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 175



Last seen: 09/25/2024
Age: 15
Sex: F
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 140



Last seen: 10/08/2024
Age: 17
Sex: F
Hair: Red/Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'2"
Weight: 175



Last seen: 11/01/2024
Age: 14
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 145

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

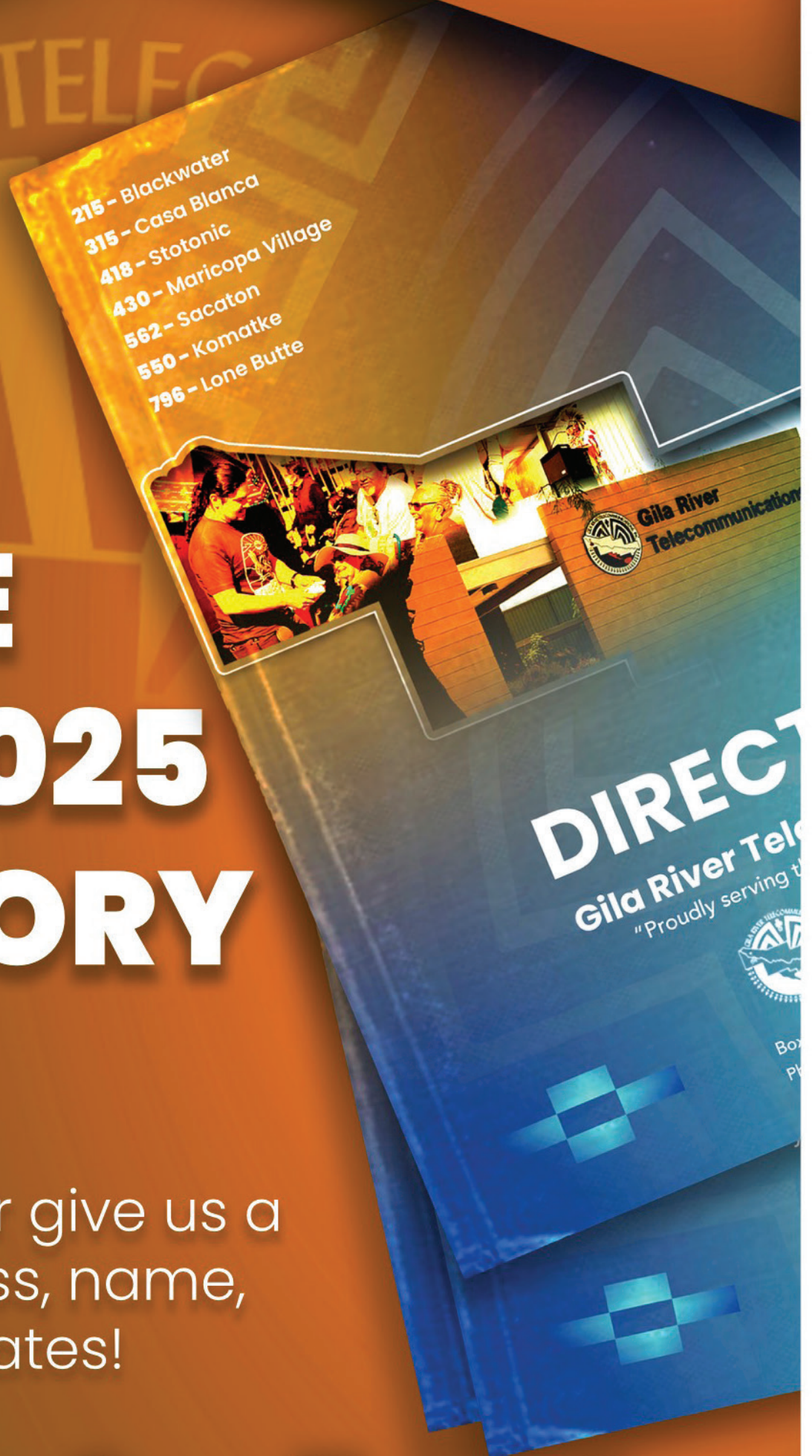
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UPDATE YOUR 2025 DIRECTORY INFO!

Visit our website or give us a call for any address, name, business, etc. updates!



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@NativeTechAZ



@AlluvionCom



@GilaRiverTV



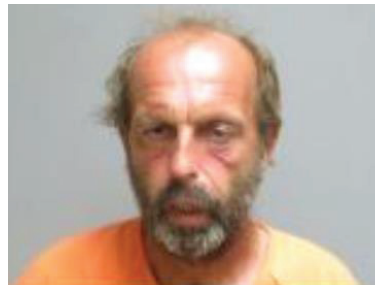
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Announcements & Notices

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

Andrew Demorest

Permanently Excluded from the Gila River Indian Community
By Community Council on December 3, 2024
If seen, contact Gila River Police Department (520-562-4511)



COURT NOTICE

Law Office of Sonia Martinez

IN THE MATTER OF: CV2024-0078-MO

LYNELLE BLACKWATER,
PLAINTIFF

JUSTIN S. CHUIGO ET AL.,

DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS ZACHARY LEWIS AND ADRIEN SAAVEDRA TO FILE AN ANSWER TO AMENDED CIVIL COMPLAINT FILED ON: 6/28/2024 AND ORDER TO APPEAR FOR A COURT HEARING ON: 12/17/2024 AT 10:30AM IN COURTROOM I, SACATON COURT, HONORABLE DARREN PEDRO-MARTINEZ

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF:
ALEXANDER RICHARD FLORES
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
ANGEL GUADALUPE ROSE
Respondent/Defendant

Case No.: FM-2024-0047-PT

SUMMONS
Civil Division

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

Community Court.

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

Monday, January 6, 2025 at 3:00 PM 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 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.

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF:
RYAN LEANDER SHELDE
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
MISTY THUNDER
Respondent/Defendant

Case No.: FM-2024-0065-PT

SUMMONS
Civil Division

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

Community Court.

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

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom VII
Westend Judicial Center,
4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ

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

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COURT NOTICE

Lewis, Robi Corey - Initial Guardianship Hearing and Permanency and Review Hearing
Mother Marissa Francisco (DOB: 03/13/1999)
Minor: C.M.L.F. (DOB: 02/08/2020)
Case: J-23-0026

Court Date: January 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM
COURTROOM #3. 1st FLOOR

FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT ADDRESS: 10040 E. OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480)362-6315

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated,
Andrew Johnson - Court Clerk
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court
10,040 E. Osborn Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ
(480) 362-6315

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA

MELISSA JENNIE HOWARD
VS.
CODY CHACON

Case No. CV-2024-0110-MO

CIVIL BENCH WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN

COMMUNITY COURT: TO ANY TRIBAL POLICE OFFICER, TRIBAL RANGER OR ANY POLICE OFFICER OF THE STATE:

YOU, are hereby commanded to arrest the above named person, Cody Chacon, and bring HIM/HER before this Court to Answer to:

FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR:
Review Hearing
on 02/06/2025 at 9:30 AM

DATED this October 31, 2024

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA

ALIZIA MONICA BUSTOS
Petitioner/Plaintiff

VS.

TRE JORDAN SIMS
Respondent/Defendant

Case No. FM-2024-0059-PT

SUMMONS
Civil Division

TO: Tre Jordan Sims
2022 N 28th Pl, Phoenix, AZ 85008

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action

has been filed against you in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

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

Tuesday, February 18 2025 at 1:00 PM 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.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Intake Paralegal/Receptionist

DESCRIPTION: Four Rivers Indian Legal Services a division of Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc. (SALA).

SALA provides free, civil legal services to low-income Arizonans across nine counties and 11 Native American communities with a footprint of approximately 33,000 square miles. SALA is hiring an Intake Paralegal/Receptionist to work in its Four Rivers Indian Legal Services office located in Sacaton, Arizona.

The person will be required to perform such duties as greeting clients, handling incoming phone calls, ensuring prompt and courteous callbacks, coordinating intake applications, facilitating a minimum of two shifts per week on an agency- wide call flow system, and maintaining case files and office schedules for attorneys and advocates. Other duties may include facilitating access to building for repairs, monitoring inventory and ordering office supplies, and maintaining petty cash. May assist with gathering of reports, scheduling appointments, providing information to callers, composing and typing routine correspondence, and routing incoming mail. May also be responsible for scanning and returning original legal documents, correspondence, tabbing exhibits, maintaining court

calendars and tickler system. Other clerical duties that may be required include preparing legal documents such as summonses, complaints, motions, and subpoenas.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must have one-year secretarial experience; experience in a legal setting a plus. Attention to detail is essential.
2. Applicants must be able to type at least 60 W.P.M. and have good knowledge of English grammar, punctuation, vocabulary, and letter writing.
3. Applicants must be able to operate office equipment such as computers, phone systems, teleworking and teleconferencing equipment, copiers, word processing and legal software, etc.
4. Applicants should be able to provide friendly, helpful client service while exhibiting a high degree of sensitivity to the legal issues of the low-income community. Confidentiality is paramount.
5. Ability to speak O'odham language and familiarity with GRIC culture helpful. Bilingual English/Spanish also helpful.

COMPENSATION: Salary range: \$30,030-\$52,175; EOE
Email: cover letter, resume, and three references to salahr@sazlegalaid.org

Deadline: Open until filled



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE
2025 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2025 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 24, 2025**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 24, 2025. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 24, 2025.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2025.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Sept. 18, 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, September 18, 2024, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Regina Antone at 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Lalena Jackson

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Regina Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Duane Jackson, Jr.; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Jennifer Allison, Leah Williams, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Terrance Evans; D7- Devin Redbird(9:56)

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Absent:

D6 – Anthony Villareal, Sr. (Travel)

D6 – Charles Goldtooth (Travel)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTIONS #26 AND #27 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT# 2, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #3

THROUGH #25, ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #3 AND #4 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

*1. LB Project Portfolio-O'odham Resources
Presenter: Leonard Bruce

REPORT HEARD

>2. Summary of 1st Annual GRIC Job Fair 2024
Presenter: TeriLynne Kisto

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Elder Concerns Annual Report for FY 2023
Presenter: Carol Schurz

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Financial Activity Report ending August 31, 2024 (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving The Title VI Implementation Plan For Gila River Transit, A Program Of The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda, NRSC concurs)
Presenters: Dawn M. Coomer, DeWayne J. Badonie

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Dissolving The District Housing Committees (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; LSC concurs)
Presenter: Lorenzo Sierra IV

APPROVED

>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Chandler For Chandler Community Services Department Chandler Native Plant Oasis (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The First Amendment To The First Renewal To The Intergovernmental Agreement Be-

tween The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Boxing And Mixed Martial Arts Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dominic Orozco, Javier G. Ramos
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Continuing The Authorization And Approval Of The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Employment And Training Department And The Arizona Department Of Economic Security Relating To The Request For Authorization And Disbursement Of Work Force Innovation And Opportunity Act Title I Funding And Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity For The Limited Purpose Of Arbitration And Enforcement Of Any Arbitration Award (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)
Presenter: Lana Chanda

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Modifying The Use And Distribution Of Monies From The Gila River Indian Community Permanent Water Fund And Water Settlement Fund For The Operations Of The Gila River Indian Irrigation And Drainage District And For The Purchase Of Central Arizona Project Water In Fiscal Year 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company Benefits Consulting LLC For Fiscal Year 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And BOKF, NA For Fiscal Year 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And RVK, Inc For Fiscal Year 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing An Agreement (Defined Benefits Plan) Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Sharon Harvier

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Authorizing Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Operating Through Its Brand Digital Connect To Submit A Grant Application To The Federal Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program As A Subgrantee Or Partner In The Partnership Led By The National Digital Inclusion Alliance And For Purposes Of Enhancing The Digital Connect Digital Navigator Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)
Presenters: Mikhail Sundust, Clarice Chiago-Jones, GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Approving The Contributed Funds Agreement Between The Cadastral Survey Branch Of The Arizona State Office Of The Bureau Of Land Management And The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)
Presenters: Javier G. Ramos, Jason Hauter

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>17. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lippes Mathias, LLP For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
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>18. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborn Maledon, P.A. For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Rothstein Law Firm For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
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>16. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Linus Everling For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lippes Mathias, LLP For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Osborn Maledon, P.A. For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>19. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Rothstein Law Firm For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)
Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

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>21. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

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>24. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

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>30. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

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>31. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>32. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Public Policy Partners For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

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Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Center For Applied Research, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Yoder & Langford, P.C. For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Engineers, LTD For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2025 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs)

Presenter: Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>26. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year Homesite Assignment Agreement For Isaac Moyah Located In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing No.40521-0107 (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, Isaac Moyah

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>27. A Resolution Amending Celia Ramos Tribal Homesite Assignment/Agreement By Dividing The Parcel Into Two Separate Parcels Located In District Three Within The Gila River Indian Reservation And Approving A Fifty Year Homesite Assignment/Agreement For Eileen Kyiyitan (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, Celia Ramos, Eileen Kyiyitan

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ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Director's two (2) Appointments

Presenter: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT MR. DONALD ANTONE, SR, AND MS. KARIN C. JACKSON TO THE GILA RIVER SAND & GRAVEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW BUSINESS

1. NCLGS Winter Meeting 2024 December 12-15, 2024 – New Orleans, LA (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

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

2. Law Enforcement Citizen's Advisory Board Appointment- District 5 (LSC forwards the Law Enforcement Citizen's Advisory Board Appointment of Pamela Vega to Council under New Business with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Ronald Nasewytewa, Shannon White, Javier Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT PAMELA VEGA TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR DISTRICT 5

>3. Blackwater Community School Modification of Written Plan for Tribal Allocation SY2023-24 (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and place-

ment on the consent agenda)

Presenters; Jagdish Sharma, Sherilyn Analla
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Sacaton Middle School Modification of Written Plan for Tribal Allocation SY 2023-2024 (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Don Schopp, Sherilyn Analla

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

1. August 7, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. September 4, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• LITIGATION TEAM MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AT 2:30 P.M.

• CULTURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE WORK SESSION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

• SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 URBAN MEMBER BREAKFAST, LET COUNCILMAN EVANS KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND HE WILL SEND YOU THE LOCATION

• GILA RIVER DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED

• NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE WORK SESSION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

• REVIEWING COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.

• IOPC MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

• FOUR SOUTHERN TRIBES WORKING GROUP MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. IN SALT RIVER

• GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE GILA RIVER FARMS CANALS ON OCTOBER 2, 2024 AT 7:30 A.M.

• GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE BLACK-WATER LATERAL PROJECT ON OCTOBER 1, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.

• GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE CASA BLANCA CANAL SITE FOR THE "SOLAR OVER THE CANAL" PROJECT ON OCTOBER 2, 2024 AT 8:15 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:46 A.M.

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ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, October 2, 2024, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Regina Antone at 9:07 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Terrance Evans

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Regina Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Duane Jackson, Jr.; D2- Ann Lucas(9:13); D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Jennifer Allison, Leah Williams, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans

Council Members Absent:

D1 – Joey Whitman (Personal)

D6 – Charles Goldtooth (Medical)

D7 – Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE RESOLUTION #18 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #17, #19 THROUGH #28 AND #30, ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner, Camille Touton

Presenter: Javier Ramos

MR. JAVIER RAMOS STATED THERE WERE SEVERAL FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE TODAY. MR. DAVID PALUMBO, ASSISTANT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MS. MARY CARLSON, MR. CHRIS CLARK, MS. GENEVIEVE JOHNSON, AND MR. FERNANDO CASTRO ALVAREZ WITH THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.

MR. PALUMBO IS GRATEFUL TO BE WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THE PROJECTS BEING CELEBRATED HERE TODAY WHICH ARE FUNDED THROUGH PRESIDENT BIDEN'S INFLATION REDUCTION ACT IS A TREMENDOUS EXAMPLE OF USEFUL RESOURCES. MR. PALUMBO EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP. MR. PALUMBO INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT COMMISSIONER CAMILLE TOUTON WAS CALLED BACK TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AND SENDS HER REGARDS AND WELL WISHES TO THE COMMUNITY.

REPORTS

>1. Canton Indian Insane Asylum Memorial, THPO Report

No. 2015-050

Presenters: Reylynne Williams, Larry Benallie, Jr., Darius Enos

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council August 2024 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Gila River Gaming Commission, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia Acosta

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report August 2024 (Executive Session)
Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Blake Katsnelson, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Schedule of Investments ending August 31, 2024 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

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Presenters: Subdivision Administration Team, Kimberly Cooper, Corinna Ortiz, Talia Apkaw, Celia Ramos, Eileen Kyyitan
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Apache Junction, AZ For Apache Junction Parks And Recreation Senior Transportation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande, AZ For Natural Resource Education Center Farm Filled Ag-Ventures (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande, AZ For Pinal Hispanic Council Cesar E. Chavez Scholarship Awards And Ceremony (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande, AZ For St. Anthony Of Padua Catholic Church Laundry Love Of Casa Grande Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande, AZ For Valley Kitten Nursery & Spay Neuter Vaccinate Release Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Chandler, AZ For Chandler Police Department FirstNet Compact Rapid Deployable (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Mesa, AZ For Mesa Arts Center Creative Aging Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Rev-

enues To The City Of Mesa, AZ For I.D.E.A. Museum "The Big I.D.E.A." Experience Capital Campaign (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For Accel Adaptive Education For Children Who Have Special Needs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For Arizona Association For Foster And Adoptive Parents (AZAFAP) Embracing Foster, Kinship And Adoptive Families (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For The Arizona Cancer Foundation For Children, Improving Outcomes For Children With Cancer And Their Families (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For The Arizona Humane Society Animal Welfare Youth Education Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For The Arizona Science Center STEM Learning Programs For Low-Income Children (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For The Heard Museum K-12 School Tours And Free Admission (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For MentorKids USA iLead My Generation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center, SARRC A-To-Z And Everywhere In Between Capital Campaign (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

>19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For Southwest Kids Cancer Foundation Camp Sunrise & Sidekicks (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval

and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For The Gentry Foundation Early Autism Identification – It Matters Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>21. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For The Joy Bus Meal Delivery Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>22. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For The Phoenix Symphony In-School Assembly Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>23. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Phoenix, AZ For Valleywise Health Foundation Family Resource Centers (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>24. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Coconino County, AZ For The Coconino County Education Service Agency Educator Wellness Bridge (EWB) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>25. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County, AZ For A New Leaf Housing Stability Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>26. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County, AZ For Central Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation Achieve Pinal Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>27. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County, AZ For Manes And Miracles Equine-Assisted Therapy Scholarships (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>28. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 2483 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

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29. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Com-
munity's 2024-2025 Tribal Membership And Designating
Delegates In The National Congress Of American Indians
(G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for
approval and to appoint the alternate delegates)
Presenters: Shannon White, Javier Ramos

APPROVED

>30. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Temporary Spe-
cial Event Liquor License To The Chemo Companions,
Inc. For Use At The Wild Horse Pass Festival Grounds On
October 19, 2024 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a rec-
ommendation for approval and placement on the consent
agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Duncan Wiston

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGEN-
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ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. NCAI 81st Annual Convention & Marketplace October
27-November 1, 2024 – Las Vegas, NV (G&MSC forwards
to Council under New Business for any interested Council
member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Com-
mittee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR ANY INTERESTED

COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND UTILIZING DUES &
DELEGATIONS

2. Memorandum regarding Office of the Prosecutor pend-
ing cases (Executive Session) (LSC forwards to Commu-
nity Council under New Business in Executive Session as
FYI and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Lynn Arouh

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGEN-
DA

3. Exclusion of Non Member (Executive Session) (LSC
forwards to Community Council for discussion and action)

Presenter: Lorenzo Sierra IV, Javier G. Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE GILA
RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY RE-
MOVE NON-MEMBER ANDREW JOE DEMOREST
FROM THE COMMUNITY PENDING THE FILING OF AN
APPLICATION FOR EXCLUSION UNDER GILA RIVER
INDIAN COMMUNITY CODE SECTION 8.103 DUE TO
ANDREW JOE DEMOREST CONSTITUTING AN IMME-
DIATE THREAT TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WEL-
FARE OF THE COMMUNITY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE GILA
RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH THE
ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A CUR-
RENT LIST OF EVERY NON-COMMUNITY MEMBER
THAT HAS REGISTERED AND THAT EVERYONE ELSE
THAT IS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT ON THAT
LIST WILL BE TRESPASSING AND WILL BE TOLD TO
LEAVE OR WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COMMUNI-
TY

4. Health & Social Standing Committee Declaration of
Vacancy to the Community

Council – (1) Council Seat (H&SSC forwards to Council to
declare (1) Council Seat Vacancy and appoint at the Octo-
ber 2, 2024 Council Meeting)

Presenters: Health & Social Standing Committee
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DUANE
JACKSON, JR. TO THE HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1. August 21, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. September 18, 2024 (Regular)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FAMILY OF BREN-
DA KYITAN

• GENERAL COUNSEL JAVIER RAMOS AND COUNCIL-
WOMAN NADA CELAYA WILL BE LEAVING TO SEAT-
TLE, WA FOR THE CONTRACT SUPPORT COST CON-
SULTATION

• COUNCIL WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2024 AT SANTAN MOUNTAIN CASINO AT
9:00 A.M.

• DINNER WITH GAMING REGARDING THE 30 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY WEDNESDAY EVENING

• FIRST POWER TO THE SOLAR CANAL WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.

• GILA RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. BOARD
MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:31 A.M.

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Dear All Gila River Indian Community Members,

Our records indicate that you have the following items that are
overdue. Please return these items at your earliest convenience
to make them available to other patrons.

Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library
94 N. Church St. Sacaton, AZ. 85147
(520) 562-3225

Thank You,
Library Staff

Gila River Indian Community
FRAUD HOTLINE
(520) 562-9570

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