GRICUA Opens Energy Efficient Building

By Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority opened its new home, offering a glimpse of the future while respecting the past. Before a gathering of elders, tribal representatives and other dignitaries, the GRICUA board of directors and Stephen Roe Lewis, governor-elect, cut the ribbon on the new GRICUA administration building on Dec. 18. As you take a step into the 7,610 square-foot administration building, you will notice the interior lined with works of art made from Community artists.

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An historical occasion took place within the Governance Center marking the Community’s stance on equality. Gila River Governor Gregory Mendoza after he signs a proclamation Dec. 22 to make the group a Community-backed organization. L to R: Vanessa Loose, Trudy Jackson, Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Iann Austin, and Kay Kisto.

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Ira Hayes families to propose to Community Council to rename Memorial Airfield

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to bring forth a consensus of the family of the late Ira Hayes to memorialize in his honor by using his name to revitalize the Memorial Airfield. Over the past 30 years there has been no sign of any existence of the Memorial Airfield in which no compensation has ever been received by any of the landowners. Thus, many landowners have since passed away over the past decades and have been left with no financial income for their families. Today we have not seen any sign of lease payments as our ancestors once did. The landowners have decided to take this opportunity along with Skyrunner Properties to again, revitalize the Memorial Airfield to generate revenue not only for the Memorial Airfield landowners but also for the Gila River Indian Community. Skyrunner Properties have proposed an excellent business opportunity that will utilize the existing airfield that has been sitting idle for decades. Over the decades, we have seen economic growth surrounding the airfield with businesses capitalizing and generating revenue while the landowners sit landlocked with no means of a way to utilize this prime area for sustainability for our children and children's children. This is a great and innovative opportunity for Skyrunner Properties to partner with the Memorial Airfield landowners, the Gila River Indian Community as well as for future generations as we move forward into the 21st century.

Please find the signatures below the kin of the late Ira Hayes families who agree to this proposal by proposing to change the original name of Memorial Airfield to Ira H. Hayes Memorial Air.

Kenneth Hayes (Brother) Gloria Johnson (Niece) Melvin Whittaker (First Cousin) Sylvia Enos (Niece) Kevin Whittaker (Nephew) Augustin Enos (Nephew) Sheri Whittaker-Bodmer (Niece) Elvira Enos (First Cousin) Dana Whittaker-Anselmo (Niece) Leatrice Davis (First Cousin) Lorna Davis (Niece) Wayne Allison (Grand Nephew) Yvonne Davis (Great Niece) Wayne Allison (Great Nephew) Douglas Juan (Nephew) Audrey Juan (Niece) 

Sincerely,
The late Ira H. Hayes Families

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

It has been a privilege to work with your students at Ira H. Hayes School. Many public schools struggle to continue to offer extra curriculum activities: Art Program, Student Council, Journalism, STEM Club, Science Club, and Agriculture Club due to more educational budget cuts. Your donation can seriously change the overall academic environment in our school campus. As community members we can dictate the outcome of extracurricular programs in your local public school. The programs mentioned above represent a unique culture within our school.

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Ira Hayes School Tax Credit Donation Form

Taxpayer Name: Phone Number:

Mailing Address: Email Address:

City, State, Zip: Keep Donation Anonymous? Yes/ No

NOTE: Joint tax returns have a maximum of $400 credit, Individual returns have a $200 maximum credit. Corporate and for business checks are not eligible.

Make Checks Payable To: Ira Hayes School

NO REFUNDS: The law provides for a credit on your state income tax return. You will receive your credit on your state taxes.

Please Circle one:

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A’AGA Something to be told
By Billy Allen

5-keg Vechi’ A’aidag (Happy New Year). For most Akielm Ohodam January is Auppa It’evikithak Masad (Cottonwood Blooming Month) while our southern cousins the Tonkoh Ohodam call it Gakimdag Masad (Animals Lose Their Fat Month). Different strokes for different Ohodam folks and many of us will join in the American tradition of New Year’s resolutions. There will probably be a lot of us vowing to get healthier, to run or walk more.

The Heard Museum recently opened an exhibit, “ Beautifu’l Games ” (open until November 2015) featuring 150 works and artifacts showing Native contributions to the sporting world. When the exhibit opened, Royce Manuel demonstrated an Ohodam craft which was used for both sport and war: the masking bow and arrows. Arcina Conde demonstrated an Ohodam women’s game still played today: to:ka. Billy Mills was also present at the showing of “ Running Brave ”, which depicts his win in the 10,000 meter race at the 1964 Olympics.

Some of our creation stories have running and races as key elements. The Pima Indians mentions racing tracks near ruins in Southern Arizona; ancient tracks were also found opposite Sacaton Flats and Casa Blanca. Relay races were popular events with villages challenging each other. Back then being a fast runner was a way for a young boy to gain prestige and power as he grew into manhood. Each village liked to boast they had the best runners. Runners tied the line, listened for the Ohodam word, “ to:wa” and the race was on.

On GRIC, there are a couple of competitive runners—no longer boys—racing into their sixties! Gary Johnson of Good- year Village (Valm Thak) was a Chandler High School distance runner in the mid-1960’s. After graduation he ran for Phoenix College, but a draft notice took him to the Army for two years. After the service, Mr. Johnson went to work as a standing forklift operator for Basha’s. Years of pounding took a toll on his knees, and arthritis forced Mr. Johnson to take pain medication. Later, Mr. Johnson began helping the to:ka team in Santan and started jogging after practice. Jogging was good medicine— his knees felt better. Today a twenty mile training run does not scare him or his knees. In 2005, with the help of the Wellness Center, he entered his first P.F. Chang’s marathon. On January 18, 2015, he will toe the line for his 11th marathon in this series.

Erwin Thomas of Casa Blanca (Vah Ki) began his running career at Phoenix Indian School in the late 1960’s. A 1986 Gila River Indian News article lists Mr. Thomas as the 6 mile winner of the 30 age group. His competitive spirit has not diminished—he’s now a force in the 60+ age group. Mr. Thomas estimates he has run in over 24 marathons (26.2 miles), and 35 half-marathons (13.1 miles). In a calendar year, he usually runs the Fiesta Bowl, Shiprock, and Page marathons. He has not missed the Tonohoo Ohodam half-marathon and is currently gearing up for that race in mid-January. In last year’s Mul-Chu-Tha’s 13.1 mile race, he was only 5 minutes behind a 3 person team winning the relay division! Mr. Thomas has run races of all lengths—from the 3 mile, forty times, to a 50K (31 miles) which he ran twice.

So, which district— 4 (Johnson) or 5 (Thomas) has the best runner? Those of you who attend the races and go home with a brand new T-shirt can tell you that these two are good friends who’ve shared many a mile together. What a great way to run into a New Year.

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• Ticket Sellers, $11.00 per hour
• Ticket Takers, $9.00 per hour

Applications for all jobs may require a background check. Applications will be available beginning Monday January 5, 2015 and can be picked up at the following locations:
• Tribal Recreation & Wellness Center Offices www.mul-chu-tha.com
• Sacaton Fairgrounds

Applications MUST be turned in no later than Friday February 6, 2015 and must be turned in at the Tribal Recreation Office or Sacaton Fairgrounds. Drop boxes are available at both locations for drop off. Offices are open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fairgrounds are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please contact Amber Childs at 520.562.6176 or Merlena Calabaza at 520.562.6024 for more information or email mulchutha@gric.nsn.us
looking back at the past 30 years, originating from the Community’s idea to establish a utility authority that would serve its members.

Lenny Gold, the GRICUA general manager, reminisced to when their first customer was the Gila River Casinos. The start came from a contract of self-determination with the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP) establishing their own entity and their own line crew.

“We’ve grown to the point now that our crews operate and maintain all of the electric facilities in the Community that are owned and operated by SCIP in addition to our own,” said Gold.

Many of the accomplishments were accredited to the past board of directors and general managers for their contributions throughout the history of GRICUA.

“I think it was very important for us to build our building that is representative of our past,” said Lewis.

Lt. Gov. Lewis was impressed by the details of the building, “how we bring our creativity out and combine that with the technology we need to run and to provide important energy needs for our Community as we grow.”

He affirmed the Community’s position to be a leader in renewable energy, referring to the buildings use of solar energy.

“Hopefully this will be the model for which we build all the rest of our building’s within the Community that they are built in a sustainable way,” said Lt. Gov. Lewis, advocating for the use of greener technologies.

Gold in closing said, “This building is a testament to the strength and will of the staff at GRICUA. It is a bridge to the past, present and future.”

From Page 1

Lt. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center) and GRICUA board members (L to R) Pamela Thompson, John Lewis, Neil Banketewa, Belinda Nelson and Althea Walker (off camera) cut the ribbon on the new GRICUA facility Dec. 18.
“Putting Our People First”

2015 INAUGURATION

LEWIS - ANTONE

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015
2:00 P.M.

GRIC TRIBAL FAIRGROUNDS
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Dallas Delowe, Associate Judge

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Saturday, January 10, 2015, 2:00 PM
Gila River Tribal Fair Grounds
Sacaton, AZ
Master & Mistress of Ceremonies:
John B. Lewis
Tyler Owens

- Procession
- Posting of Colors
  Gila River American Legion Posts
  Gila River Honor Guard

- National Anthem
  St. Peter’s Indian Mission Students

- Invocation
  Alfred Reams

- Welcome/Opening Remarks
  John B. Lewis

- Oath of Office - Chief Judge
  (Administered by the Honorable Anthony Hill,
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  (Administered by the Honorable Anthony Hill,
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  Governor Stephen Roe Lewis
  Lt. Governor Monica Lynn Antone

- Lt. Governor’s Remarks
  The Honorable Monica Lynn Antone

- Inaugural Address
  The Honorable Stephen Roe Lewis

- Closing Remarks
  John B. Lewis

- Retrieval of the Colors

- Closing Song
  Robert Stone, Councilman

- Blessing of the meal

- Dinner & Cultural Presentations

- Cultural Circle
  Hashen-Kehk Traditional Dancers and Singers
  Hashen-Kehk Wah-Jee-Waw awk-awk
  Whomah Nawth Choohcum
  St. Peters Dance Group
  Bapchule Dance Group
  Fifth Generation Basket Dancers
  District 7 Bird Singers and Dancers
  Buzzard Bird Clan Dancers
  Achim A’a’al Dance Group

- Fireworks

- INAUGURAL DANCE
January 2, 2015

**Community Council Action Sheets**

**Wednesday, Dec. 03, 2014**

- **Resolution Approving And Adopting The Gila River Indian Community Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)**
  - Presenter: Michael Lomakema
  - APPROVED
- **A Resolution Approving The Strategic Plan For The Huhtanom Heritage Center (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)**
  - Presenter: Linda Morgan
  - THIS ITEM WAS TABLED

**ORDINANCES**

- 1. The Gila River Indian Community Heredity Amendments The 2009 Gila River Indian Community Code By Amending Title 20, Chapter 2, Homeste (LSC forwards to Council with recommended revisions)
  - Presenters: Planning & Zoning, Land Use Planning & Zoning and Legislative Standing Committee
  - APPROVED
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 1. Ira H. Hayes – Non Renewal Current Status (ESC forwards to Council)
    - Presenter: Crispin Zamudio
    - THIS ITEM WAS TABLED
  - 2. First Base Distribution Plan (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council and to reaffirm option 3 further the Community Council will be excluded from participating in the drawing)
    - Presenters: Zuriende, Kato and D. Ann Manuel
    - [LT. GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A ONE HOUR BREAK TO GO INTO CAUCUS WITH THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL. THE MEETING RECONVEMED AT 1:40PM.]

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **MOTION AND SECOND TO DIRECT GRIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SELECT ONE BOARD MEMBER TO HOST THE SUPER BOWL GAME AND PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH THE SELECTED PERSON’S NAME #2 TO DIRECT THE GRIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GRIC SUITE AT THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014)**
  - Presenter: Board Of Directors
  - APPROVED
  - 2. First Things First 0-5 Needs and Assets Report – Request for Approval (HSSC motioned to forward to Community Council; ESC concurs)
    - Presenter: Cathy Brown
    - THIS ITEM WAS TABLED
  - 3. Ira H. Hayes High School SY 2014-2015 Written Plan (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval) THIS ITEM WAS TABLED
    - Presenter: Crispin Zamudio
  - 4. Declare 1 Vacancy-Council Seat for the Cultural Resources Community Council Standing Committee Presenters: Community Council
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**RESOLUTIONS**

1. A Resolution Approving The Adoption Of Bylaws Of The Gila River Farms Board of Directors (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval; with the noted revisions).
  - Presenter: Jean Shorr
  - APPROVED
- 2. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Regional Information Sharing Systems To Permit The Gila River Indian Community Police Department To Participate In And Share Criminal Intelligence
  - Through The Use Of The Tribal RISS Database To Be Administered By The Regional Information Sharing Systems And The Rocky Mountain Information Network (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
  - Presenter: Chief Kathleen Kirkham
  - APPROVED
- 3. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Fire Department To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department of Homeland Security Assistance To Fire Fighters Grant (G&MSC motioned to forward to Community Council with recommendation of approval)
  - Presenter: Chief Thomas Knapp
  - APPROVED
- 4. A Resolution Rescinding GR-130-09, Which Approved A Fifty (50) Year Homestead Lease Agreement For June Pablo, And Approving A Fifty Year Homestead Lease Agreement (GRIC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Nancy House-Sanchez
  - APPROVED
- 5. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 1833 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
  - APPROVED
- 6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 316 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
  - APPROVED
- 7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 3385 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
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  - APPROVED
- 8. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 3621 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
  - APPROVED
- 9. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 4796 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
  - APPROVED
- 10. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 949 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
  - APPROVED
- 11. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 951-A Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
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  - APPROVED
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- 13. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 3601 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
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  - APPROVED
- 14. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 3796 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
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- 15. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 1333 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Six Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
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- 16. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty Year Res-idential/Home Lease On Allotment 4006 Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Seven Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Pamela Pasqual
  - APPROVED
- 17. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Michael Lomakema
  - APPROVED
- 18. A Resolution Approving The Strategic Plan For The Huhtanom Heritage Center (CRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)
  - Presenter: Linda Morgan
  - THIS ITEM WAS TABLED

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- >COUNCILWOMAN HOGG STATED THAT THERE WILL BE AND ESC MEETING ON 12/18/14 AT 5AM
- >COUNCILWOMAN ALLISON STATED THAT THERE IS AN LSC MEETING TOMORROW AT 9PM
- >COUNCILWOMAN SCHURZ STATED THAT D2 WILL BE HOSTING THE WATER RIGHTS DAY BEGINNING AND 9AM ON 12/10/14

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:05pm**
Community Council Action Sheets

Wednesday Dec. 17, 2014

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UMA Elects New Leadership

Submitted by Willetta Felder President of the Urban Members Association

My fellow tribal members, the Urban Members Association (UMA) would like to take this opportunity to communicate to you our mission and vision. The UMA was established by resolution GR-84-99 more than 15 years ago. The resolution was intended to create a liaison between the Gila River Indian Community and the tribal members that reside outside the reservation. The Community Council understood the importance of keeping all members informed of issues in the community. We look forward to working with leadership to build a better relationship and bridging the gap between on-reservation and off-reservation members. That's very significant when weighing in through absentee ballots to see how these new members weigh in through their upcoming issues within our tribal government.

Today, the new Urban Members Association (UMA) would like to take this opportunity to communicate to you our mission and vision. The UMA (UMA) is not an organization that wants to be viewed as not having purpose and vision. The UMA is not a non-profit organization to help maximize our budget needs on the Community. It saddens me when I hear negative comments from those uninformed to our constitutional responsibilities to the urban members. The UMA is an organization that is viewed as not having purpose and vision. There is a large number of urban members that work within the Community. When the UMA first started 15 years ago, growing our membership was a challenge; the UMA membership was around 20 headcount. Now, through so much communication, smartphones apps and internet technologies, the UMA numbers have increased exponentially. Chair Felder, estimates that by 2016 UMA membership could reach over 4,700 of the reported 8,000 off-reservation members who are of tribal voting age.

That's very significant when compared to the recent election vote count, which was under 2,000 members, says Chairwoman Felder. It will be very interesting to see how these new members fare in upcoming issues within our tribal government. We have taken a proactive stance on creating our own 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to help support our members and minimize our budget needs on the Community. We look forward to working with leadership to build a better relationship and bridging the gap between on-reservation and off-reservation members.

On behalf of the Urban Members Association, thank you.

Chairwoman Willetta Felder
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