Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Saturday, Apr. 10, the Gila River Indian Community held a vaccination event at the Lone Butte Casino, drawing hundreds of Community members and a number of special guests, including the Phoenix Suns Gorilla, Arizona Diamondbacks’ Bobcat and Sparky, the mascot for Arizona State University.

Gila River Health Care reports that the number of Community members who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 continues to steadily increase after a number of mass vaccination events. As of Apr. 12, 55 percent of Community members age 55 years and older have received a vaccination – a critical figure since elders are most at risk for COVID-19 related illness. Additionally, 20 percent of Community members 16 years and older have received the vaccine. With vaccines increasing, the Community is drawing closer to achieving “Community Immunity.”

“We are all coming together today to ensure we are getting as many vaccinated as possible,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who was on site for the Saturday event.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said she’s pleased that the Community has been able to continue hosting vaccination events – and also to vaccinate members of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. “We have all, at the COVID-19 Task Force, worked hard to ensure everyone can get a vaccination, and I am thankful that we can include the Ak-Chin Indian Community,” said Lt. Gov. Antone.

With the arrival of the “U.K. COVID-19 Variant” in the state, Lt. Gov. Antone stressed the need for vaccinations. “All of Indian Country is working hard to fight and protect our people,” said Antone, “and by getting a vaccination, you are ensuring your protection against the U.K. variant too.”

Dr. Anthony Santiago, the CEO of Gila River Health Care, stressed that the new dominant version of the COVID-19 virus in the US at this time, the U.K. variant, requires a renewed effort to be vaccinated. “Research shows that the U.K. variant is more contagious and is more easily spread between people; once infected people harbor the virus longer than the original version, as much as 30% longer; and, it has been shown to infect younger people more easily, has increased hospitalizations and unfortunately may be more likely to be fatal. But just as important is that our current vaccines, the Pfizer, Moderna and the Janssen are very effective against the UK Variant. Being vaccinated will protect people from becoming ill, it will save lives.”

The Navajo Nation recently reported a case of the U.K. Variant on their reservation. Vaccinations play a crucial role in keeping everyone safe as the state begins easing some COVID-19 safety restrictions. On Apr. 9, the Community’s Executive Order No. 10 was released and safety guideline requirements that affect Community gatherings, distance learning for students, and employees’ safely returning to work.

Vaccination event organizers, such as Gila River Gaming Enterprises, ensured the indoor setting would provide minimal wait times and safety for everyone that day. This event was the second Community vaccination event that included members of the neighboring Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The Apr. 10 event made use of the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine. The shot has since been paused by the Community following guidance from the CDC, after reports that six individual in the United States who got the vaccine afterward experienced blood clots. Nearly 7 million people have gotten this vaccine in the U.S. to date which represents only 0.000088% of those vaccinated.

On Monday, Apr. 26, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., another vaccination event is scheduled at the Rawhide Event Center at Wild Horse Pass for anyone still seeking a vaccination, which will be the Pfizer variant of the vaccine. Community members can also get a vaccination at all Gila River Health Care facilities as well.

Gila River Health Care vaccination event workers prepare intake stations at the Lone Butte Casino on April 10.

Kyle Knox/GRIN

Photo: L-R, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis with father Rodney Lewis, during a water agreement meeting in April of 2018. File Photo: GRIN

Grassroots Education and Development Company to construct 59-acre project on the Community.

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Christopher Lomahkpuhau
Gila River Indian News

On April 14th Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Gov. Lewis honoring the work of Rodney Blaine Lewis on behalf of the Community and Indian Country.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings and meetings, the award was presented to Gov. Lewis by Stevens in Lewis’ office. The award normally would have been presented during NIGA’s annual Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention.

The NIGA Lifetime Achievement Award is given to individuals who have promoted a lifestyle of giving back to Native communities through their work at the local and national level. The award recognizes an individual’s strengths he held onto that made him a special person to be around and work with.”

Stevens presented Lewis with a plaque, badge of honor pin and blanket, which symbolizes the warrior-like attributes of recipients who work tirelessly for their tribes and Native Americans across the nation.

L-R. Gov. Lewis is presented a lifetime achievement award by NIGA Chairman Stevens, that honors father Rodney Lewis. Christopher Lomahkpuhau/GRIN

Work to strengthen Native peoples through initiatives that support Indian gaming, while promoting tribal sovereignty. “He was one of the most prolific lawyers in Indian history but one of the most prolific warriors and gentlemen. Posthumously we honor him for his lifetime of achievement,” said Stevens.

“He understood the needs of the people to follow through with his responsibilities from beginning to end,” said Gov. Lewis. He said that his father’s professional legacy, which included years of litigation in the federal courts working to gain the Community’s water rights, was the center of his life’s work.

Stevens reflected on the elder Lewis’ work as a champion among Native people and what the award means about his stature. “The lifetime of achievement was one strength of this work,” said Stevens. “But there are many

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COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY to construct 59-acre project on the Community.
The Gila River Indian Community has proclaimed May 5th as Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day. Join us in solidarity to honor MMIP victims during a virtual walk/run on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

How to participate in the virtual walk/run:

- Visit mygilariver.com, announcements section for registration link. Registration deadline is May 1, 2021. *Open to GRIC members only

- Choose a familiar & safe route. (1.5 mile course or ½ mile Elder course) and walk, jog or run on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

- Please follow all COVID-19 safety guidelines and the Community’s current Executive Orders. Participate with members of your own household and do not form any groups to participate in the walk/run.

- Share your photos to help raise awareness about MMIP using the #GRICMMIP. Please tag the Community Facebook event page or email photos to SpecialEvents@gric.nsn.us

For questions, or if you need assistance completing the registration please contact Alie Walking Badger at (520) 562–9713 or Shannon Redbird at (520) 562–9859.
Caring House Opens to Visitors

Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

Family and friends are once again welcome to visit their loved ones at The Caring House Skilled Nursing Facility – Gila River Health Care, after the coronavirus pandemic forced the facility to close its doors to visitors for the health and safety of residents and staff over a year ago. 

Visitation to The Caring House (TCH) resumed on Mar. 22 with new requirements. Currently, visitation is limited to 45 minutes and the facility is only allowing two visitors at a time with no physical contact between the visitors and residents. “We try to make it as safe as we can,” said Ron Preston, TCH Administrator. “We’ll take small steps before we open it up to normal.”

When first visits resumed, the right to edit submitted materials for GRIN for publication. GRIN reserves the name of the writer will be printed in the paper. Only telephone number in the event GRIN reserves the phone number will not be acceptable to the paper. 

All letters or columns should be signed in good taste. Material that could be potentially defamatory or libelous will not be acceptable to the paper. The Editor or Gila River Indian Community.

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Pima Leasing Looks to Diversify Access to Entrepreneurs

Emma Hughes

Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation (PLFC) is an economic development corporation that exists, according to its vision statement, “To provide economic diversity for the Gila River Indian Community” by managing land transactions and by cultivating entrepreneurs and other Community-based businesses. PLFC offers business loans to GRIC members whose Community-based businesses have been in operation for at least two years and who can provide referrals from local lenders for startups or non-Community-based businesses. PLFC also provides access to information and resources that are free or low-cost, such as the Arizona Commerce Authority, one of the State’s Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), and Business Arizona (www.businessarizona.com) to access resources and tools necessary for starting a business. For information about online workshops offered through the ongoing “Startup Together” conference, visit startuptogetheraz.com.

From assisting with business plans to providing access, our staff are excited to help the Community grow,” said Teresa Mandelin, PLFC’s Executive Director. She joined the organization in September and expressed her excitement and gratitude to be able to work with the Community.

Mandelin, an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, has over 30 years of experience in commercial banking. She has specialized in providing small businesses access to capital for the past 20 years. “We want to help our entrepreneurs in this Community,” said Mandelin. “We’ll develop a nurtured job growth within the Community itself (and) more jobs in the Community by helping our small businesses startup and grow.”

“They have just been so, so good, so helpful,” said Patricia Miles, a GRIC member from District 6. Miles contacted PLFC to assist her. She said they’ve been very helpful in mentoring and giving her the tools and support. “They really helped assisting me with my ideas and possible business plans.”

Community members can contact PLFC and request assistance with business planning and consultation. For additional information on Business Services and Resources, contact Seth Rich at (520) 796-2454, ext. 223. For information on Business Loans, contact Brian Moreno at (520) 796-2454 ext. 226.

Job Announcement

Casa Blanca Community School
2450 W. Casa Blanca Road
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Vacancy Announcement:
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F.A.C.E. Early Childhood Teacher
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New Commerce Park Breaks Ground Along Loop 202 & 40th Street

An artists rendering depicting Akimel Gateway commerce park located along the Loop 202 & 40th Street. Rendering Courtesy of Trammell Crow Company

By Gila River Indian News Staff

The Gila River Indian Community continues to attract new partners and economic activity to the Wild Horse Pass area, with construction underway on Trammell Crow Company’s Akimel Gateway commerce park, a 59-acre project being built on the southwest corner of the Loop 202 freeway and 40th Street.

Among the new occupants: Spencer’s TV & Appliance. The Valley-based appliance giant has chosen Akimel Gateway as the site of its new corporate headquarters and distribution center.

“The South Mountain Loop 202 corridor continues to attract enormous interest in multiple contexts,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. “Trammell Crow’s Akimel Gateway project is an exciting development, along with the recently announced 3,300-acre master plan development of Wild Horse Pass, the Community’s ongoing casino and hotel expansion and the new soccer stadium built to accommodate the Phoenix Rising Football Club. I can’t think of a more dynamic spot in the Valley right now – or a better location for business.”

Cathy Thuringer, Managing Director of TCC’s Akimel Gateway project, said the five-building complex – built in partnership with Allstate Insurance Company and lender Alliance Bank of Arizona – was named Akimel Gateway after consultation with members of the Community.

“It was incredibly important to us to honor and respect the Community’s culture,” said Thuringer. “Our naming process represents an important step in working with the Community, and we look forward to many more steps together in this new partnership.”

Rick Biederbeck, President of employee-owned Spencer’s TV & Appliance, also spoke of the Community’s central location in a major selling point for the company. Spencer’s has 10 retail locations throughout metropolitan Phoenix area.

“When you’re serving customers to the east in Mesa and Gilbert and to the west in Glendale, Goodyear and Avondale, a site that provides access to the greater Phoenix metro area is a must,” said Biederbeck.

The four buildings not occupied by Spencer’s are being developed speculatively in a joint venture between Trammell Crow and Allstate. Together, the buildings will measure more than 519,000 square feet, with a design suitable for light manufacturing companies, electrical, mechanical, HVAC, plumbing or lighting suppliers, and for use as an e-commerce center. Construction on Akimel Gateway is scheduled to be complete this December.

GILA RIVER AMERICORPS

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VACCINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 18+ YEARS OF AGE

Must be eligible: All tribal enrolled members of the GRIC and Ak-Chin communities, 18 years and older, and residents of their household are eligible for the vaccine. This includes GRIC and Ak-Chin tribal enrolled Urban members and residents of their household.

GILA RIVER AMERICORPS

Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449
Last year Billy Allen, was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and underwent treatment for the disease. Allen, who was born in Sacaton and grew up in District 5 Vah-K, is a former coach and teacher to the Community and other tribal Communities. Allen began his teaching career with Sacaton Middle School, teaching Arizona and O’otham history at Casa Grande Union High School for over 30 years. Now retired, Allen still shares his knowledge and experience in his frequent columns featured in the Gila River Indian News.

Multiple Myeloma (MM) is a type of blood cancer that affects the plasma cells, which are responsible for antibodies that work against infectious viruses and bacteria. Myeloma cells increase bone breakdown and prevent new bone cell production. The disease causes damage to the bones, immune system, and kidneys. Signs and symptoms of MM include bone pain, unexpected fractures, weakness and numbness, fatigue, frequent infections, and weight loss. Allen has always been active and had attributed many of his symptoms to everyday tasks like working outside, general fatigue from work and running, and a loss of appetite from being tired. "The main one was numbness. He fell while running three times, and the numbness may have led to that," said his wife, Toni Leron-AIlen.

The family encourages others to be aware of the possible signs of MM, "Looking back, Billy showed symptoms of MM for years before his diagnosis," said Toni, "Had we known about MM then, he might’ve gotten screened for that sooner. As it is, MM was doing its damage for years." All donations will go towards the research for Multiple Myeloma. The virtual run/walk will be held on Saturday, April 24 and participants will send in proof of their miles. You can visit the give.myeloma.org for more information on the run/walk and visit https://bit.ly/3mPpZdm.
Latest COVID-19 Statistics the Community & Updates to Vaccines Administered to GRIC Members

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

With a decrease in COVID-19 cases in the Gila River Indian Community and with reports and consultations with the Tribal Health Department, GRIC leadership worked to adjust some of the restrictions brought on by the pandemic. This included raising the limit of people allowed in a gathering, from five to ten and re-opening the Community in phases.

Tribal Health’s COVID-19 data reported 6,466 positive cases. 2,908 of those cases are GRIC members as of April 14. Overall, the state has reached 851,265 positive cases as of April 14. Maricopa and Pima county have reported the most cases, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

“Please make no mistake, we’re far from done with this pandemic,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis about the new variants, “There’s one thing you can do to help the Community get to the other side of the virus quicker and that’s getting vaccinated.”

Gov. Lewis attributed the decrease of cases in the Community to continued testing, vaccination, and the following Community health guidelines. “There are warnings signs out there that we may be soon facing another surge of the virus,” said Gov. Lewis about the new variants that have been found, including in Arizona. There are now five variants of the virus, according to the CDC.

Eligibility for the Pfizer vaccine can now be administered to ages 16 and 17, with the consent of a parent or guardian by appointment only with GRHC. The Moderna is available to recipients 18 years and older. Individuals who have received the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are expected to be fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose.

According to a Communications & Public Affairs press release, the Community made the decision based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Indian Health Service to pause administration of the J&J vaccine. The holt of the J&J vaccine is based on reports from six individuals in the United States, who experienced rare adverse effects from the vaccine.

It is important to note that none of the reports originated from vaccines given in the Community and those six cases are out of 6.8 million total J&J vaccines administered across the United States.

Food Safety Training

On July 18, 2012, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) adopted the 2009 FDA Model Food Code, Annex, and Supplement. This training course is designed and references this code.

Basic Level Classroom Training: Food Handler Awareness (FHA)

2 ½ hour long course

Certificate of Training upon completion

Classes are offered in two options:

1) In Person - Minimum of 10 people

District 1 THD - Thursday, Tuesday, Thursday

District 2 THD - Thursday, Tuesday, Thursday

District 3 THD - Wednesday, Tuesday, Thursday

District 4 THD - Thursday, Tuesday, Thursday

District 5 THD - Thursday, Tuesday, Thursday

District 6 THD - Thursday, Tuesday, Thursday

District 7 THD - Thursday, Tuesday, Thursday

Online class will be offered the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:00am-11:30am

Pre-registration (7 days) prior is required for either in-person or the online course. Please call 520-562-5100 to register. Availability is first come, first serve.

FSA Scope: The Food Handler Awareness training is locally designed to be about 2½ hour introductory instruction on food safety. This training provides individuals with overview of foodborne illness and contamination, receiving, storing, preparing and serving food, personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitation, and pest prevention. A food handler is defined as any person employed in a food facility, who at any time may be involved in the manufacturing, preparation, packing or service of food for sale.

Learning Objectives: After completing the training, employees will better be able to:

• Describe the importance of food safety
• Explain the causes and consequences of foodborne illness
• Identify proper methods of personal hygiene when working with food
• Describe how food can be contaminated and how to prevent contamination
• Explain cleaning and sanitation
• Describe pest control
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET
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CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, April 7, 2021, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Lt. Governor Monica Antone

ROLL CALL
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Council Members Present:
D1- Arizie Hogg, D2-Carol Schurz, D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Delmar Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Martin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr., Thomas White (9:40); D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (9:51)

Council Members Absent:
D1-Joey Whitman
D4-Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE REPORTS #1 THROUGH #4, #6, AND #8; ACCEPT APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, #3, #5, AND #6; ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #2 AND #3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

INTRODUCTION #1 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Introduction of Chas Damo—Grant Specialist
Presenters: Isaac Salcido; Chas Damo

ITEM TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA REPORTS
Presenter: Jim Mosley

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. 1st Qtr Pee-Posh Veterans Association

Budget Report
Presenter: Amiee Bread, Sr.

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. 2nd Qtr Pee-Posh Veterans Association

Budget Report
Presenter: Amiee Bread, Sr.

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. Haskell Osile-Antone American Legion Auxiliary Unit #5 FY21 1st & 2nd Quarter Financial Report & Summary

Presenter: Pamela Thompson; Alison Anderson

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. 2014 RHIIP Project Warranty Comprehensive Report
Presenter: Wayne Allison

REPORT HEARD
6. Haskell Osile Antone Post 51 1st & 2nd Quarter Reports

Presenters: David Anderson; Belen Moline-Lawlor

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
7. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD
8. K-12 Education Program Quarter 2

Manager's Report for School Year 2020-2021

Publisher: Jeffery Thornburg

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
9. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council February 2021 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board; Melvin S. Sanderson

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS
>1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transit Services Intergovernmental Agreement No. 128-75-2022 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Regional Public Transportation Authority Providing For Fixed-Route Transit Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Gregory McDowell

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>2. A Resolution Authorizing A Fourth And Fifth General Assistance Payment Out Of The Gila River Indian Community COVID-19 Emergency Fund (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller; Governor Stephen R. Lewis

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
>3. A Resolution Approving Disbursement Of the American Rescue Plan Act Of 2021 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund For Specified Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Treasurer Robert Keller, Jason Haueter

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 1 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2021(G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED

>5. A Resolution Approving Interagency Service Agreement “AzTraCS Use” Between The Gila River Police Department And The Arizona Department Of Transportation (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Robert Tinney

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Amending The Interim Amendment To Section III Of The Gila River Indian Community’s “Employee Policies And Procedures Reference Guide” To Clarify How Certain COVID-19 Leave Is Counted Under The Family Medical Leave (FML) Policy (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; H&SSC concurs)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy; Mandy Cisneros

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Health Care Corporation For The Operation Of Facilities Associated With The Emergency Medical Services Facility In District 7 Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; H&SSC and EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Elizabeth Antone; Casaundra Wallace

>9. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Gila River Indian Community’s Participation In The National Congress Of American Indians Juvenile Justice Case Study (LSF forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with additional information and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Joseph Manuel; Kami Hart

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

NEW BUSINESS
1. Notice of Vacancy for the Boys and Girls Club of the Gila River Indian Community’s Board (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval to declare the one (1) vacancy and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct and background checks)

Presenters: Jason Jones; Mark Clavell, Jocelyn Young; Nancy House

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCY AND ADVERTISE

>2. GRSG FY2020 Independent Audit and Financial Statements (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and for placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Michael Morago; Henry & Horne

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Pima Leasing & Financing Corporation Annual Audit Report FY 2020 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept and for consideration under the consent agenda)

Presenters: Albert Cheung; Tyne Nickel; Steve Haws, Teresa Mandelin

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Vaccine Trackers for Tribal Education Department Programs and Community Schools (ESG forwards to Council under New Business as FYI)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE MINUTES
1. March 17, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE 1. March 26, 2021 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:31 P.M.
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
RAWHIDE WELCOMES PHOENIX RISING TO WILD HORSE PASS

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IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
Patricia Pancott Brewer
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
Dylan Brewer Sr.
Respondent/Defendant
Case: FM-2021-0005-DV
Civil Summons
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:
Court Date: June 2, 2021 at 10:00 am in Courtroom I
AMOL OOTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
YOU may respond in writing. However, even if you do so, your presence at AN-
WER/RESPONSE HEARING is still re-
quired. If a written answer or response
is made, it shall be filed and served be-
fore the date of the hearing, unless the
time is extended by order of the Court.
If you fail to appear and defend, judg-
ment by default will be entered against
you for the relief demanded in the com-
plaint or petition.

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
Michael Lorin Eesa
Petitioner/Plaintiff
VS.
Delma Jane Morago
Respondent/Defendant
Case: FM-2021-0012-DV
Civil Summons
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a civil action has been filed against you
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Court Date: June 28, 2021 at 10:00 am in Courtroom I
AMOL OOTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
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Tribal Court Summons

Job Title: Salary: Status: Reports
Real Estate Leasing Manager $72,000 - $95,000 (DOE)
Exempt and Non-Supervisory Execu-
tive Director
The Real Estate Leasing Manager
leads the efforts of Pima Leasing &
Finance Company (PLFC) in lease-
ing land within the Gila River Indian
Community, including advising GRC
regarding the establishment of com-
petitive target lease rates and lease-
hold uses, while maximizing lease
income. This includes representing
PLFC through appropriate local and
regional real estate channels while
assisting with lease/development pro-
posal analysis and lease negotiations
as well as effectively acquire, analyze,
abstract and disseminate pertinent
lease transaction information to Pima
Leasing & Finance Corporation (PLFC), the
Gila River Indian Community
(GRIC) in coordination with the GRIC Office of
Legal Counsel (OIC), outside legal
counsel, tenants, Pima Leasing & Fin-
ance Corporation (PLFC) Board of
Directors, and other interested parties.

PHOENIX RISING FC 2021
SEASON SCHEDULE
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* LAS VEGAS | SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021
** OC | SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021
** SACRAMENTO | SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021
** NEW MEXICO | SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021
** TACOMA | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
** AL | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
** LAS VEGAS | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
** OC | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
** TACOMA | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
** AL | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021
** OC | OCTOBER 2, 2021
** OAKLAND | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021
** OC | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021
** LAS VEGAS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021
** SACRAMENTO | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021
** TACOMA | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
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