GRIC Passes Resolution Announcing Plans to Build a 4th Casino in the Community

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In an historic decision, the Community Council of the Gila River Indian Community on June 18th approved the construction of a new tribal casino – the Community’s fourth facility – to be located in the East Valley.

The new site, located in District 4 of the Community south of the intersection of Gilbert Road and Hunt Highway, was chosen after an extensive site selection process led by Gila River’s Casino Expansion Owners Team (CEOT). Working with GRIC gaming leadership and leading industry consultants, CEOT utilized a computer model of the Phoenix gaming market to help with the process. The site selectors also considered likely population growth, area economic expansion and the capacity to develop necessary infrastructure. The decision also was motivated by a strong desire to bring new jobs to Community members and for the Community from celebrating an O’otham New Year event when it is safe to do so.

Gov. Lewis Issues Executive Order No. 11, Eases Stay-At-Home Mandate

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

In a June 18 video address, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis highlighted that between June 6 and June 12 the Community reported only two new COVID-19 positive cases. In the wake of this welcome news, the Governor announced Executive Order No. 11, which lifted the Community-wide stay-at-home order and eased some other restrictions.

“The virus is not over,” said Lewis. The Governor encouraged individuals who are not fully vaccinated to stay home as much as possible to prevent the possibility of infection. Symptoms of the COVID-19 virus may not be present until 2-14 days after exposure, according to Tribal Health Department’s data report.

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The new fourth casino is not only historic element of the new Compact. Tribal communities also retained strict exclusivity over gaming for the next 26 years including tribal exclusivity over blackjack and new games like roulette and baccarat.

O’otham New Year Celebrated with Emphasis on Staying Safe during Pandemic

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According to Communications & Public Affairs Office Special Events Coordinator Alix Walling Badger, the video served to supplement the normal gathering held at the Sacaton Fairgrounds.

“We wanted to put a video together for the Community as a reminder about O’otham New Year,” said Walking Badger. “Although we cannot celebrate in person, we can celebrate at home.”

The Managed Aquifer Recharge Site 5 in District 2 was chosen as a focus of the video presentation to mark the significance of water, animals and vegetation in the Community’s culture. Walking Badger said the remains on her list of sites to host a future in-person O’otham New Year event when it is safe to do so.

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COVID-19 Test Dates, Vaccines & More! Visit GRHC.ORG/HUB

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY

JULY 2021 SCHEDULE

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Dr. Yamada Retires After 33 years of Service to Gila River Indian Community.

A permanent fixture here at Gila River Health Care, Dr. Yamada began his journey with GRHC over 30 years ago as a podiatrist. Over the years, he has become much more, serving as a supportive, caring physician in the lives of many of our patients while lending his wisdom, expertise, and knowledge. He has served in the capacity of Director of Podiatry and most recently interim Chief Medical Officer.

We are grateful for your years of service to the Gila River Indian Community and our patients. We wish you a joyful retirement!

National Suicide Preventions Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449
The Community Bids Farewell to Health Care Provider After 33 Years of Service

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Dr. Wesley Yamada, the Chief Medical Officer for Gila River Health Care, is retiring after 33 years with the Community. Yamada, who served generations of Gila River children, elders and families, was hired in June 1987 to help change the face of Community healthcare. "He created an environment that our Community members and other native people weren’t scared to see the doctor," said Lewis, who has known Yama- da since she was a child. "It’s go- ing to be a big loss, but I think he created a really strong department that’s going to do great things. I’m very grateful for the work that he’s put into the Community."

Yamada graduated with hon- ors from the California School Of Podiatric Medicine in 1985. He was hired by the Community soon after completing his surgical resi- dency training. At the time, Yama- da was only staff member in the podiatry department. He worked out of a single exam room that served as his office. "I didn’t have a nurse," Dr. Yamada recalls. "I didn’t have medical assistants. I didn’t have a scheduler and was housed in the old hospital clinic, a single-wide trailer. This was before the cas- ino, so money for staff, space and growth was extremely tight."

During the years Dr. Yama- da led the department, it grew in staff, space and expertise. He developed an amputation preven- tion program to help Community members afflicted with Type 2 di- abetes, created a podiatry student program and established the first on-site diabetic shoe program, which provided patients orthotics and special shoes. Yamada also created a strong wound care pro- gram at GRHC facilities.

"So many of our families trust him and our patients," said Rachel Hernandez, Vice-Chair of GRHC Board of Directors. Hernandez lauded Yama- da’s orthotic program, saying it impacted scores of GRYC youth, including her own children, "en- courageing them to be healthy and active." As good a doctor as he’s been, said Hernandez, Yamada is every bit as solid as a person. "I actually met Dr. Yamada on a personal level many, many years ago as a child," she recalled. "He’s just a really good mentor. He has always been there to give that encouragement and just be a friend."

In November 2006, Dr. Ya- mada assumed the role of Chief of Surgical Services. In 2020, he became GRHC’s Interim Chief Medical Officer, helping to lead the Community’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“He’s made such a huge dif- ference in the Community,” said Dr. Anthony Santiago, Chief Executive Officer for GRHC. “With- out a Wes Yamada, many people would have suffered the ills of losing their limbs. Wes has liter- ally preserved peoples’ limbs and preserved their lives.”

"Yamada says he’s looking forward to getting back to his old hobbies, including running, swim- ming, playing the piano and read- ing. He also intends to visit family members he hasn’t seen for years. Even so, he says a piece of his heart will remain with the Com- munity.

“I am eternally grateful to Gila River Health Care and the Community. They’ve given me virtually my entire life," said Dr. Yamada. "If you think about it, they’ve given me the opportunity to practice my profession. They’ve given me and my family an opportunity to be a part of the Community and improve the lives of others. Dr. Yamada will always be held in the highest regard."
Enhanced Lifeline

The Lifeline Program is a federal program that provides a discount of $34.25 off phone and Internet service to qualifying participants. There are many ways to qualify for the Lifeline Program either through a Government program, Tribal specific program or through income guidelines.

New service with GRTI means you may qualify for Link-Up. Link-up pays for $75 of the GRTI installation fee, the Link-Up discount is a one time benefit per address.

**Government Programs**
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs

**Tribal Specific Programs**
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Tribal Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standard)

**Income Guidelines**

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For each additional person in the home add $6,129 to income eligibility requirements.

**How To Qualify!**

Contact our Customer Service Team at 520-796-3333 or go to the GRTI website at www.gilarivertel.com to print out an application.

*One per household

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**Customer Feedback**
Vital to ensure quality service

**Customer Perspective**
Your opinions improve our performance

**Customer Perspective**
Frame the future for our community

Your meaningful input and feedback ensures GRTI serves the needs and interests of the Community.


Scan the QR code to be taken to the survey.
Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In recent months, Gila River Health Care’s Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital campus expansion has been a center of development for the Community. The Northeast Expansion (NOREX), a years-long construction project, has been in operation since opening its doors in May. “We basically were able to double the number of exam and procedure rooms throughout the hospital for podiatry, women’s health and dental clinics,” said David Samples, GRHC’s Director of Planning, Design & Construction, who said the expansion will allow for more patients to be seen and an increase in services offered. “It has worked out well, so (people) won’t be waiting weeks to get in for appointments.”

James Longton, GRIC Podiatry Department Director, said facilities for podiatry patients have doubled in size to about 15,000 square feet with the following increases:
- Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner. Claudia Castrillo, GRHC has undergone a similar expansion, according to Castrillo, the new space will allow the clinic to offer more in-depth procedures unavailable at the previous facility located on the west side of the HHK campus. She said being located on the second floor of the NOREX provides a sense of privacy while allowing the clinic to remain close to the main building.
- We have 12 total treatment rooms to 20 treatment rooms, including two RN nursing wound care rooms and an on-site medical imaging (x-ray) room,” said Longton.
- The women’s clinic has undergone a similar expansion, according to Castrillo, GRHC has increased the limit for gatherings up to 40 people. Funeral services, GRIC commercial entities and meetings of elected and appointed officials are exempt from the gathering limit, as long as they adhere to GRIC’s public health and COVID-19 protection guidelines. Gov. Lewis stated he would consider relaxing this limit once the Community reaches a vaccination rate above 45 percent. The moratorium on utility cutoffs for those who have not paid has been eliminated. A moratorium against evictions for those who have not paid rent remains in place, unless the eviction is due to criminal activity. “I understand that many jurisdictions are lifting restrictions completely, but as a sovereign government, we have to make those decisions that are best for our community as a whole,” said the Governor.
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From front page

visiting another department, regardless of vaccination status. GRIC-based businesses are strongly encouraged to adapt or maintain mask requirements for both employees and visitors. All Community government services will remain closed to June 30.

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District 7 Site Provides Air-Conditioned Accommodations for Efficient MVU Vaccine Event

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On June 19, a Mobile Vaccination Unit and Gila River Health Care staff were stationed at the Maricopa Village Christian School in District 7, administering the Pfizer vaccine and booster shots. While summer temperatures continue to rise, GRHC and Gila River Indian Community’s COVID-19 task force members from the Office of Emergency Management, Community Services Department and Tribal Health Department, remain steadfast about finding sites throughout the Community to provide safe and accommodating locations.

GRHC staffers administered 18 vaccination shots, including one booster shot, with little time spent waiting. Al Chatman Jr., Maricopa Village Christian School Director and Lay Minster, led planning and execution of the event. Chatman ensured accommodations included an indoor location, ample parking, and air conditioning for everyone in attendance.

“We exist to meet the needs of the Community,” said Chatman. “[Maricopa Village Christian School] is a school and a church, so this is just up the alley of how we serve.” The school typically provides transportation for students to receive vaccinations during the school year.

The District 7 Service Center provided incentives for everyone who was vaccinated, including movies, popcorn, and treats for a weekend night movie. After seeing the flyer on Facebook, teenagers Rasia Perkins and Beulah Cleveland received their first shot that morning. Both are enrolled members of the Navajo Nation and took advantage of the opportunity. Both agreed that the process was quick and the shot felt like “a little pinch.”

As they put it afterward, “Everyone who can get a vaccination, should get a vaccination.” Shannon Begay escorted Rasia and Beulah to the MVU and praised GRIC and GRHC for their ongoing efforts to vaccinate as many people as possible, including federally recognized tribal members and employees of Community entities.

“Gila River Indian Community has done a very good job at coordinating and organizing the process,” said Begay, who was bringing family members to get vaccinated for the second time in the recent past. “It flows very well, especially for those who aren’t as familiar with health care services and don’t know what to do or where to go.”

Many youths attended the MVU for vaccination, including GRIC youth More on page 8
Employees of the Community government who have not been fully vaccinated shall wear face masks at all times while at such employees’ workplace when within 6 feet of other employees and/or visitors.

Employees of the Community government are not required to wear face masks when alone inside their individual offices or work stations.

All First Responders shall wear an appropriate protective face mask at all times when visiting a residence or other building located within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.

Reservation-based businesses are strongly encouraged to adopt face-mask requirements for their employees and visitors similar to those set forth above for Community government employees and visitors.

### Face Mask Requirements for GRIC Employees

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33rd AOPPYC Youth Conference Promotes
Self Wellness and Growth for Youth

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Akimel O’otham/Pee-Posh Youth Council built upon the last year of successful virtual programming to provide its 33rd Annual AOPPYC Youth Conference on June 26 and 27. The two-day event provided an array of presentations and workshops for GRIC and Native youth locally and across the country focused around the theme of “Self Wellness and Growth.”

Gov. Stephen Roe-Lewis provided opening remarks on the first day. “All of you attending this conference are already showing such great leadership for our Community,” he said. “I want nothing more than to watch you grow as you continue on your lives and continue to contribute to our Community.”

Gov. Roe-Lewis commended the AOPPYC for their contributions towards the Community’s overall wellness by hosting several virtual activities throughout the pandemic. Gov. Lewis also thanked everyone for their continued efforts to ensure everyone remains safe. He strongly urged youth participants to get their COVID-19 vaccinations. In total, 68 youth participated this year. Many more participated at home, made possible through the Gila River Broadcasting Corp., and its Facebook and YouTube platforms. Participants included Native youth from Washington, Kansas, Texas, and California.

The adaptability of the Youth Council members this year was remarkable,” said Michael Preston, AOPPYC Youth Coordinator. “Although most of them experienced challenges over the last year due to COVID-19, they still put in the effort to plan and host a virtual conference for their peers. That is the essence of youth leadership.

Jada Young, a member of AOPPYC, was thrilled with the offerings this year. “The youth were able to sign up for a huge variety of workshops relating to live broadcast by Gila River Inx. The conference embraced physical, emotional and a lot more,” said Young, who cited new friendships and fun icebreaker exercises as a few highlights. “Some even came with kits to build headphones, bead earrings, basket weaving, and different art classes.”

Elaina Antone, a young District 6 resident, echoed the positive aspects of the conference. “I feel I gained a little more confidence in interacting and speaking with others,” said Antone. “It was amazing to see all the participants and the presenters. We all had lots of fun and I personally really enjoyed everyone’s company, even though it was just over a screen. It meant a lot.”

The conference also showcased inspirational speakers who shared motivational stories sprinkled with humor to keep everyone engaged over the two days. Keynote speakers this year included actor and comedian Tatanka Means, former Miss Indian World Cheyenne Kippenberger, and the Community’s own “Gilarious” Wolf Brown, District 5.

GRIC Lt. Gov. Monica Antone addressed the youth on the second day of the event. “Be positive, keep your humor, teach yourself about your family history, identity, and where you all come from,” said the Lieutenant. “And remember to keep a good heart, be humble and grace yourselves with the teachings of our Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh ancestors.”

As in past years, elections for new AOPPYC representatives took place. Four youths were voted in for new terms on the council. The new members include Crystal Lomayestewa, District 3; Evelyn Enos, District 4; Eliona Antone, District 6; and Lethua Dosela, District 6.

Providing fun activities was a goal of the conference, said AOPPYC President Susanna Osife, but providing the opportunity to share more about the importance of mental health was the most meaningful element of the event.

Submitted
By The Notah Family

The Notah family would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Gila River Indian Community, families, relatives, friends, Past 51 Veterans, District Three Community and medical personnel. The support, contributions, assistance, encouragement, love and kindness were highly meaningful. All of which brought joy and thankfulness to our hearts during a difficult and tragic time for our family. It is people like you that make this world a better place to live. Furthermore it demonstrates our traditional values and ways of life. Let us continue to strengthen the family foundation, build unity among our people and more importantly take care of our people.

May God bless you all.

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**COMMUNICATION SITE LEASE AT RAWHIDE WESTERN TOWN AND EVENT CENTER**

You may also contact your Council representative or the NRSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720. Written comments may be emailed to Casandra Wallace at casandra.walace@grc.res or mailed to Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147, Attn: Casandra Wallace.
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The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, June 16, 2021, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:03 a.m. Invocation Provided by Councilwoman Carol Schurz. Roll Call Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll Executive Officers Present: Governor Stephen R. Lewis Lt. Governor Monica Antone Council Members Present: D1- Joey Whitman, Azie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith, Christopher Mendoza; D5-James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr., Wahleeh Riggs; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans (9:08); D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE REPORT #5 AND ADD NEW BUSINESS #5 GOVERNOR’S STATE FAIR TASK FORCE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #6 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1 AND #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

*1. Introduction of Elderly Services Coordinator, Lindsay Antone

Presenters: Laurie Thomas; Lindsay Antone

MS. THOMAS INTRODUCED MS. LINDSAY ANTOINE.

MS. ANTOINE INTRODUCED HERSELF AND PROVIDED A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE ELDERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

VARIOUS COUNCIL EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME TO THE ELDERLY SERVICES COORDINATOR.

2. Introduction – Office of the Community Manager

Ombudsman Kenneth Young

Presenters: Suzanne Jones; Kenneth Young

MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MR. KENNETH YOUNG. MR. YOUNG PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND AND EXPLAINED THE MAIN DUTIES OF HIS POSITION. MR. YOUNG LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL DEPARTMENTS AND LEADERSHIP. VARIOUS COUNCIL WELCOMED MR. YOUNG TO THE COMMUNITY.

3. Introduction of Tony Elley Land Surveyor Manager

Presenters: Kimberly Antone, Tony Elley

MS. KIMBERLY ANTOINE INTRODUCED MR. TONY ELLEY, LAND SURVEYOR MANAGER FOR LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING. MR. ELLEY PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HIS WORK HISTORY AND IS EAGER TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME TO MR. ELLEY.

1. Casa Blanca Community School Construction Update

Presenters: Casandra Wallace, Steven Heeley; Curtis Johnson, Laurie Post; Jim LaPosta

ITEM HEARD

2. COVID 19 Update

Presenter: COVID-19 Task Force

ITEM HEARD

[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:50 A.M.]


(October 1, 2020-March 31, 2021)

Presenters: Michael Lando Voyales; CarletonGift, David Williams

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

4. WHPDA Monthly Report

Presenter: David White, WHPDA Board; Alex Yaza; Marlin Sepulveda; Michelle Bowman; Mark Grado; Jason Croxton

ITEM HEARD

REPORT HEARD

5. AZ State Fair Update

Presenter: David White, WHPDA Board; Alex Yaza; Marlin Sepulveda; Michelle Bowman; Mark Grado; Jason Croxton

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. GRTI – CAF-ICC Data Submission

Presenters: Courtney Hogancamp; Jim Meyers; Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. FY2021 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending May 31, 2021 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community And The Gila River Indian Community For Emergency Temporary Housing Of Females (GMSF towards Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Ron Lopez

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2022 Gila River Indian Community Housing Plan For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (GMSF towards Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Trina Fasthorse

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Elders In The Community For South Mountain Community College For A Stem Summer Camp For Girls In Grades 6-8 (ESC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Rebecca Hall; Isaac Salido

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. WHPDA.FY2020 Audit (GMSF forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: David White, WHPDA Board; Alex Yaza; Marlin Sepulveda; Michelle Bowman; Mark Grado; Jason Croxton; Albert Cheung; Steve Harris

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

2. GRTI Independent Auditor’s Report and Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2020 – 2019 (GMSF forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Eric Vreeke; Jennifer Burkhalter; Jim Meyers; Board

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

3. GRHC Letter of Request for GRIC Council Orientation (HASSC forwards to Council with recommendation to accept the recommended date of August 3, 2021)

Presenters: Board of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD THE ORIENTATION ON AUGUST 3, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.

4. Letter of Resignation (CRSC accepts the resignation, forwards to Council to declare the vacancy; and appoint at the July 1, 2021 regular Council meeting)

Presenters: Councilman Avery White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION AND DECLARE THE VACANCY

[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

5. Governor’s State Fair Task Force (Executive Session)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier; Governor Stephen R. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE

MINUTES

1. April 21, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. June 2, 2021 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:44 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • June 6, 2021

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138, Sacaton, Arizona 85174; Phone (502) 562-9720; Fax (502) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

These items cannot be recycled!

Even though they’re made out of paper, napkins and paper towels are not recyclable. These items are generally made from recycled paper, but the fibers get caught in your home or building’s paper recycling system. Paper-made items can typically be recycled for 3 to 4 times before they become too short to recycle again. Paper towels and napkins are the last stop in the recycling cycle.

These items cannot be recycled!

Paper coffee cups coated with insulation made of styrofoam or plastic are not recyclable. These types of soft plastic that can be balled up into your hand is not recyclable.

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Bottles and cans made of glass that can be balled up into your hand is not recyclable.

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No styrofoam containers please.

Always remember to don liquid proof containers and wrap food leftovers inside a plastic bag to prevent it from absorbing into any recyclable items before placing them into the bin.

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Casino Grand High School
Continuing to Fort Lewis College
Justin is proud of the young man you have become. We know your path has not always been the easiest but you always kept your head high and never gave up on your goal. We look forward to watching you play best-
ate at the next level. We will always be here for you.

Love, Dad, Mom & your brothers, the Romo family and the Anonymous.

Zera Garcia (right)
Graduated from 8th grade to high school.

“I am very happy, beautiful, and kind. We could never imagine a life without the sweet, intelligent, meticu-
ous, and caring young lady that you are. We will always be by your side.”

Aleighandra Morales Madrid
Respondent/Defendant

CASE NUMBER: FN-2021-0027
Civil Summons

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

Case: J-17-0191
Court Date: August 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
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CONTACT: (480)362-6315

Antone, Jordan
Formal Hearing
Case: J-17-0191
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Court Notices

You shall respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING regarding this matter on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

INJUNCTION
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Whitman, Grant
Justin C
Review Hearing
Case: J-17-0191
Court Date: August 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
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The project is currently accepting applications over the phone. For more details, call us at (480) 877-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 (voice or text), or (800) 845-6132 (TTY). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250—(303) 242-9596 or call in person, at any USDA office, at (800) 877-5249. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and contractors with whom the USDA cooperates, must ensure civil rights of individuals and equal access to programs and activities provided by USDA.

Notice of Public Scoping for an Environmental Assessment for the Horse Pass, Lone Butte, and Riggs Road Storage Facility

The Pima County Regional Planning Agency, in cooperation with the Tribe, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community School District, and the Arizona Department of Transportation, is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Horse Pass, Lone Butte, and Riggs Road Storage Facility. The project site would be fully fenced and locked during off-hours. The project would create a new driveway off of Riggs Road as the site ingress and egress point, but no alterations to travel lanes are planned. Construction is expected to take 5-6 months. Vehicles access along Riggs Road would be maintained throughout construction; however, the site would experience occasional short-term lane closures. No temporary fencing or other detours or changes in access are anticipated.

The purpose of the project is to develop a new ministrage and RV storage facility to serve this portion of the Community, as well as to more heavily developed communities nearby. This project would provide a much-needed storage option to a geographic area where storage capacity is currently lacking. The project would also constitute a new commercial opportunity within the Community for economic growth and jobs. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, the Tribe and other affected agencies must consider the potential social and environmental impacts of proposed actions. This letter serves as the BIA’s invitation to you or your agency to submit comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the proposed action. All comments received become part of the public record associated with the project proposal. Accordingly, your comments (including your name and address) will be available for public review by any person that wishes to view the record. At your request, we will withhold your contact information to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act. Please submit your comments by July 5 to Cecilia.Baker@bia.gov.

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In its third year, the Namingha Institute for Indigenous Art in Flagstaff has continued to build on their talents and consists of The 2021 marker her third year of the program, funded through the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), the first cadet program for the Gila River Police Department, and has since expanded to include the Gila River Fire Department and Gila River Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Gila River is also known as an ambulance service that provides urgent care to patients. The eight-week “pilot program for career preparation” is geared towards participants between ages 18 and 24 and includes pay for the cadets. The program, the first of its kind within Indian country to include all three public safety entities, offers hands-on training and experience for youth. The program offers a year-round cadet program. Ayana Hernandez, a District 2 resident who plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. “I just chose to try it out, and I’m glad I did it” said Hernandez. Robert Jackson, GRFD Fire Engineer, who introduces the cadets to Fire service, went through a similar program through the Community’s Employment and Training Program. “That’s one of the reasons why I’m here, because of the opportunity that I was given,” said Jackson. “I’m just wanting to continue that with other Community members.” School Resource Officer Sgt. Paul Maroney began working with the program in 2018. “This is the next generation of the Community,” said Maroney. “We are here to help create a difference and help these individuals be the next generation.” The program has developed numerous partnerships with departments across the Community. This year, the cadets were visited by guest speakers like Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and members of Community Council. Cadets even received training on cultural awareness. The programs thanks Chief Timothy Chavez (GRFD), Chief Kathy Garcia (GRFD) and Chief Jean Mauk (Gila River EMS) for helping make the program possible. 2021 First Responder Participants: AlySia Hernandez, Ayana Hernandez, Deja Sustaita, Sincia Jackson, Timothy Teebos.
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