Christopher Lomahquaahu
Gila River Indian News

Members of the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 held a solemn tribute to the service men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Post 84 lowered the colors at the Ira H. Hayes/ Matthew B. Juan Park in Sacaton in recognition of Memorial Day, on May 31.

The ceremony started off with a fly-over made by a WWII Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer bomber plane based out of Casa Grande Municipal Airport.

“Normally we go to all of the locations in the Community, that have monuments,” said Tony McDaniel, Post 84 Adjutant.

He said the event followed past Memorial Day events, which consisted of a laying of a wreath, 21-gun salute and playing of the taps.

“With the help of the District 3 recreation department, we were able to get the park open and host the ceremony,” said McDaniel.

He said Post 84 appreciates the assistance of District 3 and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

In a pre-recorded Memorial Day video message, Gov. Lewis also laid wreaths at the foot of monuments located at the Ira H. Hayes/Matthew B. Juan park.

Gov. Lewis said, “[We] take this time to remember all those who have given their lives while serving in the military.” He said the Community has a proud history of military service along with other Native American communities, who have served at the highest rates in the armed forces.

“So many of our Community members gave their lives in service to our country. Let’s honor them and remember them for their sacrifice and offer our prayers for those still serving in the military,” said Gov. Lewis.

He also called for a moment of silence to remember the fallen service members and families who lost a loved one to combat.

The Memorial Day event was attended by Adolfo “Harpo” Celaya, a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and survivor of the U.S.S Indianapolis. Celaya laid a wreath at the Ira, H. Hayes/Iwo Jima memorial to help honor the service members killed in combat.

“[He] joined the Navy when he was 17, after having dropped-out of high school,” said Irene Daniels, Celaya’s caretaker.

Celaya is one of five survivors of the U.S.S Indianapolis. During WWII the U.S.S. Indianapolis was sunk in middle of the South Pacific by a Japanese submarine, while on its way to the Philippines.

Today, Celaya is one of only five living survivors of the U.S.S Indianapolis, residing in his hometown of Florence, Ariz.

Celaya recalled witnessing the raising of the American flag on Mount Suribachi. “I saw the flag go up, I was aboard the U.S.S. Indianapolis when [I] saw it go up, through a pair of binoculars. That’s a memory I will never forget,” said Celaya.

At the time of the flag raising, he did not know Ira Hayes was among the five Marines and one Navy Corpman who raised the flag on Mount Suribachi.

He said in recent years, “I was very fortunate to meet the family of Ira Hayes and the community Hayes came from.”

Members of the Ira H. Hayes Post 84 perform a Memorial Day tribute to service members, who were killed in combat, during a ceremony held at Ira H.Hayes/ Matthew B. Juan Park in Sacaton. Christopher Lomahquaahu/GRAIN

Ira H. Hayes Post 84 Honors Fallen Service Members

Rep. Stanton Tours Gila River Indian Community to Discuss Infrastructure, Education and Vaccinations

Roberto A. Jackson
Communications & Public Affairs Office

Arizona Congressman Greg Stanton visited the Gila River Indian Community on Wednesday, June 2, for a tour and a discussion with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the Governance Center in Sacaton.

Stanton’s stops included the Gila River bridge along the I-10, the site of the new Casa Blanca Community School in District 5 and a tour of one of the Mobile Vaccination Units which have been deployed in the Community for the past month.

Stanton, a Democrat who previously, served as Mayor of Phoenix from 2012 to 2018, he will continue to advocate for the Gila River Indian Community as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona’s 9th District.

“The success of the Gila River Indian Community from a transportation perspective, from an education perspective, from a health care perspective, is not just important to the entire region and state,” said Stanton.

Gov. Lewis said the tour was an informative way for Stanton to see the Community’s innovative approach to using federal dollars.

“Rep. Greg Stanton was very impressed with how the Gila River Indian Community is approaching transportation, education and vaccinations – in particular our use of the Mobile Vaccination Units,” said Gov. Lewis.

Stanton’s tour initially focused on infrastructure with a stop at the Gila River bridge along freeway between Phoenix and Tucson. Representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation and Wild Horse Pass Development Authority were also on hand to join on-site discussions with the congressman.

After a tour of construction of the new Casa Blanca Community School, members from the Office of Emergency Management took Stanton and Gov. Lewis to see a Mobile Vaccination Unit parked outside the Governance Center. The tour allowed the Executive Office where Gov. Lewis and Stanton discussed the Community’s water settlement, the recently signed amended gaming compacts and the progress of the vaccine program in GRIC.

“I trust Governor Lewis and I trust the Community leadership and plan to continue to be an advocate for as long as I can,” said Stanton.
### COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY

#### JUNE 2021 SCHEDULE

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**Save The Date**

Services opening June 21st

For further information, please call GRHC at (520) 562-3321

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**Reminder**

**JULY 4TH CLOSURE**

Gila River Health Care’s Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics will be CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021

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Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449
Huhugam Heritage Center Completes Expansion of Cultural Exhibits

Emma Hughes  
Gila River Indian News

While the official reopening date has not yet been set, the substantially renovated Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC) is hoping to safely reopen to the public later this fall 2021.

HHC along with Tribal Projects Department, DWL Architects + Planners, Canyonmede Design Group, Digiscara and Pimmes Contracting completed renovations to its museum building in January of 2020, a project that took nearly five years. HHC held an open house for the Community in January and had plans to showcase the new building to the public – including hosting an Elder’s Day event – but all that was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’s given us time to prepare and get ready,” said Shirley Jackson, Director of the HHC. “We are planning on coming back, it’s going to be slow, it may not be what everyone expects, but of course we want to be safe when doing so.”

Jackson has worked at HHC from its early days, serving over the years as the museum’s historian, curator and archivist. When the pandemic hit, said Jackson, HHC had to research to find guidance for appropriate health and safety procedures specific to museums.

HHC staff worked together with the four sister tribes, meeting to share events and ideas. Jackson said the museum has put in place physical distance markers, plexiglass between staff and visitors, hand sanitizing stations. Disposable masks are also likely to be used.

When HHC does re-open and continues its programs, said Jackson, the museum hopes to do so in a significant way, including plans to resume the “First Friday” event that was popular in bringing together artists, food vendors, music and more.

During the pandemic, HHC has been utilizing social media extensively. The museum has been using its Instagram account to release the “O’otham word of the day.” HHC recently began sharing a series of videos on their Facebook page.

The videos provide a virtual tour of the museum’s exhibits, sharing the rich history and culture of the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh. The exhibits include jewelry, pottery, baskets, carved stones and tools, and more.

Work has been completed on the Huhugam Heritage Center expansion project, which was finished last year.

Emma Hughes/GRIN

Photos from Memorial Day Story on front page.

Adolfo “Harpo” Celaya a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and survivor of the U.S.S Indianapolis, lays a wreath at the Ira H. Hayes/Matthew B. Juan Park on Memorial Day. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a temporary program and will end when funds run out or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency.

**If your household is eligible you can receive**

- **Tribal Benefit** - Up to a $75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands.
- **Device Discount** - A one-time discount of $100 for a GRTI laptop with a required co-payment of $50.

**How do I qualify for the program?**

- Have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Participate in an assistance program, such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, or Lifeline, etc.
- Participate in one of several Tribal specific programs.
- Approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year.
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below $99,000 for single filers and $198,000 for joint filer.

**Three Ways to Apply**

- **Apply Online**
  Fill out the online application at GetEmergencyBroadband.org

- **Apply by Mail**
  Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:
  Emergency Broadband Support Center
  P.O. Box 7081
  London, KY 40742

- **Apply at GRTI**
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**Gila River Indian News**

**June 8, 2021**

**Jr. Miss Gila River, Statewide Tribal Royalty Lead Panel On Mental Health**

**Kyle Knox**  
**Gila River Indian News**

Observing May as Mental Health Awareness Month, Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson completed a series of three presentations focused on mental health for the Community. The series, which wrapped up on May 27, included a roundtable discussion featuring tribal royalty from around the state and a presentation on O’otham culture and mental health.

“I hope these presentations give those of you who may struggle with mental health,” said Jackson. “It is okay to ask for help because if you do, you’ll find a better, positive, and healthier version of yourself mentally.”

Jackson championed this mental health awareness effort with the support of the Miss Gila River Committee. The sessions were co-hosted by Miss Gila River Alysse Marrietta, along with more than 25 participants joining the virtual discussion.

Panelists for the tribal royalty session included Miss Indian Arizona Army Spotted Wolf (Tohono O’odham Nation); Ms. Indigenous ASU Lourdes Pereira (Tohono O’odham Nation/Hispanic); Mr. Indigenous 1st Attendant Randy Long (Navajo Nation); and Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Macey Ortega. The panelists discussed a range of topics, from building a support system to the need for addressing one’s mental health resources, breaking negative stigmas surrounding mental health disorders, finding strength in one’s culture and practices, and identifying and addressing sources that may challenge an individual’s mental health.

GRIC Tribal Education Department Cultural Coordinator Anthony Gray led the conversation on the cultural aspects. Participants submitted questions prompting the discussion, allowing the panel members to discuss their own experiences and observations about mental health.

Gray highlighted various O’otham cultural practices frequently used to help individuals who have suffered trauma or a distressing situation and he shared how trauma, war and combat can take a toll on the mind and body.

Gray said specific O’otham ceremonies to address these situations can require fasting, smudging, and seclusion.

Miss Gila River Alysse Marrietta thanked Gray for his insight into tribal healing.

“I am so grateful to Anthony Gray for passing on this cultural knowledge to us,” said Marietta. “We have our own way of healing and I’ve learned so much about specific cultural practices found within our own Akimel O’otham himdag.”

**Gila River Indian Community Continues Deployment of Mobile Vaccine Units on Memorial Day Weekend**

**Emma Hughes**  
**Gila River Indian News**

As COVID-19 positive case numbers decline in the Community, efforts to get Tribal members vaccinated continue to ramp up on multiple fronts. Currently, 42 percent of GRIC members who reside within the Community’s boundaries have been vaccinated.

The Tribal Health Department, the Office of Emergency Management, Gila River Health Care, and the Community Services Department have been working together to deploy the Community’s new fleet of eight Mobile Vaccination Units (MVU) to deliver vaccines.

“The mobile vaccination units are doing their work very directly and very fast to the Community,” said Candalarian Preston, Director for Tribal Health Department at an MVU event in District 2 on May 22. “We’re no longer asking the Community to come to us, we’re coming to them. They can walk out their door and get vaccinated. That’s the whole purpose here.”

Recent statistics show that the number of new COVID-19 cases among Community members and employees dropped dramatically in the month of May. The Community reported just 15 new COVID cases in the month of May, with just two new cases occurring last week, according to statistics released by the Tribal Health Department.

“We still are experiencing positive cases in our community,” however they’re not as (frequent) as they were a few months ago. “We’ve seen decreases over the (last) few weeks.”

The MVU has been traveling throughout the Community during parts of the week and weekends. The units have visited all seven districts and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

The MVU can be set up to accommodate multiple people at a time to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. In the future, the vehicles can also be used to deliver health services to GRIC members and those living within the GRIC boundaries.

The unit itself is a blessing, that it’s mobile and we can get it to go where we need to go and that people are able to get vaccinations as it travels throughout the Community,” said Councilwoman Carol Schurz, who stopped an MVU event in District 2.

Greater availability of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has further expanded the eligibility to individuals 12 years and older. The Moderna and single dose Johnson vaccine remain available to those 18-years and older.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antoine attended an MVU event held in District 5 at St. Peter Mission School on May 23. Lt. Gov. Antoine emphasized the importance of getting vaccinated as the state begins to ease back on COVID-19 restrictions and more places open to the public, including schools.

Incentives have been provided by the districts at the MVU events, including t-shirts, face masks, gift cards, and non-perishable foods such as flour, rice and beans.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis recently announced the “Community Non-Profit Vaccine Incentive Program,” which offers federal funding to non-profits that host the MVU. Each non-profit host receives $100 per vaccination. St. Peter Mission School and the St. Peter Mission Church on the Westend of the Community.

**The MVU was posted in District 7 Maricopa Colony last weekend on May 29. Emma Hughes/GRIN**

John Baptist Church were among the first non-profits to participate, receiving more than $3,000. Non-profits who administer the most vaccines are eligible for additional funding.

Standing vaccination sites like the
Department of Public Works Annual Water Quality Report 2020

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • May 19, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER
The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, May 19, 2021, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Lt. Governor Monica Antone

ROLL CALL
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Solomon R. Lewis (1:48)

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:
D1: Joey Whitman, Azie Hogg, D2: Carol Schrutz, D3: Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4: Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith; D5: James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Thomas White; D6: Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7: Devlin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
D4: Victor Franklin

D5: Brian Davis, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #6 THROUGH #9, #12, AND #14; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, AND #4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS PRESENTED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Introduction – Human Resources Department
Jacob Bouie, Jr.

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Jacob Bouie, Jr.

MR. BOUIE, JR. PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND IN HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE MILITARY. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY.

REPORTS

>1. GRAM Great Call Rapid Response System 2nd Quarter Report

Presenters: Mike Merc, Jim Myers; Board Members

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Quarter 2 Blackwater Community School Construction

Grant Report

Presenter: Djagish Sharma

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services – Second Quarter Grant Narrative Report of Activities

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

REPORT HEARD

4. DV Assessment Annual Report, Tribal Social Services

Presenters: Trina Hart, Faron Humeyumptewa; Joaquin Mendoza; District 5 – Wahlean J. Riggs; District 6 – Anthony Santiago

OPENING COMMUNICATION/Awareness Plan (H&SSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

>5. Certification of the Gila River Indian Community 2021 Annual Account (HS&C forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept)

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GRIC Students Recognized for Academic Achievements During Chief Azul Award Ceremony

Students from across the Gila River Indian Community were recognized for their academic achievements during the annual Chief Azul Scholar & Citizenship Virtual Awards on May 21. The event was held virtually through Zoom and included speeches from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone and Tribal Education Director Isaac Salcido.

“I am extremely proud of your accomplishments. To be nominated for such a special award speaks volumes of the kind of student [you] are. The kind of year that you have experienced is like no other. With all the challenges you have gone through this past year, you have become stronger,” said Miss Gila River, Alyse Marrriott.

Gov. Lewis shared his remarks on the occasion, “You have dedicated yourselves to becoming a Chief Azul Citizenship scholar. These are definitely distinctions. I hope you will always remember, that you were a part of this important recognition.”

Gov. Lewis said the Chief Azul award is a very special recognition bestowed upon students who exhibit leadership qualities and service to their community by being an example to others. “The Chief Antonio Azul awards are very special, to be recognized for such a prestigious award,” said Gov. Antone. “I encourage all of the students to keep pushing towards their education as they advance to the next grade and bigger opportunities.”

Chief Azul awards are very special, to be recognized for such a prestigious award. It’s about leadership, it’s about being of service to your community and giving back,” said Gov. Lewis. He thanked all of the TED employees and advisors for their hard work for organizing the virtual event and for their efforts in assisting students throughout the pandemic.

Gov. Lewis said, “I also want to thank our K-12 advisors, who have been tirelessly working with our surrounding communities to keep the channels of communication open, especially during the pandemic, that we are almost through.”

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone shared her support for the awardees and nominees for the Chief Azul Scholar and Citizenship awards. Lt. Gov. Antone said, “I encourage all of the students to keep pushing towards their education as they advance to the next grade and bigger opportunities. I know it can be hard with the challenges, but you have to be that role model, to your siblings and family. You are a gift to the Community.”

Salcido said he was proud of all the students who were awarded and nominated for the Chief Azul awards. “We know all the effort that went into their success. It took the support of the Community and the leadership of the Community, all the work that was done in our schools and by families throughout this pandemic, including the hard work of keeping everybody safe through testing and other programs. I want to really extend my appreciation for all that excellent work.”

Lt. Gov. Antone said that she “tips her hat off” to the students’ success and what they have been able to accomplish during the pandemic attending virtual learning sessions and completing hybrid curriculums. “We have to thank your families, parents, grandparents and guardians and most of all the teachers who are committed to your academic success,” said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Below, are the 2021 Chief Azul & Citizenship Award winners:

- 6th Grade - Anisa Haili Trevino
- 5th Grade - Lyn Gonzales
- 4th Grade - Bree Ann Brooks
- 3rd Grade - Michelle Thomas Jacob
- 2nd Grade - Anaya Gonzales
- 1st Grade - Cheerie Kisto
- 7th Grade - Angel Marquez
- 8th Grade - Leyton Duran
- 9th Grade - Daniel Eble
- 10th Grade - Angel Marquez
- 11th Grade - Aaron Foote
- 12th Grade - Mary Elias

Undergraduate College Students

- Thomas Jacob
- Cortez

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Notice of Public Scoping for an Environmental Assessment for the Riggs Road Storage Project in District 4 of the Gila River Indian Community

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pine Agency and the Gila River Indian Community (Community) are releasing this notice in support of an environmental assessment for the proposed Riggs Road Storage Project project in District 4 of the Community. The project would be a new mini-storage and recreational vehicle (RV), truck, and contractor storage facility.

The project proponent (Riggs Road Storage, LLC) has submitted a commercial lease application to the BIA for the development of a new mini-storage and RV, truck, and contractor storage facility on approximately 20 acres of allotted lands within the Community. The project would be located on the north side of Riggs Road approximately 0.25 mile east of the Interstate 10 and Riggs Road traffic intersection.

The project would install multiple mobile storage container units of varying sizes. Construction methods and design styles would meet industry standards for similar facilities. The site design would blend the property with the storage containers, acting as a “hence around the property. The exterior of the containers facing Riggs Road would be finished in stucco to conceal the appearance of containers and screen the storage area. Multiple covered and uncovered parking areas would be located in the center of the project area where boats and recreational vehicles would be stored. The total project features would include the 144-foot- high covered parking areas, which would be separated by driveways. The project would include approximately 2,000 square feet of office space. Site vegetation would be cleared and finished to existing grade with some paved areas, some graded areas, and areas of decorative landscaping. Security lighting would be installed facing downward where possible. The facility would be open during normal daytime business hours. For security, the project site would be fully fenced and kept locked during off-hours. The project would create a new driveway off of Riggs Road as the site ingress/egress point, but no alterations to travel lanes are planned. Construction is expected to take 6 months. Vehicle access along Riggs Road would be maintained throughout construction; however, traffic could experience occasional extended temporary delays. No transportation detours or changes in access are anticipated. The purpose of the project is to develop a new mini-storage and RV, truck, and contractor storage facility to serve this portion of the Community, as well as the more heavily developed communities nearby. The 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 increase lease revenues for the Community for economic growth and increase lease revenues for the Community.
# Tribal Recreation & Wellness

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## Elder Zoom Class
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 8am  
Meeting ID: 86546829343  
To be added to the ZOOM adult and elder workout email list, please email Brandon.Begay@gRIC.NSN.US

## Gym Hours of Operation:
Mon-Thurs  
6am - 7:30pm  
Fridays  
6am - 5:00pm

## Appointment Blocks are Set, Call for More Info.

**No Walk Ins! Gym Use is by Appointment Only**  
Call 520-562-2026 or 520-610-4996

## Stay Up to Date on Events!

**Virtual Summer Wellness Series:** Registration opens: June 07 at 8am, closes June 22 at 5pm!  
**Sports:** Coaches Corner Videos via Facebook at 5pm Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays.  
**Nutrition:** Mondays: Blender Salsa Series at 6:30pm  
Wednesdays: Recipe of the Day at 12pm  
Fridays: Recipe videos at 12pm.

To be added to our email list for up to date information please email us at: Wellness.Center@gRIC.NSN.US

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**Fitness Questions? Call (520) 562-2026**  
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