

Luncheon Honors Purple Heart Recipients

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community's (GRIC) Veterans & Family Services Office (VFSO) hosted a Purple Heart Luncheon at the District 4 Service Center on Aug. 7 to honor veterans and family members of deceased veterans with honorary plaques, challenge coins and food provided by Dewski's Frybread.

The Purple Heart medal, initially created as the Badge of Merit in 1782, is the oldest military decoration and is presented to those that have been wounded or killed in combat. Purple Heart Day on Aug. 7 is a national day to recognize sacrifices made by military members.

"Thank you to all of the veterans for serving our country, for our people, for our families, for our children and for our honor," said Lt. Gov. Monica Antone in her opening address at the luncheon.

This was the second year that GRIC hosted a Purple Heart Community" event. The Military Order of the Purple Heart – Department

of Arizona, part of a national organization for combat-wounded veterans, first recognized GRIC as a "Purple Heart Community" in a ceremony on Aug. 26, 2022.

At the luncheon, the honor bell rang 62 times as the name of each deceased veteran was announced and their families were given Purple Heart challenge coins.

Also, the eight surviving veterans' names were called and they were given Purple Heart challenge coins as well as wooden service plaques created by Community artist Earlton Lewis.

"I like to see the smiles on the veterans and family members' faces knowing that they've been recognized for their contribution that they've given while they were in the military," said Eric White, VFSO coordinator a U.S. Marine Corps retiree who was a Master Gunnery Sergeant.

White and his team provide 24-hour services to the veterans in the Community. They assist with disability resources and service-connected pension plans and help family members with funeral head markers for deceased service



Purple heart award recipients Franklin Jensen Sr., Bruce Hutchinson, and Gary Rodriguez stand with commemorative wooden plaques honoring their service on Aug. 7. CPAO photo

members

"I think this was a good event because it may have given some closure to family members know-

ing that their loved ones have been recognized as a Purple Heart recipient from the Community," White said.

More photos on Page 3

TED in-service inspires GRIC educators and administrators

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

On Friday, Aug. 11, the Tribal Education Department hosted its 19th annual Teacher In-Service titled "Elevate Our Vision & Voice." The in-service gathers school educators and administrators from



across the Community for a day of bridging the learning divide or learnings focused on culture and language, special education, early childhood, social-emotional learning, and more.

Over 500 teachers and administrators registered for this year's one-day in-service at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass.

TED Director Isaac Salcido stated that this year's theme is a call to action for educators, administrators, and support staff to raise their expectations, dare to see beyond the horizon and speak the truth loudly.

Naomi Miguel, from the Tohono O'odham Nation, served as the keynote speaker for the event. Miguel is the Executive Director nity, and our future." for the White House Initiative on Advancing Education Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities. During her remarks, Miguel highlighted the numerous initiatives the U.S. Dept. of Education is undertaking to ensure American Indian students receive the support required for success. Many initiatives currently focus on

pre-pandemic test scores. Recent data demonstrates that, on average, students need an additional four and a half months of classroom instruction to meet those pre-pandemic academic levels.

"They say 'it takes a village to raise a child,' and I think it also takes a whole lot of teachers as well, which includes all of you sitting in this room," said Miguel. "You all have the power to change the lives of our children, and that is an enormous responsibility, but the fact that you're here learning how to refine your teaching skills speaks volumes about your commitment to our students, commu-

This year's in-service gram provided educators with several learning tracks designed to give administrators and teachers the tools to enhance their teaching performance and foster the understanding of GRIC culture to maximize their students' success. The motivational speaker, educator, and comedian Mitch Factor returned for this year's in-service. Factor is Seminole and Menominee and has a history



School administrators and staff from across the Community meet as one for a session focused on the 2023-24 school year. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Keynote speaker Naomi Miguel shares the work she and the White House are engaged in to support Native students' success. Kyle Knox/GRIN

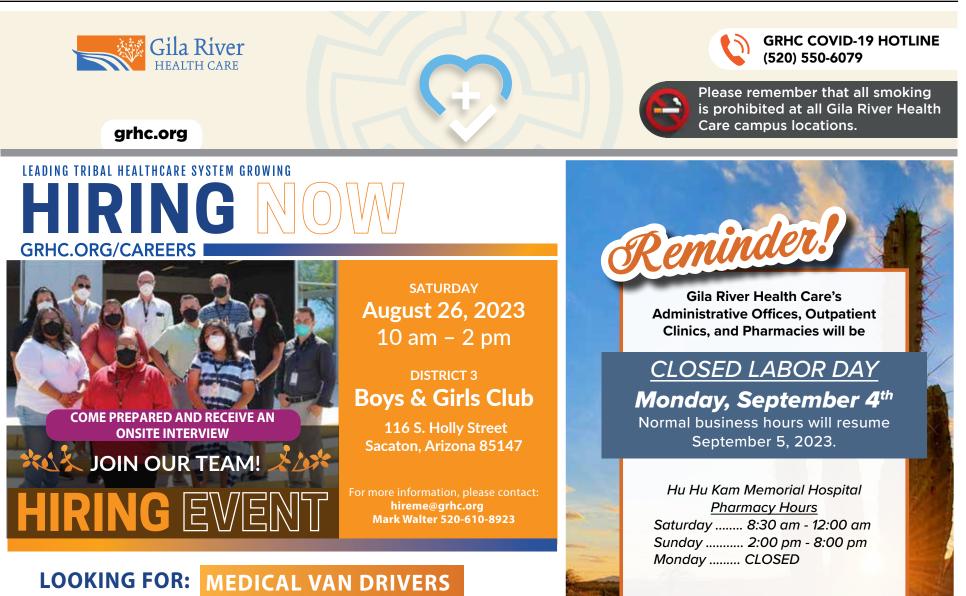
of 25 plus years of working within the Tribal Head Start programs and has served as a presenter and speaker for organizations across Indian Country in similar settings.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone attended the opening session and shared a welcome address. Both acknowledged the critical role teachers play in the lives of GRIC students and encouraged them to carry on ahead," said Gov. Lewis.

this next school year with compassion and dignity.

"Using water as a metaphor, teachers are leaders, and your leadership ripples out from the students to our villages and districts throughout our Community so I want to thank you all for being here today I hope you all take away something new that inspires you for the new school year

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More photos from Purple Heart luncheon





coin and wooden plaque by Eric White, USMC MGySgt retiree and coordinator for the Veterans & Family Services Office. Velia on Aug. 7 in District 4. Velia Moncada/GRIN Moncada/GRIN

Bruce Hutchinson is presented with a purple heart challenge Family members of fallen veterans stand together after being issued a purple heart challenge coin at the Purple Heart Luncheon



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One Way Sky goes unplugged at Heard Museum's First Friday

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Local Arizonans know that Downtown Phoenix is the best place to join the art scene on the first Friday of the month. Art muse-



Adrian D Thomas, opens the performance inside the Museums gallery of Velia O'otham artistry. Moncada/GRIN

This year the Indigenous Journalist Association (IJA), formerly known as the Native American Journalist Association (NAJA), as of Aug. 11, 2023, hosted

their National Native Media

Conference in Winnipeg,

Canada, at the RBC Convention Centre. The GRIN

news staff was fortunate to

attend this three-day experience and benefit from what the conference offered.

Conference Sessions ranged

with various resources to

assist journalists working in

Indigenous media. The top-

ics covered included news-

room staff wellness and

conversations surrounding

Indigenous communities, to

son Christopher Lomahqua-

hu was recognized at the

conference as the second

annual Arizona State Uni-

versity's Walter Cronkite

Former GRIN newsper-

name a few.

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ums are open to the public from District 5, serves as among the O'otham and One Way Sky band mem- evening the audience enpast their regular hours and One Way Sky's lead sing- putting our own [Art] piece bers Cody Bruguier, from joyed their performance waive the entry fees on that er and rhythm guitarist. selected day of the month. Before their performance, The Heard Museum also Thomas opened the art talk takes part in that model on session inside the museum's First Fridays, exposing art area featuring O'otham art enthusiasts to the renowned establishment that contains a mixture of new and old journey in music has helped styles of American Indian me heal through a lot of artistry and history.

newest installment, "Heard Unplugged," featured the up-and-rising Community four-piece indie-rock band, One Way Sky. The "Unplugged" program featured an artist talk and performance in the Steele Auditorium, allowing the band to perform an array of original music, both electric and acoustic.

GRIN attends IJA Media Conference

in their main exhibit area.

"Me, personally, my trauma that I've experienced On Aug. 4, the Heard's in my life," said Thomas to the audience. Thomas also acknowledged the complex life stories woven into the art around him found in the exhibit of O'otham art and basketry. Similarly, he and his band members try to express themselves creatively by incorporating their stories within their music and lvrics.

"Being in this room Adrian D Thomas, feels serene, like being

to the puzzle," said Lo- the Tohono O'odham Namayokva Manuel from Dis- tion, and Manuel shared trict 3. Manuel serves as a how they formed their band. vocalist and the bass play- "He [Thomas] messaged er for One Way Sky. He me, and he's like, 'Yo, you connects him to the O'oth- er. Thomas and Bruguier am culture because music met in high school while has always been a critical learning to play instrupart of the culture. Manuel ments. Bruguier said that, also shared that music gives he knew, a group would be a sense of healing, and the formed eventually, given band conveys good medi- their shared passion for mucine to their listeners.

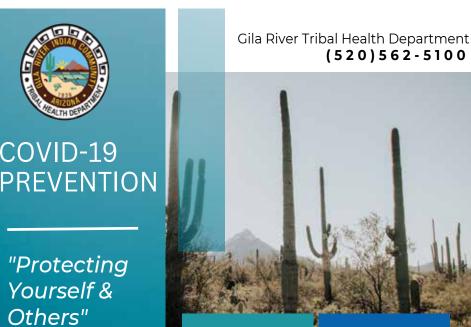
mentioned that his music want to jam," said Bruguisic

that showcased One Way Sky's Indigenous influence through a blend of dreamy sounds and thoughtful lyrics. Inside the Steele Auditorium One Way Sky played before a packed audience filled with fans and museum attendees that featured their latest hit, "Indian Route 15." Then rounding out the night they played an acoustic encore within the museum's hallway for a more intimate

For the rest of the and closed session. During the artist talk,



One Way Sky performs on stage inside the Steele Auditorium Friday Aug. 4 Velia Moncada/GRIN



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work, he aspires to empowmore about how state and federal governments impact Indian Country.

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well-being with a more hoage of "reconciliation."

Anchorwoman from "There ABC News, Charly Edsitty that, you can consider jour- Communities. Each shared first-hand knowledge and lessons of what it takes, as With technology con- a writer, to cover stories of stantly changing and media every topic. Both stressed advancing simultaneously, the need for journalists to the conference provided approach and tell their stoinsightful sessions on how ries in a way that genuinely Google tools have trans- represents the subject and formed research for mod- consider how one might ern journalists. Indigenous want their own story told as keynote speakers from dif- a subject and not only as a ferent media news outlets journalist. Another critical factor was acknowledging experience covering news that not all rural communiin native communities. "We ties have access to the interare trying to exist just as net, so that's another hurdle that might impede a story. As a journalist, the People," said Anna McKen- IJA conference was an expezie (Cree from the Opask- rience that has helped trans-

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School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Native American Journalists Association and ICT fellow. Lomahquahu is attending Arizona State University, pursuing a Master's



Velia Moncada at the 2023 IJA conference Aug. 10. Velia Moncada/GRIN

nalism as a field of interest," said Lomahquahu.

shared their knowledge and people without being radical and just exist as Native wayak Cree Nation) editor, form a staff's perspective on for IndigiNews. In her re- handling topics regarding marks on newsroom well- Indigenous communities ness, McKenzie encourages and their stories nationwide.



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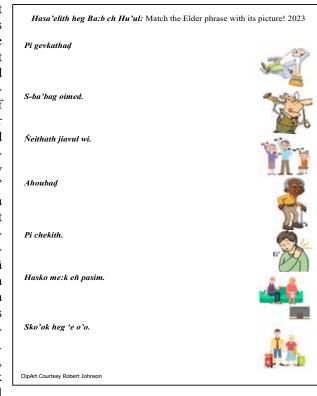
Submission by Huhugam Heritage Center

There comes a time in the lives of O'otham when we enter our Golden Years at the age of fifty. Some communities recognize an individual as a senior citizen at the age of fifty-five and are entitled to certain services by their communities. This group of O'otham called Kekel as a group, Keli for an elder

male (some prefer Ba:b or Vosk) and Hu'ul or Ka:k for an elder female. There are certain conditions or phrases that are associated with this age group. One phrase often heard concerning our elders is "Ge'e haichu s-amchuth." (To have thorough knowledge of a subject, or multiple subjects). Many elders retain over 80 years of knowledge and life experiences. They are willing to

share their life experiences through "Haichu a'aga:" (To tell about things, stories of life). One phrase often spoken to younger generations was "Haichu 'o 'e ju: s-pehegim 'o s-hasigam." (You can do things the easy way, or the hard way). This phrase often repeated when taught how to fell a mesquite tree quickly and efficiently. This especially applicable when taught to create a V notch and not a U notch to cut down the tree. Of course, this phrase applied to all other learning situations throughout our lives. This phrase became very important when learning to perform work that involved continuous physical labor such as turning up the soil of our enormous spring garden. One phrase often spoken, as Kekel talk among themselves is "Pi gevkatad." (To not be as strong as they used to be.) There comes a time when we take into consideration and plan our retirement from our careers. The life-changing phrase

is "Ha'as chipk." (To quit work-retire.) Over the years and most recently we have witnessed the retirement of many fine O'otham and Pee-Posh whom have contributed a great amount of time and knowledge to their companies, departments and organizations. After retirement some O'otham enjoy what is called "Ahoubad" (To finally get rest, take a break.) When asked what they would do after retirement a few Elders responded with the sentences: "Mañ s-sho:hith mantho ñeithath jiavul wi!" (I like to watch television.) In other word's they will be binge watching their favorite programs. Another Elder stated that, "Mañ so:hith hasko me:k eñ pasim." (I like to travel far!) Indeed, they will certainly have the time for it. We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them with your family members. Speak with a Kekel or speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases, as they might be



villages. This month's word match will test your knowledge of phrases used to address the next stages of life as Kekel and retirees.

A special Thank You to community Elders whom shared their knowledge

slightly different between about Ha'as chipk that made this article possible. Additional source related from 'A Pima Past' Anna Moore Shaw, University of Arizona Press, 1974.

> Word Match Solution on Page 9

Indigenous Peoples Caucus celebrates new Northern Arizona national monument

Submission Arizona House Democrats

GRAND CANYON--Members of the Indigenous Peoples Caucus praised President Joe Biden's long-awaited designation of the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni - Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canvon National Monument in Arizona. The new national monument will pro-

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tect nearly 1 million acres day's event where President an Peshlakai. "We need to who worked so hard, for

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ing the Grand Canyon, but yon." for all other people as well, now here to protect them. We're so happy the President came out and made it a monument, and we're na and Bears Ears in Utah. thankful to all the people

protect the sacred elements. so long, to make it happen. We're just happy for the In- This is for all people to endigenous people surround- joy the serenity of the Can-

Rep. Tsosie said it was all walks of life, animals, a highly emotional experiplants. Those are sacred ence witnessing the monbeings themselves. We are ument's designation, especially after setbacks under the Trump Administration to protect Oak Flat in Arizo-"This sends a message

about how the Biden Administration is taking into account sacred lands, sacred sites, our culture and our history so it can pass on to the next generation," Rep. Tsosie said. "Not just here but across the country. This administration, under the Antiquities Act, is using their power to finally give Indigenous voices a place at the table in the White House."



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Arizona tribal members seek sobriety, instead find fraud

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

In May, Arizona state and tribal officials addressed the issue of fraudulent Medicaid providers and the exploitation of tribal members through the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

"For years, these providers have been allegedly defrauding the state millions of dollars while creating a large-scale humanitarian crisis that disproportionately affects Arizona's tribal communities," said Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs. She announced that the Governor's Office approved a full audit of claims going as far back as 2019 and that AHCCCS has halted payment to over 100 providers.

AHCCCS is the state's Medicaid program, providing healthcare services to low-income individuals. Fraudulent operators have devised schemes to exploit AHCCCS by enrolling Native American patients and billing for services that are either unnecessary or were never provided.

Tribal members are targeted by these residential facilities with promises of food, shelter and treatment for behavioral health or substance abuse. But often, these facilities are unlicensed and unregulated rental homes with sometimes dangerous conditions, including allowing continued drug and alcohol abuse by so-called patients.

These spurious operators have recruited tribal members throughout the state and have coerced some to recruit even more tribal members. They are transported from reservations to the Valley and often placed in unfamiliar locations where they have no way of returning or contacting home.

Many are reported as missing, and the practice is considered modern-day human trafficking.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, a member of the state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Task Force, shared how this crisis has personally affected her. Last year in December, she was notified that her niece, who had been missing, was found deceased in the living room of what appeared to be a fraudulent sober living house.

"It took us two days to find her, because what they're also doing is taking them straight to the mortuary instead of the coroner's office," said Lt. Gov. Antone.

Tribal communities have been combating the issue through collaborative endeavors involving law enforcement agencies, tribal governments and healthcare organizations.

Several measures have been implemented, including increased scrutiny and enhanced regulation of sober living homes, stricter enrollment standards for AHCCCS providers and improved oversight to detect fraudulent activities promptly.

Following the state's action to investigate these claims, the Navajo Nation launched "Operation Rainbow Bridge" to address the crisis that has affected and displaced thousands of its tribal members. The website and app include a searchable database of terminated and suspended providers and a "find me" function for displaced relatives to report their location.

Arizona's 2-1-1 information and referral services program is also available to assist AHCCCS American Indian Health Program members. By calling 211, you can request assistance or report any fraud or abuse by a provider, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



ATTENTION:

- Community members and individuals from other tribes have reported being approached in the Community by solicitors or recruiters from facilities commonly known as "sober homes" or "group homes."
- Community members reported being offered transportation to these facilities and once there, they reported having difficulty returning home or contacting their families and falling victim to criminal activities in these fraudulent facilities.

What we know about these scammers

- "Recruiters" may offer the following:
- Regular meals Shelter
- Transportation
- Other monetary items

Red flags to look out for

- Direct in-person solicitation
- Unfamiliar or suspicious van

If you or a family member are in need of substance abuse services or mental health, please contact Gila River Health Care Behavioral Health Services at **520-562-3321 ext. 7100.**

If a "recruiter" approaches you or a family member, you are encouraged to call the Gila River Police Department at **(520) 562-4511.**



Gila River

Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer to Launch on PBS Affiliates

Award-winning documentary to air nationwide beginning November 2023

Submission Family Theater Productions

Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer, a film about Blackfeet Lady Griz basketball player Malia Kipp, will launch on PBS affiliates across the United States beginning November 2023. The half-hour film debuted at the Big Sky Film Festival in Missoula, Montana, last February, and is from the Emmy® Award winproducer/director/ ning writer Megan Harrington, who produced The House That Rob Built about long time University of Montana women's basketball coach Robin Selvig and his powerhouse Lady Griz team. Malia Kipp blazed a heroic and inspiring trail for other Native girls. Each year in the U.S., nearly 5,000 high-school girls' basketball players earn a full-ride Division I scholarship. In 1992, Malia was the only Native American to receive

the prestigious award. Described by the late chief of the Blackfeet Nation as "a warrior," Malia faced challenges living in two worlds but carried her burden with resilience, grace, and grit.

"Native Ball is a powerful and poignant film... An inspiration not just to Indigenous youth alone, Malia's presence breaks through the screen, speaking powerful truths we must consider. My students loved the film and couldn't stop asking questions or sharing insights," said Dylan Huisken, 2019 Teacher of the Year, Bonner Middle School, Montana. Native Ball will also be available to stream via PBS. org or the PBS app beginning November 2023. (Exact date to be determined.) You will be hearing more about Native Ball in October.



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Adam Geisler (La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians) President & COO



Outreach meetings offer glimpse of the 2024 GRIC Budget

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

The Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor, Office of Treasurer, and Office of Community Manager hosted two budget outreach meetings for Community members.

Two consecutive meetings took place to present the proposed budget for the upcoming 2024 fiscal year, on Aug. 9 and 10, the first at the Multi-Purpose Building in District 1 and the second at the District 7 Service Center.

The last outreach meetings were held in 2019 - before the COVID-19 pandemic, and have not occurred since then.

The FY2024 was presented for the first time by Gary Mix, Community Treasurer since he was appointed to the position in 2022. Mix briefed Community members with an overview of the budget through a PowerPoint presentation while answering any questions and concerns, along with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, who also addressed questions from the Community.



Community Treasurer Gary T. Mix presents the fiscal year 2024 budget at the first outreach meeting in District 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Gov. Lewis joins Arizona Gov. Hobbs for signing of SB 1102

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis joined Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs and a bipartisan group of fellow state, tribal, and local elected officials, business and community leaders for the signing of Senate Bill 1102, which will send Prop 400 to the ballot.

expand local businesses.

good-paying jobs, we will for our state."

Investments in Prop have greater resources to 400 aim to secure the state's invest in things like educafuture economic growth by tion, healthcare, and houscreating hundreds of thou- ing, and Arizona will be in sands of jobs and will help a position to be America's economic future. I know it Arizona Gov. Hobbs wasn't always easy, but our stated, "With these invest- constituents will be better ments, Arizonans will have off because we put partisanincreased opportunities for ship aside and got this done



A MESSAGE REGARDING FY24 COMMUNITY BUDGET

This afternoon, the Community Council passed the FY2024 Operating and Capital Budget Resolutions, funding our government operations and essential programs. <u>Specifically, I want to highlight that the Council</u> included full annual funding for the Gila River Health Care Corporation to continue the following programs:

Eyeglasses | Hearing Aids | Alternative Therapies

Additionally, the Council also increased the funding for the Dental Orthodontics program. As you may recall these programs were fully funded by Tobacco Tax; however, due to a decrease in Tobacco Tax revenue the programs could not be funded from this source. Thankfully, the Community Council identified funding through savings in other areas of the budget, thus continuing these essential programs.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis





VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

- FACE Co-Teacher (1) Starting @ \$17.14
- Instructional Assistants (12) Starting @ \$17.14
- Elementary Teachers (8) DOE
- Interventionist (Math & Reading) DOE



Mayor of Mesa John Giles, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis during the signing ceremony for SB 1102. Emma Hughes/GRIN

- Long-term Substitute Teachers (1) DOE
- Science Teacher (1) DOE
- Teacher Assistant (2) Starting @ \$15.22
- Bus Monitor (2) Starting @ \$15.22
- Parent Liaison (1) DOE
- Receptionist/Registrar (1) Starting @ \$17.14
- Administrative Assistant (HR) (1) Starting @ \$19.30
- Accounts Payable (1) Starting @ \$19.30
- Bus Driver (1) Starting @ \$23.53
- Food Service Worker (1) Starting @ \$15.22
- Desktop Specialist (1) Starting @ \$18.19

School Information:

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

How to apply:

ation and online application please visit: www.cbcschools.com

Contact Information & School Location:

For additional information regarding a position, contact the Human Resources Office at (520) 315-3489 ext. 2531. Casa Blanca Community School is located at 5297 West Nelson Road, Bapchule, Arizona.



Casa Blanca Community Schoo

Updated 08/09/2023

- BONUS:
 - Sign-On Bonus of \$2,000 (prorated)
- Hard-to-Fill Bonus of \$4,000 (may apply to some positions)

(All positions are open until filled)

After years of service, **Esther Manuel retires**

Velia Moncada

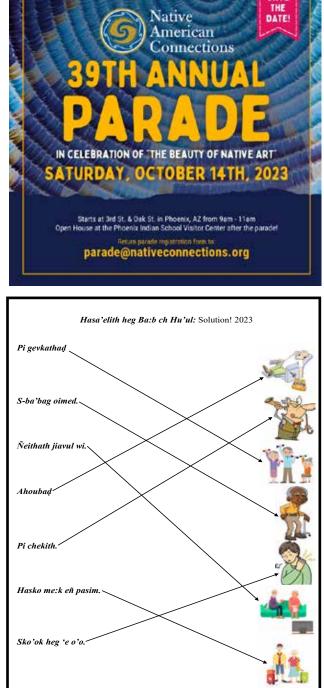
Gila River Indian News

During the second regular monthly meeting of the Community Council on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, the retirement of Esther Manuel, General Manager of Lone Butte Development L.L.C., was announced.

Manuel's family joined GRIC leadership and Community Council in expressing gratitude as she concludes her time with the Community. Everyone in attendance wished her well as she enters a new chapter in her life as a retiree.



Esther Manuel on Aug. 16 at the Community Council meeting where she announced her retirement. Velia Moncada/GRIN





Esther Manuel, members of her family, and GRIC council members at the council chambers on Aug. 16. Velia Moncada/GRIN





Construction oversite & concerns: Jeff Jordan • Project Manager Phone: 520-610-1344 Email: Jeffrey.Jordan@gric.nsn.us

Komatke Office

520-796-4555

Phone:

DEPARTMENT OF **COMMUNITY HOUSING** PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to serve as formal public notice regarding local construction.

It is recommended to seek alternate routes to limit access for local traffic and emergency vehicles only.

Beginning: August 28, 2023

ClipArt Courtesy Robert Johnso

Estimated Completion: December 20, 2023

LOCATION: Lone Butte

• 3 units in Lone Butte Sub-Division

 Follow communication info Sacaton Office Phone: 520-562-3904

> WEBSITE <u>Mygilariver.com/in</u> <u>dex.php/departmen</u>

- Lot #12, 1495 E. Creosote Dr.
- Lot #3, 1570 E. Creosote Dr.
- Lot #2, 1587 E. Creosote Dr.
- Traffic: Light to heavy

Hours (approximately):

time

 Construction labor 6:00 am

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www.gricready.org

www.ready.gov

For more information please see:

Announcements & Notices

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT TO: LORETTA FELIX, IN THE MATTER OF, GERALD HAYES CASE Number: CY -2022-027 8-ZG A CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING Please take notice thal a **Review Hearing** has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time

set forth below: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Sacaton, AZ. Given under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona. DATED this I0th day of July, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for air quality operating permits for the following facilities:

Facility Name	Facility Type	Permit Action	District
Uhs Kehk Market	Gas Station	Renewal	1
Gila River Service Station	Gas Station	Renewal	3
Akimel Smoke Shop	Gas Station	Renewal	4
Arizona Materials	Concrete Batch Plant	Renewal	4
Casa Blanca Market	Gas Station	Renewal	5
Komatke Market	Gas Station	Renewal	6
40 th & Pecos Gas Station	Gas Station	New	6

Air Contaminants Emitted: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Particulate Matter (PM) Particulate Matter <10 Microns (PM10) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Public Notice Start Date:August 18, 2023Public Notice End Date:September 16, 2023

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the -proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review on the AQP website at:

http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notices.

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to:

Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Ryan Eberle Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2139, Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information or to schedule an in-person review, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 /



GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE RE: Case: Carmen Martinez vs Michelle Gonzales

CASE Number: FM-2023-0036-FJ

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE OR-DERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may ordered. **Answer/Response Hearing** 10th day of October, 2023 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Brianna Rhodes AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road,Sacaton, AZ 85147 DATED Tuesday, August 15, 2023



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 LOCATION: D3 MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS! Open 7/24 GRIC PRIORITY ACCESS ONLY Open to all federally recognized tribes 7/31 REGISTRATION CLOSES: AUGUST 21⁵⁷

AGES 15YRS AND UP WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND PRESENCE



MUST PARTICIPATE IN ALL EVENTS. ORDER IS AS FOLLOWS: SQUAT, BENCH, DEADLIFT

OPEN TO ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL MEMBERS

For more information contact: Javonni Molina Rheanna Jackson Tristan Natani (520) 562-2026

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 SACATON FAIRGROUNDS 5:30PM

Registration Opens: August 7, 2023 Registration Closes: August 25, 2023 or until filled.

ADULT COURSE

Must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe to participate.

Must be 12+yrs or older to participate on the adult course.

Must be of able body to participate in this event.



- Must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe to participate.
- Must be 5+ yrs to 11yrs old to participate on kids course.
- Must be of able body to participate in this event.



INCENTIVES AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS





For more information please call (520) 562-2026

WHAT DO YOU DO...

...if you were **EXPOSED** to someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

Start Precautions Immediately

- Wear a high-quality mask any time you are around others inside your home or indoors in public.
- Start counting from Day 1 Day 1 is the first full day after your last exposure
- Avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.
- Immediately get tested if you begin having any COVID-19 symptoms and isolate.
- Contact your healthcare provider for any questions or concerns.

Continue Precautions for 10 Full Days

- Continue wearing a high-quality mask any time you are around others inside your home or indoors in public.
- Do not go places where you are unable to wear a mask.
- Get tested at least 5 full days after your last exposure even if you don't develop symptoms.
 - If you test negative, still continue taking precautions through day 10.

...if you test **POSITIVE** for COVID-19?



Stay Home

 Do not go outside of the home until you have completed your guarantine time

Quarantine

• Stay inside at home, isolate if possible to avoid getting household members sick.

Wear a mask

 Make sure the mask is well-fitted and highquality, especially if you are around other people (i.e., people in your household).

Improve ventilation

 Ensure that there is airflow throughout the home to help prevent the virus from spreading in the household.

Monitor your symptoms

 If your symptoms get worse notify your healthcare provider.

Clean and sanitize

 Clean and sanitize common household areas/items before and after coming into contact with the infected person.

Practice good hygiene

 Continue to wash your hands often and avoid touching your face.

**Quarantine is a minimum of 5 days, and may be extended by your healthcare provider.

...to help PREVENT catching COVID-19? Wear a mask

- Watch for symptoms
 - If you develop symptoms immediately get tested and isolate
- At any time, if you test positive, guarantine and isolate immediately.

*You can still develop COVID-19 up to 10 days after exposure!

- Physically distance
- Keep areas well ventilated
- Avoid/Limit contact with someone who is ill
- Get vaccinated & Stay up to date with vaccines
- Wash your hands & Avoid touching your face





GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (520) 562 -5100



For more information from the CDC, scan the QR code or contact your healthcare

Aug. 18, 2023

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Aug. 2, 2023

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sa- PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS caton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, August 2, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya **ROLL CALL**

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (9:04) Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celava, Lalena Jackson (9:06);

D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr.

Council Members Present via WebEx:

D5- James De La Rosa

- D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.
- D6- Charles Goldtooth
- D6- Terrance Evans

D7- Devin Redbird (9:23)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD DEANNA ENOS AS THE PRESENTER FOR RESOLUTION #1 AND ADD THE SPECIAL DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNI-TY COUNCIL ELECTION – CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS, ACCEPT THE MATERIAL, AND APPROVE C. Redbird) (LSC forwards to Council for Sunna, Cornelius Lewis, Jacob Antone and

THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Mikeal Anthony Martinez Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela Deanna FICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE Enos

APPROVED ORDINANCES UNFINISHED BUSINESS **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2023 Primary Election Candidates-Certification of Qualifications (LSC motioned to accept the letter of withdraw from Reba R. Manuel and to forwards to the Community Council as FYI) (LSC forwards to Council for Certification of the 2023 Primary Election Candidates for the Office of Associate Judge: Sherri L. Cassa, Christina Rodriguez, Danielle B. Allen, Starlet Jones, Richard Cachola, Charles W. Aragon, Brianna L. Rhodes, Lawanda Pablo, Lucinda M. Nez, Darren Pedro-Martinez, Garren Manuel, Gloria Osife, Gwendolyn P. Morago) (LSC forwards to Council for MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO Certification of the 2023 Primary Election Candidates for the Office of Chief Judge: Anthony J. Hill; LSC forwards to Community Council with a recommendation to move the Anthony J. Hill to the General Election) (LSC forwards to Council for Certification of the 2023 Primary Election Candidates for the Office of Lieutenant Governor: Regina Antone, David Anderson, Devin Santos, Jr., Melinda Boehme, Verna M.

Certification of the 2023 Primary Election forward to Council with a recommendation Roe Lewis, Monica Antone)

White, Javier Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AC-CEPT THE LETTER OF WITHDRAW White, Javier Ramos FROM REBA R. MANUEL FOR THE OF- MOTION TO CERTIFY GORDON SAN-

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CER- M. SUNNA, CORNELIUS J. LEWIS, AND TIFY SHERI L. CASSA, CHRISTINA D. JACOB ANTONE RODRIGUEZ, DANIELLE B. ALLEN, MINUTES STARLET JONES, RICHARD CACHO-LA, CHARLES W. ARAGON, BRIANNA L. RHODES, LAWANDA PABLO, LUCINDA M. NEZ, DARREN PEDRO-MARTINEZ, FICE OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE

THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OF- 2023 AT 1:00 P.M. FICE OF CHIEF JUDGE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CER-ITY REGINA ANTONE, DAVID ANDER-SON, AND DEVIN C. REDBIRD FOR THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT

CERTIFY JOSEPH MANUEL, RODNEY JACKSON, STEPHEN ROE LEWIS, AND MONICA ANTONE FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

2. Special District Five Community Council Election – Candidate Certification of Qualifications (LSC motioned to certify Gordon

Candidates for the Office of Governor: Jo- for approval) (LSC forwards to Council seph Manuel, Rodney Jackson, Stephen under New Business Special District Five Community Council Election - Candidate Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon Certification of Qualifications to the Community Council meeting of August 2, 2023) Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Shannon

TOS, JR., MELINDA BOEHME, VERNA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• DISTRICT THREE ELDERS WILL BE HAVING A MENUDO SALE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023

GARREN MANUEL, GLORIA OSIFE, AND • STATE SHARED GAMING MEETING GWENDOLYN P. MORAGO FOR THE OF- WILL BE HELD AUGUST 3, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CER- · HOUSING OWNERS TEAM MEETING TIFY AND MOVE ANTHONY J. HILL TO WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 4,

 SPECIAL HEALTH & SOCIAL STAND-ING COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1:00 P.M. TODAY

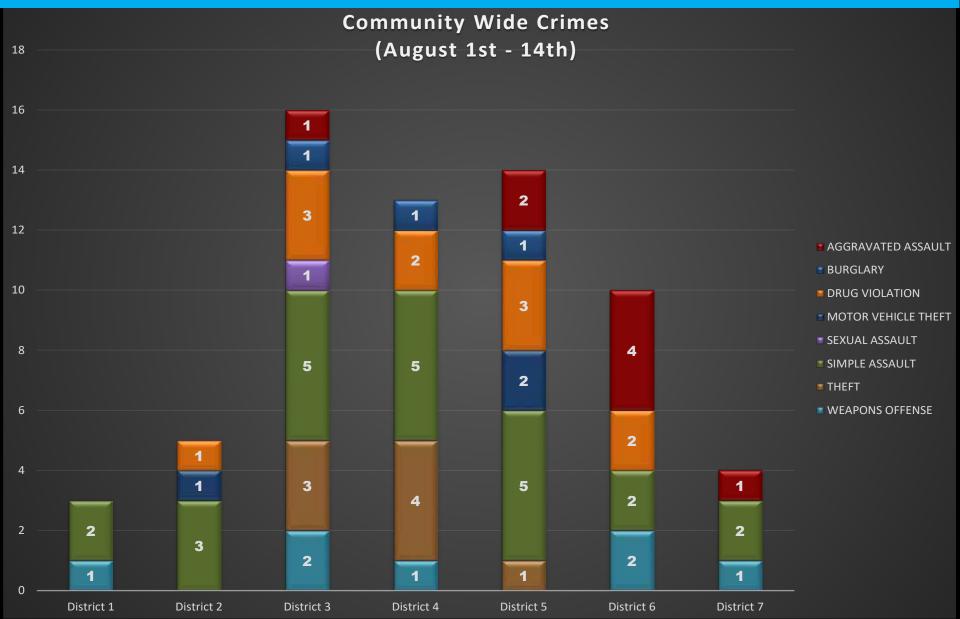
 PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF RECIPIENTS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON MON-DAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 AT THE DISTRICT FOUR MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 A.M. *Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs





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RX 360: SAFEGUARDING MEDICATION

GATHERING OF NATIVE AMERICANS (GONA)

PARENTING IN 2 WORLDS

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Find out what events and activities we have for youth and adults.











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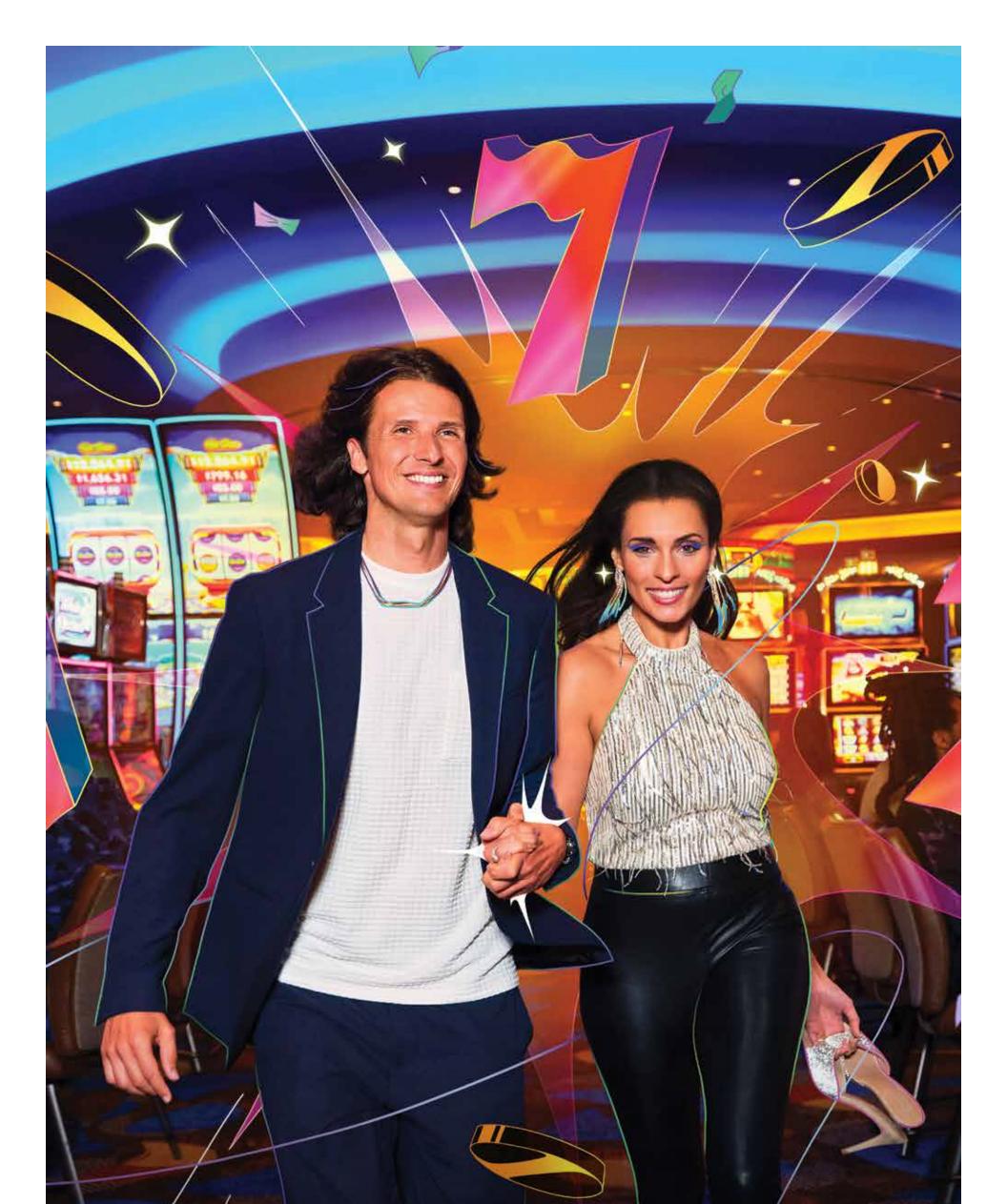




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