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Canal 10 Project Will Conserve, Preserve Water for Community

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project's (P-MIP) latest development, Canal 10 in Gila River Indian Community's District 4 Santan broke ground on July 18, marking the beginning of a significant improvement project in the Community.

The new infrastructure will upgrade 11 miles of the existing canal dating from 1877, helping to preserve GRIC water for future generations. In addition, by lining the channel with concrete, Canal 10 will provide water to District 4 farmers and conserve water by preventing loss due to seepage.

According to Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, the project is significant because it will use nearly \$50 million to modernize a canal system that is more than a century old.

"Conserving water is part of our history, our tradition, and our value system, and being stewards of our water, this is a living testament to that moving forward," he said. "And we are fulfilling that obligation by creating a new gen-



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, District 4 Community Council Representatives Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Nada Celaya, members of Hunter Contracting Co., Representatives from Bureau of Reclamation, and P-MIP Project Director David DeJong (second from right) break ground on Canal 10 in District 4 on July 18. Kyle Knox/GRIN

protectors and water conserva- District 5—broke ground in May. all the hard work that has been

capital developments outlined in was happy to see the project be- the Arizona legislators, to go and the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastruc- gin because it took many years to fight for this success to get this

eration of agriculturalists, water ture Law. The first—Canal 14 in reach this point. "I want to credit

District 4 Community Coundone from past to present leader-The project is one of five cil Representative Nada Celaya ship, including our partners with

infrastructure built," she said.

P-MIP Project Manager David DeJong also credits Hunter Contracting, the Bureau of Reclamation and Arizona's congressional delegation for securing funding for these plans. "There is no better use of these federal dollars than to conserve precious water resources during this extraordinary drought plaguing the Western United States," he said. "At the same time, the improvements will enable Community growers to cultivate their lands much more efficiently and water-consciously."

Along with water conservation, the project will provide 60 jobs for the Community in both skilled and unskilled labor. This was important for GRIC leadership so it can continue to provide economic opportunities for its members.

DeJong said the project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2024, adding, "The canal will conserve increasingly scarce water resources, ensuring the Community makes the most efficient use of all its settlement

19th Annual NABI Championship Games Takes National Stage

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

This summer, the 19th annual Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) returned for a week of exciting on-court basketball action from July 18-23. Over a hundred teams, families, and supporters trekked across Phoenix, filling multiple high school gymnasiums for preliminary

This year's event featured numerous off-the-court programming for all athletes from across the U.S. Those activities included an education summit (see page 8), resource fair, and athlete meet and greet (see page 10).

The championship games made history as the first all-Native American sports event to be featured on a national platform when the semi-final and championship games were streamed live on ESPN+ July 22 and 23.

Gila River Indian Community youth figured prominently in the championship games at the conclusion of the tournament July 23 at Footprint Center in Downtown



AZ Warriors' Anthony "AJ" Seumanu (center left, white jersey) leaps for the "jump ball" kicking off their game against the NW Hoopers Wednesday July 20. Kyle Knox/GRIN

the championship games included color guard duties from Gila River Indian Community's Haskell

The opening ceremonies for Post 51 and a blessing from former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

Girls' Championship

Osife-Antone American Legion defeated the Native Soldiers of Florida 70-51, to win the NABI girls championship.

GRIC member Brooklyn The RezBombers of Phoenix Pablo, 17, District 1, played with

RezBombers for this year's NABI tournament. She grew up playing basketball with the support and encouragement of her family, especially her grandmother.

"She pushed me and she built a basketball court in her backyard for me. It was just dirt and a little hoop," Pablo said.

She added, "She's really the reason I'm here. She's pushed me for everything, and she's done everything in her ability to get me to where I want to be."

This year was her second time competing in NABI, although her team didn't make it to the finals last year.

"Just being able to come around and play with other native girls from around, like Minnesota Utah and Alaska, it's really fun. I get to see all these different girls play, and I've seen a lot of different play styles," said Pablo.

"It's definitely good to bring it back and to bring it home," she added. "I come from Blackwater, and I grew up around my elders in my Community. And growing

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up, they were always rooting for me, and you know, everything I accomplished in high school, they were there, and now it feels like I really fulfilled my place in my Community."

Boys' Championship

The AZ Warriors defeated Northern Elite, also from the state, 78-66 in the NABI boys' championship. This is the team's third NABI championship win since 2016; they also won in 2015. In only his second year with the team and first time playing in NABI,

Anthony "AJ" Seumanu, District 5, helped lead the AZ Warriors to the championship and was named tournament MVP after scoring 23 points in the title game.

"I've been growing up with them [AZ Warriors] when I was a little boy," said Seumanu, whose older brother also played for AZ Warriors. "I've always been watching my brother play NABI, and it's my time to shine now."

"It feels great, playing as a team, we stay together. It's hard to be this far right now, so right now it's just a team thing," said Seumanu after a post-win prior to



Rezbombers gather for photos with coach and NABI President & CEO, GinaMaria Scarpa (center) and Director of Basketball Operations & Program Development, Lynette Lewis (far right). Emma Hughes/GRIN



MVP Anthony "AJ" Seamanu is congratulated by friends and family, including Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Emma Hughes/GRIN





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GRIC member, Brooklyn Pablo who helped RezBombers win the 2022 NABI Girls Championship, with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Emma Hughes/GRIN

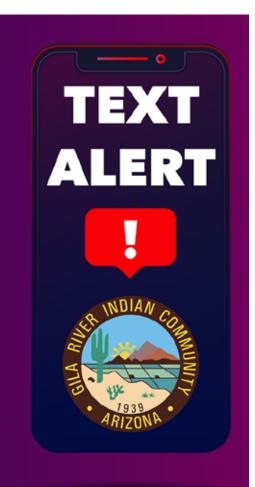
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Arts & Entertainment.

GRIC Artist Completes Latest Mural in Downtown Phoenix

Kyle Knox Gila River Indian News

District 5 artist Angelo Cortez's newest mural, "Homelands," debuted Aug. 1 in Downtown Phoenix's Roosevelt Row Art District. His installation is as part of the yearlong "Uncontained" mural project series. The mural reflects his lineage and connection to ancestral people throughout Arizona and Mexico.

Cortez illustrated his O'otham and Mexica ancestry by depicting night and day on each respective portion. The left presents a daytime O'otham desert landscape adorned with water symbols and a Man in The Maze. To the right is a nighttime portrayal of Central Mexico featuring a pyramid and the serpent deity "Quetzalcoatl" in the center alongside the Man in the Maze.

"I feel really blessed, relieved, and thankful," Cortez said. "It's such an accomplishment for me to have my mural here in Downtown Phoenix, and I'm very happy with the outcome."

He began with an initial outline of the idea, and drawing from his skill sets, he incorporated new designs and motifs. Initially, Cortez didn't have a title for the mural, but as he progressed found "Homelands" to be the most fitting.

After fighting rainy weather conditions, Cortez put in 40 hours of work to complete his installation. It adorns the side of a modified shipping container at Second and Roosevelt

Cortez is the second Community artist featured as part of the "Uncontained" mural project. The first artist was Chadwick Pasqual, District 3, who debuted his installation in February.

Cahokia SocialTech + Art Space sponsors the mural project in collaboration with Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation (RRCDC) and Xico Arte y Cultura. The project seeks to uplift emerging Indigenous artists and showcase their abilities in Phoenix's historic arts

Cortez's art career spans 15 years, and he began painting murals in the last two years. During the production, many onlookers praised the mural and said they were happy to see Indigenous representation in a location with so much foot

"Indigenous art hasn't been too prominent in this area, so it's really good to see the influx of work here," Cortez said, "Especially since not everyone is aware of the Indigenous histories throughout this area. So it's great when we're able to share our stories through art."



Angelo Cortez stands with his completed "Homelands" mural as part of the "Uncontained" mural project in Downtown Phoenix on Monday, August 1. Kyle Knox/GRIN



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Angelo Cortez began his work the morning of July 27 starting with the Quetzalcoatl painting for the Mexica side of the mural. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GRIC Yo-Yo Champ Competes Nationally

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community member and threetime New Mexico yo-yo champion Joshua Salazar, 20, District 5, recently competed in the National Yo-Yo Contest June 24-26 in Mesa.

A graduate of Miyamura High School in Gallup, N.M., Salazar finished with a 4.0 GPA and High Honor award in 2020. Currently, Salazar is a junior at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.

He was introduced to the yo-yo in fifth grade after seeing a "NED Show," a character education program for school kids. The program centers around a cartoon character, "Ned," whose name is an acronym for "Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best." "Ned" presents lessons and encouragement to youth while demonstrating yo-yo tricks.

"He won a yo-yo through that assembly, and that's how it all began," said Salazar's mother, Francine Salazar.

The yo-yo came with an

instructional kit that taught

Salazar began practicing consistently, learning new tricks and styles through YouTube videos. His inspiration comes from the current world yo-yo champion, Gentry Stein.

"A lot of what I learned and what I've developed is first getting the basics from online and then putting [on] my own personal spin," Salazar said.

At the competition level, there are five divisions. Salazar competes in the 1A individual performs string advanced levels, the yo-yo the string is tied to the finger to allow competitors to string tricks.

Arizona State Yo-Yo Contest, where he placed tenth. title three times in a row before entering the 2022 U.S. Nationals.

For the national compeall the basic tricks such as tition, the first round allows 'walk the dog" and "rock the a minute to a minute-anda-half to perform a routine, typically choreographed to music. It requires creative skills and spatial awareness, and additional scoring is possible based on how well the tricks match the rhythm of the music.

> "It's a lot more technical than we really realize," said Francine Salazar.

"So, he was serious and he was practicing about five hours a day." Although he had repeatedly practiced his routine for nationals, Salazar's yo-yo string became division, a style where the entangled on a necklace he wore, hindering his perfortricks with a single yo-yo. At mance and affecting his final score. As a result, he placed 49th in the 1A semifinals.

In addition to practiccomplete more complicated ing the vo-vo. Salazar works each year as a counselor at a He began competing Christian summer camp for in 2019, starting with the students from the Navajo Nation and Zuni and Pueblo tribes, and youths from sur-Salazar went on to compete rounding areas near Gallup, in the New Mexico State N.M. He often uses his vo-Championship, winning the vo tricks to better connect with the youth and help them develop and improve social and communication skills.



Joshua Salazar performing advanced level tricks at the U.S. National Yo-Yo Contest on June 25 in Mesa, Ariz. Photo courtesy of Francine Salazar

Frequently recognized gets requests to teach otheos online, like he did, and

as the "yo-yo guy" in public, ers. However, he encourages learning what they can at Salazar is often asked to per- others to take advantage of their own pace. form tricks on the spot and technology by watching vid-

Gathering Offers Healing for Cancer Survivors and Families

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Cancer survivor and former Gila River Health Care employee Ditas Fallis gathered with dozens of people for an "Honoring the Journey" healing mass at St. Peter Mission in District 5 on July 23. The annual event honors and commemorates cancer survivors, families and those who have passed from cancer throughout the Community.

At the mass, which was not held the past two years due to the pandemic, the mission's congregation shared songs and prayers. Fr. Anthony from St. Peter's Mission oversaw the service ence with cancer in his fam-

Fallis, who has been in remission since January, said the support from her former patients gave her strength time, she felt there wasn't in her journey. They also helped push for her to continue the event when she was start this again," she said.

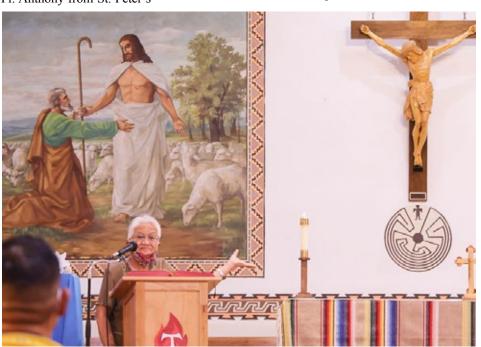
has not gone away, the pandemic will eventually go away, so it is exciting and important to start the Honoring the Journey again in concerned about this." a good way with a blessing from the church."

Originally from the Care and the Community loved ones affected by the held the meeting before this the Honoring the Journey gatherings in 2009 when she worked as the cancer case manager at Gila River Health Care. During that enough awareness about cancer in the Community.

"There's nothing to be ready. "I vowed that if I get excited about when it comes healed, I will make sure we to cancer," Fallis said, "but we have to start something Fallis added, "Cancer in order to bring awareness about it. Our first event brought out a lot of people, and it was heartwarming to see how many people were

> Fallis found great support from Gila River Health

and shared his own experi- Philippines, Fallis started and decided to continue the illness even after she left marked the 10th anniversary gatherings for families and GRHC. The last time she in 2019.



Ditas Fallis welcomes everyone for the "Honoring the Journey" mass at St. Peter Mission Church Saturday July 23, the first in two years. Kyle Knox/GRIN



AOPPYC Members Attend UNITY 2022 Conference

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Sixteen Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) members were among 2,000 Native youth leaders from rural and urban tribal communities nationwide who attended the 2022 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNI-TY) Conference in Minneapolis July 8-12.

The conference fosters opportunities for youth to engage with each other and promotes leadership development. It also attracts numerous prominent figures from throughout Indian country and hosts diverse activities, workshops and programming.

This year's keynote speakers included Chef Stephanie "Pyet" DeSpain (Prairie Band Potawatomi), winner of Gordon Ramsay's "Next Level Chef," and James Anderson (Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe), co-founder of the LifeSkills Center for Leadership. In addition, UNITY honored its "25 under 25" awardees, including District 6 youth Jasmine Lamas-Enos.

UNITY featured the AOPPYC during the "Parade of Nations" and shared

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Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council, Jr. Miss Gila River 2022-23 Eliana Rhodes (center left), Miss Gila River 2022-23 Kelsey Martinez (third from right), and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (right) at the UNITY Conference in Minneapolis. Photo courtesy of Anissa Garcia

Night festivities that week.

first time attending UNITY since becoming AOPPYC members, because the convious two years due to the tive Crystal Lomayestewa. pandemic.

several O'otham songs and much deserved after all our eye-opening for the AOP- every Native youth would dances during the Cultural hard work this year, and to understand the importance For many, this was the we hold as young leaders and bring back the teachings from UNITY to our families and friends, it's something ference was virtual or atten- we'll always remember," dance was limited the pre- said District 3 Representa-

The conference's activ-

PYC members. For exambenefit from hearing," attended called "Native Ac- activism for Native Amer-LeBlanc.

"I believe UNITY was ities and workshops were tional discussion that I feel coming obstacles and fight-

ple, at-large member Jada Young said. "They shared Young recalled a panel she their collective timeline of tivism Then and Now" fea- icans and how it has been turing renowned activists beneficial and an influence Winona LaDuke, Madonna on our lives now." She Thunder Hawk and Judith found it inspirational and said it demonstrates young "It was such a motiva- people's power when over-

ing for their beliefs.

Associate member and current Jr. Miss Gila River, 1st Attendant Caiden Lewis also learned the value of archiving and preserving Native history. "In our workshop, we learned to preserve our pictures and video recordings both digitally and physically," she said. "I'm currently using what I learned to safely and carefully preserve old photos and videos I have to show my future kids and help me teach them and others who we were and who we are as O'otham peoples."

District 2 Representative Junior Pancott is a senior member of the AOP-PYC and said the conference gets better each time he attends. He served as the AOPPYC spokesperson for the cultural night, which he said is his favorite part of UNITY, and introduced the AOPPYC before their performance.

"Having the time to share some traditional singing and dancing is always a hit during UNITY," Pancott said. "Attendees and organizers look forward to it every conference and people were even forming lines preparing for the social giveaway dances."



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Huhugam Heritage Center Open for Private Tours



Exterior of the Huhugam Heritage Center's courtyard outside of the new exhibit space. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Gila River Indian News

The Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC) is now offering private tours by appointment only while it remains closed to the general public. The goal is to provide a safe way to introduce visitors to the museum's innovative two-story exhibition space that shares the rich history of the Gila River Indian Community.

"Right now, during this time, we're still under COVID restrictions," said HHC Director Shirley Jackson.

The center was closed pre-pandemic during a five-year expansion project that was completed and showcased during a soft opening for the Community in January of 2020. It has remained closed since the onset of the pandemic until now.

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"We ask that there be no more than 10 people in a group," Jack-

son said. "If it's a larger group, like a different entity or department, then if we can, we can break those groups up into 10 and have multiple tours going at the same time."

Tours are available Monday-Friday at the available time slots, 9 a.m.,11a.m. and 1 p.m. Tours generally run an hour-and-a-half, and allow time for visitor questions. All individuals are required to wear face masks during their visit.

GRIC member Donald Sabori serves as the HHC tour guide, providing a wealth of knowledge about the items on display and offering personal narratives about life and traditions growing up in the Community.

For more information and to schedule a tour, contact Donald Sabori at (520) 796-3500, ext. 4238, or email Donald.Sabori@ gric.nsn.us.



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Governor Lewis Lands Key Committee Appointment

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis recently landed a key appointment as Chair of the Maricopa Association of Governments' (MAG) Economic Development Committee (EDC). The EDC works to strengthen and diversify the state's economy by bringing together local governments, business leaders, economic development organizations and educators.

Gov. Lewis replaced El Mirage Mayor Alexis Hermosillo and Ray Malnar, Glendale councilmember. was elected as EDC's new vice-chair.

MAG is a regional agency that plans and make policy decisions in the greater Phoenix area. It includes the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Fort Mc-

Dowell Yavapai Nation, 27 cities and towns, Maricopa County, portions of Pinal County and the Arizona Department of Transporta-

As a policy committee, the EDC develops opportunity-specific and action-oriented initiatives that foster and advance infrastructure that would further economic development opportunities.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, the EDC held its first meeting with Gov. Lewis as chair. The agenda included an introduction to United Aviate Academy in Goodyear and a look at the significant planning efforts for the 2023 Super Bowl in Glendale, which projects a \$500 million economic im-

Gov. Lewis said he is honored and proud to represent the Gila River Indian Community within the MAG-Economic Development Committee.



The Maricopa Association of Governments' Economic Development Committee held their first meeting in Phoenix with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis as Chair on Tuesday, August 2. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Indian Gaming Association Chairman Stevens Visits GRIC



Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernest L. Stevens Jr. and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis held a discussion in his office July 20. Emma Hughes/GRIN

GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

On Wednesday, July 20, Indian Gaming Association (IGA) Chairman Ernest L. Stevens, Jr. made a stop at the Community's Governance Center to meet with Gover- of gaming in Indian country by nor Stephen Roe Lewis.

Ernie Stevens, Jr. is the Chair-

the Indian Gaming Association in enterprises. IGA also works with Washington, D.C. Stevens is currently in his ninth two-year term as the organization's leader, a position elected by the member tribes of the Indian Gaming Association.

The IGA serves as a proponent protecting and preserving the general welfare of tribes striving for cern the Gila River Gaming Enterman and national spokesperson for self-sufficiency through gaming

the Federal government and Congress to develop sound policies and practices and to provide technical assistance and advocacy on gaming-related issues.

The meeting prompted helpful discussions concerning the state of gaming and updates that may con-





Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and IGA Chairman Ernest L. Stevens Jr. during his visit to the Community July 20. Emma Hughes/GRIN

GRIC Graduates Honored Via Zoom

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News,

The Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department (TED) celebrated the academic achievements of 170 high school graduates and 70 graduates of junior colleges, colleges and trade schools during a virtual celebration on July 28. Held via Zoom and streamed by the Gila River Broadcast Corp. The event brought together graduates, family, friends and staff for an evening celebration.

"They were resilient," said TED Director Isaac Salcido. "They persevered, they stuck to it, but many

people thought that they would not be able to do the things that they did. Not only did they accomplish them, but they surpassed many, many people's expectations."

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone also spoke, saying, "We share our intense emotions as we close a chapter in your life story, and more importantly, you are special as you graduated during a time where the world faced enormous challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic."

Students were also highlighted during the celebration. Jasmine Lamas-Enos, a recent graduate from Cesar Chavez High School, spoke about



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone shares remarks with graduates during the virtual graduation celebration for the 2022 GRIC graduates. Screenshot courtesy of Tribal Education Department



Jasmine Lamas-Enos was a featured speaker for the celebration. Screenshot courtesy of Tribal Education Department

encountered along the way.

Though she was very lots of friends, and join a challenges, brought on by I became a sophomore, quickly realized that

mas-Enos.

"I would say it was and perseverance. excited to start her high worth it, even though it away."

her journey and shared school just became too Lewis congratulated the enriched your life in many some of the hardships she much for me," said La- students and commended ways that you will carry them for their hard work with you."

school experience, make caused me lots of stress," erything that you've con- your accomplishments," she added. "It was ex- tinually had to overcome Gov. Lewis added. "The few clubs, she faced many tremely difficult for me to to be here among our Com- Community is here to supfocus on my studies, espe- munity," he said. "Whether port you, for you to follow the pandemic. "I worked cially because some of my it was close to home or far your dreams. Never forget really hard, [but] when family members passed from home, Community where you come from and members, I know your ed- always, always stay Gila Gov. Stephen Roe ucational experiences have River strong."

"Be proud of yourself "We're so proud of ev- and take time to celebrate

NABI Education Summit For Youth Athletes

Jonella Rivers

Gila River Indian News, Intern

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis appeared at the Native American Basketball In-

vitational (NABI) Education Summit at Phoenix College remarks Gov. Lewis ac- Communities. on July 18. He welcomed the knowledged Phoenix as the tournament that week.

numerous Indigenous youth ancestral homelands of the tribal nations back home, players from tribes around O'otham and Pee-Posh of and whether it's basketball the nation in town for the the Gila River Indian Com- or any sport, it goes back

or being active," Gov. Lewis "You all represent your said to all the young athletes. "I know those traditions are alive in each one of you."

Later, Gov. Lewis munity and the Salt Riv- to our traditions of running, stressed that youth should

During his opening er Pima-Maricopa Indian our songs, our ceremonies use NABI as an opportunity to further their education so they may succeed as the next generation of leaders. "Hopefully, you can learn something and take that back to your own journey," he said, adding they should live up to the promise that their ancestors laid at their doorstep.

> NABI sponsored the summit with Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) to bring together school representatives, speakers and other guests to address the youth. They delivered remarks aimed at influencing the young competitors to explore their athletic talents while pursuing higher education after high school.

Joshua Arce, CEO of PWNA, said, "The NABI College and Career Fair is a chance to bring together Native youth full of talent and potential and expose them to various pathways," said Arce. "Representation matters, and the success of previous NABI alumni point to the ways in which this educational experience has impact for years to come. Partnership with Native Americans is proud to sponsor such an important event."



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomes players and coaches from around the country for the first day of NABI during the Education Summit at Phoenix College. Jonella Rivers/GRIN Intern

Nike at Wild Horse Pass Hosts NABI Players, Hoops Stars

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

As part of the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) weekly activities, the organization, in collaboration with Nike N7, held an athlete appearance at the Nike Factory Outlet at the Phoenix Premium Outlets at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler on July 21. The event drew numerous players from the tournament and featured Oklahoma City Thunder player Lindy Waters III (Kiowa/Cherokee), Troy University Women's

everyone to consider their you all here tonight." education while pursuing photos with fans.

Assistant Basketball Coach in Indian country, and it's lo- her rookie season for CSM Chelsea Dungee (Cherokee), cated here in the Gila River and Analyss Benally (Nava- Indian Community. As part jo), who plays professionally of our outlet and partnerin Europe. Attendees partic- ship with N7, we carry their ipated in a question-and-an- merchandise here. And [our] swer panel and inspired Community is proud to host

Analyss Benally shared athletics. Afterward, they her experiences and new casigned autographs and took reer as a Native player in Europe. The former Division Gov. Stephen Roe Lew- 1 college basketball player is welcomed everyone to the from San Jose State Univerevent. "It's an amazing op- sity and NABI alumnus, was portunity for our Communi- born and raised in Shiprock, ty to host this event," he said. N.M., on the Navajo Nation. "This is the only Nike outlet She is currently finishing

Alexandria in Oradea, Ro-

"It's really special, because you don't see a lot of people that look like us and are doing these things," Benally said, "so the fact that I'm able to play overseas means a lot to me."

Addressing coming players, Benally said, "I say, master what you're good at, make sure you're getting film of yourself, make sure you're getting yourself out there, spreading the word of your talent."



Hoop stars Lindy Waters III and Chelsea Dungee signed autographs for everyone in attendance during the meet and greet portion of the evening. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Dozens of NABI athletes gathered at the Nike Factory Outlet for the NABI and Nike N7 event for photos, autographs, and prizes. Kyle Knox/GRIN



L-R: IGA Chairman Ernest L. Stevens Jr., CSM Alexandria player Analyss Benally, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the Nike Factory Outlet July 21. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GRIC Member and MMA Fighter Deran Martinez Makes Pro Debut

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter Deran Martinez of Gila River Indian Community's District 5, officially signed on as a professional fighter under First Round Management in November 2021. Last 22 among U.S. Southwest school. Amateur Heavyweights.

and wrestling. I grew up always kind of had a paswatching a lot of the UFC, sion for it." wrestling and just differ-

weight division and No. wrestling during high

"Once I was able to be Island.

On June 17, Marti-

year, he ranked No. 1 in ent kinds of combat stuff," nez made his profession- ing his career on the nathe state's amateur heavy- said Martinez, who began al fighting debut for CES tional stage. Boxing and MMA on the "I just always been on an actual team, I was Martinez fell to his oppo- ateur fighting in 2017, with me on this journey as attracted to combat sports able to do that, and I just nent, Fran Collins. But he holding a winning record well," said Martinez. looks forward to continu- for two years.

UFC Fight Pass in Rhode joined a gym, started nity, a lot of people who Unfortunately, training and began am- support me, they are along

"It's just me fighting, but you know, my family, In 2015, Martinez my friends, the Commu-



Deran Martinez after his heavyweight title fight win in November 2021. Photo courtesy



NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

REVISIONS TO TITLE 5, CRIMINAL CODE, TO DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA AND TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON THE GILA RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

Due to cancellation of the Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") meeting on August 9, 2022, the LSC will be considering proposed revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code to decriminalize marijuana and allow medical marijuana on the Reservation at their regular meeting on August 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed revisions to Title 5 of the GRIC Code in their entirety is available for review at each District Service Center, the Community Council Secretary's Office.

If you are interested in providing comments on the proposed revision of Title 5 of the GRIC Code, you may contact your Council representative or the LSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720. Any comments emailed to the OGC email after July 28 were not received or are not accessible, and you will need to contact your Council representative or LSC Chairperson with your comments.

TRW & BPSC HOST BASKETBALL CLINIC FOR THE YOUTH

Submitted by Tribal Recreation and Wellness

On Saturday, July 23, 2022, Gila River Tribal Recreation & Wellness hosted their very first summer basketball clinic for youth ages 5-6 and 7-9 year olds at the new District 3 Gymnasium. The basketball due to COVID-19 Safety reparticipants per age group. mance Strength and Condiwith warm up exercises be- new. "That's our job as par-

ally recognized youth and consisted of dribbling, handling of the ball, and movestrictions, was limited to 20 ment. The children also gained experience in fol-The youth had the oppor- lowing directions and worktunity to work with Coach ing as a team. The clinic Maurice Brown and Ryan was an opportunity to show Brown of Brown Perfor- the youth the fundamentals of basketball and to be entioning. The children began couraged to try something

clinic was open to all feder- fore starting the drills. Drills ents, teachers, and coaches to continue to have them keep motivated and learn more when they are encouraged," said Huey Duane Guy TRW Recreation Coordinator. TRW plans to host future clinics for more age groups with the continued partnership between TRW and BPSC.



Youth participants practice dribbling and ball handling skills movements at the July 23 Basketball Clinic in District 3. Photo courtesy of Tribal Recreation and Wellness





Top Photo: Basketball Clinic participants 5-6 years old, bottom photo: Basketball Clinic participants 7-9 years old. Photos courtesy of Tribal Recreation and Wellness

Downtown Phoenix Businesses, Entrepreneurs and Creatives Collaborate to Bring Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration in October

— The celebration will be free and open to the public —

Submitted by Cahokia SocialTech + Artspace

Phoenix, Ariz. (July 12, 2022) - Cahokia SocialTech + ArtSpace, named the Best Place to Discover Emerging Artists by Phoenix magazine, announced Indigenous Peoples' Day Phoenix Fest on Monday, October 10, Eunique Yazzie and Melody Lewis have partnered with the Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation (RRCDC), The Churchill, NDN Collective, Native Guitar Tours, Seven Layer Army skateboards, and many others to create a celebration honoring this nation's First Peoples.

The event is free, open to the public, and will be from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It will feature a vendor market, food trucks, skateboard demos and competition, a community zone, Indigenous film screenings with Indie Film Fest, and musical guests on the Main Stage. The Churchill will be the host site for a paid VIP experience that includes an Indigenous fashion show

tion about the VIP experinounced in August.

"Indigenous Peoples" all over the world. This in- District," said Yazzie. cludes Indigenous people 2022. Cahokia co-founders belonging to non-federal- tee of this year's event is 90 ly recognized tribes, First percent Indigenous and in-People of other countries, and the 574 federally-recognized tribes in the United States; 22 of those tribes are here in Arizona," said Lewis. "The festival will provide an opportunity to see and hear accurate representation of the wide diversity of Indigenous cultures, languages, and expressions of art."

> Yazzie, who is a board member with RRCDC, initi-Indigenous creatives and social entrepreneurs to pivot entertainment, the artistic and cultural diopportunities to align with power, one community at a

> and select musical artists communities who shared on the NDN Collective Pre- the same goals. We decidmiere Stage. More informa- ed to partner with Cahokia SocialTech and Artspace to ence including ticket prices fully visualize the mission and performances to be an- of advancing arts-focused initiatives for artists, entrepreneurs and residents, cul-Day is about celebrating tivating creative space withthe indigeneity of people in the Roosevelt Row Arts

The planning commitcludes collaborative efforts from over 40 ambassadors and 15 members of Cahokia representing Indigenous-owned businesses and organizations. Other outof-state organizations like NDN Collective and New Mexico Community Capital are providing additional resources and opportunities to amplify civic engagement efforts during the event.

"We are proud supated a collaboration between porters of Indigenous excellence, especially in art, entrepreneurship, and sports and rection during COVID. "As we believe that by gatherthe downtown landscape ing and celebrating who was changing, the RRC- we are today, we can con-DC recognized there were tinue building Indigenous

community," said Lycia time. We are even more proud to continue supporting Cahokia SocialTech + ArtSpace as they strive to create space for free and liberated thought and expression. We look forward

to the opportunity to meet

and learn more about the

Maddocks, Political Director and Head of Policy Advocacy at NDN Collective.

PHOENIX **≠** FES⁻

SAVE THE DATE

For more information please visit the event website at www.ipdphx.com.

Event Details

• What: Indigenous Phoenix area Indigenous Peoples' Day Phoenix Fest

Where: First and Garfield Streets

When: Monday, October 10, 2022

• Time: 3:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

• Cost: General Admission: FREE, VIP Tickets: to be announced

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • July 20, 2022

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, July 20, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:08

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs

ROLL CALL

Standing Committee Assistant Lisa Hendricks called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman (9:15), Arzie Hogg; D2-Ann Lucas; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Regina Antone, Christopher Mendoza, Nada Celaya; D5- James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Wahlean Riggs, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #5 AND RESOLUTION #3 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL. AND DISPENSING RESOLUTION #2

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT#2 AND #3, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #4 AND #8, ACCEPT AND APPROVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1 AND #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE AGENDA > 2. A Resolution Decreasing The Wild Horse Pass Enterprise AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

*1. GRICUA FY22 2nd Quarter Report

Presenters: Ken Stock, Arnold Mejia, Chris Miller, Andrew

REPORT HEARD

>2. GRIC-UMA FY2021 Annual Report

Presenters: Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Report

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez

4. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force REPORT HEARD AND ACCEPTED

>5. Gila River Health Care Pain Management Program Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Dr.

Anthony Santiago

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE on the consent agenda)

6. FY2022 Monthly Financial Activity Report ending June 30, 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE **SESSION**

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving A Ground Lease Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. To Construct, Maintain, Operate, And Repair A Communication Facility And To Sublease Any Portion Of The Leased Premises To A Sublessee To Construct, Maintain, Operate, And Repair Communication Facility And Related Uses In The Wild Horse Pass Development Area In District 4 Of The Gila River Indian Reservation Pursuant To The Gila River Indian Community Leasing Regulations (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Jennifer Burkhalter, Tom Judd, GRTI Board of Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix. Ken Stock, Arnold Meiia. Directors

APPROVED

Fund From Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000,00) To Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) And Directing The Community Treasurer To Replenish The Enterprise Fund At Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #2 To The October 1, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Bahozhoni Development (G&MSC UNFINISHED BUSINESS

forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and >1. Crime Task Force (LSC forwards to Council under placement on the consent agenda; NRSC concurs) Presenters: Corinna Ortiz, Kimberly Antone

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing An Eighth General Assistance Payment To Adult Gila River Indian Community Members From Available COVID-19 Relief Funds (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 5. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez **APPROVED**

6. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2023 Gila River Indian Community Indian Housing Plan For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Derwin Cooper

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving A Project Budget For The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority To Provide Electric Power To The Santan Mountain Casino Site (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Barney Enos, Jr.

APPROVED

>8. A Resolution Supporting The Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project's Submittal Of A Watersmart Water And Energy Efficiency Grant To The United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The I-10 Solar-Over-Canal Project Located In District 4 Within The Exterior Boundaries Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: David DeJong

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA **ORDINANCES**

Unfinished Business and placement on the consent agenda) Presenters: Crime Task Force

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >2. GRIC Programmatic Assessment (LSC forwards to Council under Unfinished Business and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: April Olson, Adriana Orman

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Economic Development Standing Committee Work Session (EDSC motions to forward to Council to invite any interested Council Representatives that would like to participate to attend EDSC Work Session scheduled for August 25-26 to be held at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass utilizing Dues & Delegations and waiving the roundtrip mileage requirement

Presenter: Economic Development Standing Committee MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND WAIVING ROUNDTRIP MILEAGE REQUIREMENT FOR LODGING MINUTES

1. July 6, 2022 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE BUDGET WORK SESSION ON JULY 29-30,

2022 AT THE HILTON SEDONA RESORT AT BELL ROCK COMMUNITY HOSTING A 105L SUMMIT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022 FROM 4-5 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 FROM 9 A.M.-4 P.M., AT THE SHERATON

GRAND AT WILD HORSE PASS SPECIAL HEALTH & SOCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022 AT 9:00

HOUSING OWNERS TEAM MEETING ON FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:38 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, 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 3, 2022, by WebEx Platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Nada Celaya

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 (9:17), Arzie Hogg; D2-Ann Lucas; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Regina Antone, Christopher Mendoza, Nada Celaya; D5- James De La Rosa, Marlin Dixon, Wahlean Riggs, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance

Evans; D7-Devin Redbird Council Members Absent:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #2, #3, #5 AND #6 THROUGH #8 ON THE CONSENT

AGENDA; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #3 THROUGH #25, #27 THROUGH #29, AND #31 THROUGH #35 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE Session)

REGULAR AGENDA AS PRESENTED PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

>1.Gila River Health Care Pain Management Program Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Dr. Anthony Santiago

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >2. Pee-Posh Veteran's Association 3rd Quarter Budget

Presenter: Arnie Bread, Sr., Veronica Kinsel ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Community Technology Center FY2021/2022 3rd

Quarter Report Presenter: Connie Jackson

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COVID-19 Update Presenter: COVID-19 Task Force

REPORT HEARD

>5. Office of the Prosecutor's FY2022 3rd Quarterly Report SESSION Presenters: M. Lando Voyles, Carleton Giff, David Williams ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Head Start Program Monthly Report May 2022 Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Head Start Program Monthly Report June 2022 Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

>8. WHPDA Monthly Report June 2022 Presenters: Elizabeth Antone, Michelle Bowman, Tony

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

9. Update on Colorado River Drought Crisis (Executive

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Jason Hauter REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council June 2022 (Executive Session) Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, M. Scott

Sanderson, Lydia Acosta

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report for June 2022 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

12. Allocation of Investments as of June 30, 2022 (Executive Session)

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #2 To The October 1, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Bahozhoni Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC

Presenters: Corinna Ortiz, Kimberly Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2. A Resolution Memorializing An Amendment To The Current Membership Of The Litigation Team By Replacing Former Councilwoman Carol Schurz With Councilwoman Ann Lucas (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Thomas Murphy **APPROVED**

>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Sun Corridor, Lego League STEM Learning (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Community Development Housing Division Emergency Housing Repair Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For The Natural Resource Education Center Farm Filled Ag-Ventures Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Chervl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >6. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For Pinal Hispanic Council Cesar E. Chavez Scholarships (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >7. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The Town Of Guadalupe For The Guadalupe Community

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS Cont.'d

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Action Program Food Rescue And Home Delivery Support (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >8. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Arizona Autism United West Valley Center Capital Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >9. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Arizona Hydrological Society Foundation Educational Programs (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >10. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For American Indian Veterans Memorial Organization, Inc.(G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >11. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For The Arizona YMCA Metropolitan Phoenix Senior Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >12. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Valley Academic Success And Healthy Lifestyles For Maricopa County Youth (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >13. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For First Place® AZ 360 Health & Wellness® Instructional Video Series (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >14. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Free Arts For Abused Children (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >15. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Future For Kids Discover Your Future Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >16. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Hospice Of The Valley Dementia Education And Support Programs For Family Caregivers (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Chervl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >17. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Ryan House For End-Of-Life Services For Children (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >18. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Special Olympics Arizona, Inc. Inclusive Programming (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >19. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Southwest Human Development Early Language And Literacy Education For Children (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >20. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For Hope International Food Pantry Capital Upgrades (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >21. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Pinal County For Pinal County Medical Forensics Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Vehicle (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >22. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For The Office Of Diversity And Inclusion Mayor's Committee On Employment Of People With Disabilities Scholarship Awards Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >23. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Scottsdale For The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation Arsenic Filtration Project (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >24. A Resolution Approving Amendment #1 To The Trust Administer Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Providence First Trust Company (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >25. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Funding Between The City Of Phoenix And The Gila River Indian Community For Fixed-Route Transit Services For Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 26. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Operating Budget And Capital Projects Budget For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee **APPROVED**

>27. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget Modification No. 3 For Fiscal Year 2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a Presenter: Javier Garcia Ramos

placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >28. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Gaming Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >29. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Revenue Internal Audit's Annual Audit Plan For Fiscal Year 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 30. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2021 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP (C7011) (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval, NRSC

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Don Pongrace, Jason Hauter

>31. A Resolution Authorizing Personnel From The United States Census Bureau To Collect Data For The American Community Survey Within The Gila River Indian Community (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >32. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Augustina Zanita Helena Justin Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >33. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Stephen Lee Puella Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >34. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Chantel Renee Joaquin Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >35. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Joseph Kenton Joaquin Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Five (5) **Board of Director Appointments**

Presenter: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND NOT TO FILL THE VACANCIES AND EDSC REMAIN AS THE INTERIM BODY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRTI FY2021 Independent Auditor's Report (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a . recommendation to accept; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Lisa Horn. Tom Judd. Jennifer Burkhalter. **GRTI Board of Directors**

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT 2. Introduction Javier Garcia Ramos for Congress (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s) recommendation for Governor Stephen R. Lewis to provide > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM an endorsement for Mr. Javier Ramos for Congress)

recommendation for approval with additional material and MOTION MADE AND SECOND THAT THE COMMUNITY

COUNCIL ENDORSES MR. JAVIER RAMOS AND DIRECTS GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY

3. Gila River Indian Community Head Start/Early Head Start Budget Modification FY 21-22 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on consent agenda; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Carolina B. Kelley

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START BUDGET MODIFICATION

4. Gila River Indian Community Specialty License Plate (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; LSC, and EDSC concur)

Presenters: James De La Rosa, Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Shannon White, Bartley Harris

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPORVE AND CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE ANY FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

5. FY2022 Revenue Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT 6. FY2022 Gaming Internal Audit 3rd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT 7. NAFOA Fall Finance & Tribal Economic Conference October 3-4, 2022 - Mashantucket, Connecticut (G&MSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPORVE ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND USING DUES AND **DELEGATIONS**

8. Gila River Health Care Board of Director's Notice of (2) Vacancies (H&SSC forwards to Council to declare the vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Robert Horton

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HOUSING OWNERS TEAM MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022 IS CANCELED
- CASINO EXPANSION OWNERS TEAM IS STILL ON SCHEDULE, NOTICE WILL BE SENT IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES
- MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS WILL CONTINUE TO SEND UPDATES ON THE CURRENT SITUATION
- STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8TH, 9TH, AND 10TH, HAVE **BEEN CANCELED**
- POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION OWNERS TEAM WILL MEET THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M.
- REVIEWING COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.
- CASA BLANCA AND GILA CROSSING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OWNERS TEAM MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M.
- PRAYERS WERE REQUESTED FOR COUNCILMAN BRIAN DAVIS MOTHER IN LAW, THE FAMILY OF CECIL LEWIS, AND THE FAMILY OF LLOYD NOTAH

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:45 P.M.

What is monkey pox and how does it spread?

Monkey pox is a viral disease that infects animals like rodents and monkeys and can spread to humans. Although monkey pox occurs predominantly in Central and West African countries, majority of the cases in recent global outbreak are reported in U.S and Europe. As of 8/3/22, over 6,600 cases in U.S and 85 cases in Arizona have been reported.

Monkeypox can spread to ANYONE

- Through close skin to skin contact with monkeypox rash, sores, or scabs.
- Through respiratory droplets or body fluids during intimate physical contact.
- Contact with fabrics, objects, or surfaces contaminated with the monkeypox virus (such as clothing, bedding, or towels)

What are the signs and symptoms?

- Fever
- Rash with firm bumps on face, hands, feet, body, or genitals
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Chills
- Low energy



What Should You Do If...

You've been in contact with someone who received a diagnosis of monkeypox or has a similar rash?

- See your health care provider for further evaluation, monitor for symptoms
- Avoid physical contact, including sex or intimate contact, with anyone until
 you have been checked out

You have a new or unexplained rash or sores?

- See your health care provider for further evaluation
- Avoid physical contact, including sex or intimate contact, with anyone until
 you have been checked out

You have been diagnosed with monkeypox?

- Isolate from others and follow treatment recommendations from your provider.
- Avoid physical contact, including sex or intimate contact, with anyone until all sores have healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed

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Treatment

There are no treatments specifically for monkeypox virus infections. Antiviral drugs and vaccines developed to protect against smallpox can be used to prevent and treat monkeypox. Vaccines and medicines are prioritized for those people who have had known exposure and are at risk for severe disease from monkeypox (such as people with underlying chronic health conditions or weakened immunity)



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Prevention

- Avoid close physical contact with people who have symptoms, including sores or rashes
- Talk to your sexual partner/s about any recent illness and be aware of new or unexplained sores or rashes
- Avoid contact with, contaminated materials
- Wear PPE (mask, gloves, gown) if you can't avoid close contact with someone who has symptoms
- Practice good hand hygiene



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AMERICAN INDIAN RESURGENCE INITIATIVE

WHAT IS NW2C?

HOW TO APPLY

WHAT

The American Indian Resurgence (AIR) Initiative: Native Ways 2 College (NW2C) is designed to support Native American students plan, prepare, and pursue pathways to college.

Middle and High School Native American students & families residing in Los Angeles County.

NW2C provides access to year-round high quality culturally relevant educational and mental wellness services. Programming will inspire and cultivate students' Native identities creating pathways to high school graduation, college enrollment, & retention.

Our goal is to empower the self-determination of Los Angeles County Native American middle and high school students and their families with access to high-quality and culturally relevant educational choices and services that will cultivate a living Indigenous education ecosystem, support their Native identities within our unique geographical, historical, and cultural context, and create pathways to high school achievement and college enrollment.



SIGN UP NOW & START YOUR CHILD'S PATH TO HIGHER EDUCATION!

Get access to high-quality and culturally relevant educational programs and services!

- → Go to NW2C-LA.ORG
- Click ENROLL NOW located on the home page
- Fill out the interest form

WHO QUALIFIES FOR

Any Native American/American Indian that is a member or descendant of a state or federally recognized tribe.

For more information on eligibility, please visit www.NW2C-LA.org.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Interstate 10 Study: Loop 202 to State Route 387 Public Hearings

In collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maricopa Association of Governments, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Design Concept Report (DCR) for the Interstate 10 (I-10) Study: Loop 202 to State Route 387 (SR 387). Proposed improvements include widening I-10 between Loop 202 and SR 387, adding High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes between Loop 202 and Riggs Road, and modifying interchanges and crossroads over I-10.

DRAFT EA AND DCR AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The draft EA and DCR will be published and available for public review and comment from Aug. 19, 2022 through Oct. 9, 2022.

The draft EA and DCR evaluate the Recommended Build Alternative as compared to the No-Build Alternative. Select technical reports associated with the draft EA will be available upon request. Please email i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com or call 602-522-7777 to make a request. The draft EA and DCR can be reviewed at the following repository locations and on the study website at i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com:

- Casa Grande Public Library
- 449 N Drylake St., Casa Grande, AZ 85122 | 520-421-8710
- Ironwood Library
- 4333 E Chandler Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85048 | 602-262-4636
- Gila River Indian Community Governance Center
 525 W Gu U Ki Rd, Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-562-9500
- Gila River Indian Community District 1
 15747 N Shegoi Rd., Coolidge, AZ 85128 | 520-215-2110
- District 2 Service Center
- 8070 Park St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-562-3450
- District 3 Service Center
- 18 E Pima St., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-562-3334
- Gila River District 4 Service Center/Multipurpose Bldg.
 2230 N Home Run Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147 | 520-418-3661
- District 5 Multi Service Center
- 3456 W Casa Blanca Rd., Bapchule, AZ 85121 | 520-315-3441
- Gila River Indian Community District 6 Komatke Center
 5230 St Johns Rd., Laveen Village, AZ 85339 | 520-550-3805
- Gila River Indian Community District 7 Service Center 8035 S 83rd Ave., Laveen Village, AZ 85339 | 520-430-4780

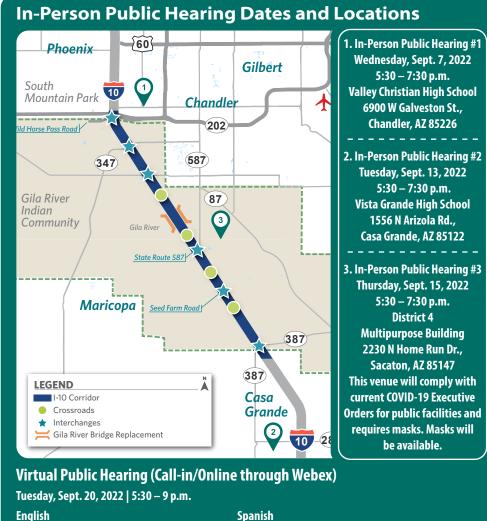
COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EA AND DCR:

Submit your comments on the I-10 Study draft EA and DCR **now through Oct. 9, 2022**. All comments received during the public comment period will be documented and responded to in the I-10 Study Final EA and Final DCR. All comment methods are considered equal.

- Attend a public hearing: Provide written/verbal comments at the virtual and in-person public hearings
- Online through our comment form or comment map: i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com

PUBLIC HEARINGS | OPEN HOUSES

In-person and virtual public hearings will be held to provide an overview of the draft EA and DCR, share ADOT's preliminary recommendation and accept public comment. The same information will be presented at each meeting. The public hearing presentation and materials can also be viewed on the study website.



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IN-PERSON PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA*

5:30 - 6 p.m.	Open House
6 - 6:30 p.m.	Formal Presentation
6:30 - 7: 30 p.m.	Formal Public Comments/Open House

*At the Sept. 15 hearing at District 4, the presentation will be continuously repeated and the open house and formal comment period will be available throughout the hearing.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA** 5:30 p.m. Formal Presentation 6 - 6:15 p.m. Q&A 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Formal Public Comments 7:30 - 8 p.m. Formal Presentation 8 - 8:15 p.m. Q&A 8:15 - 9 p.m. Formal Public Comments

**As a part of the virtual public hearing, we are allowing two opportunities to hear the presentation, provide formal comment and ask questions.

- $\bullet \ \textbf{Email:} \ i10 wild horse pass corridor@hdrinc.com$
- Call: 602-522-7777
- Mail: I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Study Team
 c/o HDR, Inc. 20 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 2500 Phoenix, AZ 85012

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Apr. 16, 2019 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

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Las consultas, la revisión ambiental y otras acciones requeridas según las leyes ambientales federales correspondientes para este proyecto se están llevando a cabo o se han llevado a cabo por ADOT de acuerdo con 23 U.S.C 327 y un Memorándum de Acuerdo con fecha del 16 de abril de 2019 y se han realizado por FHWA y ADOT.

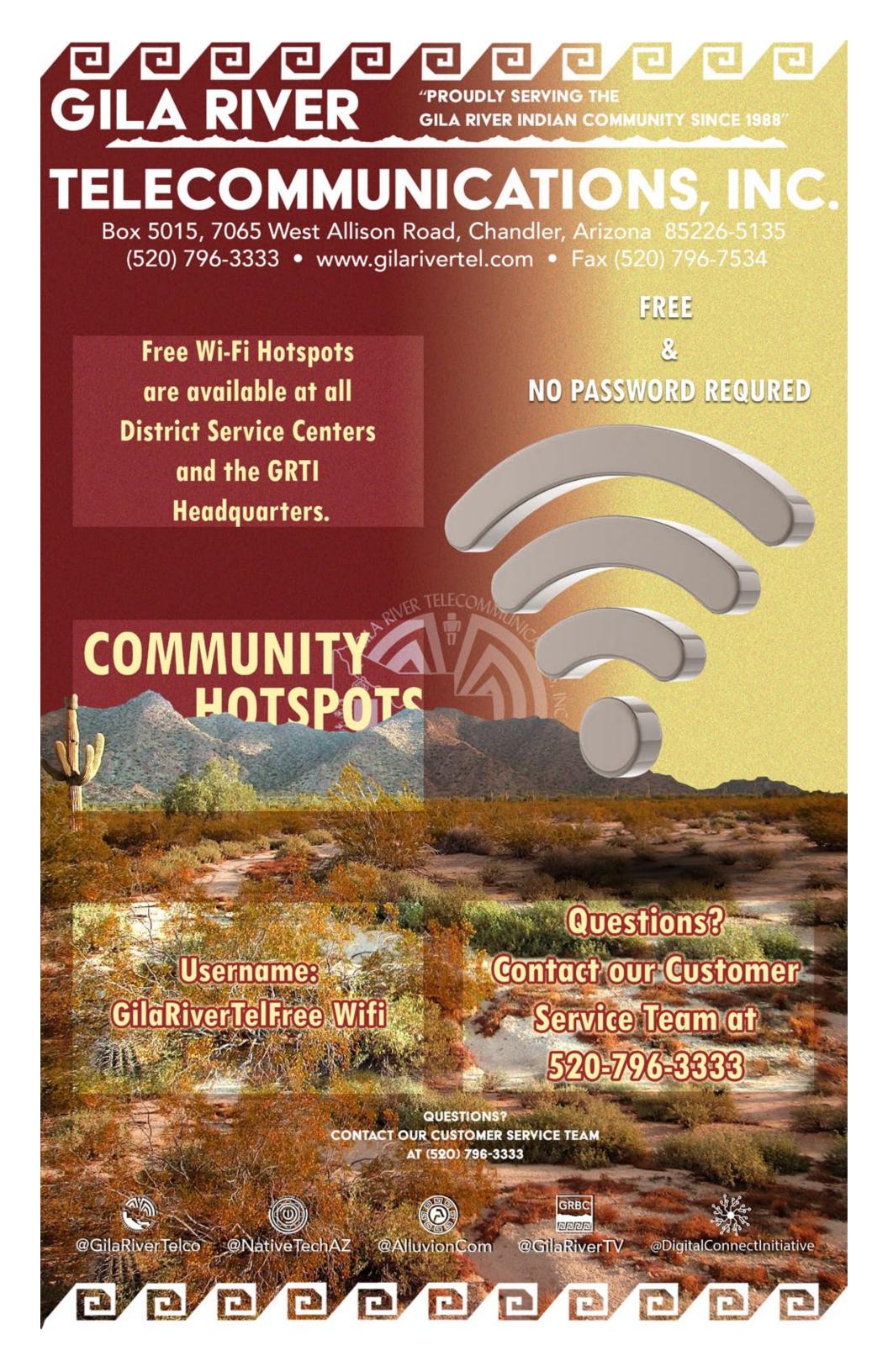
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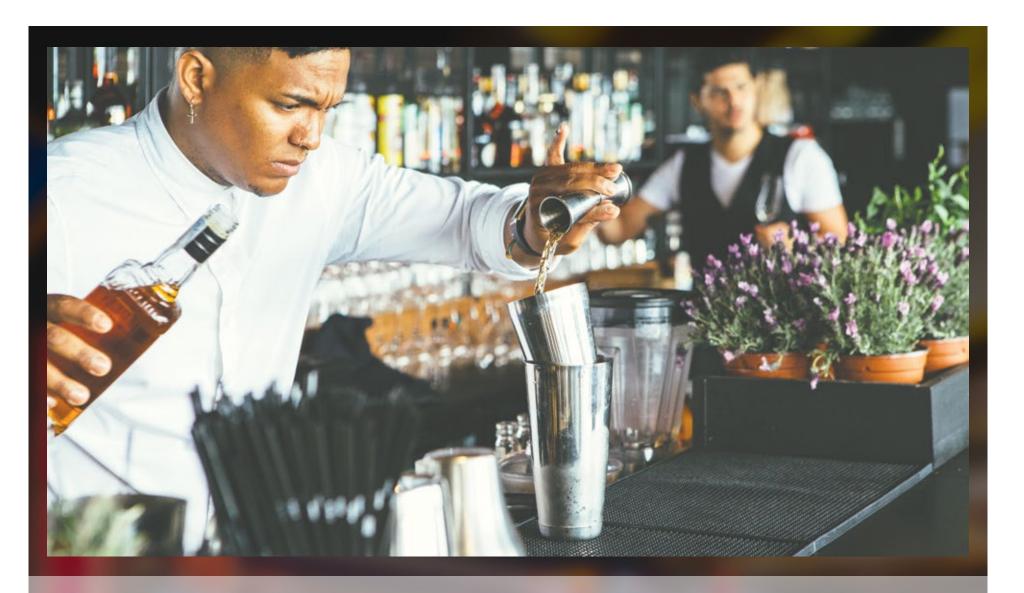
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