

GRIC Leadership Attend Inauguration for Gov. Hobbs Gov. Lewis Leads Tribal Prayer for Swearing In

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, thousands of honored guests, sup-

inauguration ceremony for newly elected Arizona Gov. Katie

porters, and Arizonans flooded Hobbs. Dozens of tribal leaders the Arizona Capitol lawn for the and representatives from Arizona's 22 tribal nations also attended the ceremony, where GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provided a tribal blessing for the occasion.

In addition, Superintendent Tom Horne, Treasurer Kimberly Yee, Attorney General Kris Mayes, and Secretary of State Adrian Fontes took their oath of office during the inauguration.

"I believe that now is the perfect time to move past division and partisanship and return to a path of cooperation and progress." said Gov. Katie Hobbs in her address. "I believe in the future of our state, and I'm excited about what's possible if we work together to do what we've been elected to do."

Arizona Gov. Hobbs will serve as the 24th governor of Arizona, the first Democrat to serve as governor in 16 years, and the fifth female governor elected.

During his remarks, Gov. Lewis asked for blessings of confidence and courage for Gov. Hobbs and the newly elected officials in



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shares a blessing for at the inauguration for Gov. Katie Hobbs. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Newly elected Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs during her address after taking the oath of office on Jan. 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

TED College Visits Inspire Next Generation GRIC Scholars

Emma Hughes Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department's (TED) K-12 Program has begun an initiative to encourage more students to pursue higher

education. Lance Reyna, Ted's K-12 Education Manager, said schooling after high school isn't as common and he's looking to help change that through the initiative.

"My goal like the rest of our leaders, is to help equip our students with the skills needed to come and work for their community in all positions in the future," said Reyna, who believes

certificate, diploma, or degree at ondary schools such as T-shirts, any accredited college or univer- hats, pennants, posters, and more sity.

Reyna has been collecting portunities available to them.

with financial assistance toward a promotional items from postsecto expose students to the many op-

ly push out our in-person visits, guest speakers, and college swag items to our students and community. I want to hype up education



"As a goal I wanted to real- and make it exciting," said Reyna, who often distributes the collected items out during events and as motivational prizes for students.

> As part of the initiative, over 100 students have been visited by various college representatives who come out to GRIC schools sharing what programs are being offered and to answer any questions students might have.

> Additionally, campus tours have been arranged for students to see firsthand what opportunities and services are available, including those specific to Native Americans that offer academic counseling and support services.

Reyna says the student's response has been positive, "I think it has helped to open student's eyes to the opportunities that are available to them. It's one thing to read about a college, or hear a speaker come in and talk about the campus, but to actually experience it, I can see the students get excited as they visualize themselves walking through campus."

more exposure to postsecondary schools will assist.

Only 24 percent of 18-24-year-old Native American students are enrolled in college compared to 41 percent of the overall U.S. population, according to data from the Postsecondary National Policy Institute in 2021.

Ted's Student Services Program offers several scholarships for higher education to enrolled GRIC members, providing them

GRIC students visit University of Arizona campus in Tucson, Arizona and are accompanied by current students from the University of Arizona cheer team. Photo courtesy of Tribal Education Dept.

In November and December

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January 14	Health Center 10 am - 2 pm
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January 16	9 am - 2 pm
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January 17	9 am - 2 pm
Thursday	D3 Head Start
January 19	9 am - 2 pm

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AOPPYC Community Clean Up Efforts Continue

Emma Hughes Gila River Indian News

The Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) resumes clean ups throughout the Community. Beginning in District 1 on Saturday, Nov. 5, AOPPYC members, advisers, and volunteers gathered trash in the area while also assisting elders with yard maintenance.

They collected over 30 bags of trash that day. GRIC's Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision staff also assist AOPPYC with cleaning and hauling away garbage bags and any large debris.

"It's good just to maintain the Community and what we have, and to preserve what we want, keep it clean and for the wildlife in the area," said AOPPYC member Tizoc Ayala, District 1.

Ayala says cleaning will also help prevent any animals from possible illness. While cleaning in District 1, most of the trash found had been torn apart and chewed up by dogs and wildlife.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AOPPYC held regular Community clean ups, open to anyone who'd like to assist.

"I'm happy that we're doing them again, it's fun to have other people that aren't on youth council, come out and interact with us and help us beautify the Community," said AOPPYC member Junior Pancott, District 2, "We use to have a lot turn out, and slowly we're starting to see those numbers come out again."

On Saturday, Dec. 17, the AOPPYC continued the clean up events in District 2, picking up trash and debris along the roadways of Hasan Kehk and Mish Ki.

"A lot of traffic comes through here, these are the main roads so I think that it's good to have a clean Community," said Charity Marquez, AOPPYC member and District 2 resident.

over a year ago and enjoys putting together events for members of the AOPPYC and Community.

"It makes me feel good as a person too," she said, "It's good to see people come out, who aren't members of youth council. It's something that everyone can do."

AOPPYC shared that they are always open to suggestions from



AOPPYC members, youth and adult volunteers pickup trash along Mish Ki road on Saturday Dec. 17. Emma Hughes/ GRIN



Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council members and volunteers after the successful clean up in District 2. Emma Hughes/ GRIN

the Community on events and in- ed to those participating. The next vites anyone to participate.

Marquez joined youth council water, and snacks are all provid- a.m.

clean up will be held in District tact AOPPYC at youthcouncil@ Trash bags, cleaning tools, 3 on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 at 8 gric.nsn.us or call (520) 562-1866.

For more information, con-

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COVID-19 VACCINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS - MINORS

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AOPPYC member Tizoc Ayala (left) and his mother Victoria Quintero clean alongside Hasan Kehk road . Emma Hughes/GRIN

DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2023

Vaccine incentive is now available for any minor Community member (ages six (6) months through seventeen (17) years) who has become fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

*Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they receive their second dose of the vaccine in a 2-dose primary series or two weeks after receiving a single-dose primary series.

Payments will be made once the application is received and verified by the Per Capita Office.

For additional inquiries contact the GRIC Per Capita Office at (520) 562-5222, toll free at (866) 416-2618 or by email at gricvaccineincentive@gric.nsn.us or percaptia@gric.nsn.us

* The incentive is a one-time payment being re-opened to minors who have not received an incentive payment this year.





TRW & BPSC Partner to Keep Children Active During Winter Break



BPSC and TRW staff with all the participants of the sports camp at the District 3 gymnasium on Dec. 28. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

During the last few weeks of the year, students are out of school for winter break. While the time away from school is nice, sometimes youth can find themselves bored at home. Thankfully, this winter break, the Tribal Recreation and Wellness (TRW) Brown Performance Strength & Conditioning (BPSC) partnered for a three-day multisports camp for youth.

27 to 29, youth of all ages to keep everyone active by participated in three camps focused on various sports, conditioning, agility, athleticism, and endurance at the Community." the District 3 Multipurpose Building Gymnasium.

variety of new sports clinics and camps so wanted to keep youth active during their winter break," said Angel Orque, TRW Recreation Manager. "We understand that everyone, not just youth aren't as active this time of

For three days, Dec. year, so it was important from the Community and utilizing our partnership with BPSC and the different sports they've introduced to

This multiday, multisport camp was a first for "In 2022 we offered a TRW. Orque shared that upon sharing the flyer, they filled out the registration within the first two days with youth from GRIC. The draw was an "eye-opening" opportunity and accomplishment for TRW staff.

"The demand is there

our youth have shown a great interest in learning new sports and building upon these camps," said Orque.

The first day focused on flag football, the second provided basketball training, and the third emphasized physical activity through various endurance and coordination activities applicable to any sport. Each day over 30 youth attended each camp, many returning for all three days.



Jordan Havier and Caleb Morris during a break on day three of the camp. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Rattlers quarterback Drew her son, Jordan, was allowed Powell joined on the first day to provide some instruction and motivation during the flag football camp.

"The camp was all about keeping children active while having fun, especially during this time while they're on break," said Maurice Brown of BPSC. "We've seen so during our time here, so it's been great to see their enthusiasm around learning new sports and allowing us to coach them and provide them the best guidance and mentorship we can."

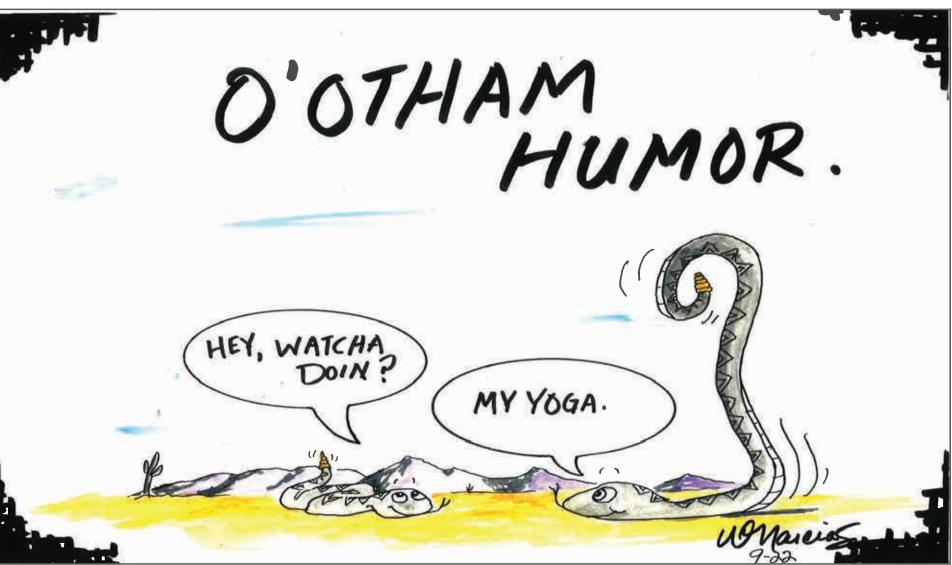
Ryan are the co-founders of BPSC and thanked the Community for allowing them to work with the youth. Both commend TRW for being innovative in working with youth throughout 2022.

Lanessa Felix's attended the second and third-day As in the past, Arizona camps. Felix was happy that

to participate. "We live off the Community in Casa Grande so it was a great way for my son to stay active and interact with other Native youth here." In addition, her son is an avid basketball player, so he was excited to work on his basketball skills.

Like Felix, Marlissa much growth in the children, Morris' son attended the camps and past flag football camps. Her son Caleb is an experienced baseball player but enjoyed learning flag football and basketball at the camp.

"My son is an only Maurice and his brother child, so the camps are great for him to get to know other youth in the Community," said Morris. "He's also prediabetic so it's very important that he's regularly active so these camps are a great for him and the others here today and I appreciate what TRW is doing for the kids."



Families Learn New Steps at Christmas Dance Party

Emma Hughes Gila River Indian News

Let's Dance Gila River held its first Christmas Dance Party geared toward father/daughter and mother/son duos.

Founded in 2018. Let's Dance Gila River offers a variety of dance lessons to the Gila River Indian Community and Phoenix area, taught by dance instructors Nichole Roderick, District 5, and Gary Rodriguez, District 1.

On Dec. 22, families dressed their best for a festive Christmas dance party held in the gymnasium at

the District 4 Service Center, complete with decorations and small gifts for participants.

Roderick and Rodriguez provided introductory lessons on country twostep, bachata and waltz to father/daughter and mother/son duos of all ages.

"It was awesome. This is primarily for beginners and people who are just trying to learn something new," said Roderick.

A young participant who attended with his mother said, "It was pretty fun, even though I don't like dancing that much." The family said they're



Let's Dance Gila River instructors and participants after a successful dance party in the District 4 gymnasium on Dec. 22. Emma Hughes/ GRIN

Gila River for organizing the event.

Over the years, Let's Dance Gila River has partnered with GRIC's Tribal Recreation & Wellness Center to provide free dance lessons and activities throughout the Community's district service centers, including the Christmas Dance Party.

"Let's Dance Gila River is primarily based for beginners, veterans, elders, and children; pretty much everybody," said Roderick,

elders that began in November, "It was really awesome, we did tango, fox trot, and a little bit of twostep and some bachata." Let's Dance Gila Riv-

er is also available for private individual and group lessons for every skill lev-

thankful to Let's Dance who just wrapped up with el, prices range from \$850 for beginner lessons and \$1,200 for special occasions such as wedding or formal events. For more information, visit letsdancegilariver.com

> For more information on classes held in the Community, call (520)

562-2026 or visit the "Gila River Wellness Center" Facebook page or mygilariver.com.

"We're just letting you know we're here, we love to dance, and we're all about the beginners," said Roderick.





Let's Dance Gila River instructors Gary Rodriguez and Nichole Roderick during the Christmas Dance Party. Emma Hughes/ GRIN



Father/Daughter and Mother/Son duos of all ages pair up for dance lessons. Emma Hughes/ GRIN

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Gov. Lewis offers blessings and words of encouragement for Gov. Hobbs and all the elected leaders during the opening of the inauguration ceremony for Gov. Katie Hobbs at the Arizona State Capitol. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Adrian D Thomas shares a song on the flute at the end of the ceremony on Jan. 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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facing future challenges and obstacles.

"Give them the ancient wisdom of our combined common belief in peaceful partnerships and of working for the common good, in mutual respect for our difference and for the connections that bind us," said Gov. Lewis. "Strengthen their resolve to protect our sacred resources, our lands, our precious religious sites, and our precious water."

Gov. Lewis referenced his necklace adorned with

that "connects us all and is today, hear the blessing by the necessary connection Gov. Lewis, welcome the that binds us now and into new administration and I the future." His remarks look forward to see how also served as a land ac- they'll work to make our knowledgment referencing state better." Phoenix as the ancestral and Pee Posh.

was great and showed the conclusion of the inaua great sense of unity, I guration. His music primed loved the speeches made the audience for a special by everyone and hearing performance by Indigenous the commitments and ded- Enterprise, who performed ications expressed by the various powwow dances for newly elected leaders," said

a small gourd of water and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. "I

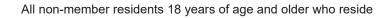
GRIC member Adrihomelands of the O'otham an D Thomas, District 5, also performed a song on the audience.

Gov. Hobbs has indeclared water as a resource was very excited to be here cluded members of Arizona's tribal nations as part of her transition team and has pledged to work for their priorities as Gov. Since over a quarter of the state's land is tribal land, tribal inclusion will be vital for Gov. Hobbs moving forward.

"Let me say unequivo-"Today the atmosphere a Native American flute at cally to every elected official here today that if you're ready to make real progress on the issues that matter most to the people of this state, then my door will always be open," said Hobbs.



The Community's Residency Ordinance requires all adults (18 years of age and older) who are not enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community, but who reside within the boundaries of the Community to register their residency.







within the boundaries of the Community must register their residency with the Enrollment Department by January 31st each year.



Previously registered non-member residents will receive a renewal form by mail. All other non-member residents should contact the Enrollment Department to request a registration form.

The Registration Form maybe submitted in person at the Enrollment Office, a photo ID is required.

> Governance Center 525 W Gu U Ki Sacaton, AZ 85147



Registration Forms can be submitted by email, fax or mail. Notary required. Mailing address:

> **GRIC Enrollment Department** P.O. Box 97 Sacaton, AZ 85147





Lt. Gov. Antone, Gov. Lewis, Comm. Council Reps. Regina Antone, Terrance B. Evans, Brian E. Davis Sr., and Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The Indigenous Enterprise dance group performing at the conclusion of the inauguration ceremony on Jan. 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

More than 850 Families Get Special Deliveries for Christmas

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community's Department (DCH) and the Gila River just in time for Christmas. Police Department (GRPD) and their families throughout the Community received Christmas gifts last Dec.

First, GRPD collected donations for children

at their facility in Sacaton Antone. for DCH to deliver to the children and families they ber Martinez, Housing Speserve, an annual tradition. cialist for DCH, and Ben An added treat is that the Notah, Assistant to Lt. Gov. of Community Housing gifts arrived for children loaded several children's

Then on Thursday, ensured that 856 children Dec. 22, families who enrolled in DCH's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) received a special

Lt. Gov. Antone, Amtoys and gifts, packed an SUV, and traveled to Casa Grande and Chandler to spread some holiday cheer to families.

visit from Lt. Gov. Monica Antone presented toys for rental or utility assistance

included notebooks, sketchpads, markers, paint, headphones, gift cards, and more to over 30 children, teens, and families temporarily housed through ERAP. In ing the huge smiles on their total, they served over 78 children.

ERAP, a temporary federal assistance program, On this day, Lt. Gov. was established to offer

children of all ages. Items to eligible renters whom the like to thank those who do-COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted.

> "The great part of presenting a gift is witnessing their eyes light up, and seefaces was a good feeling," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "It was important for me to make them feel important by giving them gifts."

Lt. Governor would Dec. 29, 2022.

nated towards this effort, including Pimmex Contracting, Toys for Tots, and the Executive offices for all the donations to make this happen. She also wanted to thank Tribal Council and Treasurer Gary Mix Jr. and DCH for extending the ERAP program. ERAP lasted two years, ending on

GRIC youth recieved early Christmas gifts with a special visit from Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Emma Hughes/GRIN





Two youth stand with Lt. Gov. Antone after receiving a gifts before Christmas Emma Hughes/GRIN



The 2023 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be <u>no</u> in person payout.

On Friday, January 20, 2023, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC")

Ben Notah, Assistant, Lt. Gov Monica Antone, and Amber Martinez, Housing Specialist for DCH provided Christmas gifts to children on Dec. 22. Emma Hughes/ GRIN

Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729 (staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time) The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022. Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 20, 2023.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2023.

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SLA Rolls Out Donations for GRIC Youth

GRIN Staff

Gila River Indian News

Seven Layer Army Skateboards (SLA) kicked off the new year by distributing skateboarding items for Community youth and aspiring skateboarders. Both co-founders Reuben Ringlero and Paul Molina hosted a "skate giveaway" at the District 3 skatepark in Sacaton Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Over 80 people arrived at the skatepark for the 3 p.m. distribution, an outstanding amount considering the flyer and outreach went out less than 24 hours before. And within an hour of starting, all of the items were gone.

"This giveaway represents the largest donations for us ever. It's very exciting. We've never had this many people come out for a giveaway like this," said Reuben Ringlero. Items included complete skate decks, new shoes, and bare



Older youth were treated to brand new skateboard decks during the giveaway toss on Wednesday Jan. 4. Emma Hughes/GRIN

skate decks.

A deck (board) can cost up to \$70, so these donations will go a long way to helping youth who want to learn. The items were provided through generous contributions from Cowtown Skateboards' "Cowtown Skate" and Phoenix's "Skate After School" non-

profit organizations. Since starting in 2008, SLA's goals have been to provide skateboard competitions and giveaways to motivate a healthy lifestyle for GRIC youth. Since then, SLA has become active in the Community and throughout the valley and has established notable partnerships with numerous skate organizations that support their efforts.

Last year SLA hosted the "Downtown Throwdown" skate competition in Downtown Phoenix in conjunction with the Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration in Oct. This competition was one of the most significant and notable events they hosted for Native skateboarders. Additionally, it demonstrated how much support they've developed in the skateboard community.

"I skated as a kid and never had anything like skate parks, so as long as this giveaway available so I hope that this motivates our youth to discover skateboarding, continue skating, so doing these events feels great," said Ringlero.

As SLA marks its 15th year, they hope to continue providing skate competitions throughout the year, especially since a hiatus due to the pandemic. Before that Emma Hughes/GRIN



Younger children were treated to brand new complete skateboards at the SLA giveaway on Jan. 4. Emma Hughes/ GRIN

time, SLA hosted an average of four skate competitions a year and looks forward to what 2023 will bring.

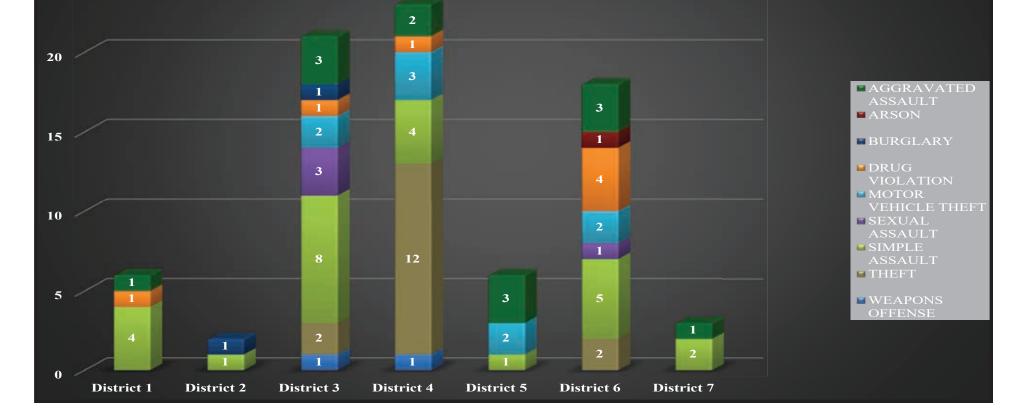
"The Community supports us and skateboarding, as you can see from all the there's interest from the youth, we'll keep doing what we can," said Ringlero.

[Right Photo] Anxious youth line up as Seven Layer Army founders Reuben Ringlero (left) and Paul Molina (right) unload boxes for the giveaway at the District 3 skate park.



Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Community Wide- Part 1 Crimes (December 12 – December 31)



GRICUMA Gather for Holidays & Health

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

The GRIC Urban Members Association (GRICUMA) held its annual holiday luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 17. At the gathering, food, toys for children, COVID-19 testing, and COVID-19 and Flu vaccinations were made available. The yearly meeting drew close to 100 urban Community members for an excellent time to round out the year while delivering crucial vaccinations and boosters for public safety this winter.

ways keep the GRICUMA on Dec. 17. members in mind when there are opportunities to holiday gathering as a great for urban members when nation event would soon those Community membring these opportunities opportunity to administer for our population," said testing and vaccinations at Dr. Anthony Newkirk, once, a strategy that proved GRICUMA chairperson. effective. In addition, the "Gatherings like this allow luncheon took place at Dr. us to spread that holiday Newkirk's Warriors Code spirit and show that GRIC establishment in downis doing their part to sup- town Phoenix, making it port us and provide these accessible to the urban public health services for member population. us."

with the GRIC Office of of the gathering was made Emergency Management possible through a partner-



GRIC youth wait for presents to arrive at Warriors Code in Phoenix during their annual GRICUMA holiday luncheon. Photo courtesy of GRIC OEM

"I'm very thankful (OEM) to coordinate the booster. Booster vaccina- readily available or acces- A sizable urban member that the Community al-vaccinations and testing tions were reassuring for sible.

The COVID-19 testing Gov. Lewis worked and vaccinations portion ship with the GRIC OEM and the Arizona Dept. of Health Services.

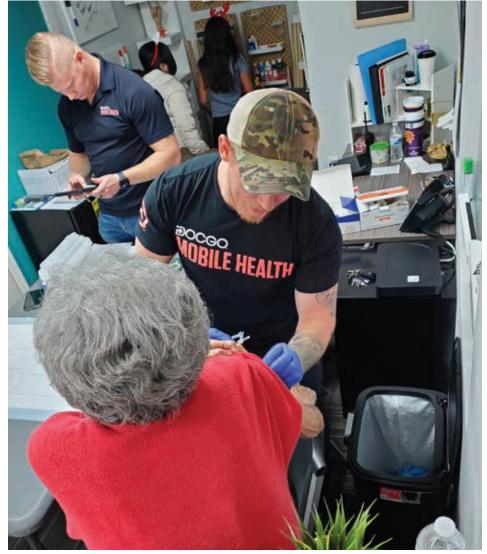
> "When the Arizona Dept. of Health Services said they have resources for the Community in the form of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, the first thing thought of was the GRICUMA," said Monica Ortiz, OEM. "The work our office mostly does, concerns the Community but I know that the urban members are also a priority that we need to work with so it great to provide this for them."

> Ortiz shared that vaccinations and testing were for all ages in attendance. She also noted that almost everyone that received a COVID vaccination was there for a second or third

her as they demonstrated

Both parties saw the the need for the last shots other testing and vaccivaccination sites aren't as occur in Casa Grande. bers this winter.

population resides in Casa Dr. Newkirk said an- Grande, so OEM hopes to provide a similar event for



Arizona Dept. of Health Services medical professionals administer COVID-19 and flu vaccinations on Saturday Dec. 17, 2022. Photo courtesy of GRIC OEM

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Gila River Fall Bike Ride in District 3 Saturday, November 5, 2022 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route

Gila River Winter Bike Ride in District 6 Saturday, January 7, 2023 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route

Gila River Bike Tour Day 2 from Wild Horse Pass to Casa Blanca Market Sunday, February 19, 2023 10:00am 17 mile Route

Water Rights Day Bike Ride at MAR 5 Saturday, December 10, 2022 10:00am 5 mile Route & 10 mile Route

Gila River Bike Tour Day 1 from District 6 to Wild Horse Pass Saturday, February 18, 2023 10:00am 12 mile Route

Gila River Bike Tour Day 3 from Casa Blanca Market to Black Monday, February 20, 2023 10:00am 21 mile Route





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Gila River Spring Bike Ride in District 4 Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:00am

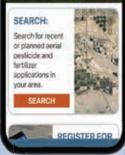
5 mile Route & 10 mile Route





Additional Questions Contact Elisha Bishop at (520) 858-2774

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College Visits from page 1

2022, 60 high school seniors visited the University of Arizona, Grand Canyon University, and Northern Arizona University.

Antonio Escalante, 17, District 3, a senior at Coolidge High School, visited the U of A and NAU campuses, which helped him determine where he'd like to attend.

"When I went to NAU, they presented what I wanted to go to college for," said Escalante, who is interested in the field of sports training. At U of A, however, he said, "I didn't see that much about athletic sports trainers.

Escalante said he plans

the weather and the Athletic perience," he said. Training Program.

sports trainers and what vices visit gricted.com.

on attending NAU both for they do there to get the ex-

For more information 'When I went to NAU, on the Tribal Education Dethey talked about their partment and Student Ser-



Lance Reyna, K-12 Education Manager, collects promotional items to help expose students to higher education institutions. Photo courtesy of Lance Reyna



Students visit Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona Oct. 28, 2022. Photo courtesy of Lance Reyna





Gila River Indian Community Statement: Update on July Ransomware Attack

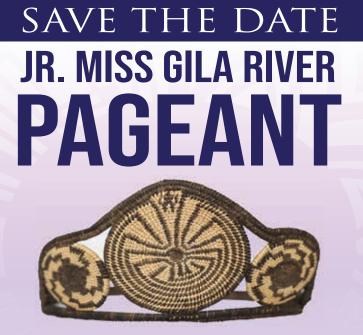
On Friday, July 29, 2022, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) tribal government was the target of a *Ransomware attack. This attack affected some of the servers. The GRIC Management Information Systems (MIS) department took immediate action to contain the issue. Resolving the issue took several months to allow MIS to implement safety protocols. This was to ensure all files and applications were safe for users. No department data or personal information was compromised during the attack.

On September 6, 2022, all GRIC departments were operational for daily services.

This attack only affected GRIC Tribal Government and all personal information was kept safe within GRIC servers.



*Ransomware: is a form of malware designed to encrypt files on a device, rendering any files and the systems that rely on them unusable.



FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2023

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2023 AT 5:00 PM **MORE INFORMATION TO COME.**





Solunteer Chaperones Meeded

Duties to include:

great-great-great-great grandchildren will be alive when the plastic water bottle you threw in the trash today finally breaks down! Recycling can turn that water bottle into a usable item in a matter of weeks. Other types of heavier plastic can take up to 1000 years to decompose. For information on what is and isn't recyclable, please contact the Department of Environmental Quality at (520) 562-2234 or visit gricdeq.org Thank you for recycling!

> When you recycle, you respect future generations, your environment and your Community.

GRIC Dept. of Environmental Quality (520)562-2234 gricdeq.org



The Gila River Royalty Committee is looking for volunteer chaperones for the Gila River Royalty Court.



- Accompanying and looking after the Court at events.
- Occasionally assisting with transportation for events.
- Supervising royalty, ensuring they are behaving in an appropriate manner.
- Provide a positive role model for Royalty.

Volunteers must complete a volunteer background check through GRIC Human Resources to be considered. For more information email

missgilariver@gric.nsn.us

Jan. 6, 2023

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Dec. 21, 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, December 21, 2022, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Monica Antone ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman(9:46), Arzie Hogg; D2-Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Alli-

son, Regina Antone; D5- Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6-Charles Goldtooth (9:17); D7-Devin Redbird (9:38) Executive Officers Attending via WebEx Plat-

form:

D5- James De La Rosa

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.

D6-Terrance Evans

Council Members Absent:

D4- Nada Celaya

D5- Wahlean Riggs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORTS #13, #20 THROUGH #23, #26, #28, #29 AND #39; AND NEW BUSINESS #1 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 THROUGH #12, #14 THROUGH #18, #24, #27, #30, #34 THROUGH #37; AC-CEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #3 THROUGH #8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA; AND REMOVE REPORT #38 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

*1. Tribal Health Department FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)

Presenter: Candalerian Preston **REPORT HEARD**

>2. Department of Rehabilitation and Supervision-FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenter: Ron Lopez

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*3. Tribal Historic Preservation Office FY 2022 Annual Report Presenters: Barnaby V. Lewis, Larry Benallie Jr., Darius Enos, Reylynne Williams ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >4. Tribal Education Department FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Nadia Huff, Chas Damo ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >5. Accessing Choices in Education (ACE) Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Arlanna Jackson, Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >6. Culture and Language Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Anthony Gray, Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >7. Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Anthony Gray, Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA Peters

>8. Child Development and Education Sup- ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA port Services Program FY2022 Annual Report 25. 2016 RHIP Pre-Development Report placement on the consent agenda) (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Tamara Thompson, Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >9. K12 Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Lance Reyna, Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >10. Early Education Child Care Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Philana Thinn, Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >11. Head Start Program FY2022 Annual Re-

port (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenter: Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. Student Services Program FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Jennifer Hinton, Isaac Salcido ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. Employment & Training Department FY22 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Lana Chanda, Iwalani Andrews TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. Office of the Community Manager – FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Michael Preston ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>15. FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Tribal Projects Development

Presenters: Howard Reno, Michael Preston ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >16. Veteran & Family Services Office -FY2022 Annual Report (October 01, 2021-

September 30, 2022) Presenters: Eric White, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>17. Akimel O'Odham/Pee-Posh Youth Coun-

cil FY2022 Annual Report October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022

Presenters: Gwendolyn Morago, Suzanne Jones

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>18. Department of Community Housing FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Derwin Cooper, Michael Preston ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19. Management Information Systems -FY2022 Annual Report - (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenter: Chris R. Cabanillas, Michael Pres-

ton **REPORT HEARD**

>20. Facilities and Maintenance FY-22 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Henry Quintana, Michael Preston TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >21. FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) - Human Resources Department Presenter: Margarita Valdez, Michael Preston TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >22. Department of Transportation – FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021–September 30, 2022) Presenters: Sreedevi Manthra, Michael Preston TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >23. Department of Public Works FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Presenters: Jesus Haro, Michael Preston TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >24. BGCGRIC 2021-22 (Q3 and Q4) Reporting Presenters: Jason Jones, Mark Clavell, Jocelyn Young, Anita Leon, Soyet Antone, Tamara

Presenters: Kimberly Antone, Scott Bender, Jesus Haro, Kyle Woodson, Howard Reno, Wymbs, Enez Jackson, Sreedevi Manthra, Tomas Rodriguez **REPORT HEARD**

>26. Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

Presenter: David DeJong

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>27. Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District – FY 2022 Annual Report – October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

Presenters: Ronald Allison, Michael Preston ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 28. 2022 Feral Horse Management Plan Re-

port Presenters: Lt. Governor Monica Antone, Ryan Eberle, William Morago, Kimberly Antone, Thomas Murphy, Desirae Deschine TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>29. Department of Environmental Quality FY 2022 Annual Report

Presenters: Ryan Eberle, Michael Preston TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>30. Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning FY 2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

Presenter: Kimberly Antone

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

31. COVID-19 Update

Presenters: COVID-19 Task Force REPORT HEARD

32. Health Information Exchange Awareness and Communication Plan

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Scott McCrimmon, Veronica Vaughn, Anthony Brundige, Judith Roth, Dr. Anthony Santiago REPORT HEARD

33. GRHC Influenza & RSV Update

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Viji

Murugavel, Dr. Anthony Santiago REPORT HEARD

>34. Enrollment/Census Department-FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela, Michael Preston

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >35. Tribal Elections Program-FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Nadine Shelde, Michael Preston ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >36. Office of Emergency Management FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Michael Preston ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >37. Defense Service Office FY2022 Annu- agenda)

cil with a recommendation for approval and

Presenters: Bartley Harris, Gila River Farm Board, Treasurer Gary T. Mix

Wayne Allison, Adrian Holiday, Rojeana ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

> 2. A Resolution Approving The Loan Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. For The Gila River Indian Community District #4 Public Safety Facility (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval, LSC concurs)

> Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Steve Heeley, Eric Munoz, Rebecca Hall APPROVED

> >3. A Resolution Approving The First Renewal To The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Arizona Boxing And Mixed Martial Arts Commission (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dominic Orozco, Javier G. Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Second Extension Of The Blackwater Community School Tribal Grant Period (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving Tribal Education Allocation Funds For Schools Located Within The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Jeffery Thornburg ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transit Services Intergovernmental Agreement No. 128-75-2023 Between The Gila River Indian Community And The Regional Public Transportation Authority Providing For Fixed-Route Transit Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sreedevi Manthra, Dawn Coomer ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 1 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent

al Report (October 1, 2021-September 30, Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix 2022)

Presenter: Claude Jackson Jr.

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA >38. Gila River Indian Community Court FY2022 (October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022) Annual Report

Presenter: Anthony J. Hill REPORT HEARD

>39. Cultural Resource Management Program - FY2022 Annual Report (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

Presenters: Kyle Woodson, Michael Preston TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA 40. FY2023 Financial Activity Report - November 30, 2022 (Executive Session) Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Establishment Of The Gila River Farms Agricultural Enterprise Fund (G&MSC forwards to Coun-

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. A Resolution Approving The Liquor License Application For The Gila River Gaming Enterprises To Sell Alcoholic Beverages At The Santan Mountain Casino (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Tony DeMark ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA **ORDINANCES** UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Health Care Board of Directors Two (2) Appointments Presenters: Community Council MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

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MYRON SCHURZ AND ROBERT PABLO TO THE GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **NEW BUSINESS**

1. American Rescue Plan Act Workshop January 11-12, 2023 - Tempe, Arizona (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Avery White TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Gila River Indian Community's Police Department and Wild Horse Pass Development Authority (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval under New Business. EDSC concurs)

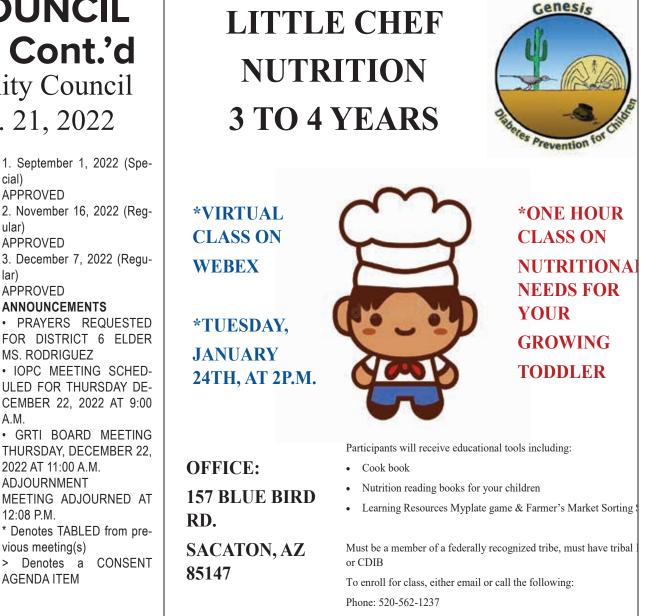
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tone, Casaundra Wallace MOTION MADE AND SEC- cial) OND TO APPROVE THE APPROVED MEMORANDUM OF AGREE- 2. November 16, 2022 (Reg-MENT BETWEEN THE GILA ular) RIVER INDIAN COMMUNI- APPROVED TY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT 3. December 7, 2022 (Regu-AND WILD HORSE PASS lar) DEVELOPMENT AUTHORI- APPROVED TY WITH A RECOMMENDA- ANNOUNCEMENTS TION FOR APPROVAL AND . PRAYERS REQUESTED THAT WHPDA COME BACK FOR DISTRICT 6 ELDER WITH A RESOLUTION TO MS. RODRIGUEZ THE MOA

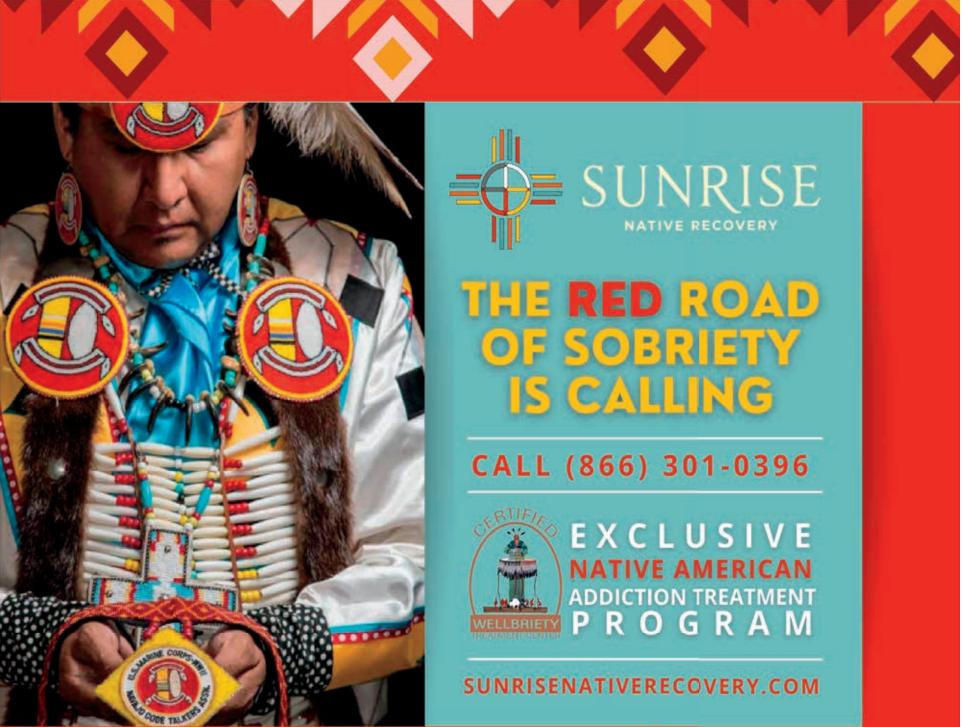
tigative Report

Presenter: Shannon White MOTION MADE AND SEC- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, OND TO HOLD A SPECIAL 2022 AT 11:00 A.M. COUNCIL MEETING ON ADJOURNMENT JANUARY 6, 2023 AT 9:00 MEETING ADJOURNED AT A.M. TO REVIEW THE IN- 12:08 P.M. VESTIGATIVE REGARDING THE CODE vious meeting(s) OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT > Denotes a CONSENT FILED ON CHIEF JUDGE AGENDAITEM ANTHONY HILL MINUTES

· IOPC MEETING SCHED-3. Request for Special Coun- ULED FOR THURSDAY DEcil Meeting - Review of Inves- CEMBER 22, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M. • GRTI BOARD MEETING REPORT * Denotes TABLED from pre-



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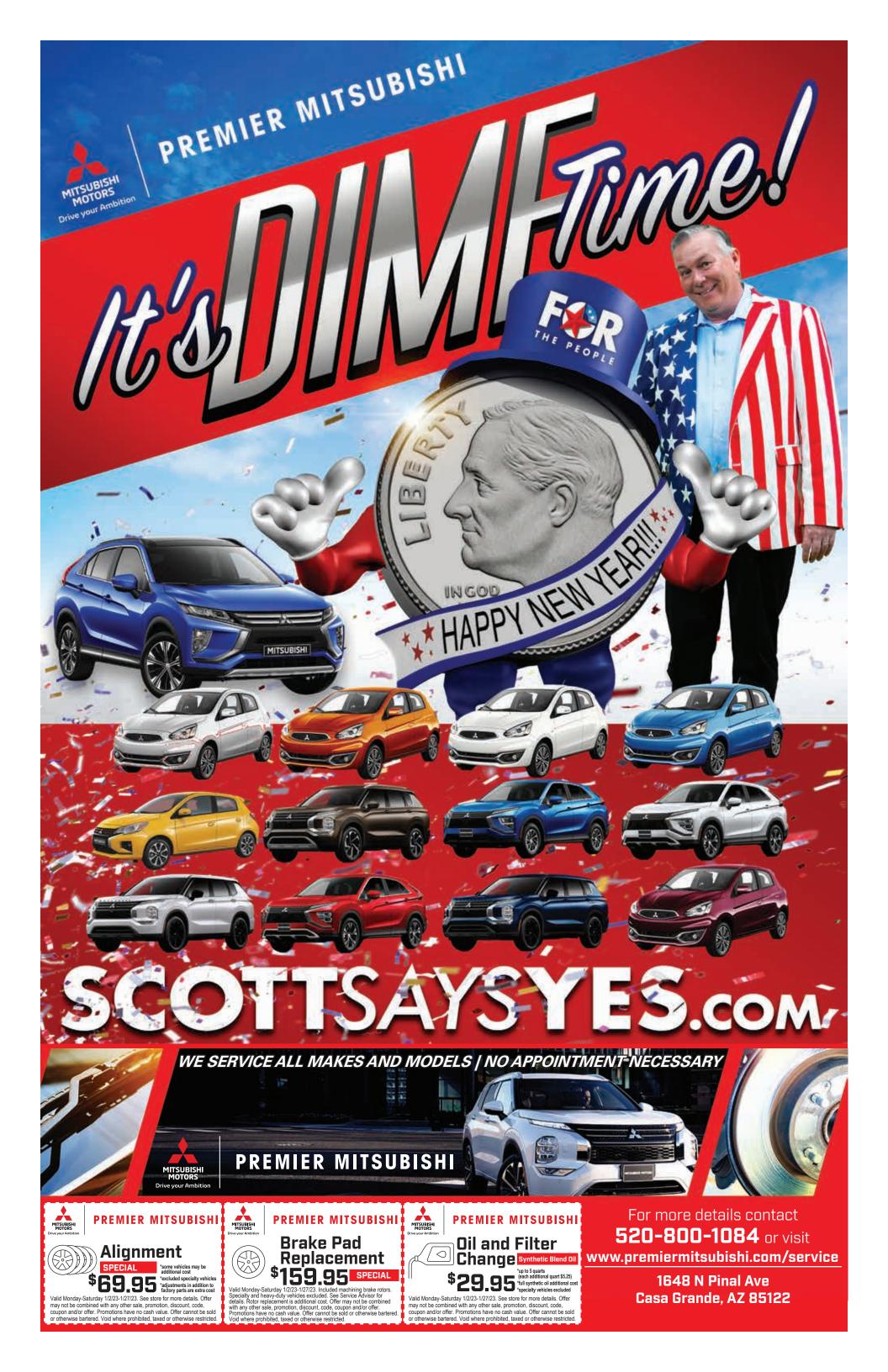


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