



Memorial Service for fallen GRPD Officer Joshua Briese

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Communication & Public Affairs Office

A June 8 memorial service for fallen Gila River Police Department (GRPD) Officer Joshua Briese was the last goodbye in Arizona before he was laid to rest in his home state of Montana.

Law enforcement led a procession to the Sun Valley Community Church – South Gilbert campus in Gilbert, to begin the memorial for 23-year-old Officer Briese, who was killed during an incident in the early morning of June 1. Loved ones and community members gathered to mourn Officer Briese, while hundreds of law enforcement members, including many from GRPD, saluted the young man who died after being with the department for less than a year.

The procession arrived at the church with guests gathered outside to meet the casket, which was carried inside by GRPD Honor Guard. The memorial service was led by Pastor Brett Humphrey.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was among the speakers at the service, along with GRPD Chief Jesse Crabtree and Capt. Kent O'Donnell with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office in Billings, Montana.

Gov. Lewis recounted the



GRPD Officers pay their respects and escort Officer Joshua Briese. Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

morning he received the news.

"I had no idea how tragic the news would be," said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis' words reflected on Officer Briese's untimely death, but also his qualities as a human being.

"Josh was special – a young man with unimaginable strength, with character beyond question, and with a spirit of service that is all too rare today," Gov. Lewis told the gathered mourners.

Chief Crabtree mentioned how unthinkable it was for GRPD to lose an officer. He said GRPD was "brought to their knees" and that the young officer left an indelible mark during his time with

GRIC.

Capt. O'Donnell knew Briese as a young boy when his father, Yellowstone County, Montana, Deputy Sheriff David Briese was killed in a car crash outside Billings on his way to back-up another deputy handling a DUI suspect, according to Yellowstone County officials. Joshua Briese was six years old at the time.

The memorial concluded with a eulogy by Pastor Humphrey. The procession left the church following an outside salute with a last radio call, three-volley salute, a flyover, flag folding, a rendition of Taps along with traditional bagpipes.

Community Run Honors GRPD Officer



Robert Stone, District 5, provides a blessing with a prayer song to the Community and the individuals who ran in honor of fallen Officer Joshua Briese. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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On June 2, Running 4 Heroes, a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds for fallen first responders, announced that one of their youth runners, 13-year-old Morgan Blann from New Jersey, would run one mile on June 5 in honor of fallen Gila River Police Department (GRPD) Officer Joshua Briese, who was killed in the line of duty on June 1.

While Morgan ran at 8 p.m. EDT, the Gila River Police Department held their run in solidarity with Blann that evening in Sacaton, inviting the Community to run or walk from the new GRPD

police station to the Governance Center and back.

Hundreds of Community members and supporters arrived at the newly built GRPD station at 6 p.m. dressed in running clothes, ready to honor the lost young officer. Visitors brought pictures, flowers, notes, and wreaths in remembrance of the fallen 23-year-old police officer.

"We are mourning our loss of Officer Briese, and then our other officer that's recovering in the hospital still," said Chief Jesse Crabtree. "We thought that this might be a good opportunity for the Community to come out and

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AOPPYC Hosts O'odham New Year Gathering

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O'odham New Year, celebrated around the summer solstice, marks the beginning of the new year to the O'odham. This year's festivities occurred at the Sacaton Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. hosted by the Akimel O'odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC).

"O'odham New Year isn't necessarily held a specific day, it's more so celebrating the season changing and the summer solstice," said AOPPYC President, Junior Pancott, from District 2.

AOPPYC Coordinator, Joseph Davis, explains that this period coincides with the arrival of the much anticipated summer rains, bringing renewal and hope to the desert landscape.

Central to the celebration are traditional social dances, Community members gather to perform meaningful steps, praying

and reflecting their deep cultural heritage to the land.

"It feels good, as you're dancing you feel connected with who we are as O'odham," said Miss Gila River, Susanna Osife, from District 2. She illustrates the gathering as an open space for learning, sharing and expressing the O'odham Himadag (way of life)

Gourd singers, from the Community and from the Onk-Akimel O'odham (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community) sing with their gourd instruments creating rhythmic and soulful music accompanying the dances.

"It's a good feeling to come out and feel the ground, the Jevved, the earth, to dance and feel it in your feet, to keep your walk right," said Community member, Ana Joaquin, from District 5. She says she has had the honor of hosting and participating in previous O'odham New Years with her Va-hki Basket dancers and singers. As time goes on she encour-

ages youth and elders to attend whenever they can because it's a part of the O'odham Himdag.

A highlight of the O'odham New Year is the giveaway dance where household items donated by the Communication and Public Affairs Office (CPAO), were distributed to participants who held

on to dancers holding the item, as they danced in tricky motions and steps without letting go, until the dancer decides to stop. This tradition emphasizes generosity, and fostering a spirit of unity and communal support.

Food was provided by the Sunna Family food business for

the evening, meanwhile Gila River EMS was on standby at the event, ensuring safety to the celebration.

Through these rituals, the O'odham honor their ancestors, celebrate nature's cycles, and strengthen their Community bonds.



The Gila River Indian Community and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's gourd singers, perform traditional songs for the celebration. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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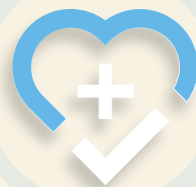
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Rebuilt St. Anthony's Church Opens Along Sacaton Road

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A symbol of hope for the Community has arisen on the curve of Sacaton Road: a new church for all parishioners to share God's word. St. Anthony Catholic Mission Church opened its doors to the public on Saturday, June 8, in celebration of the Catholic community's hard work and faith in restoring what was lost 24 years ago.

"It's been a long time coming," said Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, a four-generation St. Anthony's church parishioner.

"It devastated the Community," said Lt. Gov. Antone, "so when [Community members] saw this starting to be built, it was bringing everybody's hope back."

"We are thankful for all our many donors," said Lt. Gov. Antone. Donations and funds came from the tobacco tax program, major foundations, church organizations, donations of parishioners who left the church in their wills and in honor of their loved ones. "This includes the children who collected jars of change, we are grateful to the Community members, and Tribal Council who continued to support this project. Everyone had a hand in rebuilding this and it is truly a Community church."

The original St. Anthony's Catholic Indian Mission church was built in the 1920s, under the Diocese of Phoenix. The building was destroyed by an arson fire in the year 2000, creating a devastating loss to the Catholic community. The only element of the original building that survived the fire was the big brass bell that rang in the historic church's tower.

Now, honoring its history, the bell returned home to the new bell tower of the remodeled and renamed St. Anthony Catholic Mission church. The new church's architectural elements are reminiscent of the old building, seamlessly blending tradition with modern upgrades and safety



The newly built St. Anthony's Catholic Mission Church, replicates aspects of the old 1920's temple with modern renovations located in Sacaton. Velia Moncada/GRIN

measures.

Anthony Jones, Community member from District 1, assisted the church with architectural direction on the project. He said the materials used for the building included Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF) block, which provides temperature insulation to the church structure, and Stucco Max material, to protect the building from water and fire.

"We are done, and we are finally here," said Jones in an interview with the GRIN. "A lot of this journey has ended, but we look forward to the future."

The church includes hand-painted and culturally connected Stations of the Cross and a Holy Water ceramic basin from Tohono O'odham/Pima-Maricopa watercolor artist and illustrator Michael Chiago.

The celebration included a presentation by St. Anthony's church parishioner and former Governor Donald Antone Sr., from District 3. Another St. Anthony's parishioner, former Jr. Miss Gila River 2020-2022, and Pacific Regional Representative for the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY), Sineca Jackson from District 3 also addressed the



Holy Water ceramic Bowl used in Church Mass, hand painted by Tohono O'odham/Pima-Maricopa watercolor artist and illustrator, Michael Chiago. Velia Moncada/GRIN

gathering.

"Together let's move forward with hope and excitement knowing that St. Anthony's church will be source of strength and unity for all," said Jackson in her speech to church visitors and parishioners.

A video presentation showcasing the church's storied past and the rebuilding efforts was shown to visitors and Community members in the church's multi-purpose building. Over

a group meal, church members began reflecting on the unity and dedication shown throughout the reconstruction journey of the church. Many expressed their feeling that the new building stands as a testament to resilience and faith, marking a new chapter while preserving the legacy of the beloved church.

The consecration of the new church will be on June 23 in Sacaton.



Hundreds of Community members and supporters come together for the memorial run/walk in honor of GRPD Officer Joshua Briese. Velia Moncada/GRIN

From the Front Page

show support for the victims."

Community leadership attended, including Lt. Gov. Regina Antone and Community Council Representatives.

"I'm personally touched by the outpour [of support] of the surrounding areas coming in and helping us out," said Lt. Gov. Antone in an interview with Gila River Broadcasting Inc.

Lt. Gov. Antone thanked surrounding cities and their first

responders for assisting GRPD after Officer Briese's death. She also acknowledged the Community's gestures to recognize GRPD during this challenging period for the department.

"I just like us all to remem-

ber... Everybody wants to go home at night and we need to be thankful for that, and thank the people who help us to get home," concluded Lt. Gov. Antone at the end of her interview.

As the sun set, the memorial run/walk finished in the evening, with the District 5 Elders gifting Chief Crabtree a memorial wreath and a prayer song by former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone.

As the run in Sacaton commenced, Blann, running in New Jersey, shared her thoughts in a Facebook video called "Mile 1,764 Honoring fallen Gila River Police Department Officer Joshua Briese (AZ) with a 1-mile run carrying the Blue Line Flag" under the Running 4 Heroes Inc page.

"I am truly sad that he lost his life and I know that he is deeply missed within his family and his community; Yet, he will never be forgotten for all the amazing things he has done and for all the sacrifices that he has made to keep his community safe and protected," Blann said.

Vechich Hemachkam Oichutha - Next Generations Accomplishments



Submitted by

Huhugam Heritage Center

Growing up in a traditional O'otham family had always been a knowledge-gaining experience. As we matured, our parents and Elders administered more responsibility on us. They still guided our upbringing combined with their own life experiences. The males and females had specific roles and responsibilities. As we carried out our responsibilities, those eventually led to greater things, which prepared us for adulthood. Many of the traditional customs and virtues were taught to us, despite the onset of modern times.

For many of us siblings, the first vehicle we learned to drive was a standard stick-shift. Eventually, both the boys and the girls learned to drive the backroads throughout the village. Older family members taught us their driving

skills. It was a big deal, when we passed the written exam and driving test for our first driver's license. Obtaining our driver's license had been the first step toward independence.

The next phase of our lives included what the Elders called "Bei anth heg chickpan" (Getting our first job.) Many of us started off as we worked part-time and eventually moved on to full-time jobs. With our increased earning capacity, that led to more milestones in our lives. Many young adults opened banking accounts and learned to budget their earned income. That accomplishment led to another step toward self-sufficiency. It was always good to help with the family budget for utilities and food.

There came a point in our lives, when we entered what the Elders called "Hejel ki:kam" (Getting our own place). Many O'otham still remembered when they moved out of

the home for good to be on their own. Many recalled their first rental apartments and neighborhoods. Due to our proper upbringing, we already knew how to set up and maintained our household. Of course, that meant a change of address and learned a new travel route to work. At our work place and neighborhood, we met new people and made good friends with a few of them. If everything worked out, we saved our wages, and made major purchases.

One major purchase is what the Elders called "Hejel eñ kalith" (To buy our first car). For many O'otham, the first car we bought was a used one to get to work or school. There came a time when we purchased a brand new car from the dealership. It was always a good thing when mom and dad wanted a ride in your new car. As we achieved those accomplishments, they prepared us for the next phases in our lives. Despite all the

Vechich Hemachkam Oichutha 2024, Match the O'otham achievement phrase with its picture!

Hejel ki:kam.

Chi:pia mashchamakuđ wi:

Hejel eñ kalith.

Bei anth heg chickpan.

Tho himk 'o chek'sha.

Lodithakuđ ki: chickpan.

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modern conveniences, we strove to remain rooted in our traditional values.

We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them with your family members. Speak with an Elder or Speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases.

Phrases may be slightly different between the villages. This month's word match will test your knowledge on the accomplishments of our Next Generations.

A special Thank You to community Elders for sharing their knowledge of

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Vechich Hemachkam Oichutha, which made this article possible. Additional source related from A Pima Past, Anna Moore Shaw, 1974, University of Arizona Press.



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

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Pinal County Opens New Elections Center in Florence

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Pinal County officially opened the new Pinal VOTES Election Center on June 11 in Florence, with remarks and blessings followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by county officials and leaders from the Community. The new 53,000-square-foot facility is four times larger than the previous facility located in Coolidge.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis attended the opening along with Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, who gave a blessing for the center, and representatives from GRIC Tribal Elections.

“Pinal County is growing and a voting center like this was much needed. I commend county officials for pushing this project forward,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Lt. Gov. Antone was thankful for the opportunity to give the blessing, and was impressed by the modern facility.

“I was honored to provide the blessing for the new facility. In touring the building, I was proud to see how well organized and how huge this state-of-the-art building was,” said Lt. Gov. Antone, who added that she is confident the voting center will serve Pinal County well during an important election year.

“Just to know that our ballots are well kept and we can all individually track



L-R: Robert Stone, Community Elections Coordinator Zuzette Kisto, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Pinal County Recorder Dana Lewis, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, and Audra Antone. Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

our own ballots was amazing,” said Antone. “No one can ever question the accuracy or the security of our votes in Pinal County or Arizona. The push now is to get the Native vote out there. We can all make a difference, we just need to get out and let our voices be heard.”

Former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone performed a song in O’otham at the event. He said his prayer was in honor of the land shared by Pinal County and the Gila River Indian Community.

GRIC Voters in Dis-

tricts 1 through Districts 5 vote in Pinal County and their ballots will be processed in the Pinal VOTES Election Center. Four Pinal County precincts are located in GRIC.

Precinct 60 is Located in District 1 for District 1 and District 2 voters. Precinct 29 is located in Sacaton. Precinct 61 and 62 are located in District 4 and District 5 respectively.

Pinal County Recorder Dana Lewis said the building represents the essence of protecting the right to vote, calling it “a symbol

of our commitment to the fundamental principle upon which our constitutional republic is built.”

Chairman District 2 Supervisor Mike Goodman said the new building was part of an effort to “help

restore the confidence” citizens have in elections.

Guests toured the facility following the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The 2024 Primary Election is July 30. You must be registered to vote

by July 1 in order to vote in the primary. For more information on registering to vote and the 2024 elections, log on mygilariver.com for the GRIC Voter Guide.



Lt. Gov. Regina Antone provides a blessing for the new building on June 11. Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO



Pinal Votes newest building located in Florence. Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO



Inside the new Pinal Votes building. Roberto A. Jackson/CPAO

What's New at GRICUA?



New Employee - Henry Vargas



GRICUA is happy to introduce our new Accounting Manager – Henry Vargas. Henry Vargas is an Arizona native who received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Phoenix. He has over 16 years accounting experience, primarily in the banking industry, where he started as a Senior Accountant and worked his way up to Assistant Director of Accounting. He is very excited to start his new position as Accounting Manager here at GRICUA. In his off time, he loves spending time with his family, going to the movies, and traveling. His latest travel adventure was a trip to Disney World.

Monsoon Safety Tips

It's that time of year again! Remember flashfloods, high winds, lightning, thunderstorms and dust storms can hit ANYTIME!! Here are some tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe this monsoon season.

Disaster Supply Kits

- Three gallons of water in clean, closed containers for each person and pet.
- First Aid Kit.
- A stock of food that requires no cooking or refrigeration.
- Portable and working battery-operated radio, flashlights, and extra batteries.
- Necessary medications.
- Back-up power source for life support or other medical equipment that requires electricity to function.

Flash Flood Safety

- If you live in a flood prone area have an evacuation plan.
- Store materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic and lumber for protection from floodwaters and to make quick repairs after a severe storm and store materials above flood levels.
- Secure light weight objects to prevent them from floating away.
- Do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain.
- Avoid low-water crossings.
- Driving too fast through standing water can cause a car to hydroplane. The best defense is to slow down or pull well off the road (with lights off) for a few minutes to wait out heavy rains.

Tha'i Chekshan Substation Dedication



Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) held a dedication ceremony for their new Tha'i Chekshan Substation in District 4 on May 28.

The new substation will primarily feed power to the Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Santan Mountain Casino while also providing extra service to District 4.

The ceremony began with a blessing by Harry Antone, followed by remarks from Lt. Gov. Regina Antone.

"I was honored to be part of the blessing of our new substation," said Lt. Gov. Antone. "The transformer was charged to turn on the flow underground. This signifies the blessing of the land and site to bring new energy to our Community."

She added, "It was

good to see the team be part of the blessing and proud to see their hard work come to fruition. As, I spoke to them I thanked them all for their dedication to see this project to the end, informed them that this will be a legacy they leave here that will live on for generations to come."

The entire construction, engineering, and design took two years to complete, bringing GRICUA to a total of 10 substations.

Also in attendance were former Community Council Rep. Barney Enos, members of the CEOT Team, GRICUA Team members and contractors who assisted in the construction of the substation.

"This shows with the support of leadership, Council and all the team, that anything can be accomplished," said Lt. Gov.

GRICUA Propane Delivery Schedule

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Monday & Wednesday	1, 2, 3, 6, and 7
Tuesday & Thursday	4 and 5

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Propane Safety Tips

Propane tanks have many uses, whether it's for cooking, heating your water or using a fireplace, but they can also be dangerous if used incorrectly. Here are a few propane safety tips to help you and your family stay safe:

1. **Keep Clutter Away** – keep your propane and the area surrounding it free of clutter. Make sure there is no flammable items near the tank.
2. **Install CO and Smoke Detectors** – carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless, so you need an alarm to tell you when levels are too high.
3. **Recognize the Smell** – in the event there is a propane leak, recognize that propane smells like rotten eggs. Dial 911 if you have a leak.
4. **Inspect Your Tank After Storms** – inspect your outdoor propane tanks for damage after storms and clean up debris immediately.
5. **Maintain Your Appliances** – your tank and any appliances that use the propane tank should be inspected and maintained on a regular basis. Look for faulty connections and repair immediately.

Courtesy of <https://www.kauffmangas.com/blog/9-propane-tank-safety-tips-homeowners-should-know/>

2024 STEAAAM Summer Program



GRICUA held their week-long STEAAAM Summer Program for GRIC youth on June 3-7, where ten youth in grades 5-8, participated in this year's program diving into the world of science, technology, engineering, art, architecture, agriculture, and math (STEAAAM), with a variety of hands-on activities and field trips.

Students began the program with a painting session with Community artist, Sara Lucas, a fitness activity and a visit to the Arizona Science Center where they made paper rockets. The rest of the week consisted of field trips to the Butterfly Wonderland, OdySea Aquarium, Pangaea Land of the Dinosaurs, Firebird Motorsports Park with HBM racing, Arizona State University's Dreamscape and American Indian Student Support Services. They also traveled to the University of Arizona's Maricopa Ag-

riculture Center where they learned about water cycle, honey bees, and even took a ride on a tractor. Students also learned more about the Community's Gila River Telecommunication Inc. (GRTI), Gila River Broadcasting Corp. (GRBC), Digital Connect Initiative, and Native Technology Solutions.

On the final day, students learned more about GRICUA with linemen who share electrical safety and how they use drones.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, and District 4 Community Council Rep. Nada Celaya, GRICUA General Manager Ken Stock, and Finance Director Arnold Mejia, joined the students learning more about their experience through a Q&A session. Students were then treated to laser tag, pool, and arcade games at Main Event.



REMINDERS

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'Lessons My Son Taught Me'

Submitted by
Jeff Barehand

I am excited for my boy. He is on the cusp of manhood, on the precipice of uncertainty, stepping out into the unforgiving world, alone. He is graduating from high school and leaving the security of his family who only want to protect and shield him from danger. He has been accepted into the Cleveland Ballet trainee program for the 2024-2025 season, nearly 2500 miles away.

Yet, I am eager for him to experience life without a safety net. I am eager for him to leap onto the world's stage and see how far he can fly. I am proud of my son, who is attempting to be a professional ballet dancer.

His name is Beckham, named after the English soccer star who started playing for the LA Galaxy

about the time

Beckham was born. He was nearly named Zizou, after French soccer star Zinedine Zidane, but then Zizou head butted a guy at the World Cup and we thought that might be bad juju for our budding baby boy to be named after such a violent act.

So, he became Beckham, our hope for professional soccer stardom and retirement riches, which much to our chagrin, never transpired. In fact, Beckham never took to soccer. That would be for our other boy, JediMaster.

Yes, naming children was never our forté. My wife and I love soccer, coffee, wine and Star Wars, in that order. No doubt our next child would have been named Mocha, or Merlot. When you think about it Merlot sounds pretty nice.

I digress. My wife enrolled Merlot, I mean Beck-

ham, at Johansen's Olympia Dance Center when she heard that boys ballet was free, an attempt to get more boys dancing. Apparently, ballet for boys carries a stigma - it's too girly. Fair enough. I am a man raised by a Cowboy father, the rough and tough kind, the kind that made you join football, cause that's what boys do, even though I was 80 lbs soaking wet.

I am also a man raised up in the years of hyper-masculinity, before the rigid notions of what it means to be a man expanded and shifted to a mindful inclusion of emotional and mental wellness.

So suddenly my son was in a ballet classroom, wearing tights and slippers, moving gracefully to classical music, the only boy amongst a kaleidoscope of white leotards and pink tutus.

Naturally, I wrestled with the idea that my son should not be in that classroom, with all those girls. Maybe he shouldn't be on his toes, prancing about, floating across the marley like a Disney princess.

This was surprising to me, to have such feelings, as I pride myself in being on the progressive side of conservatism. After all, I am a performer myself, an actor and singer, forged in the firmament of the family



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that is theatre that revels in acceptance, tolerance and love.

I could not, should not, let my lesser self belittle my son's inclination to pirouette, jeté, plié, or arabesque. In fact, it was fun to see him have fun, to see him smile and become part of a dance school that was so inclusive and nurturing, and welcoming of all body types. Shouldn't all our kids be so lucky.

Participation in community isn't without responsibility, Shana and I got sucked into sewing buttons on costumes, painting stage backdrops, and ushering at various performances. But I got to be part of my son's world, to see him develop through various classes, getting better with age, his dexterity improving with each class he took: ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop.

Suddenly, he was a young man on the Washington Center stage, one of a handful of young men he grew up with, each competing for the larger role, a prince, a cavalier, the roles that showcased partner

dancing, having to learn to hold and support a young lady.

I witnessed first-hand the hard work and dedication it takes to master the smallest manipulations of the body. I realized the development of muscle and strength and skill needed to safely lift a ballerina. These things convinced me of the athleticism dance requires, like Lionel Messi and a soccer ball dancing a pas de deux into the back of the goal. I became proud of my dancing boy. He was a true sportsman.

It was at the end of the Milwaukee Ballet Summer Intensive that I truly saw my son. I saw him shine and the audience cheer at the school's climactic performance. These weren't family and friends, but strangers who applauded his sauté en air. I was ashamed to have had any notion that ballet was not for him, that he was cursed with my lack of rhythm, and skinny Indian legs. He was none of the fears I had projected onto him, in fact, he was all the that I wasn't.

He was better. He was what we all want for our children, a 2.0 version of 1.0 selves.

He excelled at ballet, with a true passion, and it showed.

So, as he takes flight and leaves the nest this summer to attend the Ballet Austin Summer Intensive program, and then onto Cleveland Ballet, he is not at the cusp of manhood, he does not stand at the precipice of uncertainty, he is a self-assured young man who knows what he wants, to be a principal dancer in a top company.

He showed me courage is for men to put on tights and ballet slippers. He taught me strength is to remain committed to a passion. And he reminds me to follow my dreams.

It's inspirational to know he follows in the line of only a handful of Native ballet dancers who brings honor to his people, to his family, and to his ballet parents.

Merde, my son. Love Dad.



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4-H membership provides youth to educational and competitive opportunities at the club, county, state, national, and sometimes international level.

4-H provides opportunities for youth development and for youth to develop skills, practical knowledge, and wisdom through observing, doing, and living through experiences. The 4 H's are Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

HEAD

HEART

HANDS

HEALTH

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 Liane Iglesias, 4-H Program Coordinator
 (520) 610-7240 / gric4h@gridd.com

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Announcements & Notices

MISSING DOG

Chompers Bain



Male, 16lbs, 5 months old, Medium build, Black and Brown Rottweiler Puppy, Left Blue Eye, Right Black Eye, Brown Spot above his ears 181 S. Cactus St Sacaton AZ 85147 (District 3) Missing Since: Sunday, June 2, after 5:20 p.m.

If found, please contact: Geraldine Wilson at (480) 751-8088

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF CALIFORNIA, INC., CASE NUMBER 23-41723 DEADLINE FOR ALL CLAIMS - JULY 19, 2024 by 5 PM

On December 31, 2023, the Franciscan Friars of California, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. This filing addresses child sexual abuse claims filed as the result of laws allowing abuse survivors to file decades-old complaints that were otherwise time-barred or expired under the statute of limitations.

The child sex abuse alleged in these cases occurred at least 27 years ago, with claims dating back to the 1940s. Most of the friars named in the claims are dead. Of the six living friars, all have been permanently removed from public ministry and all are living under strict third-party supervision.

According to public records, five of the accused friars served within the Community.

- Edward Henriques - St. Johns, Komatke - 1946 to 1956
Sylvester Mancuso - St. Peters, Bapchule - 1958 to 1964
Remy Rudin - St. Johns, Komatke - 1980 to 1982
Charles "Jude" Ruetten - St. Johns, Komatke - 1960 to 1963
Sylvester Mancuso - St. Peters, Bapchule - 1958 to 1964

If you or a family member has a claim related to sexual abuse committed by the above-mentioned Franciscan friars, you must file the claim by July 19, 2024.

If you have questions regarding the claims process, the Community urges you to contact an attorney. If you need information or you wish to obtain a copy of the Proof of Claim form, you may do so by (1) calling Donlin Recano & Company, Inc. at (888) 444-4055; (2) visiting https://www.donlinrecano.com/ffc; (3) and/or emailing inquiries to ffcinfo@drc.equiniti.com.

For more information on how to file a claim, visit https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/ffc/Static/SurvivorClaims today.

GRIC COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of: Boss Docket Number: JC-2024-0083-CA,

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time, and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR a warrant

may be issued for your arrest or judgment entered in favor of the other party or if you fail to appear as an interested party you may be found in contempt of Court.

Answer/Response Hearing: DATE: July 16, 2024 TIME: 10:00 AM LOCATION: AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI 721 West Seed Farm Road Sacaton, AZ 85147

CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

DEBRA GARCIA, Plaintiff(s) VS. MORRIS RAY CLASHIN III, Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0068-RO

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date,

a Restraining Order against the named defendant, MORRIS RAY CLASHIN III.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED DEBRA GARCIA, ERLENDA RAMON, IN ANY MANNER:

FOR THE PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS COMMENCING ON 04/19/2024 AND ENDING ON 10/16/2024.

FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

Dated: April 19, 2024

TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

JOSIE MARIE SAMPSON, Plaintiff(s) VS. MARIA ANTONE, Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0076-RO

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date,

a Restraining Order against the named defendant, MARIA ANTONE.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED JOSIE MARIE SAMPSON, IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KU KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

Dated: April 26, 2024

TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

DANIEL MACAZAN, Plaintiff(s) VS. ZACHARY LEWIS, Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0111-RO

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date,

a Restraining Order against the named defendant, ZACHARY LEWIS.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED DANIEL MACAZAN, IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KU KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

Dated: April 26, 2024

Public Notice

GRIC Department of Environmental Quality

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10 Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2023. This document will be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 168 Skill Center Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at www.gricdeq.org under Public Notices.

Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 168 Skill Center Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147, the AQP website (www.gricdeq.org under Air), or by calling 520-562-2234.

TEMPORARY CIVIL RESTRAINING ORDER

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

DANIEL MACAZAN, Plaintiff(s) VS. JULIAN LEWIS, Defendant(s)

Case Number: CV-2024-0112-RO

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER HAVING COME BEFORE THIS COURT, upon a motion for a RESTRAINING ORDER; and it appearing that a Restraining Order is needed and the Court finding good cause to issue and place into effect, this date,

a Restraining Order against the named defendant, JULIAN LEWIS.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE NAMED DEFENDANT IS RESTRAINED FROM COMING ABOUT THE NAMED DANIEL MACAZAN, IN ANY MANNER:

UNTIL THE RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING SCHEDULED ON Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KU KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ

FURTHER, A WARRANT OF ARREST WILL BE ISSUED, IF DEFENDANT VIOLATES THIS RESTRAINING ORDER.

Dated: April 26, 2024

MISSING PERSONS

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLAYTON WAHPETA



Last seen: 06/03/2005

Age: 37
Sex: M
Hair: Black (shaved)
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 190

PETER THOMAS



Last seen: 08/03/2007

Age: 47
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 190

JOSEPH UGALDE



Last seen: 05/14/2009

Age: 43
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 200

ANTHONY PORTER



Last seen: 10/15/2011

Age: 48
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 210

KERMIT BREAD



Last seen: 04/11/2014

Age: 39
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 150

CYNTHIA ACEVEDO



Last seen: 08/31/2019

Age: 39
Sex: F
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 230

TONY GUTIERREZ



Last seen: 09/16/2022

Age: 37
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 350

ANNISSA ENOS



Last seen: 03/16/2024

Age: 18
Sex: F
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 145

JEUELZ BALTAZA



Last seen: 04/23/2024

Age: 16
Sex: M
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 140

ZABEL TERRY



Last seen: 04/30/2024

Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 160

ANTHONY PAUL



Last seen: 06/02/2024

Age: 17
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'09"
Weight: 230

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE GILA RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT: (520) 562-4511

Gila River Indian Community

FRAUD HOTLINE

(520) 562-9570

REPORT MISUSE OF GRIC PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT, THEFT OR FRAUD. ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS.

NAMES OR PHONE NUMBERS WILL NOT BE USED WHEN DISCUSSING CONCERNS.

Gila River Indian Community
Internal Audit Department



COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 15, 2024

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729
COUNCIL SECRETARY SHANNON WHITE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THE TIME WAS 9:04 A.M. AND GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR WERE NOT PRESENT AND OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY VILLAREAL, SR. NOMINATED COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG, THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG AS CHAIRMAN

THE MEETING WAS TURNED OVER TO COUNCILMAN ARZIE HOGG.

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Councilman Arzie Hogg at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Anthony Villareal, Sr.

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis (10:05)

Lt. Governor Regina Antone (9:06)

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa, Brian Davis, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans(9:11); D7- Devin Redbird(9:16)

Council Members Absent:

D4- Nada Celaya (Travel)

D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr. (Bereavement)

D6- Charles Goldtooth (Personal)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #2 AND RESOLUTIONS #4 AND #5 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL, AND ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS #4 CERTIFICATION OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY 2024 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS FOR DISTRICTS 1, 4, 5, AND 6, AND ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN CHARLES GOLDTOOTH FROM THE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE AND DECLARE ONE (1) VACANCY

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1, #3 THROUGH #9 AND #11, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION #1 AND #2, AND NEW BUSINESS #2 AND #3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

>1. Haskell Osife Antone Post 51 Budget Report FY2024 2nd Quarter

Presenter: Avery White

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services 2nd Quarter Report FY2024

Presenter: Sarah Youngblood

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Blackwater Community School Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2023-2024

Presenters: Jagdish Sharma, Lance Reyna

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Sacaton Elementary School Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2023-2024

Presenters: Stephanie Celis, Lance Reyna

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Sacaton Middle School Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2023-2024

Presenters: Don Schopp, Lance Reyna

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Casa Blanca Community School Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY2023-2024

Presenters: Kim Franklin, Lance Reyna

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Gila Crossing Community School Education Allocation Quarter 2 Report for SY 2023-2024

Presenters: Jim Mosley, Lance Reyna

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. GRICUA FY24 Q1 Report

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

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE REPORT

9. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council March 2024 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia Acosta

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. FY2024 Financial Activity Report ending April 30, 2024 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

>11. The Caring House Quarterly Report – January-March 2024 (Executive Session)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Linda Soto, Sarah Ramon, Owen Ayers, Susan Kelley, Russell Goddard, Dr. Anthony Santiago

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Amending Ryan Allison's Tribal Homesite Assignment/Agreement By Dividing The Parcel Into Two Separate Parcels Located In District Three Within The Gila River Indian Reservation And Approving A Fifty Year Homesite Assignment/Agreement For Richard Allison (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Subdivision Administration Team, Kimberly Cooper, Corinna Ortiz, Talia Apkaw, Ryan Allison, Richard Allison

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Transit Services Intergovernmental Agreement No. 128-75-2025-06-00 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)

Presenters: Steven Johnson

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The "Intergovernmental Agreement Between City Of Phoenix And Gila River Indian Community" Providing Subsidized Rates For Recyclables Delivered By The Community To The City Of Phoenix Materials And Recovery Facilities (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; NRSC concurs)

Presenters: Scott Bender, Lisa Gover, Todd Araujo

ACCEPTED

4. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Indian Community Ombudsman Policies And Procedures (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Michael Preston, Kenneth Young

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving The Assignment Of Lone Butte Solar LLC'S Interests In A Ground Lease Between

The Gila River Indian Community And Lone Butte Solar LLC For The Operation Of A Solar Power Generating Facility And Ancillary Activities To The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John Martin, Ken Stock, Denten Robinson, Bartley Harris

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Gaming Commission Two (2) Appointments
Presenter: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT GARY WILLIAMS AND DENISE ALLISON BY ACCLIMATION TO THE GILA RIVER GAMING COMMISSION

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint Residential Housing Improvement Program Home Abandonment Policy (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to lift the moratorium on the abandonment of homesites; NRSC and LSC concur)

Presenters: Kimberly Cooper, Wayne Allison, Lynette Johns

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

>2. FY2024 Revenue Internal Audit 2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. FY2024 Gaming Internal Audit 2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

4. Certification of the Gila River Indian Community 2024 Community Council Election Results District 1, 4, 5, & 6
Presenters: Zuzette Kisto, Shannon White, Javier Ramos

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DUANE JACKSON JR. FOR DISTRICT 1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY LEAH A. WILLIAMS FOR DISTRICT 4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY GORDON SANTOS, JR. FOR DISTRICT 5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ANTHONY "CHRIS" VILLAREAL, SR. FOR DISTRICT 6

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

5. Councilman Charles Goldtooth resignation from Education Standing Committee

Presenter: Community Council

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FAREWELL COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL TO THE OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS – ARZIE HOGG AND CHRISTOPHER MENDOZA

- WAKE SERVICES FOR MS. WANDA PABLO WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 AND FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 AT VAH-KI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARBOR

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:28 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



NO SWIMMING IN CANALS

When the weather gets warm, you may want to swim in a canal or an agricultural "ditch." However, many different germs can live in canal water. These include: bacteria, viruses, and plants that can make you sick. You can also get skin rashes, develop ear or eye pain, and cough or congestion after swimming in canal water.

Today's canals within the Gila River Indian Community are concrete, not like the old dirt agricultural ditches our parents and grandparents remember. Modern concrete canals have fast moving underwater currents that can quickly sweep you away. Concrete canals have steep, slippery sides that are almost impossible to climb out of. Some canals have culverts and grating that can trap a person swimming. Canals can be dangerous.

Please enjoy a break from the heat this summer by swimming at your nearest District Service Center pool. Swimming pools are treated with chlorine to kill germs and are inspected regularly to ensure you and your family are safe. Please contact GRIC DEQ for any questions (520) 562-2234.





TOBY KEITH & JASON ALDEAN EXPERIENCE

PERFORMED BY AMERICAN RIDE & CHRIS LOZANO

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 | 8PM



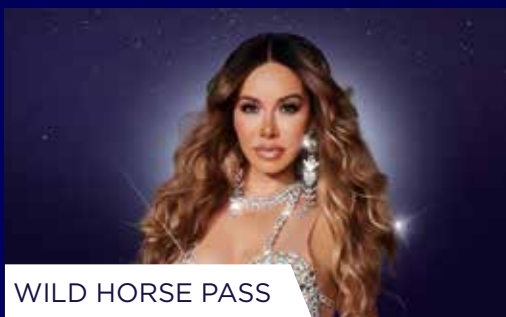
NIKKI GLASER

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 | 8PM



LUDACRIS AT OASIS POOL PARTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 | 6PM



CHIQUIS

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 | 8PM



MARTIN LAWRENCE

FRIDAY, JULY 19 | 8PM

SATURDAY, JULY 20 | 8PM

MORE UPCOMING SHOWS

JULY 25 | ZIGGY MARLEY AT WILD HORSE PASS

JULY 27 | TWO FRIENDS AT WILD HORSE PASS

JULY 28 | KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND AT WILD HORSE PASS

AUGUST 2 | AIR SUPPLY AT WILD HORSE PASS



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