



The Strengthening Tribal-State Relations panel featured from left, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, Jason Chavez, Director of Tribal Affairs, Jennifer Loren, Senior Director, Cherokee Film, Martin Harvier, President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Gabriel Lopez, Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community. Emma Hughes/GRIN

GRIC, Arizona Tribes Mourn Emily Pike, Rally Support for Statewide Indigenous Alert System

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The murder of 14-year-old Emily Pike, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, continues to reverberate across the Community and tribes across Arizona, fueling demands for changes to how Arizona law enforcement responds when Indigenous youth go missing.

Pike was reported missing from a group home in Mesa on Jan. 27. On Feb. 14, her body was discovered off the 60 freeway outside Globe, wrapped in heavy-duty trash bags. The case remains under investigation, and the San Carlos Apache Tribe is offering a \$75,000 reward for information leading to the identification of her killer.

On March 29, family, friends, and community members gathered at San Carlos High School to honor Pike's life and memory during a public memorial. Earlier in the month, the GRIC Crime Victim Services Department held a prayer vigil in her name at the

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Tribal Self-Governance Conference Returns to GRIC

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The Annual 2025 Tribal Self-Governance Conference, hosted by the Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC), returned to the Gila River Resorts & Casinos—Wild Horse Pass on April 7 – 10.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, and Community Council representatives attended the conference, which features tribal leaders and officials, federal partners, and those who work closely with tribal communities.

“Here in the [Gila River Indian]

Community, we have fully embraced self-governance to the point where we have taken over almost all of the programs, including a health facility system – Gila River Health Care, that serves over a 100,000 Community members and Native Americans from Phoenix and local tribes,” said Gov.

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Dr. Jane Goodall celebrates culture, history and conservation of the O’otham and Pee-Posh

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Dr. Jane Goodall, world-renowned conservationist traveled to the Gila River Indian Community for a special visit with youth and leadership on March 27-28 along with representatives from the Jane Goodall Institute.

“I think she just inspired a whole generation of youth to go protect our earth and our natural resources – our water, our land, our animals, and the connections to ourselves,” said Gov.

Stephen Roe Lewis of her visit.

As an iconic primatologist and environmental activist, Dr. Goodall is best known for her groundbreaking research on chimpanzees in Tanzania, where she transformed the field of primatology by revealing the complex emotional and social lives of our closest animal relatives.

Her discoveries of how chimpanzees make and use tools, form strong family bonds and display empathy, revolutionized how scientists

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Dr. Jane Goodall, center, with members of the Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Council at the Huhugam Heritage Center on March 27. Apphia Shirley/CPAO

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Community Recognizes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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April is nationally known as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). To bring recognition to this issue, Gila River Indian Community departments and Gila River Health Care collaborated for an event, shedding light on sexual assault and violence by sharing crucial information and resources during an event at the District 5 Multi-purpose Building on April 1.

Sexual violence is a pervasive issue that affects people of all genders, ages, races, and backgrounds. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), an American is sexually assaulted every 68 seconds and every nine minutes that victim is a child. Despite its prevalence, sexual assault remains underreported, and survivors often face stigma and isolation.

Over half of women and almost one in three men experience sexual violence during their lifetime, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Indigenous women and girls are at a higher risk than any other group, with more than half experiencing sexual assault.

Local departments such as Crime Victim Services, Behavioral Health Department, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), Native Health, Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC), Gila River Police Department, Prosecutor's Office, Probation Department, and guest speakers came together to shed light on the matter and share the many resources available.

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Governance Center in Sacaton. More than 100 people attended the March 13 vigil to mourn Pike's death and to call attention to the broader crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP).

Pike's case has become a rallying point for advocates of House Bill 2281, legislation that would create a Missing Indigenous or Endangered Person Alert System. The bill, currently under consideration in the Legislature, proposes a statewide alert mechanism—similar to the existing Amber Alert—specifically designed for missing Indigenous and endangered individuals.

Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who helped write the legislation, has been a leading voice in its support. On March 12, Gov. Lewis testified before the Arizona House Public Safety Committee, citing disparities in violence affecting Native communities.

Lewis' testimony highlighted that Native American women are 10 times more likely to be murdered than the general population. He pointed to the delay in response in Pike's case, noting that no Amber Alert was issued when she went missing in late January.

"I testified in early February that this legislation was critical



Crime Victim Services held an informational booth at the Sexual Assault Awareness Month event on April 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

The theme throughout the event was "Your Voice is Power," and featured "Teal Tuesday", which encourages people to wear the color teal to show solidarity with survivors. Recognizing SAAM means listening to and believing survivors, challenging harmful myths, and taking meaningful action – from supporting local advocacy organizations to fostering conversations about consent and respect.

Earlier this month, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs proclaimed April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness month, emphasizing the importance of raising awareness, supporting survivors, and ensuring Arizona provides a clear path to justice for victims.

"Rape, sexual assault, and

and it would save lives," Gov. Lewis told the committee. "But little did I know that Emily Pike ... had been missing for weeks. She was found brutally murdered nine days after that testimony. I can't help but think, what if this law was in place early? Would Emily be alive today? We must act."

House Bill 2281 would authorize the Arizona Department of Public Safety to manage and coordinate alerts statewide when a missing Indigenous or endangered person is reported under potentially dangerous circumstances. Supporters say the system would fill critical gaps in current missing persons protocols, which often fail to activate timely alerts for Native individuals.

Advocates for the bill say Pike's death highlights the urgent need for new tools and policies to protect vulnerable youth. The legislation remains under discussion in the state Senate, with tribal nations, law enforcement representatives, and community advocates pushing for its passage before the end of the legislative session.

"I will end by sending my heartfelt condolences to Emily's family, friends, and the members of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. She will not be forgotten," Gov. Lewis told the members of the House committee. "Hopefully with the passage of this legislation, we can prevent other tragedies like hers from happening."



Krystal Bergin-Tsosie presents on sexual violence on April 1. Emma Hughes/GRIN

sexual violence is a public health problem that impacts every community and affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, and ages," the proclamation stated.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis testifying on HB2281. Emma Hughes/GRIN



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Mai heg Chikpan/Learning to Work 2025



In our youth, we were given tasks to perform that helped maintain the household, yard and garden. We were taught at an early age how to safely use simple tools such as brooms, shovels, rakes and axes. We often watched our older family members, as they taught us how to use the different tools. One thing was for certain, we learned the commands from our parents to go and complete a delegated task. We were not allowed to loaf about the house and be an "S-pathma O'otham" (Lazy Pima) by our parents and Elders. The boys and girls were assigned different tasks according to what needed to be done. Back in the day, we often had large families, had a few older brothers and sisters whom helped with our training. That was how we learned action

words such as vakuan and vapkuan. Vakuan is used to request someone to wash a single article such as "Eñ s-bithag wiyosha" (My dirty face.) we were told "Him ko vakuan heg 'e s-bithag wiyosha!" (Go wash your dirty face!) After we had worked in the garden and gotten covered in grime. After we had our meals, we were delegated "Him ko vapkuan heg huasa'a!" (Go wash the dishes!) in a plural sense. So, there we all stood in our dish washing line, big sister or brother washed the dishes in hot soapy water. The dish was then passed to the rinser, who rinsed it in hot water. Next, the dish was handed to the drier who dried the dish with a dish towel. The dry dish was handed to the stacker, who returned the dish directly to the cupboard. We washed dishes three times a day

after every meal. When we were old enough to handle an axe, we were expected to keep the chip pail and wood box full of firewood. Mom, Grandmother and big sister cooked on our wood burning cast iron stove. When the wood pile went low, all the males loaded into our pickup truck and drove to New York Thicket to cut down more firewood. One more word that is useful to know is kekchuth. Kekchuth is used when talking about cleaning, fixing or making our beds. It can be used with personal grooming in contexts like brushing your teeth, or making your bed in the morning. So, when you want to instruct your kids to go brush their teeth, you can use the word kekchuth, as in the following phrase. "Him ko kekchuth heg 'e tha:tham!" (Go brush your teeth!). You can also say "Him ko kekchuth heg 'evoikuð!" (Go make your bed!). Kekchuth is not used as often when talking about personal grooming. It is more

often used when talking about cleaning a house or performing other tasks. But as can be seen, kekchuth is used in much the same way as vakuan and vapkuan. Now, that you have learned words for washing and cleaning in O'otham try using them with your

family members. Talk with Elders and speakers in your family and find out how they use the words vakuan, vapkuan and kekchuth. Ask what other words they use when talking about doing chores. Phrases might be slightly different between the villages.

This month's word match will help you learn mai heg chikpan phrases and how not to be an S-pathma O'otham.

A special Thank You to community Elders, whose knowledge of haichu chickpan that made this article possible.

Mai heg Chikpan 2025: Match the task phrase with its picture!

Vakuan heg 'e wiyosha!

Him ko shonchk heg kua'ag!

Vapkon heg huasa'a!

Vapkon heg 'e no:nov!

Him ko vakth amai!

Upam chek!

Him ko 'i hukshom heg ha:hag!

Kekchuth heg ki:!



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Students participate in hands-on learning activities during Earth Day. Jeston Morris/GRIN



Dr. Jane Goodall and Gov. Lewis with students at Earth Day. Joseph Morales/GRIN

**Jane Goodall
From the
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understand both primates and human connection to the natural world.

Now in her 90s, Dr. Goodall travels the globe to advocate for wildlife conservation, climate action, and community-driven solutions through the Jane Goodall Institute and its ‘Roots & Shoots Program,’ which empowers youth to take action in their communities.

Upon her arrival to the Community, Dr. Goodall was warmly welcomed with a traditional song and blessing by Leland Thomas, at the Huhugam Heritage Center, where she was greeted by GRIC leadership Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Community Council Representatives Duane Jackson Jr. and Jennifer Allison, Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council, Department of Environmental Quality, and Huhugam Heritage Center staff members.

She received a tour of the Huhugam Heritage Center, followed by presentations from Community departments such as the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, in which Dr. David DeJong highlighted the Community’s innovative work with the Managed Aquifer Recharge and ongoing Solar Over Canal projects. Lisa Gover, DEQ Director presented on the Community’s environmental projects. Following a group discussion, Gov. Lewis gifted Dr. Goodall with a shell necklace.

The following day she was the keynote speaker for the Community’s Department of Environmental Quality Earth Day event in Sacaton, where several youths were present to hear more about her contributions to science and decades of work of advocacy for the planet.

“Many people are losing hope because many

things are not going well with [the] environment and politics, but we must never give up; we must always have hope,” Dr. Goodall said. “Every single day [that] a person lives, they make an impact on the planet and they have a choice as to what sort of impact they make.”

Dr. Goodall travels around the world 300 days each year, spreading her message of hope for the planet and inspiring audiences.

DEQ’s Earth Day celebration was also an opportunity for youth and residents to learn about the significance of wildlife and environmental preservation through various conservation program booths and activities.

“Finally, people around the world are starting to listen to the Indigenous communities who have protected the Earth for centuries.” Gov. Lewis concluded the opening remarks by stressing the Community’s enduring commitment to environmental stewardship and honoring the distinguished guest. “It is our honor to have Dr. Goodall join us and share her wisdom as we continue working toward a sustainable future for the Gila River Indian Community.”

The event saw a large turnout, with many students from across the Community in attendance. A standout moment was Dr. Goodall’s message to the next generation of environmental advocates, urging youth to play an active role in safeguarding the planet. A group of teachers supervising the students remarked, “It’s exciting to see the students actually know who she is and the work she has done.” The rest of the agenda included workshops and booths aimed at teaching young people about wildlife conservation, sustainability, and available resources in the community. One major attraction was the Liberty

Wildlife AZ, which featured two birds that attendees could observe up close. By noon, youths, teachers, booth attendants, and Community members gathered for lunch and music before the event concluded.

The Earth Day celebration was a resounding success, providing an opportunity for attendees,

especially youth, to engage in meaningful discussions about conservation. Dr. Goodall’s motivating message, alongside the educational activities and programs, reinforced the Community’s dedication to preserving the planet

for future generations. As the event drew to a close, the shared experiences and newfound knowledge left participants with a strong sense of empowerment and responsibility in the ongoing effort to protect the environment. The Gila River

Indian Community continues to lead by example, demonstrating the importance of collective action in creating a sustainable future.

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Komadk: Wildlife and Tradition

Alexander Greenwood
Department of
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Reaching high above its surroundings, the Sierra Estrella Mountains are the most prominent mountain range in the Gila River Indian Community. These mountains have long been mentioned and incorporated into the oral history of the Akimel O’odham and the Pee Posh people. Known as Komadk, meaning “broad, spread out mountain”, this terrain is as formidable as it is awe-inspiring. For those adventurous enough to explore this challenging yet rewarding terrain, you may find yourself lucky enough

to encounter some of southwest’s most iconic large mammals such as Huai (mule deer) and Chesoñ (desert bighorn sheep).

Navigating amongst steep rocky slopes with remarkable agility, desert bighorn sheep call the slopes of the Sierra Estrella mountains home. Graceful and surefooted, desert bighorn sheep seek the protection provided by this sheer terrain to evade predators such as mountain lions. The rugged landscapes serve as both a natural fortress and vital habitat for the desert bighorn sheep. Further down these slopes, where the terrain gradually transitions into tho’othonk (alluvial fans) and a’ak (washes), mule deer move quietly

through the landscape. These adaptable herbivores play an integral role in the desert ecosystem, contributing to plant dispersal and maintaining the balance of their environment.

The rich abundance of wildlife in the Sierra Estrellas has made them a traditionally favored hunting grounds for the Akimel O’otham people. For Aaron Sabori, a lifelong resident of the Community, visiting the Estrellas evokes fond memories of times spent with his father and grandfather. Cool and cloudy days were favored days for partaking in a Sha:tha, a communal game drive conducted on foot. During the hunt, armed hunters were assigned to a post, while



Desert bighorn sheep ram amongst the rocky terrain of the Sierra Estrellas.
Photographed by Alex Greenwood



Mule deer buck navigating a desert wash. Captured by trail camera.

runners were responsible for driving wildlife towards them. At a young age, Aaron was designated the responsibility of running through the desert washes to drive wildlife towards the armed members of the hunting party. Successful hunts were cause for celebration; the elders would pit-roast the meat, and the hunters and their family members would gather to share in the feast.

The Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality’s Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) is conducting research to learn more about the populations of these remarkable animals. WEMP

employs a number of different survey techniques to study the distribution and population dynamics of these animals in the community. By utilizing techniques such as trail-camera monitoring and helicopter surveys, WEMP is able to learn more about the critical resources that these animals utilize. These initiatives align with the program’s broader mission of conserving the community’s natural resources, ensuring their longevity for future generations. Preserving the integrity of the Sonoran Desert and its wildlife is essential to maintaining the health and prosperity of the Community.

The success of conser-

vation depends not only on research but on wisdom and input from the Community. WEMP encourages and welcomes the input of community members regarding their own perspectives for natural resource management. The Gila River Indian Community is fortunate to be blessed with diverse wildlife and ecosystems and WEMP strives to improve the quality of these ecosystems and increase accessibility for Community members.

A special thank you to Robert Johnson, language specialist at the Huhugam Heritage Center, for providing the O’otham translations for this article.

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Elderly Chair Volleyball Tournament Winners at Five Tribes



First Place Winners, team name: Rez Hawks. Brenda Guachena (Team Captain), Paul Garcia, Chuck Guachena, Cindy Webb, Alex Holmes, Dorinda Ironcloud. Jeston Morris/GRIN



Second Place Winners, team Name: Gila River O'dhams. Richard Allison (Team Captain), Dennis Coochyouma, Delores Antone, Gail Coochyouma, Vickie Enos, Tony Mendoza, Femanda Reams. Jeston Morris/GRIN



Third Place Winners, team name: Rincon Roadrunners. Roberta Osuna (Team Captain), Eddie Reed, John Osuna, Pete Salgado, Rose Salgado, Beverly Toseano, Merina Sass. Jeston Morris/GRIN



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Gov. Lewis and Gov. Hobbs at the Tribal Self-Governance Conference. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gov. Lewis (center) with Bryan Mercier, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Scott Davis, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior and Kelly Rael, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Emma Hughes/GRIN

Self-Governance and DOI Visit From the Front Page

Lewis. He also highlighted the Community's public safety programs – Gila River Police Department, Courts, Detention Center, Emergency Management, and Fire Department.

“Through the Tribal Self-Governance program, we are now able to plan for the future needs of our Community; our elementary schools not only teach our language, but they also have robotics and STEM programs, and teach our agricultural heritage.”

Gov. Lewis provided welcome remarks on April 8, and was a featured speaker on a panel ‘Strengthening Tribal-State relations: Building meaningful partnerships’ along with Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Gabriel Lopez, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier.

“We want to make sure that our tribal voices are at the table,” said Hobbs. She was commended for her close work with tribes on crucial issues of voting, the sober living home crisis, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), and water issues with the on-going drought throughout the state.

Gov. Lewis said, “When you have tribes that are at the table, they bring natural solutions and innovations to the discussion. I’m proud of all my fellow tribal leaders here in Arizona that have done that over and over again.”

“We need all the support

from our state leadership that we can get,” said Harvier “I’m really grateful for the governor that we have and the relationships that she’s built with the tribes here in Arizona.”

“I am really hopeful that we have set the bar so high that whoever comes after me is not able to lower it,” Hobbs said.

Additional panels included discussions with U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F.

Kennedy Jr., Bureau of Indian Affairs Director Bryan Mercier, Senior Advisor with the Secretary of Indian Affairs Scott Davis, and Acting Director of Indian Health Service leadership Benjamin Smith.

Gila River Broadcasting Corp. was also featured in a panel, ‘Tribal Ventures into TV & Film: Informed Citizens, Relevant Programming, Economic Development, and Job Creation.’ GRIC featured tours as part

of the conference. The Community’s Solar Canal Project, Casa Blanca Community School, and the Gila River Police Department offered tours during this year’s Tribal Self-Governance Conference.

Officials from the Department of Interior toured the Casa Blanca Community School and Gila River Police Department, showcasing the Community’s self-governance, innova-

tion, and the benefits of utilizing the Federal 105(l) leasing Program.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Director Bryan Mercier, Senior Advisor with the Secretary of Indian Affairs Scott Davis, Counselor/Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary Kelly Rael, and Regional Director Jessie Durham received an in-dept tour on April 9.

The SGCEC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) consortium of tribal nations that have

elected to use self-governance to deliver programs and services for their citizens and communities, assisting them in achieving their own goals. It seeks to ensure that Congress, the administration, fellow tribal nations, and all other interested parties accurately communicate and understand the tenets and purpose of self-governance.

LPGA Tournament comes to Whirlwind Golf Club



In a historic moment for the Gila River Indian Community, the 2025 Ford Championship Presented by Wild Horse Pass hosted by the LPGA brought the Championship to Whirlwind Gold Club March 27-30.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone presented the winning trophy to Hyo Joo Kim, the playoff winner of the 2025 Ford Championship who showcased phenomenal talent.

GRIC youth also had a chance to participate in a clinic led by professional golfers Gabby Barker and Maria Fassi, on March 22, at the Whirlwind Golf Club. From perfecting their swings to building confidence on the course and supporting one another, everyone embraced the game with energy and excitement. Photo Courtesy of Gila River Development

GRIC Student Services Hosts a College Fair in Sacaton

Jeston Morris
Gila River Indian News

The GRIC Student Services Department hosted a college fair for community members at the Service Center in Sacaton, District 3, on April 9.

According to Jennifer Hinton, Adult Education Manager,

The spring college fair included representatives from community colleges, universities, and trade schools. The fair was open to everyone, all ages with food, drinks, and raffle prizes for participants. Each school showcased their program to the fair participants as the scholarship application deadline is June 2 for traditional colleges and universities. The vocational trade programs don't have a deadline, but the student needs to submit their application two months before their school starts.

"We want our community members to be knowledgeable about the college programs. The community members can speak with college advisor about any questions they have," said Hinton.

Nearly 20 colleges, universities, and trade schools showcased their programs. Two schools shared their school programs.

The college fair was attended by community members.

Alex Lewis, Community Member, shared his college fair experience.

"I have three career choices. The first choice is culinary, the second one is business, and the third one is music business. I am holding a temporary job for now but I definitely want to go into one of the three careers I mentioned. Our tribe works with the colleges and schools that are present at this fair. I thought this college fair is pretty good," Lewis said.

The college fair promoted many options for students interested in higher learning such as the Conservatory of Recording Arts & Science, CRAS is a premiere audio school with locations in Gilbert and Tempe.

Both locations have a nine months hands-on training in audio sound and technology. Students learn music production, sound design for film and TV, video game audio integration, live sound reinforcement for concerts, and broadcast audio for live television. After nine months of training the student does an internship before graduating.

The goal of the program is to have students gain employment. Most of the students get job offers

and get hired to their internship site, according to Danielle Vaughn, Admission Manger.

Representatives for the Roberto-Venn School of Luthiery were also on hand to present information for students interested in joining their guitar building program.

According to Isaac Brown, an Associate Representative of the Roberto-Venn School of Luthiery, the program has been going on 50 years this coming December. They teach students how to build guitars and they have guitar-repair and a guitar tech programs. The Venn School also carries advance courses for guitar making. Many companies such as PRS Gui-

tar, Gibson Guitar, Neil's Guitar employee graduate of Roberto Venn-School of Luthiery.

Samantha Jackson, Community Member, also shared her college fair experience.

"I thought this college fair was interesting, something different. As a parent, we are always busy, and we don't have time to visit each college or school. This college fair is a good thing for the community especially for those who are recently graduated from high school. I attend the college fair because I like to earn a business degree. This college fair is a good turnout," Jackson.



Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences visited Sacaton as part of the college held by Student Services. Jeston Morris/GRIN



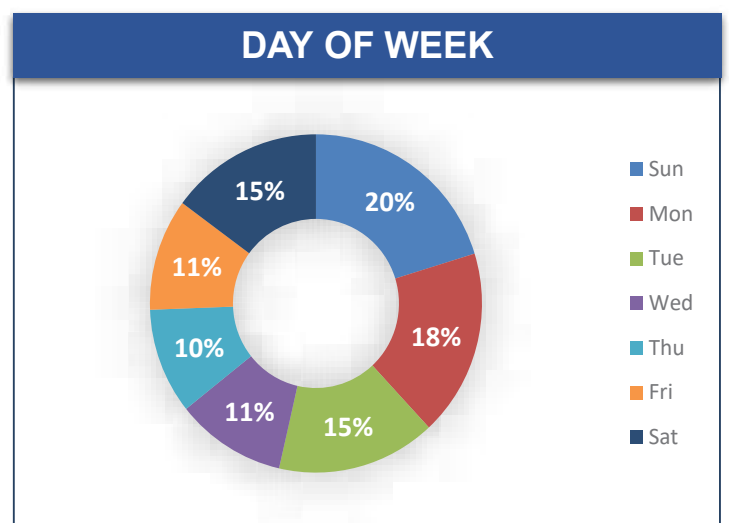
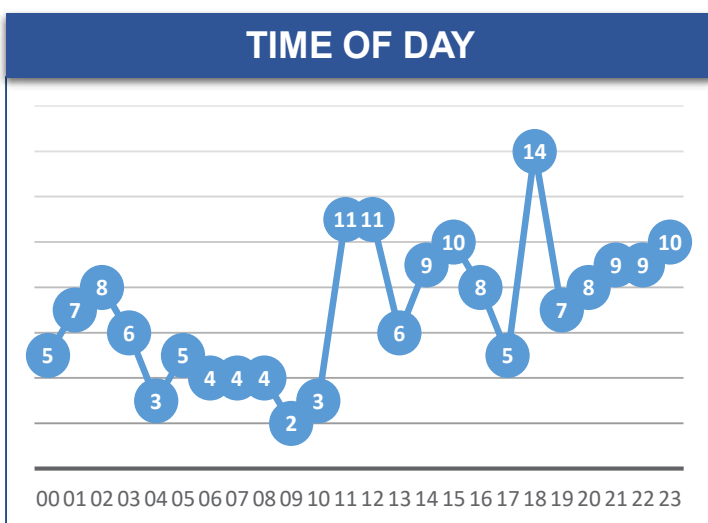
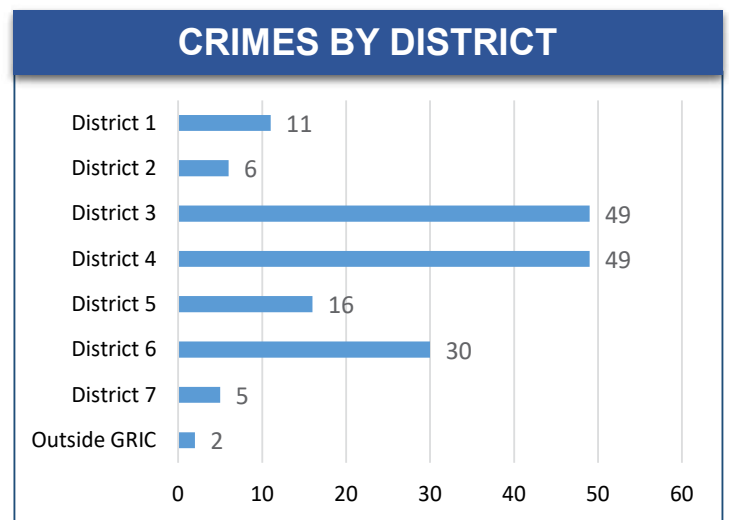
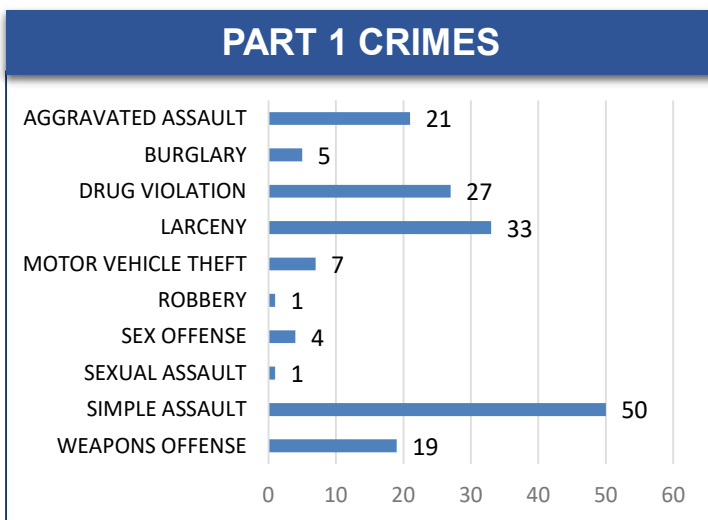
Gila River Police Department Crime Analysis Unit



2025 MARCH CRIME REPORT

Crime Data Report

Summarizes crime incidents that were reported to the Gila River Police Department (GRPD). The metrics included in this report are the crimes by type, location, hour and day. This report includes data from March 1- March 31, 2025. Data is subject to change if new information or revisions are made.



★ VETERANS ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRIC honors the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

Jeston Morris
Gila River Indian News

The Veteran and Family Services Office hosted the Vietnam Veterans Day event at the District 3 Multipurpose Building on March 28.

The Vietnam Veterans Day event began with an invocation, traditional blessing and performances. Several veterans shared their stories of service and Gov.

Stephen Roe Lewis also honored all veterans during his remarks. The luncheon was catered by Dewski's Fry bread. The Vietnam veteran cake was donated by Haskell Osife-Antone Auxiliary Unit 51.

"The Americans needs to know the history of Native American veterans. Today, we honor your valor and sacrifices. Welcome home and thank you for your service," Gov. Lewis said.

Wesley Rhodes, Marine Corps veteran, was the event host. Sid Martin, Army veteran, provided the invocation. Former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone performed a traditional blessing. Bill Ward, retired Marine Corps veteran, performed the blessing. Eric White, retired Marine Corps veteran, commemorated Vietnam veterans. Lois Homeytewa, Haskell Osife-Antone Auxiliary Unit 51 member, expressed

her commemoration. Bruce Hutchinson, Vietnam Army veteran, shared a Vietnam helicopter story.

"I like to say to all the Vietnam Veterans, welcome home! You were not properly welcomed home when you first came back. Thank you for what you have done and welcome home," White said.

According to Homey-

tewa, the Native veterans have served in many wars. The Native veterans always volunteered.

"I served in the Marine Corps from 1966 to 1969. I was attached to an Aviation Battalion at Camp Eagle in Vietnam. I was a Crew Chief. I am not a pilot but I do have stick time. I learned how to fly helicopter just in case some-

thing happened to the pilot during our mission. We went on a sniffer mission and flew low at treetop level. Our helicopter had a box which detected humans and apes. Our sniffer missions were all along the Ho Chi Minh trail. During one of our missions, we located a large number of North Vietnam Army," Hutchinson said.



Lawrence Williams and Bruce Hutchinson at the Vietnam Veterans Day event. Jeston Morris/GRIN



Gov. Lewis addresses the veterans for Vietnam Veterans Day. Jeston Morris/GRIN

What is a Veteran Service Officer (VSO)?



Submitted by
Veteran & Family
Services Office

A veteran service officer (VSO) is someone who can assist with explaining the benefits earned to veterans and their families. The VSO can also assist with filing disability claims, documents and forms.

As many of you are aware, the VA system is not easy to navigate. The VA is separated into three departments: VHA (Healthcare), VBA (Benefits) and Cemeteries. The Veteran Service Officer is part of VBA. While the VSO's primary focus is benefits, they can assist with the other departments or provide contact information for matters within the other departments.

If a veteran is inter-

ested in filing a disability claim, the VSO is the guide. The VSO will interview you about your active duty time and current medical conditions. All things being claimed must relate to your active duty time. You may not be aware that a condition which started in recent years is actually related to being on active duty decades ago! Your VSO will help you make those connections. Now, you must have recent (less than one year old) medical documentation to support each of your claimed conditions at the time you file. You must have a diagnosis for the conditions. You can't just file for pain. In many cases, if one condition causes another condition, you can file for both. Once the supporting documentation is in order, the VSO will fill out most if not all your forms, review them with you and once you sign, the VSO will submit your claim package to the VA. As the VA is processing your claim, the VSO can watch its progression. As decisions are rendered, the VSO will verify that the decisions were

done in accordance to law. The Decision Letter will be explained to you and an explanation of benefits that you will or won't receive will be explained.

If you have had claims denied in the past, your VSO can review the denials and make recommendations for possibly reopening the denials. This applies to a denied claim for the veteran and the family of the veteran.

Approved claims totaling 10% or more (in increments of 10) come with a monthly check! This check (on average) ranges from \$175 to over \$3,800 per month! This payment is non-taxable and non-reportable.

Veteran and Family Services Office 520-562-9704

Peer Support Specialist Wesley Rhodes -520-610-4383

Peer Support Specialist Darrell Whitman 520-610-2037

Veteran Service Officer Kim Skelton 520-610-7644

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Marchers rally for support



Traditional singers at the Sacaton Fairgrounds prior to the march. Jeston Morris/GRIN

Jeston Morris
Gila River Indian News

Community members organized a march from the Sacaton Fairgrounds ramada to the Governance Center on April 5.

Belinda Nelson was the lead organizer and spokesperson for the march. The march began with sign making session in the afternoon. The marchers prepared their signs under the ramada. A group of community singers initiated the march with a traditional prayer blessing and a bird song. The marchers danced in a circular fashion with their signs. The marchers rehearsed their marching cadence under the ramada. The community march began at 4 p.m. The community march was known as the Achem O’odham and Kekiwan Hemu Stand Up.

During the march, a person spoke into the bullhorn and the marchers replied in vocal unison.

Bullhorn: We the people

Marchers: Achem O’odham

Bullhorn: Who wants a safe community,

Marchers: Achem O’odham

Bullhorn: Who stands in solidarity

Marchers: Achem O’odham

Bullhorn: Who wants change

Marchers: Achem O’odham

The march was approximately a mile. The marchers were welcome to the Governance Center with a bird song. Nelson coordinated the speakers upon arrival. She was the first speakers followed by Letha Lamb.

“Thank you everyone, thank you for rendering the songs for us. I want to thank everybody who came here to support the cause. We are experiencing a lot of violence that results in death. We are a grieving community,” Nelson said.

“I know that a lot of you have organized Face-

book groups, prayer circle and healing circle. We have also organized neighborhood watch program in our communities. I am thankful and proud of you for doing that. Today, we are united to voice our concerns. During the past year, we have gone through a lot of turmoil, we are dealing with a lot of violence,” Lamb said.

There were several

speakers at the march. Each speaker created their own sign. The speakers include Delvin Thompson, Kaitlin Martinez, Heather Miller and Lynelle Blackwater and many more. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis was in attendance. He listened to the concerns of the marchers.



Gila River Police Department during the Coffee and Conversation meeting with the Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council. Jeston Morris/GRIN

Youth learn about Silent Witness

Jeston Morris
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Police Department hosted their Coffee and Conversation to learn about the Silent Witness program for Community members and members of the Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Council in Sacaton, District 3, on April 8.

Starting at 7 a.m., the workshop focused with the

youth about safety concerns in the Community while partaking in refreshments such as coffee, orange juice, donuts and fruits.

Gila River Police Department Chief Jesse Crabtree introduced the President of the Silent Witness Executive Board, Jennifer Clack and the former President of the Silent Witness Executive Board, Rab Paquette, for the Silent Witness workshop.

According to Clack, Silent Witness is a non-profit organization. They partner with the police and the Community. They work on outstanding felony cases. If a detective needs more information about a case, he/she sends it to Silent Witness. They create a flyer and post it in the area the crime occurred. The same information can be sent to people’s phone. People call in anonymously if they have a tip about the case. One can always call the police if they know something. When it comes to crimes, people get nervous about it. Silent Witness is an alternative to calling the police. With Silent Witness, they are anonymous. In lieu of a name, Silent Witness uses a number. Silent Witness is part of the national Crime Stoppers organization. They offer rewards. For example, for a homicide case, the reward is 2,000 dollars. An individual can collect their reward anonymously. Silent Witness has been around since 1979. They have been in business for 46 years.

Two members of the AOPPYC expressed their views.

“One thing I like to see is youth engagement,” Landon Martinez said.

“We are here to have a conversation about how the youth can work with the police department and Silent Witness. We want to do our part to make our community safer. We want to leverage our AOPPYC platform to not only advocate for the youth but also to work with community leaders, Community Council Representatives, and the police department. The youth’s concern is centered around gun violence and violent crimes in general. A lot of the conversation that we have is how we can be more productive in our roles and increase youth engagement,” Joseph Davis said.

SAVE THE DATE

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Saturday May 3rd, 2025

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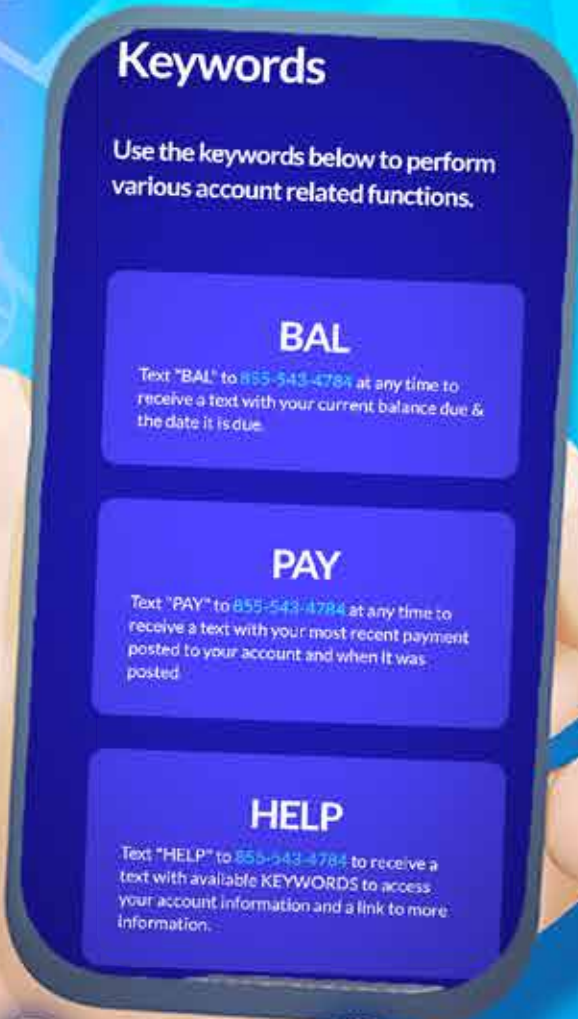
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MISSING PERSONS

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: 190lbs

PETER THOMAS



Last seen: 08/03/2007
Age: 47
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 190lbs

JOSEPH UGALDE



Last seen: 05/14/2009
Age: 43
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 200lbs

ANTHONY PORTER



Last seen: 10/15/2011
Age: 48
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 210lbs

KERMIT BREAD



Last seen: 04/11/2014
Age: 39
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 150lbs

CYNTHIA ACEVEDO



Last seen: 08/31/2019
Age: 39
Sex: F
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 230lbs

TONY GUTIERREZ



Last seen: 09/16/2022
Age: 37
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 350lbs

LORENZO JOSE



Last seen: 08/29/2024
Age: 17
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 170lbs

EMMANUEL BARRERA



Last seen: 09/01/2024
Age: 20
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 175lbs

VINCENT BAPTISTO



Last seen: 11/20/2024
Age: 44
Sex: M
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 250lbs

HENRY VILLAR



Last seen: 04/04/2025
Age: 14
Sex: M
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 4'9"
Weight: 90lbs

ADRIAN VILLAR



Last seen: 04/04/2025
Age: 14
Sex: M
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 4'8"
Weight: 90lbs

RAMON VALENCIA



Last seen: 04/11/2025
Age: 15
Sex: M
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 180lbs

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

Announcements & Notices

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA
AKEEM BLAINE AVERY, Petitioner/Plaintiff
vs.
SABRINA KIMI'LEE ALLISON, Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: FM-2025-0005-PT
CIVIL
NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a(n) Review Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Monday, June 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA
LYNELLE BLACKWATER, Petitioner/Plaintiff
vs.
JUSTIN SHANE CHUIGO ET AL., Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: CV-2024-0078-MO
CIVIL
NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a(n) status Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 3:00 PM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ,
GMN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
DATED this 18th day of March, 2025

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA
AGA SHAUNA COX, Petitioner/Plaintiff

vs.
MATTEW DAVIS, Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: CV-2025-0039-OP
CIVIL
NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a(n) Order of Protection Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Friday, May 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA
MIRANDA JANEL WEBB, Petitioner/Plaintiff

vs.
BYRON RAY DIXON JR., Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: FM-2023-0054-PT
CIVIL
NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a(n) Motion Hearing and Order to Show Cause has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Monday, May 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom VII, Westend Judicial Center, 4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ.
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.
DATED this 7th day of April, 2025

FIRST CREDIT UNION Petitioner/Plaintiff
vs.
FREDRICO J. MOLINA Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: CV-2025-0017-MO
CIVIL SUMMONS
IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
TO Fredrico J. Molina
P.O. Box 1871, Sacaton, AZ, 85147

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You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you, the Respondent/Defendant, in the Gila River Indian Community Court. You are required to appear and defend this action in Court within the time applicable.
You shall appear and respond at an ANSWER/RESPONSE HEARING on: Monday, June 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
You may respond in writing. However, your presence at the Answer/Response Hearing is still required. If a written answer or response is made, it shall be filed and served before the date of the hearing, unless the time is extended by order of the Court. The Court staff is not allowed to give you legal advice but staff is available to assist you with general information such as scheduling and procedures. You have the right to represent yourself or you may hire an attorney or advocate to represent you. If you represent yourself, you have the responsibility to properly complete all your Court papers and file them when they are due. The Court has a listing of attorneys and advocates who are licensed to practice in the court. Please do not wait until your hearing to ask for time to hire an attorney or advocate. If you are not able to appear in Court at the above date and time, please immediately file a motion with the Court to reschedule. A judge will determine whether to approve your motion. You should be in court at least 15 minutes before the hearing. DO NOT come to court if you are sick.
If you fail to appear and defend in Court, a default judgment will be entered against you and in favor of the Petitioner/Plaintiff for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition, GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Gila River Indian Community Court in the State of Arizona.

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT STATE OF ARIZONA
ALEX JOSEPH CASSA, Petitioner/Plaintiff
vs.

PAULINE MAE WALEMA, Respondent/Defendant
CASE Number: FM-2022-0064-PT
CIVIL
NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a(n) Review Hearing has been scheduled in the

Gila River Indian Community Court. Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

It's Time To Put It On!

GRADUATION STOLE

THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT will provide students with an honorary stole to wear during graduation ceremonies. Students must be enrolled as members of the Gila River Indian Community and graduate from a qualified institution.

- > High Schools
- > Vocational School
- > Community Colleges
- > Universities

Please contact your K-12 Student Advisor at Coolidge High School, Coolidge Alternative Program, Casa Grande High School, Vista Grande High School, Cesar Chavez High School, Betty Fairfax High School, Chandler Unified School District, or Skyline Gila River.

University and Community College graduates please call your Student Advisor with Student Services at 520-562-3316.

Parents of students attending Boarding Schools, contact Suzie Breazier at 520-562-3662.

Please get in touch with the Tribal Education Department if you are not funded through the Scholarship Program or do not have a K-12 Student Advisor located at your school.

Contact the Tribal Education Department for more information. Phone: 520-562-3662 <https://www.gricted.com>

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 2, 2024

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:09 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Lalena Jackson

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Jennifer Allison, Leah Williams, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa(9:14), Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Charles Goldtooth(9:12); D7- Devin Redbird(9:43)

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Regina Antone

Council Members Absent:

D1- Duane Jackson, Jr. (Travel)

D5- Franklin Pablo, Sr. (Travel)

D5-Brian Davis, Sr. (Travel)

D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (Personal)

D6- Terrance Evans (Travel)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTIONS #1 AND #2 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL, ACCEPT REPORTS #1 AND #2, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #3 AND #4, AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

>1. Update on Modified Polices Between GRIC Police Department And GRIC Prosecutor's Office Regarding High Level Crime

Presenter: Jesse Crabtree

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Update To Modified Policies

Presenters: Lynn Arouh, Augustina Alman

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. International Mother Language Day Event Report

Presenters: Anthony Gray

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council February 2025 (Executive Session)

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

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report February 2025 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Blake Katsnelson, Tony DeMark, Scott O'Gorman, Mike West, Crystal Rodriguez, IOPC

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Schedule of Investments ending February 28, 2025 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Proposed Tower Construction At The Seed Farm Rd. Tower Site Under Business Lease BL-0011 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation of approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Rachel Wierson, Alan Waters, Joan Burke, GRTI Board of Directors
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Proposed Tower Construction At The Blackwater Co Tower Site Under Business Lease B-GR-192 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation of approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Rachel Wierson, Alan Waters, Joan Burke, GRTI Board of Directors
TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving An Agreement With The Arizona State Board Of Regents For And On Behalf Of Arizona State University And Its Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center For Services To Be Provided Under The Accessing Choices In Education Grant (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation of approval with a correction and amendment and placement on the consent agenda; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Arlanna Jackson, Sherilyn Analla
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Indian Community's Police Department To Submit Grant Applications For Securing External Funding To Aid Current Law Enforcement Projects Under The State Of Arizona, Governor's Office Of Highway Safety And Approving A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity Limited To Arbitration For A Period Of Five Years (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation of approval and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Jesse Crabtree, Weston Elliott
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. A Resolution Approving Modification No.60 To The Gila River Indian Community Capital Projects Fund Budget For Fiscal Years 2025 Through 2029 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation of approval with correction)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Suzanne Jones
APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 1 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation of approval)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Suzanne Jones
APPROVED

7. A Resolution Terminating The Residential Housing Improvement Program Occupancy Agreement And Applications For Certain Residences Located On Allotted Land In District 4 Within The Gila River Indian Reservation And Designating Any Remaining Occupants On These Residences As Trespassers (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval, and to include adding the words "And Allotted Land" in the Resolution Title and in the Be It Resolved Clause as discussed; LSC concurs)

Presenters: Lorenzo Sierra IV, Michael Carter, Javier G. Ramos, Wayne Allison, William Morago
APPROVED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR GRPD TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE ACTION TO REMOVE THE TRESPASSERS THAT ARE OCCUPYING THE ALLOTTED LAND AND FOR DHD TO WORK WITH BIA TO DEMOLISH THE RESIDENCES IDENTIFIED AS 2084, 2086, 2088, 2090, AND 2092 ON THE ALLOTTED LAND WITHIN 48 HOURS

8. A Resolution Approving The Relinquishment Of Mya Angel Cruye From The Gila River Indian Community Membership Roll (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sara Duenez

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Community Concerns

Presenters: Community Council

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEW BUSINESS

>1. Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board Two (2) Appointments (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to appoint Dale Enos to the Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board for District 3 and placement on the consent agenda) (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to appoint Joe Biakedy to the Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board for District 7 and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Shannon White

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Gila Crossing Community School 21st Century Grant Application (ESC forward to Council as an FYI)

Presenters: Education Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS INFORMATION

MINUTES

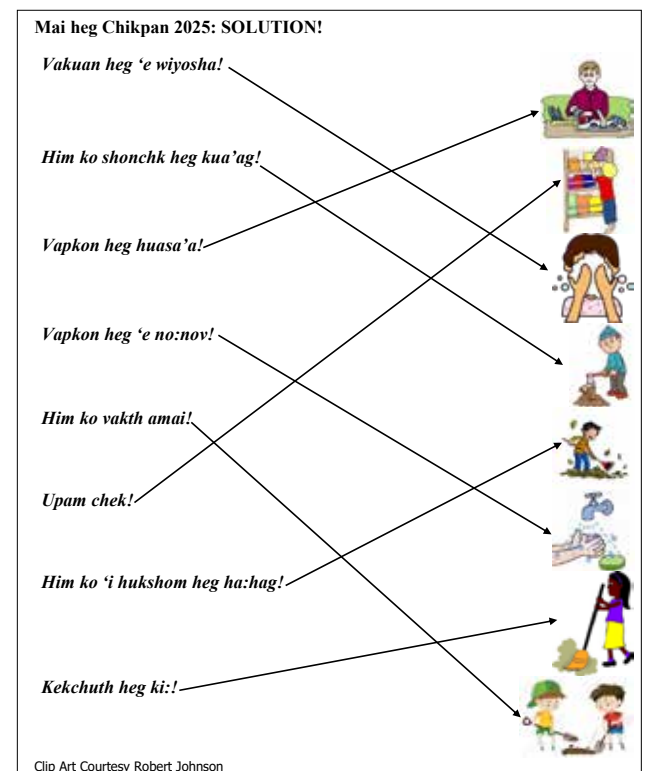
ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CONCERNS DISCUSSED REGARDING THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD COMMUNITY CONCERNS UNDER UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION
ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:40 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM





WILD HORSE PASS

LOS LONELY BOYS
THURSDAY, MAY 1 | 8PM



WILD HORSE PASS

THE BEACH BOYS
FRIDAY, MAY 2 | 8PM



VEE QUIVA

**SELENA FEATURING
EMILY FLORES**
FRIDAY, MAY 2 | 8PM



WILD HORSE PASS

THE STRUTS
SATURDAY, MAY 3 | 8PM



WILD HORSE PASS

CHRIS ISAAK
FRIDAY, MAY 9 | 8PM

**MORE
UPCOMING
SHOWS**

MAY 10 | DON FELDER AT *WILD HORSE PASS*
MAY 17 | DẠ VŨ CUỐI MÙA XUÂN AT *WILD HORSE PASS*
MAY 18 | KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD BAND AT *WILD HORSE PASS*



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