



## Ribbon Cutting for District 4 Public Safety Building

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Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community held a ceremonial opening for the new public safety building in District 4 on April 7. The event began with the posting of colors by the Public Safety color guard, followed by a blessing from Pastor Lee Miguel, District 4.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addressed the crowd and recognized tribal leadership visiting with a group of attendees from the Tribal Self-Governance Conference. Gila River Community Council Reps. Ann Lucas, Jeanette Blasingim, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson, and Leah Williams were also in attendance along with special guests from the U.S. Department of Interior and Congressman Greg Stanton.

The construction for the building has been in the works for the past two years in partnership with CORE Construction, DWL Architects & Planners Inc., and the Titan Group.

“These partners have been with us from the very first project and have brought together our request for cultural incorporation, state of the art features, LED designation and space efficiency,”



**L-R: Gila River Fire Chief Kathy Garcia, Community Council Reps. Lelena Jackson, Leah Williams, Nada Celaya, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Dept. of Interior Associate Deputy Secretary Michael Olsen, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Congressman Greg Staton, Community Council Rep. Jeanette Blasingim, Gila River EMS Chief Kurt Rainbolt, and Community Council Rep. Ann Lucas during the ribbon cutting for the new public safety building in District 4.** Apphia Shirley/CPAO

said Community Council Rep. Ann Lucas (District 2), vice-chair of the Owner’s Team.

“On behalf of the Council and the Owner’s Team, I want to thank our partners for bringing our vision to life and creating this space for emergency responders. As with all of our accomplishments, it takes all of us to work together; but first and foremost, the idea came from the Community. And through our use of the

self-determination act, our government is now able to listen to our members,” Lucas said.

The building was funded by utilizing section 105(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and will house personnel from the Gila River Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Management Services.

Gov. Lewis stated, “By combining our emergency responders

in this location, we will cut down on emergency response times for members of our Community who need immediate assistance; sometimes life and death calls.”

He added that the facility is critical to ensuring that emergency responders can be available throughout the Community, which is 372,000 acres, in the event of an emergency.

“It’s not an overstatement

to say that this facility can save lives,” Gov. Lewis said. “What has made the self-determination act so successful is that it isn’t stagnant; the act allowed for growth and innovation in meeting our tribal programmatic needs and infrastructure needs.”

It was through the section 105(l) that the Community piloted the very first construction project with the department of interior – the Gila Crossing Community School which was opened in 2019, replacing an old school campus that was over 100 years old. Since then, the Community continued to utilize the section 105(l) with the construction of the Casa Blanca Community School in 2021 and the Gila River Police Department in 2024.

“They’re designed by the Community for the Community’s needs,” said Gov. Lewis. “Taking into account our culture and history, and they’re designed to meet the needs of our tribal government today.” In some cases, the federal government can take seven years from approval to design to construction to open a facility, but as a sovereign nation the Gila River Indian Community has been able to construct four building in seven years.

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## Gila River Indian Community Releases Specialty License Plate Through ADOT

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Drivers across the state now have a new way to show their pride and support for the Gila River Indian Community with the release of a new specialty plate. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Gila River Indian Community unveiled the new specialty license plate on March 26, which features a traditional design that showcases O’otham and Pee Posh cultures and includes the GRIC seal.

The specialty plate is now available for purchase through the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division website: [azmvdnow.gov/plates](http://azmvdnow.gov/plates). It is available to anyone in the state and is also offered as a motorcycle plate. It cost \$25 for the specialty plate and an additional \$25 for personalization. \$17 goes to the GRIC for traffic-controlled devices.



**Gila River Indian Community’s specialty license plate is now available for purchase.** CPAO Photo

“This specialty license plate honors the Gila River Community’s proud history, tradition and culture, and our enduring connection to our shudag – the Gila River,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. “It reflects our community’s pride in our identity and heritage and hopefully encourages others to learn more about our contributions to the state of Arizona. I appreciate the state Legislature’s support in making it possible.”

“The visibility displayed on the license plate not only brings attention to our great community and economic enterprises,” Lt. Gov. Regina Antone said. “But it also proves our resiliency in providing additional resources for our police department.”

The Gila River Indian Community is one of five tribes in the state to have a specialty license plate that highlights their communities. The Hualapai

Tribe, Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, and White Mountain Apache Tribe have plates available.

“MVD is pleased to support Arizona communities through the various plates for the organizations dedicated to helping Arizona and our communities,” said MVD Director Michael Cryderman.

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# Community comes together for Run/Walk to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month



On April 1, 2026, over 60 Community Members joined in the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Run/Walk at the Sacaton Fairgrounds. Attendees heard from speakers who shared resources and information for victims of sexual assault and received t-shirts and informational pamphlets. The evening concluded with remarks from Jr. Miss Gila River, Aubrey Gaitan and members of the Gila River Community Council. The event was hosted in a collaborated effort from the Gila River Crime Victims Services, Police Department, SANE and Gila River Health Care. Photos by Apphia Shirley/CPAO



# Community Honors Vietnam Veterans at Luncheon

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

In recognition of National Vietnam Veterans Day, Community members gathered for a heartfelt luncheon dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of local Vietnam veterans on March 30 at the District 3 Service Center.

The event hosted by the Veteran and Family Services Office, brought together veterans, their families, and supporters for an afternoon of reflection, gratitude, and connection. Attendees were welcomed with a program that highlighted the voices and experiences of those who served during the Vietnam War followed by a shared meal.

Veterans took the opportunity to address the audience, offering personal reflections on their time in service. Their remarks ranged from stories of camaraderie and resilience to the challenges faced both



Vietnam Veterans in attendance for the event along with Gila River Royalty and Lt. Gov Regina Antone. Emma Hughes/GRIN

during and after their return home. The room fell quiet as each speaker shared memories that underscored the significance of the day and the importance of continued recognition.

Adding a moving element to the program, a local flutist performed. The performance provided a

moment of reflection, with soft melodies filling the space and offering a tribute to those who served and those who never made it home.

The luncheon also included a special gift presentation to the veterans in attendance. Each honoree received a token of appre-

ciation as a gesture of gratitude for their service and dedication.

Organizers emphasized the importance of National Vietnam Veterans Day as a time to recognize a generation of service members who did not always

receive a proper welcome home. Events like the luncheon aim to ensure their contributions are acknowledged and remembered.

As the program concluded, many lingered to share conversations, reconnect with fellow veterans,

and express appreciation. The gathering served not only as a tribute, but also as a reminder of the lasting impact of service and the strength of community support.

## Kwi Hiosig Mashath 2026



The name for this month refers to the blossoming of the Mesquite trees. This month, the cotton growers have planted this season's crop of commercial cotton, which in Akimel O'otham is called thoki. Beginning with our Hekiu O'otham, we have been growing thoki for a very long time. Thoki was grown for their fibers and seeds, the fibers were spun into yarn and the seeds used as a food source. Remnants of yarn and woven textiles have been recovered at many Hohokam archeological sites throughout our state.

When Padre Kino arrived in 1694, he discovered that Akimel O'otham not only grew thoki, but also wove it into blankets, sashes, and belts. A few examples of Akimel O'otham weaving is on display in our museum. The collection includes a weaving loom, blanket and a spindle. At the time when the anthropologist Frank Russell was researching our O'otham in 1901 – 1902, the art of thoki weaving was disappearing from our culture. He recorded that the women spun the cotton into thread and yarn, while older men performed the actual weaving on a horizontal loom.

The thoki developed by Hekiu O'otham is known as Pima Aboriginal Cotton. In 1907, the Agricultural Experimental Station was established in Sacaton. Over the years, this station developed a strain known today as "Pima Cotton." Several strains further developed and are called "Supima Cotton" which is sought after by textile manufacturers in several countries. During this growing season, we can observe the fields of cotton, as they grow from seedlings to mature plants. When this

season's cotton crop is harvested in fall, we may observe the large rolls in every cotton field. After ginning, the cotton bales are shipped overseas. We should be amazed that our cotton is exported to industrial nations. When we shop and observe the Pima Cotton and Supima labels we can be proud that these strains were developed in our community and that we have been cotton growers since time immemorial. This month's Thoki Haichu Nathoi crossword puzzle will focus on items made of cotton.

- ba:shokam shaliv (overalls) i p u d
- (dress) kaviḍk shaliv (shorts) shaliv
- (jeans)
- cheḍom (blanket) kak'kalsi:tha
- (socks) koksikuḍ (pajamas) t h o -
- vash (bandana)
- givoḍ (belt) k a -
- mish (shirt) m o n j u l i k
- (scarf) va:k'thalik (jacket)

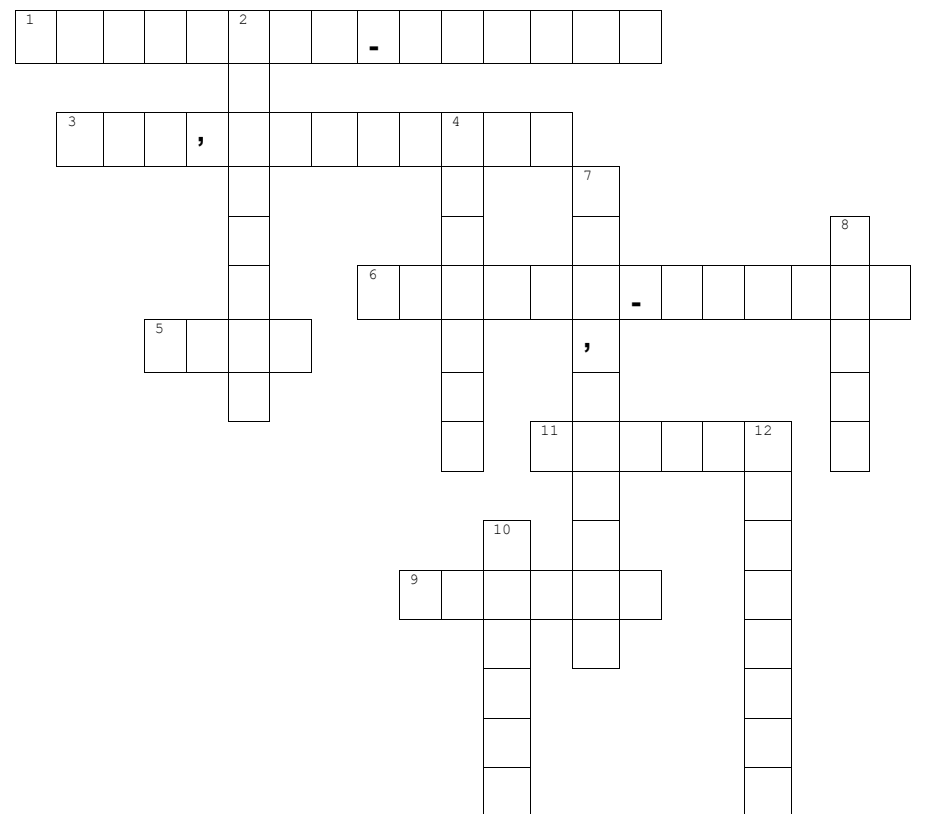
We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and learn to say the clothing names. Names may be slightly different between the villages.

*A special Thank You to Mr. Robert Stone, former General Manager of Gila River Farms. He shared his knowledge of cotton production during a Seed Keeper Course that made this article possible. Additional information related from, At the Desert's Green Edge: An Ethnobotany of the Gila River Pima by Amadeo Rea, 1997, University of Arizona Press.*



Vietnam Veterans introduce themselves during the event on March 30. Emma Hughes/GRIN

### Thoki Haichu Nathoi 2026 – Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 1. Overalls
- 3. Socks
- 5. Dress
- 6. Shorts
- 9. Pants
- 11. Blanket

**Down**

- 2. Pajamas
- 4. Bandana
- 7. Jacket
- 8. Belt
- 10. Shirt
- 12. Scarf

# Department of the Interior Completes Three-Day Probate Outreach Event at Gila River Indian Reservation

**PRESS RELEASE**  
U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs

SACATON, Ariz. — The Department of the Interior completed a three-day probate outreach event this past week on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona, where staff met with community members in two locations to offer direct support and trust services. The event, hosted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, reached 333 families and provided hands-on help with probate cases, realty needs and trust fund account management.

“Outreach events like this shows the commitment of President Donald J.

Trump and the Department of the Interior to meeting tribal citizens where they are, reducing barriers to essential services and helping families navigate complex trust and probate processes,” said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Billy Kirkland. “By bringing probate, realty and trust services together in one place, we make sure community members have the information and support they need.”

This event is the latest as part of Secretary Doug Burgum’s ongoing commitment to eliminate the decades-long probate backlog. The probate process is vital to ensure that individual trust assets are properly distributed and

that families receive the closure and support they deserve. Interior is working hard to make a measurable improvement to the long-standing probate backlog so American Indian and Alaska Native families can receive the property that rightfully belongs to them.

The outreach event brought together probate, realty and trust fund services in one place so families could get clear guidance during a single visit. Staff from the Department of the Interior’s Indian Affairs worked side by side to answer questions, review documents and help community members understand the steps involved in probate.

Participants met

one-on-one with probate staff to receive updates on their cases, submit and review documents, and learn more about how the probate process works. Realty specialists helped landowners review ownership records and provided information on gift deeds, which can help families reduce future probate needs and plan for the long term.

Bureau of Trust Funds Administration staff supported ongoing modernization efforts by helping individuals enroll in new digital services that will connect to the digital wallet launching later this year. They also assisted with updating contact and payment information to ensure that trust fund payments are de-



Department of Interior Associate Director Michael Olsen and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis during the Probate event at the District 3 Service Center on April 7. Photo Courtesy of Department of Interior

livered securely and without delay.

The Department of the Interior remains dedicated to strengthening trust man-

agement, expanding service accessibility, and supporting tribal sovereignty and family decision-making.

## U.S. Department of the Interior visits Sacaton for Probate Trust Event

**Jeston Morris**  
Gila River Indian News

SACATON, Ariz. — The Pima Agency’s Office of the Superintendent hosted a two-day probate trust fair April 7-8 at District 3 Service Center, drawing Gila River Indian Community members seeking assistance with probate and trust matters. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis welcomed and accompanied a visiting delegation from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The delegation includes Bryan Mercier, director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Mike Olsen, associate deputy secretary of the Interior; Janel Broderick, principal deputy assistant secretary for Indian Affairs; and Jessie Durham, Western Regional director for Indian Affairs.

Tamera Dawes, deputy regional director of trust service for Indian Affairs, said

the fair served the O’otham sister tribes — Gila River, Salt River, Ak-Chin, and Tohono O’odham — and was designed to help the backlog of probate trust assets across Indian Country.

Stations at the event include GRIC’s Vital Record Office, Probate, Real Estate, Bureau Trust Fund Administration, Salt River Community Development, and Southern Arizona Legal Aid. Attendees checked in and waited to be called for one-on-one assistance.

Resolving probate trust cases can be lengthy, said Pamela Kessay, legal administrative specialist for Indian Affairs. Key documents often required include a certificate of Indian blood, marriage license, divorce decree, adoption record, birth certificate, death certificate, and a will. Many of these records are available to GRIC members through the Community’s vital records office.



Members are receiving consultation at the probate station. Jeston Morris/GRIN



Mike Olsen (Associate Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior), Tamera Dawes (Deputy Regional Director- Trust Services for Indian Affairs), Janel Broderick (Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs), Bryan Mercier (Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs) and Rachael Larson (Superintendent of the Pima Agency). Jeston Morris/GRIN

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# Hyo Joo Kim Wins LPGA Championship for 2nd Year

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With so many new elements added to the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass, one thing remained the same: Hyo Joo Kim hoisting the LPGA trophy after the final round. The South Korean golfer bested American Nelly Korda to defend her title at Whirlwind Golf Club's Cattail Course on March 29. It was also her second consecutive victory after capturing the Fortinet Founders Cup the previous week.

Wild Horse Pass now has two years of experience hosting the tournament and looks to continue the success of the Ford Championship and the LPGA.

"We thank the LPGA, Ford Motor Company, Gila River Resorts & Casinos, and of course everyone at Whirlwind Golf Club for giving these tremendous golfers the opportunity to compete at the highest level. It was truly a banner weekend for Wild Horse Pass," said Duncan Wiston, general manager of Gila River Development.

The main concern going into the tournament was the record-breaking heat. The LPGA released a heat advisory prior to the event, communicating to the public the precautions put in place to ensure guests had a safe and comfortable experience.

The Valley was in the middle of a historic March heatwave, but golfers still posted impressive scores, with Kim finishing at 28-under par and Korda two strokes behind at 26-under.

The Gila River Indian Community played an important role during the trophy ceremony. The LPGA Championship trophy was designed by GRIC artist Jaime Jackson. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone presented Kim with a keepsake from the tribe — a custom-made



Gila River representation celebrates with champion Hyo Joo Kim at Whirlwind Golf Course on March 29. From L-R: Councilman Charles Goldtooth, Whirlwind General Manager Louie Unga, Lt. Gov. Regina Antone, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Hyo Joo Kim, Gila River Development General Manager Duncan Wiston, Vee Quiva General Manager Myron Sundust, Community Treasurer Gary Mix. Photo Courtesy of LPGA

award created by District 2 artist Lisa Hendricks.

Gov. Lewis said he is looking forward to 2027 and called Kim a true champion. "We're hoping next year will be even bigger and better," he said.

Gila River Development Board Vice-Chairman Charles Goldtooth was also present, along with Community Treasurer Gary Mix.

Louie Unga, Whirlwind Golf Club general manager, offered a toast in honor of Kim, the back-to-back winner of the

Ford Championship. "[Kim] came back to Phoenix to defend her title and overcame one of the most competitive fields of the year," he said.

Unga also credited the Whirlwind staff during his remarks.

"Our amazing team worked so hard to make sure we put on an event that everyone could be proud of," he said.

During her press conference, Kim was asked about Whirlwind Golf Club and the two wins she has earned there during the 2025 and 2026 seasons. Speaking

through an interpreter, she said she is not sure why she plays so well at Whirlwind, but noted that her putting made the difference in her victory.

Like in 2025, Gila River Development and the LPGA partnered again to offer complimentary Ford Championship tickets to members of the Gila River Indian Community. The Community Services Department assisted in distributing tickets at each service center, and free general-admission tickets were also available online.

## THE GRD BULLETIN



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### GILA RIVER DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES THE 61ST ANNUAL MUL-CHU-THA



Gila River Development was honored to support the 61st Annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo as a sponsor this year. This long-standing event represents the Gila River Indian Community in so many outstanding ways, and we are grateful for the opportunity to give back to the Community. Like everyone else, we missed not having an MCT last year, but this year it returned with a bang! It was a joy to see the crowds back, and kudos to all the organizers and stakeholders—job well done. We also partnered with GRBC to broadcast Community Day and the parade. They provided terrific coverage of the event, and we appreciate their commitment to delivering quality programming to GRIC. We can't wait for next year—we know it's going to be another memorable MCT. We're saving our boots for more lemonade, for sure!

### FEATURED STORIES



#### BIG SAVINGS FOR GRIC ELDERS AT SACATON MARKET

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#### LPGA MEDIA DAY INCLUDES GOV. LEWIS AND LT. GOV. ANTONE

Local media gathered at the Shelde Building on March 11 ahead of the LPGA Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass. LPGA along with representatives from Ford Motor Company, LPGA athletes and tribal representatives gave remarks to the local press in preparation for the 2026 Ford Championship on March 26–29.



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# The Inaugural Gila River Resorts & Casinos Xtreme Bulls Shines at Buck-N-Rodeo Grounds

**Jeston Morris**  
Gila River Indian News

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Crème de la crème professional bull riders competed at the inaugural PRCA Xtreme Bulls at Buck-N-Rodeo Grounds on March 27-28. Several Native bull riders competed on the final night. Some featured cowboys include Boudreaux Campbell, Chase Dougherty, Jackson Ward, T.J. Gray, Luke Mackey, Junior Taylor, Tristen Hutchings, Aaron Williams, and Hayden Welsh.

Wacey Schalla, who is a 20-year-old cowboy from Arapaho, Okla. Claimed the championship title Saturday night. He rode Blue Silhouette (Universal Rodeo) in the short round. “The first bull was really good. I did not know what he was going into because I had a re-ride. I got an

awesome short round bull,” said Schalla.

“Schalla is the fastest cowboy to earn a million dollars in the PRCA. He is the first champion for the Gila River Resort and Casino’s Xtreme Bulls,” said Rodeo Announcer.

Brad Moreno, Wyatt Nez, Robbie Taylor, and Wade Tuni were among the Native bull riders. Moreno, who is from Kayenta, Ariz. got bucked off. He reflected on his ride. “The bull got me leaning back. He is a fast, strong bull,” Moreno said.

Nez rode his bull and received a score of 76 points. He was eliminated from the short round. The Colorado Kid rode his bull and received a score of 83 points. He was also eliminated. Wade Tuni, who is from Rock Point, Ariz. got bucked off.

Robbie Taylor, who is from Chinle, Ariz. was the

second rider in the Lifted Truck tier. He rode his bull but got the option for a re-ride. He got 85 points for his re-ride and qualified for the short round. “I got a re-ride on the first one; it wasn’t that good. The second ride was good,” said Taylor. He got bucked off in the short round.

Taylor was inspired by his father. He grew up watching his father ride bulls in Chinle. His father encouraged him to become a bull rider. His PRCA traveling partners are Luke Mackey and Wade Tuni. He shared what it feels like to enjoy riding a bull. “The first two bulls I rode felt good. When I am riding, I try not to think about anything. I react by letting my body move on its own instead of me. If I overthink the ride, I just get in my own way,” Taylor said.

On Friday night, 8 cowboys made the short



**Robbie Taylor, a native pro “bull” rider from Chinle, Ariz. rides his first bull.** Jeston Morris/GRIN

round. T.J. Gray was among the riders who rode their bull in the short round. “I am so excited to come to Chandler for the Xtreme Bulls. The last bull, he really tried me. It was a lot of work. It was a good one to stay on,” said Gray.

Aaron Williams got bucked off in the short

round. He reflected on his ride. “It’s infuriating because the bull got lucky. The palm of my glove ripped in the middle of the ride. My hand came out of the rope. The next time I cross paths with the bull, I will settle the score,” Williams said.

“Gila River Resorts &

Casinos brought together the best bull riders. This place is the future of bull riding,” said the rodeo announcer. Xtreme Bull was an exciting and successful event. The rodeo results can be accessed at: [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com).

## Community Celebrates Earth Day with Education, Activities, and Entertainment



**Department of Environmental staff providing information on the Community’s Bald Eagle Nestwatch program.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Community members of all ages gathered to celebrate Earth Day with an annual event hosted by Gila River Indian Community’s Department of Environmental Quality on Friday, March 27. The event

focused on environmental awareness, education, and fun. The event brought together several organizations, students, and families for a day filled with interactive learning and community connection.

A variety of informational booths were set up throughout DEQ’s Environmental Education Center

offering resources on sustainability, conservation, recycling, and eco-friendly practices. Local groups and volunteers were on hand to answer questions and share tips on how individuals can make a positive impact on the environment.

Students participated in dedicated sessions designed to engage and educate younger attendees. These sessions included discussions on protecting natural resources, as well as creative activities that encouraged environmental stewardship.

Hands-on activities were a highlight of the event, giving attendees the opportunity to get involved directly. From planting demonstrations to interactive crafts using recycled materials, participants were able to learn by doing.



**One of the informational booths featured an activity to learn more about the water cycle.** Emma Hughes/GRIN

In addition to the educational components, guests enjoyed a free lunch and live music provided by Gertie and the T.O. Boyz that added to the festive atmosphere, creating an inviting space for the Community to gather and celebrate.

Earth Day is observed annually on April 22 and serves as a reminder of the importance of protecting the planet and preserving natural resources for future generations. It encourages individuals and communities to take action, whether through reducing waste,

conserving water, planting trees, or participating in local clean-up efforts. Events like this one highlight the simple, meaningful ways people can celebrate Earth Day and make a positive impact in their everyday lives.

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### Tribal Self-Governance Conference at Wild Horse Pass

**Miguel Sallard**  
Gila River Indian News

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Tribal leaders, policy experts, and federal partners from across the country gathered at Wild Horse Pass for the 2026 Tribal Self-Governance Conference, an annual forum dedicated to strengthening sovereignty, expanding Tribal authority, and improving the delivery of essential services in Indian Country. Hosted once again within the Gila River Indian Community, the gathering felt especially grounded. The conference underscored both the national momentum behind self-governance and the central role GRIC continues to play in shaping that future.

This year's theme, "Next Gen of Tribal Self-Governance: Turning Change into Opportunity," reflected a forward-looking agenda. Sessions focused on emerging technologies, federal policy shifts, and the evolving responsibilities Tribal Nations are taking on as they assume greater control over programs once managed by



Tribal leaders and federal partners from across the country gathered at Wild Horse Pass for the 2026 Tribal Self-Governance Conference on April 7-9. Miguel Sallard/GRIN

federal agencies.

Many of the sessions touched on issues that Tribal Nations have carried for generations: the fight for fair funding, the need for stronger recognition of Tribal authority, and the responsibility to protect land, water, and culture. But the tone wasn't heavy—it was determined.

Workshops on health care reform, Contract Support Costs, and co-stewardship drew full rooms.

Leaders spoke candidly about the strain on Tribal systems, but also

about the creativity and resilience that keep those systems moving. One session on artificial intelligence sparked a lively discussion about how new tools might help strengthen public safety, improve health coordination, or preserve language—always with the reminder that Tribal data must remain in Tribal hands.

For the Gila River Indian Community, hosting the conference is more than an honor. It is a reflection of the Community's long-standing commit-

ment to sovereignty and self-determination. Delegates walked through a resort built by GRIC, ate food prepared by GRIC enterprises, and met on land shaped by O'odham and Pee-Posh history. That presence matters.

One of the most meaningful moments came with the visit of U.S. Senator Ruben Gallego. He walked into the room not as a distant policymaker, but as someone ready to listen. Tribal leaders shared concerns about federal funding, the need for stronger

government-to-government relationships, and the importance of honoring treaty

and trust obligations.

His presence signaled that the conversations happening at Wild Horse Pass carry weight beyond the conference walls. For many attendees, it was a chance to speak directly about the realities their communities face realities that often get lost in Washington.

For Gila River, the conference reaffirmed something essential: that the Community is not only a host, but a leader in the national movement for Tribal self-governance. And for all who attended, it was a reminder that sovereignty is strongest when it is shared, discussed, challenged, and renewed together.



Senator Ruben Gallego was presented with a necklace by Navajo Nation veterans. Miguel Sallard/GRIN

### Permanent Memorial for Emily Pike Established in Mesa

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

MESA, Ariz. — Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Regina Antone joined the family of Emily Pike, fellow tribal leaders, advocates, the City of Mesa, Mayor and Council members for a special gathering to honor the life of Emily Pike by establishing a permanent

memorial installation on March 3, at the Fitch Park in Mesa, Ariz.

Emily, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, went missing over a year ago from a group home in Mesa on Jan. 27, 2025. Her remains were found just off highway 60 near Globe on Feb. 14, 2025. No arrests have been made and no suspect(s) have been identified.

The FBI and the San

Carlos Apache Tribe are each offering a reward of up to \$75,000 for any information leading to the identity of the individual(s) responsible for Emily's disappearance and murder.

The new memorial site symbolizes Emily's childhood at the park and the community where she was last seen. The memorial includes a red push pistache tree, a granite plaque with Emily's picture and an engraved memorial bench that serves as a designated space for reflection and remembrance.

The new location replaces a temporary memorial site that was initially setup near Mesa Drive and McKellips Road, where the 14-year-old was last seen.

Emily's family has express gratitude to the community for their collective efforts over the past year in raising awareness about her and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) epidem-



Lt. Gov. Regina Antone and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis join fellow tribal leaders, family and advocates for the ribbon cutting of the new memorial site for Emily Pike at Fitch Park in Mesa on March 3. Photo Courtesy Arizona Missing Child Taskforce



A granite plaque was installed at Fitch Park in Mesa for Emily Pike on March 3. Photo Courtesy Arizona Missing Child Taskforce

ic across the nation. The public is encouraged to organize future days of remembrance of Emily at the park following proper city requests and permits.

The city and family ask that no items be left at the park. Additional memorials for Emily are in San Carlos, Ariz. and at mile marker 277 on Highway 60 near Globe.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis shares remarks during the memorial gathering. Photo Courtesy Arizona Missing Child Taskforce

# Photos from the District 4 Public Safety Building Opening



## O’odham Tribes Oppose Renaming of Loop 202

**GRIN/CPAO Staff**  
**Gila River Indian News**

Last month, Arizona governor Katie Hobbs vetoed Senate Bill 1010 that proposed the renaming of the Loop 202, also known as the South Mountain Freeway, to the Charlie Kirk Highway. Kirk was republican activist and founder of Turning Point USA, a non-profit organization committed to “identifying, educating, training, and organizing students to promote freedom,” with its headquarters located in Phoenix. Kirk was shot and killed during a speaking event in Utah last year.

Hobbs issued a statement on the veto of SB1010, on March 27, saying that the bill fell short of working toward solutions that bring people together and must follow the current process through the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names (ASBGHN) and not be circumvented by the Legislature.

“Kirk’s assassination is tragic and a horrifying act of violence,” Hobbs said. “In America, we resolve our political differences at the ballot box. No matter who it targets, political violence

puts us all in harm’s way and damages our sacred democratic institutions.”

Prior to the bill’s veto, the four O’odham tribes: Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O’odham Nation, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community came together to issue a strong opposition letter of SB1010 to Hobbs, explaining the cultural significance of South Mountain and the bill’s severe lack of tribal consultation.

“This proposal is deeply troubling not only for its procedural irregularities, but more fundamentally for what it would mean to the O’odham and Pee Posh whose sacred ancestral lands this highway traverses.”

ASBGHN policies and procedures recognizes the state’s 22 tribal nations and history of their traditional names of geographic features within the modern landscape by seeking inclusion, collaboration, and comment in the review of relevant proposals. SB1010 did not follow those procedures.

The tribes defend the sacred and traditional culture of South Mountain, which is Mu-

hadag/Avikwaxos Do’ag in the O’odham and Pee Posh language and translates to ‘Greasy Mountain’ and stated that “when the South Mountain Freeway was constructed, our people stood peacefully resistant to the protect this sacred place. We made clear then, as we do now, that this land holds profound religious and cultural significance that cannot be compromised.”

The statement also notes that as recently as August 2025, Kirk dismissed land acknowledgements – which simply recognize the historical presence of Native peoples on their ancestral lands, by saying they have a “sinister evil undercurrent,” suggesting they are a pretext to “take” land.

“These statements reveal a worldview that denies the legitimacy of Indigenous peoples’ connection to their lands,” the tribes stated. “To honor Mr. Kirk with a highway designation along Muhadag/Avikwaxos would send a message to our nations, and to all Arizona tribes, that our sacred places do not matter, that our sovereignty is not respected, and that our very existence as Indigenous peoples is something to be dismissed or denied.”

**Statement from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in support of Hobbs’ veto of SB1010:**

“Governor Hobbs made the right decision in vetoing SB 1010. We appreciate her leadership in recognizing that Arizona’s public infrastructure should bring people together, not divide communities or disregard the voices of those most directly affected.

Let me be clear: the murder of Charlie Kirk was a tragedy, and we condemn that act of violence in the strongest possible terms. There is no place for political violence in our state or our country.

At the same time, this proposal raised profound concerns for the Gila River Indian Community and other tribal nations. Loop 202 runs through and alongside Muhadag/Avikwaxos Do’ag – South Mountain – a place of deep cultural, spiritual, and historical significance to our people. This is not simply land; it is sacred.

Mr. Kirk’s public statements about Native peoples, tribal sovereignty, and our connection to our ancestral lands were deeply offensive. They dismissed our identity and centuries of our his-

tory. To associate his name with this corridor would have compounded that harm.

Additionally, our traditions include a prohibition against speaking the names of the deceased. Applying such a name to a prominent public feature that traverses our lands would conflict directly with our cultural and religious practices.

This proposal also attempted to bypass Arizona’s longstanding, established process for naming and renaming public roadways. For many years, such decisions have been made through the State Board on Geographic and Historic Names, with appropriate review and consultation. That process exists for a reason – to ensure consistency, respect, and public input – and it should not be circumvented for political purposes.

Arizona’s transportation system must respect the communities it serves and the lands it crosses. We are grateful that Governor Hobbs upheld these principles and honored the importance of tribal consultation, cultural respect, and the integrity of sacred places.”

# New Solar Panel Installations Along State Route 87



Solar panels are installed over the canal along State Route 87 on April 1. Photo Courtesy of Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project

Drivers traveling along State Route 87 in the Gila River Indian Community will notice a new stretch of solar panels being installed over a major irrigation canal, a significant step toward expanding clean energy and conserving water. The project focuses on sustainable infrastructure and long-term stewardship of Community resources.

Unlike traditional ground-mounted arrays, these panels sit directly above the canal's surface. From a distance, they resemble long, dark quilts laid gently across the water. Up close, the design becomes more apparent: each platform forms a grid of 12 panels across and seven panels long. Each of those larger panels is built from smaller components made up of six narrow lines holding 13 solar tiles. Engineers say the structure offers two key benefits, generating renewable electricity while re-

ducing water loss from evaporation. In the desert climate, where every gallon matters, shading the canal can help preserve significant volumes of water throughout the year.

The system is engineered to withstand high temperatures, monsoon winds and fluctuating water levels. For the Community, the installation represents more than an infrastructure upgrade. Leaders describe it as an investment in future generations, aligning cultural values of protecting the land with forward-looking innovation.

The full array will continue taking shape along SR 87 in the coming months. As the panels rise, they signal a vision rooted in tradition, technology and environmental responsibility, a reflection of the Gila River Indian Community's ongoing commitment to progress.

# Energy Department Announces \$50 Million Investment to Advance Affordable, Reliable, and Secure Energy for Tribes

**Press Release**  
U.S. Department of Energy

*These new investments will support Tribal-led energy project planning and development, strengthening energy reliability and increasing electricity access across Tribal communities*

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Indian Energy (IE) today announced a \$50 million notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) aimed at fostering affordable, reliable, and secure energy solutions in Indian Country. This investment will support Tribal-led community-scale energy project planning and development and large-scale energy project planning.

In accordance with President Trump's Executive Order, Unleashing American Energy, this NOFO highlights the fundamental role of energy in strengthening Tribal economies.

"This investment reflects the Trump Administration's commitment to ensuring Tribal communities have access to affordable, reliable, and secure energy," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright. "By strengthening local energy infrastructure, we are supporting long-term economic growth, energy independence, and resilience across Indian Country."

"This \$50 million competitive funding opportunity for Tribal entities is directly aligned with the priorities of the U.S. Department of Energy," said DOE's Office of Indian Energy Director Eric Mahroum. "This funding will unleash Tribal energy development—supporting energy projects that aim to cut energy costs,

expand electricity access, and advance economic opportunities. It's exciting and like nothing we have offered before."

Through the Unleashing Tribal Energy Development NOFO, the Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native regional corporations and Village corporations, Tribal and intertribal organizations, Tribal Energy Development Organizations, and Tribal Colleges and Universities—or any consortium of these eligible groups—to focus on:

1. Construction and installation of Tribal community-scale energy projects to meet the needs of the community

2. Predevelopment activities required to identify community-scale energy opportunities and bring projects from concept to implementation ready

3. Planning, assessment, and feasibility activities to de-risk and advance development for large-scale Tribal energy projects that provide opportunities for revenue generation and economic development

DOE works comprehensively from inception through commercialization, helping Tribes develop solutions to their energy challenges. This NOFO supports planning and feasibility assessments for large-scale Tribal energy

projects that can then allow Tribes to unlock additional financing through the DOE's Office of Energy Dominance Financing (EDF) Tribal Energy Financing Program (TEFP). The TEFP focuses on large-scale energy development and was recently amended by the Working Families Tax Cut to eliminate the Federal Support Restriction.

"Energy projects that go from planning and development to loan are a testament to the power of DOE's collaboration with Tribes to drive forward large energy development projects," DOE's EDF Director Gregory A. Beard said. "EDF is excited to be part of the solution to accelerate Tribal energy projects and drive more affordable, reliable, and secure energy."

Through this NOFO, DOE's Office of Indian Energy will continue to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives. These efforts will help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions to unleash American energy.

A webinar with additional information on this funding opportunity and how to apply will be held on April 9, 2026.

Applications are due July 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM ET.

**POSITION TITLE: FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### POSITION SUMMARY

In consultation with the Gila River People Foundation (GRPF) Board and the Chief Executive Officer, the Foundation Executive Director provides strategic leadership, operational oversight, and fundraising direction to the advance the mission of the Foundation in support of Native American Healthcare Initiatives. This role is responsible for developing and implementing comprehensive fundraising strategies, including major gifts, grants, endowments, and trust-base giving programs that strengthen the long-term financial stability of native healthcare services.

The Executive Director leads a team dedicated to philanthropic development and donor engagement while building strong relationships with community leaders, philanthropic organizations, corporate partners, and individual donors. Will serve to support the GRPF Board of Directors and improve the visibility of the foundation in the community. Additionally, the Executive Director responds to inquiries from departments, the community, and/or external agencies and supervises the Philanthropy department.

### Required Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree is required; a Master's degree is preferred.
- A minimum of seven (7) years of experience in fundraising, including at least three years specializing in foundation or donor relationship management, is required.
- Experience with philanthropy and/or working with nonprofit boards.
- Demonstrated success securing major gifts, grants, and philanthropic partnerships.
- Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, GRIC member preferred.
- Experience in the healthcare sector preferred.
- Experience in leading fundraising teams and managing development

**Contact:**  
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### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-AUDIT SERVICES

Casa Blanca Community School is soliciting proposals from qualified independent certified public accounting firms to provide annual audit services for the fiscal year ending 2026, with possible renewals for 2027 and 2028. The RFP includes the scope of work, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria.

**Proposal Open Date: April 15, 2026.**

**Proposal Deadline: May 1, 2026 at 1:00pm MST**

RFP Access:

Contact the school at 520 315 3489 x 2281 to obtain the full RFP.

Questions: Direct written inquiries to Eloyce Gillespie, Business Services Office.

Casa Blanca Community School reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal in the best interest of the school.

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • March 18, 2026

## ACTION SHEET

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

## CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:06 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Lt. Governor Regina Antone

## ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Regina Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Joseph Manuel, Jr., Kristina Morago(10:30); D4- Leah Williams, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Lalena Jackson; D5- James De La Rosa (9:14), Franklin Pablo, Sr., Gordon Santos, Jr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7- Jeanette Blasingim

Council Members Absent:

D1- Duane Jackson, Jr. (Travel)

D5- Donovan Kyyitan (Travel)

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #6 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL AND ACCEPT THE ADDED MATERIAL FOR NEW BUSINESS #7

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #2 AND #3, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #5, ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #2 AND #3 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Gila River Close Up Program and Introductions of Participants

Presenter: Joseph Davis

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE CLOSE-UP PROGRAM. EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND PROVIDED A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES AFFORDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS PROVIDED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PARTICIPANTS. MR. DAVIS ACKNOWLEDGED THE CHAPERONES AND PARENTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

2. Introduction Of New GRPD Officers And Employees Of The Year 2025

Presenter: William B. Lewis

ACTING POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM LEWIS INTRODUCED OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY: OFFICER DESTINY JACKSON, OFFICER STEPHEN ESCARCEGA, OFFICER JAMES BENSON, AND OFFICER ALAN FIERRO WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS GRADUATED FROM THE GILBERT POLICE ACADEMY. ACTING CHIEF LEWIS STATED THE OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO ENGAGE AND CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DETAIL WITH DISTRICT 3.

ACTING CHIEF LEWIS ADDED THAT THERE ARE FOUR OFFICERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE GLENDALE POLICE ACADEMY IN MAY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS CONGRATULATED THE NEW OFFICERS ON COMPLETING THE ACADEMY AND ENCOURAGED THE OFFICERS TO COMPLETE A CULTURAL DIVERSITY TRAINING AND LEARN AS MUCH AS THEY CAN ABOUT THE COMMUNITY.

ACTING CHIEF LEWIS RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - RANDALL LARA, DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR - LISA BROWN, OFFICER OF THE YEAR - CHARLES MURPHY, AND SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR - VALERIE URQUIDES. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS CONGRATULATED THE EMPLOYEES ON THEIR AWARDS AND THANKED THE EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:15 A.M.]

3. Introduction of Brad Paes, Casa Blanca School Administrator

Presenter: Kim Franklin

MS. KIM FRANKLIN ACKNOWLEDGED MR. DALE ENOS, BOARD PRESIDENT AND INTRODUCED MR. BRAD PAES, AS THE DEAN OF STUDENTS. MS. FRANKLIN EXPLAINED THAT THE DEAN OF STUDENTS IS PART OF THE TRAUMA INFORMED EDUCATION PLAN TO BETTER SERVE FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS POSITION COORDINATES COUNSELORS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, BEHAVIORAL TECHNICIANS, BEHAVIORAL COACHES TO ASSIST IN THE NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL. MR. PAES IS FROM OHIO AND ATTENDED ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY AND NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY AND IS A FORMER PRINCIPAL FROM GILBERT SCHOOLS. MR. PAES APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO

WORK FOR THE CASA BLANCA SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY. MR. PAES WILL BE VISIBLE ON CAMPUS AND VISIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS CONGRATULATED MR. PAES ON HIS NEW POSITION AND WELCOMED HIM TO THE COMMUNITY.

## REPORTS

\*1. Project Updates and Planned Projects

Presenter: Leonard Bruce

REPORT HEARD

>2. BGCGRIC Annual 2025 and Quarter 1 Report

Presenter: Mark Clavell, Jason Jones

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Pima Leasing & Financing Annual Report for FYE 09/30/2025

Presenter: Teresa Mandelin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT 4

4. FY2026 Financial Activity Report Ending February 28, 2026 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED

## RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving A Grant Of Right-Of-Way To Southwest Gas Corporation Regarding The Relocation Of A Portion Of An Existing Natural Gas Pipeline On The Reservation Near The Intersection Of Seed Farm Road And Interstate 10 For A 20 Year Term (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC & EDSC concur)

Presenter: Todd Araujo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving Amendment #1 To The Management Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And CGPM Managers, LLC For Golf Management Services (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval; EDSC concurs and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Bartley Harris, Duncan Wiston, Molly Jagdon

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving The Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Proposed Tower Construction At The Maricopa Village Site Under Business Lease B-GR-188 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenters: Clarice Chiago-Jones, Alan Waters, GRTI Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Assignment, Assumption And Release Agreement For Business Lease BL00000073 Between The Gila River Indian Community And Honeywell International Inc. To Honeywell Aerospace US LLC (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda, EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John M. Martin, Teresa Mandelin, Todd Araujo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Rescinding Resolutions GR-28-83, GR-179-99, GR-76-01, GR-77-01, GR-172-01, GR-173-01, GR-174-01, GR-175-01, GR-64-02, And GR-65-02 For Non-Utilization Of Homesites (NRSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Subdivision Administration Team

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Jason Ryan Lewis Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council under Resolutions with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sara Duenez

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Virginia Jessie Pedro Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council under Resolutions with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Sara Duenez

APPROVED

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1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Rescinds Ordinance GR-04-21, The 2021 Civil Trespass Code, And Enacts The Amended Civil Trespass Ordinance To Be Codified As Title 8, Chapter 2, Civil Trespass Ordinance, Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Alfred Urbina

APPROVED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TAKE A ONE HOUR LUNCH BREAK

[1 HOUR LUNCH BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:03 P.M.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

\*1. Request For Council Work Session For U.S. Attorney

Briefing (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to schedule a Council work session in coordination between CCSO, OGC and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona and request that the Office of the Prosecutor, Executive Office, Police Department, Office of the Community Manager, and Office of the General Counsel attend)

Presenter: Alfred Urbina

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SCHEDULE A COUNCIL WORK SESSION IN COORDINATION BETWEEN CCSO, OGC AND THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA AND REQUEST THAT THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMUNITY MANAGER, AND OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL ATTEND

>2. GRICUA FY25 Audited Financial Statements (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Ken Stock, Arnold Mejia, Olga Darlington

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Pima Leasing & Financing Audited Financial Statements for FYE 09/30/2025 (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with a recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Elizabeth Nunez, Teresa Mandelin, Gwen Rawlins

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Request for Community Support – Collaboration with University of Arizona (H&SSC forwards to Council under New Business)

Presenters: Robert Pablo, Dr. Anthony Santiago

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AS FYI

5. Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board 2025 Report And Draft Brochure (LSC forwards the Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Board 2025 Report to Council under New Business)

Presenters: Shelby Francisco

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

6. Code of Conduct Training Notice of Non-Compliance (LSC forwards to Council under New Business, the following individuals who did not attend the required Code of Conduct training: Manuel Hernandez, Gila River Boys & Girls Club Board of Director, Jasmine Reece, District 7 Housing Advisory Committee Member) (LSC forwards to Council the following individuals who have not submitted the required Code of Conduct forms: Katie Joaquin, Gila River Boys & Girls Club Board of Director and Bonita Lyons, District 5 Housing Advisory Committee Member)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE MANUEL HERNANDEZ, GILA RIVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND JASMINE REECE, DISTRICT 7 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE REQUIRED CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE KATIE JOAQUIN GILA RIVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AND BONITA LYONS, DISTRICT 5 HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO FAILED TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS

7. Certification of Qualifications for the 2026 Community Council Candidates (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Joey Whitman, District 1; LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Benedict Makil, District 1) (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to not certify Darren Morago, District 3, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to not certify Joseph Manuel, Jr., District 3, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Arthur Cassa, III, District 3, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to not certify Carmen Baldwin-Ortega, District 3) (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Alicia M. Ochoa, District 4, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to not certify Rebecca Raven Lewis, District 4, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Christopher Mendoza, District 4, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Amy Lynne Morago, District 4, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to not certify Lalena Jackson, District 4) (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify James De La Rosa, District 5, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Franklin Pablo, Sr., District 5, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to not certify Verna M. Sunna, District 5, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Carol Santos, District 5) (LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Terrance B. Evans, District 6, LSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to certify Kermit Raphael, Jr., District 6)

Presenters: Shannon White, Audrey Evans

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY JOEY WHITMAN CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY BENEDICT MAKIL, JR. CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ELISHA BISHOP CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT CERTIFY DARREN MORAGO MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY DARREN MORAGO CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY JOSEPH MANUEL, JR. CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ARTHUR H. CASSA III CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 3

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF WITHDRAW FROM CANDIDACY FROM MS. CARMEN BALDWIN-ORTEGA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY ALICIA M. OCHOA CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT CERTIFY REBECCA RAVEN LEWIS MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY REBECCA RAVEN LEWIS CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CHRISTOPHER MENDOZA CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY AMY LYNNE MORAGO CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT CERTIFY LALENA JACKSON, MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY LALENA JACKSON CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY JAMES DE LA ROSA CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FRANKLIN PABLO, SR. DISTRICT 5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO NOT CERTIFY VERNA M. SUNNA, MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY VERNA M. SUNNA CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY CAROL SANTOS CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 5

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY TERRANCE B. EVANS CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 6

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY KERMIT RAPHAEL, JR. CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 6

[SUSPENSION OF THE RULES]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD REMOVAL FROM LSC

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

REMOVAL FROM LSC

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE LALENA JACKSON FROM THE LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

8. Review of Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Director Applicants (EDSC motions to appoint Duane Larson James by acclamation and forward to Council with a recommendation to appoint)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT DUANE LARSON JAMES BY ACCLAMATION TO THE GILA RIVER SAND & GRAVEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MINUTES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYERS WERE REQUESTED FOR THE FAMILY OF CHAROLETTE TERRAZAS DISTRICT 5 ELDER WHO PASSED AWAY

- PRAYERS WERE REQUESTED FOR THE FAMILY OF HAROLD ANTONE

- COUNCILWOMAN NADA CELAYA WAS APPOINTED TO THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WILL BE REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY IN AN ALTERNATE CAPACITY

- EDUCATION SUMMIT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 AT CASA BLANCA SCHOOL; THE TOPIC IS SPECIAL EDUCATION AMONG OUR SCHOOLS

- MRS. ROBIN VILLAREAL WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION TRADESHOW AS ONE OF THE MATRIARCHS OF INDIAN GAMING

- COMMUNITY DAY AT THE OSTRICH FESTIVAL WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

- NHRA IS TAKING PLACE AT THE MOTOR SPORTS PARK SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MARCH 21-22, 2026

- LPGA TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 IS YOUTH DAY AT WHIRLWIND

- O'ODHAM LEADERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 IN SALT RIVER

- A JOINT MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE AND THE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

### ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:05 P.M.

\* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM



**\*\*\*NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION\*\*\***

**REVISIONS TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, DANCES**

The Legislative Standing Committee (“LSC”) is considering proposed revisions to Title 8, Chapter 4, Dances, of the GRIC Code (“Dances ordinance”). **A copy of this proposed ordinance in its entirety is on file and available for review at all District Service Center coordinators’ offices and the Community Council Secretary’s Office.**

The Office of General Counsel will present and answer questions on the proposed revisions to the Dances ordinance at the **Legislative Standing Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Council Secretary’s Office, Conference Room B & C** in Sacaton, Arizona. Community members may comment on the proposed ordinance at the LSC meeting, or by contacting their Council Representative and/or the chairperson of the LSC.

Community members may also provide written comments on the proposed revisions to the Dances ordinance via email at [OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us](mailto:OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us), or by mail at Office of General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147.

**TITLE 8**

**CIVIL CODE**

**Chapter 4. Dances**

- 8.401. Definitions.
- 8.402. Purpose and Applicability.
- 8.403. Dance Permits Required; Notice Requirements; Cancellations; Refunds.
- 8.404. Dance Regulations.
- 8.405. Chaperones Required.
- 8.406. Presence of Police Officers.
- 8.407. Penalties for Violation.
- 8.408. Dance Violation Actions
- 8.409. Time Limitation
- 8.410. Severability.
- 8.411. No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.
- 8.412. Rules and Regulations.
- 8.413. Effective Date.

**CHAPTER 4.**

**DANCES**

**8.401. Definitions.**

Whenever used in this chapter, the terms listed below have the meaning indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof. Said terms will be capitalized.

- A. *Amplified music system* means a mechanical or electrical musical instrument, or music-producing device, equipped with an electrical amplifier or loudspeaker.
- B. *Code* means the GRIC Code.
- C. *Community* means the Gila River Indian Community and its lands as established and geographically defined under the laws of the United States, encompassing all territory within its exterior boundaries as now or hereafter prescribed or ascertained, including fee patented and allotted lands used or claimed by any person, without regard to such person’s membership in the Gila River Indian Community.
- D. *Community Member* means an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
- E. *Community Treasurer* means the Treasurer of the Gila River Indian Community or such person as the Council designates to carry out the duties of the Community Treasurer, and may include such subordinate official(s) as the Community Treasurer designates to carry out any provisions of this chapter.
- F. *Dance* means a social event occurring after 7:00 p.m. where live or amplified music is provided for the attendees to encourage or induce the attendees to dance.

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

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| <p><b>ROBYN BURNETTE ,</b><br/>Petitioner/Plaintiff</p> <p>VS.</p> <p><b>CHRISTOPHER CODY TERRAZAS,</b><br/>Respondent/Defendant</p> | <p>CASE Number: FM-2026-0016-PT</p> <p><b>CIVIL<br/>NOTICE OF HEARING</b></p> |
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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, May 11, 2026  
at 1:30 PM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, 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, 2026

/s/ Katherine Search  
Clerk of the Gila River Indian Community Court

Copy of the foregoing served by  
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This 7th day of April, 2026 to:

**Christopher Cody Terrazas**  
#364679 ADC Douglas Mohave Unit PO Box 3867  
Douglas , AZ, 85608

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

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| <p><b>CHARITY MARQUEZ ,</b><br/>Petitioner/Plaintiff</p> <p>VS.</p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN TAYLOR GOODIN,</b><br/>Respondent/Defendant</p> | <p>CASE Number: FM-2025-0081-PT</p> <p><b>CIVIL<br/>NOTICE OF HEARING</b></p> |
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Please take notice that a(n) **Motion 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, May 18, 2026  
at 3:00 PM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.**

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**DATED** this 10th day of April, 2026

/s/ Katherine Search  
Clerk of the Gila River Indian Community Court

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This 10th day of April, 2026 to:  
  
**Christian Taylor Goodin**  
371 E Congress Ave  
Coolidge, AZ, 85128

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

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| <p><b>VALENTINA ROSE MORENO ,</b><br/>Petitioner/Plaintiff</p> <p>VS.</p> <p><b>NINA RAQUEL JONES,</b><br/>Respondent/Defendant</p> | <p>CASE Number: CV-2026-0104-RO</p> <p><b>CIVIL<br/>NOTICE OF HEARING</b></p> |
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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:**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I,  
AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,  
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.**

**GIVEN** under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

**DATED** this 8th day of April, 2026

/s/ Katherine Search  
Clerk of the Gila River Indian Community Court

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This 8th day of April, 2026 to:

**Nina Raquel Jones**

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

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| <p><b>IN THE MATTER OF :</b></p> <p><b>GERALD HAYES,</b><br/>Subject.</p> | <p>CASE Number: CV-2022-0278-ZGA</p> <p><b>CIVIL<br/>NOTICE OF HEARING</b></p> |
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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 1, 2026  
at 11:00 AM in Courtroom VII,  
Westend Judicial Center,  
4751 West Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ 85339.**

**GIVEN** under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

**DATED** this 25th day of March, 2026

/s/ Dorthene E Silver  
Clerk of the Gila River Indian Community Court

Copy of the foregoing served by  
The GRIN, Gila River Indian Newspaper Publication  
This 25th day of March, 2026 to:

**Loretta Marie Felix**

# Health Advisory Notice

## Local Measles Spread Confirmed in Maricopa County

Arizona is currently experiencing an ongoing outbreak of measles along the ArizonaUtah border since August of 2025.

**April 9, 2026** - Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has confirmed a measles case in a Maricopa County resident. This case is not linked to previous measles cases in the county and has no known source of exposure, highlighting the risk of local transmission and the importance of vaccination and early symptom recognition. People who were exposed, especially those without immunity through vaccination or previous disease, should monitor symptoms 7-12 days after exposure but may take up to 21 days. If you were at any of the locations listed below and developed measles like symptoms, immediately contact your health care provider, urgent care, or emergency room by phone and inform them you have been exposed to measles and are displaying symptoms. Call ahead before you visit a health center to help reduce exposures.

### Costco

20260 S. Ellsworth Rd. Queen Creek, AZ 85142

April 3, 2026 from 11:00am-2:00pm

Watch for Symptoms through April 25, 2026

### Walmart

21055 E. Rittenhouse Rd. Queen Creek, AZ 85142

April 4, 2026 from 8:15am – 10:45am

Watch for symptoms through April 26, 2026

### Generation Church Queen Creek at Faith Mather Sossaman Elementary

22801 Via Del Jardin Queen Creek, AZ 85142

April 5, 2026 from 8:45am-12:30pm

Watch for symptoms through April 27, 2026

\*Jr. High Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt

Measles can cause serious illness, especially in young children, pregnant women and people with weak immune systems. Measles vaccine is safe and highly protective; two doses provide about 97% protection.

## How does measles spread?

Measles is highly contagious and can be spread to others from four days before to four days after the rash appears. Measles is so contagious that if one person has it, 90% of the people close to that person who are not immune will also become infected with the measles virus. Measles is spread through the air by an infected person breathing, coughing or sneezing. The virus remains contagious on an infected surface and in the air for up to two hours. Other people become infected when they breathe in infected droplets or put their fingers in their mouth or nose after touching an infected surface. Measles is a disease of humans; measles virus is not spread by any other animal species.

- **High Fever (> 101 F)**
- **Runny Nose**
- **Rash**
- **Cough**
- **Red and/or watery eyes**
- **Feeling run down, achy**

## Signs & Symptoms

Measles usually begins with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red or watery eyes. A rash usually appears 3 to 5 days later. The rash often begins on the forehead and spreads downward to other parts of the body. Individuals with a weak immune system and those vaccinated with MMR between 1964 and 1967 may not have a typical rash. It can take up to 21 days after their last exposure for a person infected with measles to start showing symptoms.

## What should I do?

If you have any symptoms, please self-isolate, stay away from others and contact your healthcare provider by phone and let them know you are concerned you may have measles.

### Prevention:

Measles is preventable with two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, typically given during childhood. Adults need at least one dose of MMR vaccine given after the age of one. Individuals born before 1957 or who had measles as a child are considered to have immunity against the measles virus. If you do not have the recommended doses of MMR vaccine or are unsure if you do, talk with your local healthcare provider about next steps.

**Always** consult your healthcare provider and/or pediatrician about what your next steps should be.

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Behavioral Health Services  
GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE



MAY IS  
**MENTAL HEALTH**  
AWARENESS MONTH

**A Message from the Gila River Health Care Chief Behavioral Health Officer**

"May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and we want our community to know mental health is important and Behavioral Health Services has you covered. Everyone can benefit from services, from the occasional anxiety to life-long struggles. We are here as partners in wellness, honoring your strengths, traditions and Community."

Kerry Van Volkinburgh, MA, LPC, NCC

Scan the QR Code to visit [GRHC.ORG/BHS](http://GRHC.ORG/BHS) for a complete list of Behavioral Health Services including:



BHS Service Guide



Calendar of Events



Yes To Life! App



Health & Safety Vending Machine

**MENTAL HEALTH EXPO 2026**

**Interactive Learning Topics:**

- Mental Health Wellness
- Opioid Awareness & Narcan Education
- Yes To Life! Suicide Prevention
- Culture
- Family Activity Stations

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**



Join Behavioral Health Services for a day of fun, food and appreciation items.

SATURDAY  
**16**  
MAY  
9 AM-1 PM

NEW BEGINNINGS  
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**Questions?**  
**(520) 610-2394**  
**lyazzie@grhc.org**

**NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK**  
A CELEBRATION OF POSSIBILITY

**MAY 10-16**  
**2026**

SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP to download the Yes To Life! App and to see a list of events happening this month. Questions? Call (602) 528-7100

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