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Gila River Indian Community students begin school year amid pandemic

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Schools in the Community have begun to resume and have made the adjustments for students to begin distance learning. After many concerns about school resuming due to the pandemic and its impact to the Community, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis addressed the topic in a video update on the

Gila River Indian Community's Facebook page on July 26.

"We will not return to in-person classes until we can be assured it is safe for our children, teachers and staff to return to school. Our children will not be sent back to school campuses until the virus is under control and it's safe to send them back to school," said Lewis in the update. He also stated that a meeting with

the schools had been arranged to review their plans for distance learning and those plans will be sent to Community Council for their review and approval. Lewis stated that the Community will continue to work with the schools assist them with any resources needed for at-home learning. Teachers and staff have been preparing for their new online classes and students have been

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- Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

issued laptops and tablets.

Blackwater Community School students were issued laptops and iPads to begin virtual learning on July 22. The school did share an overall successful start, despite some technical issues. Staff is available for any assistance with the devices issued to students. Blackwater Community School shared that their brand-new school campus will be ready for moving-in during the week of October 12, 2020. The new campus will feature a cafeteria and K-5 classrooms located in two double-story buildings.

Casa Blanca Community School began their distance learning online Aug. 3. Issuing internet hotspot jetpacks and iPads that have been pre-programmed and ready for students to use. Support and training for families is available online and a new "parent portal" has been developed for parents and guardians to see how their child is doing on their school

work.

Virtual classes also began for Gila Crossing Community School on Aug. 3. Students were issued Chromebooks for their online learning. GCCS had been offering "meals on wheels" for students and families in the Community since March to aid during the coronavirus pandemic. Breakfast and lunch meals were provided and as of July 15, the "meals on wheels" had provided 100,734 meals to students and families in the Community. As school begins, those meals will now be limited to students.

Sacaton School District will start their online learning Aug. 10. Students received laptops and parents can also access their child's grades and other data about their work online. Schools in the Community also held virtual open houses before beginning classes and most schools have kept their students and families updated through the school's website or social media pages.



Gila Crossing Community School started distance learning as well as other GRIC schools. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

GRIC launches Operation Stay-At-Home with Executive Order

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Gila River Indian Community has extended stay-at-home orders until Sept. 7, 2020. Gila River Police Department have begun conducting "operation stay at home" with officers now enforcing the stay-at-home order every weekend until further notice. GRPD officers will be issuing citations for anyone in violation of the Community's stay-at-home order and warnings will not be given. The strict approach is for the safety of everyone in the Community. Face masks are still required in the Community.

On Aug. 4, the Community's Tribal Health Department released another COVID-19 data report. There are now 1,815 positive cases of COVID-19. Of those positive, 751 are Community members

and 1,064 non-members. The majority of those positive cases reside off the Community. A total of 54,185 tests have been completed. The report also states there are now 18 deaths among Community members.

For updates and information regarding the pandemic, text alerts from the Gila River Indian Community are available. Text "GILARIVER" to 797979 to sign up and receive updates on the latest Community COVID-19 data reports, testing information and reminders, important executive orders and more.

With the increase of cases, it is very important to keep you, your family and Community safe not just with the pandemic but also during the extreme summer temperatures. Face masks prevent the spread of COVID-19 but with warmer weather masks can come with excessive sweating and

overheating. Carry an extra mask, drink more water than usual and limit your time outdoors in the heat. It is important to keep cool and stay hydrated.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke pose a danger for all ages. Feeling faint or dizzy, excessive sweating, muscle cramps, nausea or vomiting, cool, pale, clammy skin and rapid, weak pulse are signs of heat exhaustion. Move to a cool air conditioned place, drink water, take a cool shower or use a cold compress. Untreated heat exhaustion could lead to a heat stroke. Symptoms of heat stroke are throbbing headache, no sweat, nausea, vomiting, rapid pulse, hot dry skin, may lose consciousness and body temperatures above 103. Anyone experiencing these symptoms must seek medical help and keep cool until treated.



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HEALTH ALERT

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Upcoming District Testing Dates:

In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, GRHC is following the CDC's recommendation for conducting COVID-19 testing on a recurring basis.

All GRIC members, and those residing within the GRIC boundaries, who have previously tested negative and who have no symptoms – should get retested.

Note: If you have not been tested and have no symptoms, you should be tested at a district service center.

Dist. 1 ... Aug. 11 - Aug. 13 • Times : 9 am - 1 pm & 5 pm - 7 pm

Dist. 2 ... Aug. 18 - Aug. 20 • Times : 9 am - 1 pm & 5 pm - 7 pm

For test result information, please call: (602) 528-3378

**For general info about the Coronavirus, go to GRHC.org/Coronavirus
GRHC Coronavirus Hotline (520) 550-6079**

How to Reduce Stress during COVID-19

The feelings related to stress are manageable. Here are a few tips for managing stress:

- Connect with family and friends in other homes through phone calls or video chat.
- Exercise by taking walks, stretching, in-home workout, jogging, etc.
- Attend spiritual service through the internet or TV
- Share seasonal traditional activities or foods
- Art: paint, play or listen to music, do beadwork, sew, dance
- Do a word search, Sudoku or crossword puzzle
- Limit social media and news watching
- Relaxation exercises: deep breathing and meditation
- Audiobooks, podcast, reading
- Laughter



If you are experiencing loss, anxiety or stress...we are here for you.

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CLOSED FRIDAY, 9/18/2020 - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**

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OPERATION STAY AT HOME

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis extended the "Stay at Home" provisions of Executive Order No. 6 to remain in effect through September 7, 2020. Individuals within GRIC Boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation shall limit their time away from their place of residence or property except for essential activities.

Why is this "Stay at Home" executive order necessary?

The Community has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases similar to that of the State overall. We have had 17 members die from this disease. Community must take action to preserve the health and safety of the Gila River Indian Community and its members.

What does this executive order mean?

Unless you are engaged in an "essential activity," you must stay at home. Staying at home is still the best and easiest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What is an "essential activity"?

The executive order lists essential activities. "Back to school" activities, including obtaining homework or instructional packets or meals for school-age children are considered essential activities.

What happens if I violate the Stay at Home executive order?

Citations will be issued by the Police Department and offenders could face up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500. There will be no warnings issued.

What will I be cited for if I violate the Stay at Home Order?

You will be cited under GRIC Code section 5.1003, "Criminal Nuisance," for conduct which recklessly creates or maintains a condition which endangers the health of others. Juveniles out past curfew will also be charged with "Curfew Violation" under the Children's Code, GRIC Code section 7.602.

What if a non-member violates this executive order?

Non-members will be cited for "Civil Trespass" under GRIC Code section 8.203 and removed from the Community. There will be no warnings issued.

What about commercial businesses or enterprises and government operations?

This executive order does not apply to these operations.

What should I do if I observe what I believe to be a violation of the Stay at Home executive order?

Call the Police Department non-emergency line at 520-562-4511

Do I need documentation from my employer deeming me essential?

No. Travel to and from any employment is not affected by this executive order. GRPD officers are not asking or looking for any type of special paperwork from your employer at this time.

Will I be pulled over for just driving on the roadways?

No, not for just traveling on the roadways. If, however, you are committing a traffic violation or crime that would be enforced independent of the executive order, you may be stopped, like any other day and subsequently asked about possible executive order violations.

Will there be roadblocks?

No.

Will there be any special GRPD enforcement of this executive order?

Yes. Starting this weekend, and every weekend until further notice, GRPD will be conducting "Operation Stay at Home." This will consist of a special task force of police officers who will be specifically assigned each weekend night, Friday to Sunday, with enforcing the Stay at Home executive order.

Do I still have to wear a mask?

Yes. Executive Order No. 8, which requires protective face masks to be worn, is still in effect. You can contact your District Service Center to request a face mask

Health and wellness goes virtual in Wellness Center run

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Wellness Center wrapped-up their first virtual run and walk encouraging families and individuals to participate from July 16-19.

The Wellness Center organized a virtual run to promote physical activity while social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We drew our inspiration from huge runs that you see on social media" said Tiffany Boni, Wellness Center, Health Education Specialist.

Participants connected with the other runners while

accomplishing fitness goals in a virtual setting.

"At first, it was about doing something for the Fourth of July and still coming together, even if we are apart, to give each other that feeling we are not alone," said Boni.

The event drew over 90 participants, who were required to submit a photo along with a screen shot of their completed activity.

"A majority of them were from the Community and others, that were non-members, even from Nebraska," said Boni.

The Wellness Center offers events similar to the virtual run

that promotes healthy activity such as an on-going wellness challenge, and a lunch hour fitness class is streamed via Zoom by a Wellness Center instructor.

The Wellness Center is looking at ways to modify upcoming annual events such as the "Trail of Doom."

The goal, is to keep Community members active during the pandemic by providing them opportunities to stay active. Boni said people can stay motivated and active in several ways and events like the Virtual Run can help families maintain their health and wellness.



Runners submitted photos of their completed activity in the virtual run. Wellness Center Photo

Tribes discuss importance of accurate Census count for 2020

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Gila River Indian News

During a recent panel discussion on July 21, representatives from tribal communities and the Census Bureau discussed the initiatives to encourage participation in the upcoming 2020 Census.

Tribal leaders joined via phone conference to outline their Census programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cathy Lacy, U.S. Census Bureau

Regional Director, said educating tribal members about the importance of being counted during the upcoming census count is critical.

“When we talk about the census, it comes down to power, knowledge, and money as we look at the situation with COVID-19 and the other challenges on tribal nations,” said Lacy.

She said all three categories are important for tribal members and how

federal dollars going back to tribal nations is crucial and are based on the census count.

“They should understand how they are all affected and why being accurately counted is important for services like public safety, housing and public transportation,” said Lacy.

She said all across the country, tribes are utilizing all aspects of communication to reach

tribal members, such as the internet, phone calls and paper surveys to contact their tribal members about the census through outreach campaigns.

Similarly, in the Gila River Indian Community, 2020 Census questionnaires have been mailed to Community members, including options for them to submit their responses online or by phone.

According to census.org, the Census Bureau

has been working closely with tribal governments to change the trend groups who have had a history of being undercounted during the census. “As part of this effort, census takers are set to go household to household and drop off census materials at front doors in tribal communities,” according to census.org.

Jamie Azure, Chairman for the Turtle Mountain Band Chippewa Indians

attributed low census counts to the historical trauma of the government and his tribe.

“It stems back to the historical trauma and the history of distrust against the federal government, but it also comes down to education about the census,” said Azure.

The census is especially important for tribal communities with three to four generations living in the same household.

Azure said his tribe was severely undercounted in the 2020 census, which had an impact on the amount of distribution of CARES Act funds to his tribe this year. Azure added the numbers are critical especially for a tribe with 32,000 enrolled members and 15,000 of them residing on the reservation, which creates a condensed population with multiple needs.

Like Azure, Bradley Gernand, Senior Communications Specialist for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, said the Choctaw Nation was also undercounted.

“The Choctaw Nation in 2010 was undercounted. Of around 226,000 members scattered across 50 states, only 20 percent of our members were counted as being part of the Choctaw Nation. It had severe consequences on our federal funding,” said Gernand.

He said the outcome of the 2010 Census was an impetus for a more accurate count in 2020. Gernand said the COVID-19 pandemic has not stymied the Choctaw Nation’s drive to support internal efforts for the 2020 Census.

“The tribe went ahead to fund a promotion campaign, because the tribal elders feel it’s important to allocate money to such a cause and not ‘pinch pennies,’” he said.

Azure said his tribe was also investing in census promotion campaigns amid the pandemic because there is an understanding that the next 10 years will be determined by this year’s count. “We understand how it’s going to affect the next generations of our people, so [we] look at it from a ‘visionary aspect.’”

For tribes coping with the effects of historical trauma, Azure said, “How do you inspire a nation? Tell them that you can’t do something or tell them that they are excluded, that’s how you’re going to get people to stand up and be counted.”



“We ALL Count”

Participate in the 2020 Census



Why is the census important?

Census information is used to determine and update district lines at all levels of government, decides how many congressional seats each state receives and decides where \$600-900 billion dollars will be used to fund programs for public safety, education, health care and more! By responding you help provide an accurate count of our Community.

Is the census safe?

The census is safe, your responses cannot be shared with any other person, business, law enforcement agency or government agency for any reason.

How do I respond?

One person completes the form, count everyone living in your home include newborns, relatives and friends.



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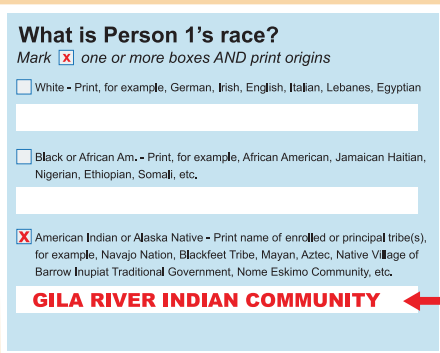
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Apt/Unit (For example: Apt A or Lot 3) ZIP Code

Return the completed questionnaire by mail using the self-addressed stamped envelope or use the unique 12-digit code on your questionnaire to respond online at www.census.gov or by phone (844) 330-2020.

If you received your questionnaire in the mail use your address for online or phone response.

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What is Person 1's race?
Mark one or more boxes AND print origins

White - Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian

Black or African Am. - Print, for example, African American, Jamaican Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.

American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.

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Person 1 on the questionnaire should be a Community member. For everyone in the household who identifies as Gila River Pima (Akimel O’otham) or Maricopa (Pee Posh) answer

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY to the race question.

Will a census worker come to my home?

Beginning in August, census workers will go door-to-door to count people who have not responded. Census workers will carry census identification badges and will follow Community health guidelines, Executive Orders, and practice social distancing.

For more information about the 2020 Census visit www.census.gov or contact Sheila Valenzuela (520) 562-9795

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Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

“To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long standing history that has brought you to reside on the land.” And so reads the LSPiRG, an organization which helps develop advocacy tools and avenues for action. Props to Sparky and the Sun Devils as Arizona State University who acknowledged that their four facilities sit upon our ancestral lands. Before Gila River (Akimel O’odham), Piipaash

(Maricopa) and Salt River (Onk Akimel), lived along the rivers, the Huhugam established themselves as Akimel O’odham as early as 2,300 years ago. Through experience gained by trial and error, Huhugam changed nature and created a remarkable and sustainable culture.

Within the Salt River (Onk Akimel) Valley there are locations which Huhugam considered culturally significant which O’odham still revere today. Imagine us taking a short field trip to visit some of these sites as the O’odham Action News (SRPMIC tribal paper) suggested in January of 2018. North of Tempe (Dead Fields/Oidbad) in Papago Park’s red sandstone hills sits

Hole-in-the-Rock. In 1991, Archaeologist Benjamin Mixon and Dr. White a University of Arizona Professor of Astronomy published a paper that Hole-in-the-Rock was an observatory used by Huhugam in observing celestial bodies. One hole in the ceiling allows indirect light to shine through, casting sun rays which “walked” along the sides of the hole, hitting markers during key seasonal changes. (The markers are gone now because disrespectful people took or destroyed them!) A diagram was included which showed 37 mound sites or villages east and west of Hole-in-the Rock which were all visible. The site is considered sacred by the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.

Just west of Hole-in-the-Rock are the remains of a large Huhugam village now called Pueblo Grande. Over time, classic Huhugam structures such

as ball courts, large raised flat topped mounds, and walled in areas were built. These structures may have added a ceremonial aspect to this location. Research has shown there was a population rise along the Onk Akimel 1,100 to 1,300 years ago. During this time, the Huhugam enlarged their irrigation system to bring in more water to sustain the food crops. However, from 1350 to 1450 the population plunged. Hohokam are said to have disappeared, but did they? This information was taken from the Arizona Museum of Natural History site.

Dr. Omar Turney worked for the city of Phoenix and in 1922 surveyed and mapped Huhugam canals along the Onk Akimel. It came to his attention that a cave in the Camelback Mountains might have had ties with the Huhugam, water, and canals. In 1959, an Arizona State University archeology class excavated the cave

and confirmed the cave had been used for religious purposes. Camelback Mountain could be referred to as the “oldest church” in the Salt River Valley. All mountains are special, but some are more prominent. Today O’odham songs and stories mention such places. South Mountain (S-moadk) is best translated as Greasy Mountain. (The story behind such stories can only be told during the winter). O’odham have passed tribal resolutions designating South Mountain as a sacred place/traditional cultural property.

As we circle back to ASU, Hayden Butte (Oidbad Do’ag) better known as “A” mountain, sits next to Sun Devil stadium. The butte is covered with over 500 petroglyphs created by Huhugam. At the base of Hayden Butte was a large Huhugam settlement, renamed La Plaza. It was excavated when the light

rail transportation center was being built. Life is change. The Huhugam had to adjust. We’re always adapting to changing times. Educational institutions can help guide our steps into the future. ASU “woke” with the acknowledgment of debt to O’odham and all Natives. It will be exciting to see how the statement is put into action.

Information was taken from <http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>; Benjamin Mixon and Raymond White, 1991, “Skywatchers of the Salt River Valley, Hohokam.” *Astronomy Quarterly*, Volume 8, Issue 4; <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/0364922991900045> and from Reid, Betty, “Phoenix’ mountains are religious sites for Valley tribes” *Arizona Republic*, December 22, 2014.

Youth council presents annual conference on virtual platform

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Akimel O’odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council (AOPPYC) held a virtual conference on July 18 and 19 on Zoom, the video communications platform, with 80 youth participating in lieu of the traditional in-person conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 32nd Annual Youth Conference went virtual for the first with over 400 viewers streaming online, and 300 viewers attending the conference at home through a partnership with the Gila River Broadcasting Corporation.

“You don’t need a big conference with a dance and arcade games with pizza to have fun and have a good time, and that there are still ways to connect with others,” said Angel Marquez, At-Large Member.

The youth took on the challenge of hosting their marquee event while doing their part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

“We [AOPPYC] have proven to society that even the biggest challenges, like COVID-19, won’t prevent us from connecting with others,” said Marquez.

The AOPPYC honored the historical perseverance and ingenuity of the Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh under the theme, “Resiliency of the Water People.”

AOPPYC Youth Coordinator Michael Preston said, “We wanted to use stories of overcoming significant obstacles in the past to inspire the youth, and to remind them that they come from strong people and no matter the

threat, we will overcome them.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis cited the theme’s importance for the youth in his address.

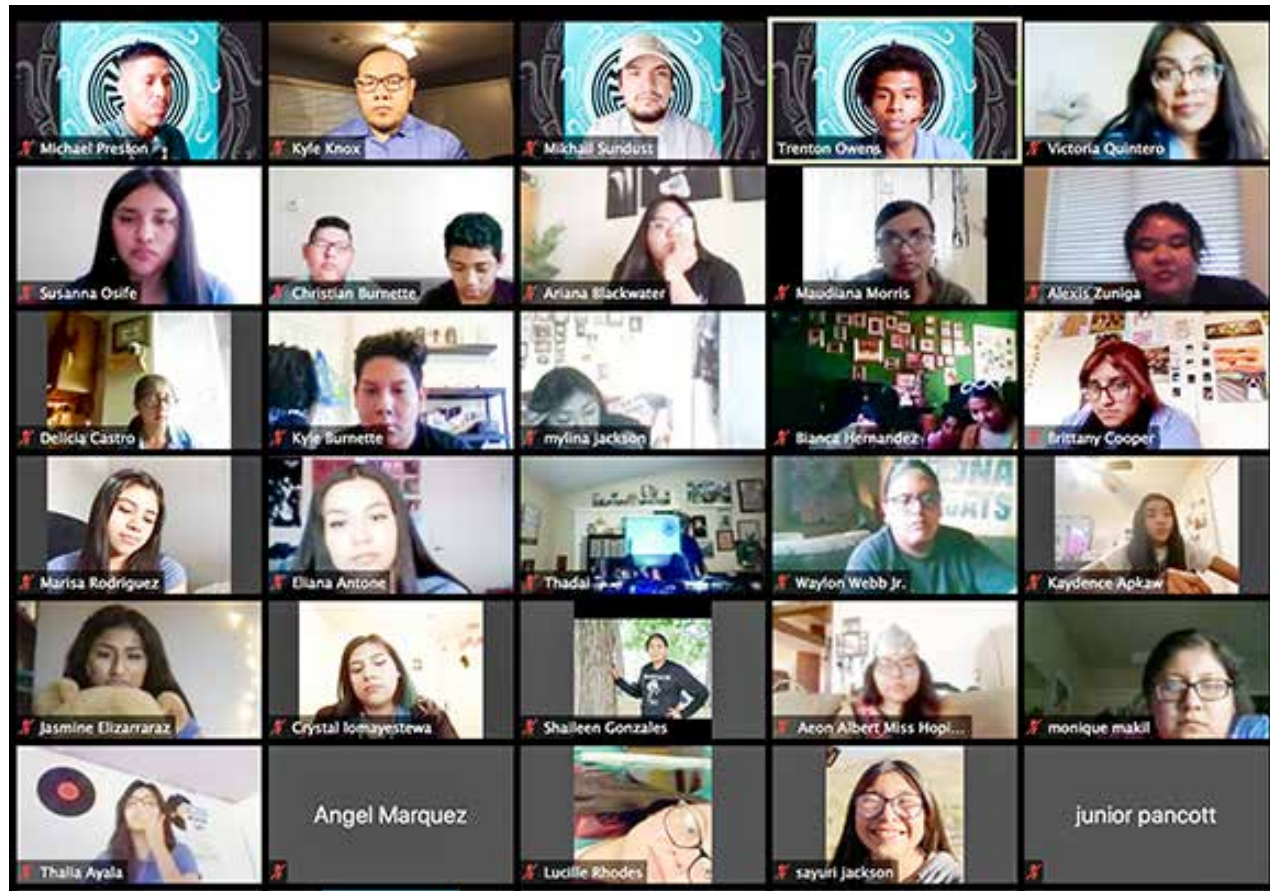
“Through drought, land loss, illness, and encroachment, our history is full of examples of the resilience of how our Community comes together to face challenges. And how we take the long-term approach to crisis knowing we have the perseverance to overcome it if we all stand together,” said Gov. Lewis.

The virtual version of the youth conference still featured speakers, presentations, youth council elections and activities with prerecorded media used to enhance the two-day agenda.

Thosh Collins from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the co-founder of Wellness for Culture and Sr. Trainer for Native Wellness Institute was the keynote speaker. His presentation focused on introducing and teaching the “Seven Circles of Wellness,” which include food, sleep, movement, peacefulness, sacred space, connection to the Earth, and kinship.

“Even though the conference was virtual, it still had the same good energy, and I could tell that the participants enjoyed it,” said Crystal Lomayestewa, District 3 Representative,

District 2 Representative Susanna Osife said, “I enjoyed the speakers, including Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, who shared a message of encouragement towards youth and how important



Participants in the 32nd Annual Akimel O’odham/Pee Posh Youth Conference in the virtual conference room. Photo Courtesy AOPPYC

learning from others is and carrying it with us.”

Osife also mentioned that there was still a sense of unity for the online users during the conference.

“I learned that even though we couldn’t physically be in one place. Together we are still a community that will never be divided,” said Osife.

At-Large member, Jr. Miss Gila River Sineca Jackson gained useful information from an educational workshop she attended.

“Personally, and professionally, I will be taking all that knowledge from the presenters and applying it to my education within the next year when I start looking at applying for college,” said Jackson.

Long distance

participation is one advantage of a virtual conference. O’otham youth from outside the state streamed and participated this year as well as youth from SRPMIC, Ak-Chin

Indian Community and the Tohono O’odham Nation.

Miss Hopi Aeon Albert attended and was also impressed by the AOPPYC and encouraged their work with the youth.

“Keep up all of the amazing work you’re doing and continue to be proud of who you are and where you come from,” said Albert.



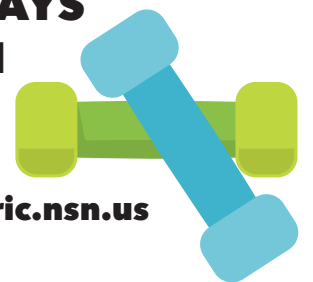


AUGUST 2020 Schedule

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- Fitness: Fitness Videos on Facebook @ 12pm & Fitness Classes on Zoom
- Wellness Education: Wellness Education Videos on Facebook
- Sports: Sports Trivia & Sports Skills Videos on Facebook (5:30pm)
- Distribution Date
- Program Events

**ZOOM ELDER FITNESS DAYS
MONDAY & FRIDAYS
8AM-8:45AM**



To be added to our email list for up to date information, email: wellness.center@gric.nsn.us
 Information is also available on Facebook, mygilariver and GRBC tv.

Upcoming Activities

Fitness

- Zoom Fitness Kits (strength, yoga, mobility, etc)
- Virtual Step Challenge
- Family Bike Distribution
- Elder Workout DVD kits
- Facebook Workout DVD
- Summer Wellness Challenge

Health Education

- Nutrition Zoom Classes
- Cooking Zoom Classes
- Blender Series w/Zoom
- Various live Wellness demos and trivia

Sports

- Family Sports Kits
- Virtual Sports Challenges
- Virtual Sports Trivia
- Virtual Sports Tournaments



All activities are subject to change as deemed necessary by Tribal Recreation and Wellness. Details and dates will be announced as they become available.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • July 15, 2020

ACTION SHEET

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, July 15, 2020, by WebEx platform was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:09 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joey Whitman

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Executive Officers Absent:

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antone-Smith (9:13); D5-James De La Rosa; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrence Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D2-Carol Schurz; D5- Marlin Dixon, Thomas White, Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 AND #8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Natasha Olivia Antone Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Carmen Grace Justine Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Laurie Jeanette Thomas Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Richard Dale Milda Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona, Inc. And The Gila River Indian Community For Arizona Native Census Project Funding (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; G&MSC concurs) Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2021 Gila River Indian Community Indian Housing Plan For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Laurie Thomas

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. A Resolution Approving The Amended COVID-19 Business Interruption Grant Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval with corrections) Presenter: Jason Hauter

APPROVED

>8. A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Termination Of Per Capita Trust Accounts And Directing The Distribution Of Trust Assets To Certain Beneficiaries (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Community Council Election For District Five (LSC forwards to Council for approval to waive the Election Ordinance, the District Five nomination process and declare the position vacant and call for an Election within 60 days)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE ELECTION ORDINANCE, THE DISTRICT FIVE

NOMINATION PROCESS AND DECLARE THE POSITION VACANT AND CALL FOR AN ELECTION WITHIN 60 DAYS

MINUTES

1. June 26, 2020 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. July 1, 2020 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ COVID-19 TASKFORCE UPDATE REGARDING FUNERAL SERVICES

~SPECIAL IOPC MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2020

~GRGE FURLOUGH UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:28 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC HEARING

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing the 30-day public comment period for the renewal of the air quality operating permits for the following facilities:

(Facility Name, Facility Type, District) Champion Homes, Pre-manufactured homes, 4

CEMEX Santan/Sacaton Plant, Concrete batch plant, 4

Cal Portland, Concrete batch plant, 4

Rock Solid Concrete, batch plant, 4

Hanson Plant #38, Concrete batch plant, 4

Gila River Sand & Gravel – Maricopa Plant, Sand & gravel mine, 4

Gila River Sand & Gravel – Santan Plant, Sand & gravel mine, 4

Toka Sticks Chevron, Gas station, N/A

Stericycle, Medical waste, 4

Air Contaminants Emitted: Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), Particulate Matter (PM), Particulate Matter <10

Microns (PM10), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs).

Public Notice Start Date: August 7, 2020

Public Notice End Date: September 7, 2020

Public comments will be accepted in writing until the public notice end date, after which staff will review and respond to all the comments received.

Any person may submit a written comment or a request to the DEQ to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving oral or written comments on the -proposed air quality operating permits. Such comments and requests shall be received by the DEQ within 30 days of the date of the first publication notice. A written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in the GRIC

Code: Title 17, Chapter 9 of the Air Quality Management Plan. Only persons who submit written comments may appeal a permit decision.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed permit, and relevant background material will be available for review on the AQP website at: <http://www.gricdeq.org/index.php/education--outreach/public-notices>.

Requests and written comments may be delivered or mailed to: Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Ryan Eberle Mailing Address: P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147

For further information or to schedule an in-person review, please contact Ryan Eberle at (520) 796-3781 / ryan.eberle@gric.nsn.us.

COURT HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA KAY VAVAGES

CASE Number: PB-2019-0028-DE CIVIL

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a(n) Review Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court.

Petitioner, Angeline Michelle Makil, is ordered to appear for a Review, Hearing. Failure to appear will result in a Civil Bench Warrant being issued.

This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:

Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9:30 AM in Courtroom 1, AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.

NOTICE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASE FOR BID



Property Type: Agricultural Acres:
165 Tribal Farmable Acres

Features: Last Farmed 10 years prior

Location: Northwest Corner of Sacaton Rd and Canal Street

Pre-Bid Meeting: August 21, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. on site

BIDS MUST BE SEALED & SUBMITTED BY September 04, 2020 AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS 2:00 P.M.



5350 N. 48th Street, Suite#245
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For additional information:

Contact -Shelby Francisco

Office: 520-796-2454 or

Shelby.francisco@thepflc.com



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REMINDER:

In order to change amendments to the Constitution, Article XVII states -

“Proposed amendments will be approved by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Community voting in an election called for the purpose by the Election Board, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters vote in such election.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIAL ELECTION, PLEASE VISIT:
MYGILARIVER.COM/INDEX.PHP/SPECIAL-ELECTION-2020

GRIC member will teach virtual AIS intro course at TOCC

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

A great educational opportunity for Community members will be available this fall from Tohono O’odham Community College. Courses are being offered free of charge to Native American students. One particular course offered will be taught by Community member Jivik Siiki, from Hashan Kehk, through their online Intro to American Indian Studies (AIS 101) course.

At the beginning of the year, Siiki taught the first in-person TOCC course in the Community in his home district. The partnership with the Community’s Tribal Education Department and Community proved decisive, and he looks forward to offering the course again for more students this fall. Siiki said, “The most gratifying part of this is that I’m able to use my degree in the community where I was born and raised and teaching my own relatives from the community.”

Siiki has a Master’s in American Indian Studies from the University of Arizona and currently works as the Phoenix area coordinator for Tohono

O’odham Community College. His role is to help support new and current students with enrollment,

registration, and student support. Siiki is proud to put his degree to work and encourages Community

members to take advantage of this opportunity.

The AIS course will be virtual and will require

students to attend live webinars at a designated time. The course will mostly likely be offered Tuesday evenings as it was last semester with Siiki hoping to accommodate schedules for anyone who works during the day.

The course covers an array of topics including American Indian history, European colonization, American policies, boarding schools and their affects in Native communities. Throughout the course instruction, he also emphasizes O’otham history and language.

Guest speakers and presenters are also part of the curriculum to provide a deeper understanding of the content.

Cost-free courses from TOCC may only be this coming fall.

Siiki encourages anyone interested to take advantage of this also stating, “for any community member or O’otham, this is a real good opportunity to get your feet wet when it comes to taking a college class, though scary just sign up, join the first class and you’ll see what college classes are like.”

Registration is open now with the first day of classes starting Aug. 24. Siiki estimates that he may offer up to 50 students for his course, so registering sooner than later is best.

For more information on the course and how to register, you can visit TOCC.edu. And you can also contact Siiki directly by phone at (520) 993-3023 or by email at jsiiki@tocc.edu.

Introduction to American Indian Studies AIS 101-Fall 2020

**Starting: August 24th, 2020
Tuesdays 6:00-8:30 P.M.**

This class will be held virtually to help stop the spread of COVID-19

This course introduces the student to American Indian Studies and focuses on providing an awareness of indigenous issues and sovereignty. The main goal is to understand American Indian Studies as an important piece in solving issues in Indian country and to promote awareness of the colonization/ decolonization process affecting indigenous nations.

**Register with: Jivik Siiki
jsiiki@tocc.edu
(520) 993-3023**

Visit Our Website: www.tocc.edu

Visit Our Phoenix Center for more information:
4520 N. Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85012

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COURT HEARING

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA In the Matter of the Estate of Marton Joe Patrick DOCKET# PB-2020-0001-DE Order to Show Cause [Civil] To: Keisha Rose Lewis P.O. Box 10717 Bapchule, AZ 85121 WHEREAS in the above matter, you were to appear for the Answer/Response Hearing scheduled on July 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM. IT HAS COME to the attention of the Court that you failed to appear as ordered for the above matter. THEREFORE: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you

appear for a Order to Show Cause hearing on 16th day of September, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Lucinda Nez AKIMEL O’OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI, 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 852147 And there and then show cause, if any you have, why this Court should not find you in contempt. Keisha Lewis, is to file a written report of all activities conducted of behalf of the estate with proof of documentation for the court’s review one week before the hearing date. FAILURE To APPEAR without good cause may subject you to prosecution or other penalties.

NOW AIRING



2020 DRIVE-IN GRADUATION CEREMONY AT WILD HORSE PASS MOTORSPORTS PARK

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