Summer First Responders Program

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Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

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Gila River Wellness Center. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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A “Duel in the Desert” Women’s Basketball Tournament will be held at the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton, and a Baseball Little League Tournament for youth ages 9-12 years old will take place at the District 7 ball fields on July 26-27.

The basketball tournament will comprise of 12 teams squaring off for a chance at a first, second and third place trophy. The little league tournament will see six teams, who will also compete for hardware.

“Since we have six teams, each of them will be put into a bracket, with double elimination,” said Kelly Whitman, Gila River Recreation Coordinator.

Two Family Sports Night events will be held on Aug. 2 at the District 7 Multipurpose Building from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Recreation tournaments and activities for competitors and families will be underway soon

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Just when you thought all of the sporting events have passed, the Gila River Indian Community will be hosting tournaments and family activities to keep the momentum going. The Gila River Wellness Center will host basketball and baseball tournaments in late July and August and the districts will provide activities throughout the summer.

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Electronic Health Record (EHR) Software Update – Friday, July 26, 2019

If you have a cellphone, you may need to update it to ensure its performance. Likewise, GRHC needs to conduct an update for our Electronic Health Record software (EHR). A patient’s EHR is the hub of all medically relevant patient information that is crucial to patient care.

The update will begin at 6:00 pm Friday, July 26th. Patients may experience minor delays through the morning of Saturday, July 27th during the implementation of the upgrade. We appreciate your patience and thank you for your support while we conduct this system maintenance.

GRHC Driving IT Enhancements that will Positively Impact our Patient Experience.

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Huhugam Heritage Center Introduction to Horses Program

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The Huhugam Heritage Center’s closure, due to renovations, has pushed the staff to develop new forms of educational activities and programming. The Center is delving into new territory by partnering with the Koli Equestrian Center on a 4-day Introduction to Horses workshop series for the Community.

“I hope the experience stays with everyone after they leave because you never know when you’ll use the teachings,” said Michelle Pablo-Jackson, Events Coordinator at the Huhugam Heritage Center.

The workshop series is to be held on four Saturdays from July 13 concluding Aug. 3. The program is accepting participants ages six to adult. This programming is unique but promises to be an enjoyable experience for all who participate, shared Pablo-Jackson.

The free workshop series will consist of four topic areas. The first workshop will focus on the history, use, and presence of horses within the Community. The following Saturday workshops will shift to the anatomy of the horse, horse handling and appropriately interacting with a horse, and lastly horse branding.

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Clifton “Chuck” Pablo, Koli Equestrian Center, serves as one of the instructors/wranglers for the workshops.

“It’s good therapy for everyone, young and old, to be out on a ride and think about things,” said Pablo.

However, he wants everyone to be cautious as horses are still animals. Also, participants shouldn’t take their gentle nature for granted. Pablo stressed for participants to listen to instructors and to obey their instructions.

Pablo-Jackson hopes the success of this pilot, more workshops will be provided for the Community especially when the weather cools off. She’s confident that the interest is there for more of these workshops throughout the Community which will continue until the Center reopens. The Huhugam Heritage Center is slated to open next year, January 24, 2020, officially.

8-month-old “Cisco” is one of the horses that will be utilized for the workshops. Kyle Knox/GRAIN

South facing side of the Huhugam Heritage Center. Kyle Knox/GRAIN

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The suspect assaulted the victim’s vehicle, a white Chevrolet Malibu, from the carport of her residence. The vehicle was later involved in a motor vehicle accident with occupants fled the scene. Law enforcement was notified and officers responded to investigate the incident.

Status: On-going Investigation

The suspect was arrested.

Status: On-going Investigation

The suspect assaulted the victim and an infant after getting into a verbal altercation which escalated. The suspect pulled the victim out of the car by pulling her hair and onto the ground, all while the victim was holding onto the infant. Once on the ground, the suspect placed his knee on the back of the victim’s neck to prevent her from standing up. The infant was left on the ground and face down where she could not breathe and her face was being crushed into the ground like trash, causing further pain and difficulty to breathe. While on top of the suspect, the victim was gagged and no video footage available during initial investigation. Vehicle entered with a NCIC as stolen.

Status: On-going Investigation

Lone Butte Area

Auto Theft - An unknown subject stole a blue in color Toyota Camry from the parking lot of the Phoenix Premium Outlet Mall and no findings of the missing items were located.

Status: On-going Investigation

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Status: Charges forarded

Shoplifting - police responded to the Tommy Hilfiger clothing store at the Phoenix Premium Outlets reference to a shoplifting. Through further investigation it was discovered the juvenile suspect concealed two shirts which he had not paid for and attempted to leave the store. The suspect’s mother was contacted and a Sex Charge was filed; the door was reported to be “trashed” and the doors were unlocked with the inside dome light on. The door locks are manual and they do not appear to be damaged; the back hatch does not lock. Currently there are no suspects, this case will be closed pending further suspect identification.

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District 4 recently got a sneak peek at the new multi-purpose facility. During Independence Day festivities, the service center staff hosted an open house of the District 4 Multi-purpose Facility on July 3 where Community members dined in the gymnasium and toured the new rooms and spaces for future use.

The Gila River Indian Community broke ground on the new 48,470-acre facility on Jan. 12 of last year, and will include an elders center, exercise room, indoor track and outdoor swimming pool.

“Space was a big thing, we had to go to other districts to host programs, but now we got our own space to bring those things back here,” said District 4 Community Council representative Delmar Jones.

“He said things like the pool are a new addition to the district, but that it was important to have a more space for the elders, which will have a dedicated center.

“There’s a teen room, a computer lab, there’s something for everyone,” said Jones. “Community members want to work on their computer skills can do that here, but there’s so much you can do with this new facility.”

Community members view the interior of the new facility which will have space for district services and room for elder and youth activities. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

A pool is located at the new facility for recreation and health and wellness. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

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### 2019 Per Capita Schedule

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**HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS?**

Remember you MUST update your information at the Enrollment Office as well as with the Per Capita Office as soon as you can. This is very critical in ordering new Pay-Cards, receiving statements, and most importantly receiving your payment! Please contact the Enrollment Office at (520)562-9790.

***Per Cap Checks have a printed RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED on the front, therefore checks will not be forwarded.***

**KEEP STATEMENTS SAFE**

Due to the high volume of statement requests the PCO would like to remind the community to keep track of all statements. Statements are used for income verification purposes, as the PCO does not verify to third party entities. The member must contact the PCO to request any documentation needed for verifications of any kind.

**PAYCARD INFORMATION**

Call (866) 213-8564 Press 1 for live operator; Please know your address, phone # and employee # (GRC ID#) also they may ask for your card #: This is your chance to tell them what you need and ask any questions.

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**Providence First Trust 2019 Visits**

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This is a request for clothing, medical and educational needs. Early distribution is allowed twice a year and has a dollar limit.

- One packet is to be filled out per child.
- Please bring a photo ID (Tribal ID or State ID)

**Trust Termination**

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Member must be at least 18 years old with a HS diploma/GED certificate or be at least 21 years old by payment date to terminate trust.

Please bring the following documents with you:

- High school diploma or GED certificate
- Photo ID (Tribal ID or State ID)
- Voided check or letter from bank if selected direct deposit (name, routing number and account number)
Adulthood: ‘O’e oi heg sapokam himthag, “Follow the Good Way”

There comes a time in the lives of O’otham when it is time to choose a career path and deal with other life-changing events.

As we grew up under the supervision of our parents and “Kekel” (Elders), we each learned the life skills that would carry us forward into adulthood. Some of our older relatives had joined “Shon- tal hi.” (Armed Services) and after boot camp, they shipped to different military bases around the world. Before they left the country, they came home on leave. They were someone to see as they came home in their military dress uniforms. They left home as teenagers, and returned as “Shontal” (Soldiers).

Dependent on the time-frame, a special Sunday service planned, and the entire village attended services for our Shonthal. The Pastor and Kekel of the village gave encouraging sermons to our Shonthal. One phrase often stated was “O e’oi heg sapokam himthag.” (Follow the good way).

The speeches directed to all young men and women gathered in the congregation. After Sunday services a large potluck celebrated their honor in serving their country and representing the Community. Our Shonthal deployed to their duty stations and served until their enlistments were up.

One other phrase often heard was, “Shelma ‘o chikpannath.” (To work straight all the time.) The remark directed to family members who went directly into the workforce, or enrolled in college. Some of our relatives enrolled in agriculture business courses at the nearby colleges while they worked the fields during the weekend, as they would one day take over the family farms. At some point in our lives we become the talk of the village as we “Ha honth” (A man takes a wife), and “Ha kunith” (A woman takes a husband). The entire village attended many marriage ceremonies and witnessed the joining of sweethearts as husband and wife. The receptions were for invited guests, and the younger kids went home after the ceremony, eager to get out of the Sunday clothes. At some point later, we welcomed new members into the family. There are two phrases reserved for the mothers and fathers of the newborn child. “Mad’aj.” (She has a child), and “Ali-thag’aj.” (He has a child.). The terms of relationship for the mother and father are very specific and personal. As the new families increased in numbers so did the responsibilities of both parents. Now the cycle of family life had begun over again with the “vechich hemachkam” (next generations).

Times have certainly changed from the times of our parents and grandparents. However, many life-ways remain the same, we as parents strive to encourage our children to continue their higher education and remain firmly rooted in their O’otham Himthag (People’s Way of Life). We encourage you to learn these phrases and use them with your family members.

Speak with a Kekel or speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases, as they might be slightly different between villages. This month’s word match will test your knowledge of phrases used to address the next stages of life as adults, fathers, mothers, and providers of families.

Huhugam Heritage Center Language Program Shelma O’otham Ńeo’ok COMING SOON

Save The Date

District 4 & District 6 Service Centers

Every Wednesday, 6pm-8pm

August 2019 – October 2019

HHC: (520)-796-3500
Rodriguez has been facilitating the program along with Officer James Milano who has been working with the summer program since 2014.

Recently, the Gila River Fire has added to the program and takes the cadets to demonstrate the basics of their job field and familiarize them with the fire truck and water hose. Gila River EMS teaches them tourniquets, first aid, CPR.

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“For this program couldn’t happen without the Chief of Police, Chief of Fire, and the Chief of EMS; giving us the personnel we need to do this program” said Officer Milano.

“From the very beginning we push work ethic, integrity, and just to have goals and what it takes to really get to them,” said Officer Rodriguez while also sharing with the cadets some of their own personal experiences as well.

For cadet Alyssa June, this is her second time in the program. “I really like it! It’s something that I want to keep doing. I know that’s for sure,” said June, who was also appointed as Sergeant in the program and has taken an interest in law enforcement.

On Wednesday July 10, the cadets participated in voluntary exercises on the gun range used by GRPD. Officers were on site to show them handgun tactics and safety. Cadets learned the importance of handgrips and rifles in law enforcement while getting experience. For most of the cadets, this was not their first time with firearms but for some who had no experience at all, while nervous, were all willing to learn.

Although new to the program, Cadet Precious Thompson from District 3 said the experience has helped her become more outgoing and mature.

“It’s a lot of work but it’s definitely worth it,” said Thompson. Thompson encourages other to participate in the program. “I think anyone who’s thinking about it, they definitely should. They’re not going to regret it.”

“I’m very proud of this program,” said Officer Rodriguez and acknowledges the following officers for the on-site training and who made it all possible: Officer Chris Wheeler, Officer Vladimir Janjusic, Officer Steven Petersen, Officer James Milano, Officer Rachelle Rodriguez, Officer Romo Lewis, Sgt. Paul Maroney, Paramedic Scott Hansen, and Engineer Robert Jackson.


For more information about how to recognize and respond to a natural gas leak, visit swgas.com/safety or call 877-860-6020.
Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Tohono O’odham Nation in coordination with Native American Basketball Invitation-al, hosted youth basketball players from Mexico. The group of youth athletes reside across the United States-Mexico border and have cultural ties with the Tohono O’odham Nation. The visit took place in the Community on June 27.

The teens took a break from hoops to visit Wahlean Riggs’ ranch in District 5, where they groomed and rode horses, helped prepare a dinner of beans and chili stew with fry bread.

The female athletes were given an introduction to toka and once the rules were explained, the friendly game ensued. After finishing their game, everyone gathered to reach out to people about who they are as the youth of Mexico and the diverse ethnic background they represent.

Jose said NABI is a good example of bringing people together from many different directions calling it “basketball without barriers.”

“The best part is that we represent all of Mexico and all of the cultures, such as the O’odham and Apache,” said Jim. She said, they are part of a group of athletes, who travel to different areas to teach other people about who they are as the youth of Mexico and the diverse ethnic background they represent.

Jim has played basketball since she was 10-years-old, now in high school, she is on her way to playing ball again after a few injuries sidelined her for a couple of months.

“It’s a good way where you can spread your feelings and being happy,” said Jim.

Jose said, “We managed to reach out to people in Mexico, they all have ties to O’otham culture.”

He said the youth want to learn the culture, but due to assimilation into society in Mexico, they want to reconnect with their O’otham heritage.

He said maintaining that connection is difficult, especially with his community, because of the issues with the border and how it has complicated the Tohono O’odham Nation’s ability to reach out to their relatives in Mexico.

“It’s basketball without borders, you don’t have to speak the language, but just know how to play the game,” said Jose.

On June 28, the boys Mexico team played a game exhibition against the Ak-Chin boys teams. If the team from Mexico returns next year to compete in the NABI tournament, they are well on their way to advancing in the bracket. The Mexico team blazed their way to a 49-36 victory over the Ak-Chin, with an impressive performance.
Annual District 7 Mustering-In celebration is right around the corner

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Sept. 7, the Gila River Indian Community will once again recognize the significant event we know as Mustering-In Day. The event takes place at the District 7 Multipurpose Building and will feature familiar activities and a few new ones as well. The event honors those who volunteered for what’s become known as, “The First National Guard.”

The story of Mustering-In Day is not as well known throughout Arizonas’s history. The 1860s America was stricken with conflict, political strife, and territorial disputes, and Arizona was not exempt.

The American Civil War left little military presence for defense in other areas. The need for action to counteract the onslaught of Apache conflict resulted in the innovative idea of mustering in local Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh men for volunteer military service. Akimel O’otham Chief Antonio Azule led Company C with 88 volunteer soldiers and Pee Posh Chief Juan Chavaria lead Company B with 94 volunteer soldiers. Their efforts provided stability in the area.

Today, and for the last 50 years, District 7 hosts a celebration honoring their service. The festival has a robust military presence and pays tribute to veterans and current serving active duty military. The event will also feature several GRIC tribal leaders and is open to visiting dignitaries as well.

District 7 will continue to host a parade. In 2018 there were 15 floats, and it’s anticipated to increase this year. Food will be served and expect to hear traditional bird songs and entertainment throughout the day. There will be bounce houses and a splash pad for children. There will be sporting events and tournaments for dominoes, billiards, and horseshoes. Additionally, this year a skate competition will be included as part of the activities.

The event will be an all-day affair with most of the activities outdoor so plan accordingly as the temperatures will remain high in September. For more information on the event, how to apply for a vendor booth, or enter the parade, please visit mygriver.com.

From the front page

At the event, a dodgeball and water volleyball activity will be held for the first six families who pre-register.

A second family night will be held at the District 3 rodeo grounds on Aug. 10 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. A family mud volleyball and mud tug-of-war will be open to the first six teams that pre-register for each activity.

The family nights are about getting everyone together, and having Community members do something different from basketball and baseball,” said Whitman. She said the on-field competition will continue into the month of August and September with a couple of events. Whitman said a women’s fast-pitch softball tournament will start July 23 and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays at District 4 ball field. Eight teams will be competing each night leading up a tournament to be held in August.

In September, Tribal Recreation will host a leadership chair volleyball tournament. The dates for the tournament have not been finalized, but it will include leaders from surrounding tribal communities competing against the Community Executive Office. Tribes that are expected to play are, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Tohono O’odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.
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With mosquito season approaching, the Environmental Health Services program has identified mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus in the Community. EHS has been monitoring the presence of West Nile virus in District 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7, and will continue to monitor other areas of the Community for mosquitoes carrying the virus. Recently, EHS has put out a mosquito surveillance alert notice, urging Community members to take precautions to prevent the contraction of the virus. EHS has been using a variety of pesticide applications in order to prevent the spread of mosquitoes around bodies of water like lagoons, or other areas where there is standing water.

Depending on the setting, EHS will either conduct fogging or granular pesticides, which can include small fish to eat the mosquito larvae in areas where permits are allowed.

“We have 12 mosquito traps throughout the Community in each of the districts where we have tested those mosquitoes for West Nile virus,” said Tacy Jensen EHS Environmental Health Specialist.

She said the Community can test mosquitoes for WNV collected from each of the surveillance sites and pinpoint where the virus is highly present. Jensen works closely with her counterparts in Maricopa and Pinal County, who serve as a resource on WNV.

Health officials advise to wear long-sleeve clothing and trim tall grass and the removal of standing water in buckets, pools and other inanimate objects. The removal of standing water prevents the reproduction of mosquitoes, which they use as breeding areas.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, symptoms of West Nile virus are high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation and other serious paralysis. Although there are some symptoms of this are experienced, but can vary depending on an individual’s health condition and age.

The CDC states, people who are at higher risk for the virus are individuals over 60-years-old and certain medical conditions, in people with compromised immune systems. Although there have been few cases of death resulting from contracting West Nile virus, it is important, to get checked by your local healthcare provider, if you are experiencing symptoms from the virus.

The virus can range from two to 14 days from the time a person is bitten by a mosquito carrying West Nile virus. Additionally, the CDC states, in 5 people develop a light fever and 1 out of 150 people develop severe symptoms from the virus. Other preventive measures include, using insect repellent, like DEET, closing windows, doors and using screens for your home. Good repair. If Community members have concerns about the West Nile virus they can contact EHS at (520) 562-5100.

Tribal Health Department is monitoring the presence of West Nile virus

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Teachers, administra -tors and education officials came together to discuss how data can be used to promote education in the Community. Tribal Health Department, Community school admin-istrators and educators de-veloped ways to enhance education in GRIC at a data summit held in the District 3 Head Start building on July 8.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 60 days after publication, it shall es-claiming the check is the last known -known owner is known to be a Com-munity member, the department, pro-gram, or entity where permitted.

The West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease and has been detected in Arizona. GettyImages-505886756

Data summit helps education in GRIC

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The University of Arizona American Indian Language Institute took its classroom on the road for a week-long workshop in the Gila River Indian Community. AILDI provided a workshop for culture teachers from the Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Tohono O’odham Nation, at the District 3 Head Start building from July 8-11.

The workshop focused on immersive learning sessions and demonstrations about how to apply traditional language in teaching settings.

“We are not just teaching the language, we are using the language to teach something bigger, that’s the main thing,” said Sheila Nicholas, AILDI Faculty member and member of the Hopi tribe.

She said in Hopi or Hopilavayai (Hopi language), there is a deeper meaning to the language, that frame of mind around language is an essential part of life. The theme used to describe a person’s ability to speak their language as an essential part of life. The theme equates the importance of language to resources, such as water, air and land, all important to Native people.

At the workshop, Nicholas demonstrated to the cultural teachers how to incorporate language in the schools. She connected the words with each action and then had a group of participants reenact the same action.

Another way the teachers were encouraged to engage their students, is through story telling.

“The story is a nice thing to work for, it piques their interest because they go and tell their friends,” said Barbara Parsons Gila Crossing Community School Cultural Teacher.

She said it creates anticipation for what to expect each class, which is good for the students, because they are already thinking in that frame of mind around language.

Nicholas said, although the Hopi language was used during the workshop, the point of the exercise is to demonstrate how language immersion techniques can be applied across all tribal communities. Another immersion activity, included using a traditional Hopi planting song to explain the cultural significance of farming.

After completion of the week-long course, the cultural teachers were awarded a certificate of completion and given information on how to incorporate language in the schools.
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