GRIC Rolls Out First Large Scale Vaccination Event

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Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A combined task force of members from the Gila River Indian Community, Gila River Health Care and other agencies, worked together to get vaccinations to Gila River Hotels & Casinos employees at a drive-thru event. The Gila River Indian Community began its large scale vaccination event at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park on Feb. 13.

The vaccination event was made possible through a coordinated effort between the Gila River Office of Emergency Management, GRIC, Gila River EMS, Gila River Police Department, Gila River Fire Department, WHMPD and the Arizona National Guard. Representatives from each agency formed a small army to ensure 985 casino and Wild Horse Pass Development Authority employees received their vaccination.

The large GRIC vaccination event is an unprecedented undertaking for an American Indian community, such as GRIC, which has set out to provide hundreds of vaccinations in one day. This initiative, includes plans for another large vaccination event in the Community on Feb. 20.

Cultural Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis provided a traditional blessing over everyone in attendance before the start of the vaccination event. Lewis’ blessing was followed with remarks by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and representatives from the Community who helped organize the vaccination event. “What we are doing today is going to be saving lives, it is historic,” said Gov. Lewis. He added, “You guys are the heroes during this pandemic, the first responders, of our military, our healthcare workers, all of you front-line workers.”

He said before the COVID-19 vaccine was available, there was a sense of playing “defense,” but now with the availability of the vaccine, it is time to be on the “offense,” of combating the pandemic.

The large GRIC vaccination event was a prelude to a planned Feb. 20Bird Count, but virtually for the first time due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Rather than postpone or cancel the event, Community members were treated to a prerecorded video and live presentation highlighting the ecological and cultural significance of the birds and wildlife throughout the Community.

In total, 35 people logged in for the bird count; 25 were members of the Community, because of the possibility of families or multiple people viewing on one device, it’s sometimes hard to quantify how many were really in attendance.

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“...we have done nearly 5,800 vaccines in the Community, today we have nearly 100 of our staff out here, doing the registration and the vaccinations and we will have more staff out here next week as Community and Arizona National Guard members receive a briefing, before the start of the large vaccination event on Feb. 13.

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Community Members Learn about Local Wildlife through Virtual Event

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

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COMMUNITY VACCINE EVENT

Saturday, February 20, 2021
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park
20000 S Maricopa Rd
Chandler, AZ 85226

VACCINE WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERED IF YOU ARE SICK OR UNDER QUARANTINE

TWO OPTIONS TO RECEIVE A VACCINE

1. To reserve your vaccination, schedule your appointment using the online registration site. If you require assistance with online registration, please call the COVID hotline at (520) 550-6079, Option 1.
   Visit GRHC.ORG/HUB or MYGILARIVER.COM for online registration.

2. Drive Up without An Appointment and complete registration on-site.

THOSE ELIGIBLE

- GRIC Tribal Enrolled members 18+ years old (includes GRIC urban members) AND 18+ years old residing in the boundaries of GRIC
  - GRIC Tribal Enrolled members must bring their tribal identification to vaccination site.
  - 18+ years old residing in the boundaries of GRIC must provide proof of residency i.e. mail with name and address indicated.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation for individuals residing within GRIC boundaries, call (520) 562-3321 ext. 1384 to schedule your transportation as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at (520) 550-6079
Elders Receive COVID-19 Vaccination at D3 Boys & Girls Club

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Nearly 100 elders received vaccines at a walk-in vaccination event held at the Boys & Girls Club in Sacaton on Feb. 6. Prior to the COVID-19 vaccination events scheduled for Feb. 13 and Feb. 20, Gila River HealthCare hosted the event for all GRIC elders ages 55 and older, including GRIC urban members as well as all non-GRIC elders ages 55 and older living within GRIC boundaries.

“We decided to have a no-appointment event, so we can get more [elders] in quicker,” said Steve Schoffstall, Director of Physical Therapy from Gila River HealthCare.

Several departments were on hand to assist elders during their vaccination including registration, nursing, and members of the COVID-19 Taskforce including GRIC CEO Dr. Anthony Sanitiago.

“It’s a huge team effort,” said Schoffstall, who acknowledged others who have made this possible, from security to the Gila River Health Care Board of Directors.

He also shared how GRIC had anticipated a vaccination rollout within the Community before the FDA authorized emergency use of COVID-19 vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, which are both used by GRIC.

Dr. Wesley Yamada, Interim Chief Medical Officer for Gila River Health Care, has been with the Community for 34 years and discussed possible concerns some people might have about the vaccine, such as the effectiveness.

“They have both [Moderna & Pfizer] shown efficacy rates of around 95 percent, said Dr. Yamada.

“We want to get the vaccine in the arms of anybody and everybody in the Community who wants one. The sooner we can get both doses of the vaccine into everyone’s arm, the sooner we can get back to some sense of normalcy,” said Mrs. Corona of her and her husband.

Melissa Lill, a nurse practitioner with Gila River Health Care, has led a team to assist in administering the vaccine to GRIC essential employees and elders.

“Everyone here is here on a voluntary basis and everyone is there voluntarily for them to be vaccinated,” said Lill when discussing the response of the patients who were unexpectedly excited and nervous.

“We are here to support and answer any questions,” she said.

The plan to distribute the vaccine to those within the Community has been done in phases. Healthcare workers and at-risk elders (Phase 1a) were the first to receive the vaccine when it became available.

Marc and Lois Corona talk about the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, at the GRIC elders vaccination clinic on Feb. 6. CAPO Photo
From the front page

well,” said Dr. Antony
Santiago, CEO for GRHC. 
Santiago said GRHC has 
been administering the Pfizer 
and Moderna versions of the 
COVID-19 vaccine and that 
both are equally effective 
against the virus.

He said GRHC has been 
steadily rolling out vaccina-
tion sites throughout the 
Community at its facilities 
and others. “[W]e are giving 
vaccines six days a week at 
the primary care depart-
ments at the Huułakam Me-
morial Hospital, Komatke 
Health Center and District 3 
and 6 Boys & Girls Club. We 
have a lot of teams, but we 
are redeploying them to be 
here,” said Santiago. 
Lewis lauded GRHC 
staff and essential workers 
for their efforts, while on the 
“front-line” of responding to 
the pandemic, those individ-
uals who wear different hats 
or represent different organi-
zations, who have unified for 
one purpose of an incredibly 
historic vaccination event in 
Indian Country. 
“I want to thank you all 
personally as a community 
member, I am just so thank-
ful for all of you for coming 
together and being boots on 
the ground,” said Candale-
rian Preston, Tribal Health 
Director. She added from a 
public health perspective, 
the vaccination event is a 
huge undertaking to admin-
ister the vaccine to hundred 
of individuals at one single 
event. Preston encouraged 
the Community’s elders to 
get vaccinated at the large 
GRIC members event or at 
their nearest vaccination lo-
cation at a GRHC facility or 
D3 and D6 B&G Club.

From the front page

DEQ’s video high-
lighted data from their bird 
counts across GRIC’s land-
base. The video showcased 
the data collection process, 
and all played vital roles in 
documenting the bird count 
and diversity throughout 
GRIC. The lead on the 
video survey was Wood-
row Crumbo, DEQ Wild-
life Program Manager, and 
David L. Pearson, ASU 
Professor, School of Life 
Sciences.

Gill provided data on 
the the number of species at 
the different sites in GRIC, 
the total birds counted at 
that site, and most fre-
quently observed species 
found in a given area. For 
example, at the MAR 5 In-
terpretive Trail, DEQ iden-
tified 48 species, counted 
82,899 birds, and identified 
the Red-Winged Blackbird 
and Yellow-Headed Black-
birds as the most abundant 
species at the site.

Following the data 
presentation was a cultural 
presentation from Robert 
Johnson, Huhugam Her-
itage Center Language 
Specialist. Johnson provid-
ed a cultural perspective 
on prominent birds in the 
Community. He also pro-
vided the O’otham name 
for each bird and its char-
acteristics. To conclude the 
cultural portion, was a live 
presentation of O’otham 
songs performed by Anto-
nio “Go:hk” Davis of Dis-
trict 5.

After the event, Gill 
stated, “Reading over the 
surveys after the event, the 
video was the part of the 
event attendees liked the 
most.”

DEQ also has plans to 
host a Winter Bird Count 
presentation specifically 
for Community elders. Ad-
ditionally, DEQ is also con-
sidering the possibility of 
hosting more Winter Bird 
Count presentations to each 
of the districts.

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COVID19 Vaccination Opportunities For GRIC Members

To Schedule your COVID19 Vaccine appointment at HHKMH or KHC Locations, please call (602) 528-1482.

Wild Horse Pass: To minimize your wait time to receive the vaccine, please pre-
register online at https://gricportal.
formstack.com/forms/gricvax_220 OR Drive-up without an appointment and 
complete the registration on-site.

Transportation is available for 
GRIC members who live within GRIC 
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**Verbs of Nei & Neid**

Every day, we are provided opportunities, to take into perspective the activities taking place around us. The O’otham language contains verbs, or action words that we use to describe actions of objects within our sight. The verb heidi means to (see, look, and watch an object). These two verbs form the basis of sentences that bring attention to what we see in the past, present and future.

Let’s take into consideration the first form of (saw) which is more of a general statement, as we read, “Neid heg nahagio u’s vaso ched.” (I saw a mouse inside a wooden box.) In this statement, the observer relates to the item, that he saw a mouse inside a wooden box. The statement is correct in its form and structure. The statement in his mind. In this example, we read about the speaker providing instructions for a future meeting to the listener. “Ed thom heidi ap sialim.” (I’ll see you in Chandler tomorrow morning.) In this case, we can relate to actual events, as we had often visited the farm machinery business. Many times, we had picked up tractor parts and made repairs to our tractor and farm equipment. “Snap am heidi heg gogs manth ‘o hu’hu heg ban?” (Did you watch the dog as it chased after the coyote?) In this real-time form of “neid,” we read, as the speakers asks the listener, if he had just watched the event take place. Today, dogs still chase after coyotes, cars and other things.

In this last example of “neid” we will read about another real-time event. “Ko heidi hegi kavio mamu o enam koommam.” (Look at that horse, he is jumping over the fence!) In this example, we read that the speaker is speaking excitedly to the listener, as the event takes place. In this case, the two cowboys witness a stallion as it is jumping out of the corral just after a roundup.

We encourage you to speak these different forms of “neid” in your everyday life. Talk with a Speaker or Elder, and ask what other forms of “neid” are possible. Sentences may be slightly different between the villages. This month’s word match will test your knowledge on the different forms of “neid” and “heidi.”

Answers to cross-word puzzle can be found on page 7.

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**Gila River Indian Community Community Council Election - Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6**

**ELECTION SCHEDULE**

**DATE**

February 8, 2021

February 22, 2021

February 23, 2021

March 2, 2021

March 3, 2021

March 17, 2021

March 24, 2021

April 1, 2021

May 4, 2021

May 4, 2021

June 2, 2021

**EVENT**

Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) opens for GRIC community members seeking to declare for Office of Community Council in Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6. Send your request to TEP@gric.nsn.us for the DOC form or are available at the Tribal Elections office, call for availability prior to arrival.

Declaration of Candidacy closes at 5:00 p.m. All forms must be received in the Tribal Elections Office by closing date and time.

DOC forms are routed to the Departments of Enrollment, Office of General Counsel and Human Resources office to ascertain qualifications of applicants.

Community Election Board to review residency requirements of each applicant seeking office for a District Community Council seat.

Community Council to certify applicants who declared for candidacy for office of Community Council at their second meeting in March.

Voter Registration closes for the Community Council election scheduled May 4, 2021.

Absentee Voting Opens - any registered voter who is unable to vote in person at the polling site may request to vote by absentee.

Absentee ballots can be dropped off at any polling site, before the polling site closes at 6:00 p.m.

GRIC Community Council Election Day in Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6

Polling Period Ends 5:00 p.m.; any Registered Voter can file a protest in writing to the Community Election Board Chairperson.

Newly elected/re-elected Council Candidates are sworn into office at the first Community Council meeting in June.

Any questions regarding this schedule, call the Tribal Elections office @ (520) 562-9735.
Community Wi-Fi Hotspots

We know that Internet access is important. GRTI and the Gila River Indian Community have worked together to provide free Wi-Fi hotspots at the GRTI headquarters and all the Community Service Center parking areas. If you are visiting the area or just need to get connected, you can visit any of the locations and get online 24/7.

Username: GilaRiverTel Free Wifi
Password: NO password required
Students at Sacaton Elementary School Recognized for Academic Achievements

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

At a school board meeting students were recognized for their academic achievements. Eleven students from the Sacaton Elementary School District #18 (SESD) were awarded for the month of January, during the school’s monthly board meeting. Dr. Cheryl Paul, SESD Superintendent, presided over the student awards recognition and praised their continued efforts in exemplifying SESD’s core values of compassion, respect, vision, community, and empowerment.

The list of students awarded for January are Tianna Estrella (preschool), Aziah Morris (kindergarten), Joe Carpio (first grade), Dre Jose Millard (second grade), Kally Jackson (third grade), Monique Percy (fourth grade), Marijah Pratt (fifth grade), Dereon Pancott (sixth grade), Abriana Santos (seventh grade), Annalea Hoover (eighth grade), and Jacob Miller (eighth grade).

Dr. Paul was very excited for all the students stating, “I am honored to work with our talented Sacaton students, as they are our future leaders.” Regardless of the current circumstances, Dr. Paul remains cheerful and encouraging of all SESD students, further stating, “I believe in their (students) capabilities, drive to overcome obstacles, resilience, and hope for the future.”

For the monthly awards, every student will receive a letter from the superintendent, award certificate, and invitation to attend the board meeting where they are officially named. Elementary school students will also receive a single long stem rose and bumper sticker presented by Wanda Burton, Sacaton Elementary School Principal and the middle school students will receive necklaces and “achievement coupons” to use at a local store from Mrs. Hall, Sacaton Elementary School District’s Cultural Teacher. Despite the COVID-19 precautions, the awards will provide a sense of normalcy and give them something to work towards. As the school year continues, one student per grade will continue to receive a prize each month. For award consideration, they must demonstrate SESD’s core values, as stated above and address SESD’s monthly themes.

Students at Sacaton Elementary were recognized for their exemplary performance by school administration.

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FACE PRESCHOOL SCHOOL 2020-21
(Totally Virtual)
2020 - 2021
(Currently holding Open Enrollment ONLINE)

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PATHWAYS COMMUNITY PROMGRAM

We are now accepting online applications for the following apprenticeship/internship positions:

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS
Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary’s Office • February 3, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER
The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, February 3, 2021, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION
Provided by Councilwoman Regina Antoine-Smith

ROLL CALL
Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:
Governor Stephen R. Lewis
Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:
D1-Joey Whitman, Arizzie Hogg; D2-Carlo Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Regina Antoine-Smith; D5-James De La Rosa, Martin Dix- on, Brian Davis, Sr., Thomas White; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:
D4-Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #11 AND REMOVE ORDINANCE #1 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORT #1 THROUGH #4, #7, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #5, AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ADD AND ACCEPT MATERIAL FOR NEW BUSINESS #5 AND APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
1. Introduction of Stephen Fox, K-12 Education Manager
Presenters: Jeffery Thornburgh, Stephen Fox Mr. FOX INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HIS WORK HISTORY

REPORTS
Presenters: Kristin Nelson
MOTION ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. BGCCRIC 2021 Quarterly Report
Presenters: Jason Jones, Mark Clavell, Jocelyn Young, Nancy House, Kelly Concho-Hayes, Jeff Jackson
MOTION ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. BGCCRIC 2021 Program Quarterly Report
Presenters: Jason Jones, Mark Clavell, Soyet Antone, Emilliano Morondos
MOTION ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. St. Anthony’s Church FY 2020 Final Report
Presenters: Donald Antone, Sr.
MOTION ACCEPTED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA
5. GRHC Health Information Exchange
Presenters: Veronica Vaughn, Scott McCrimmon, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Board of Directors, Anthony Brundige

ITEM HEARD
6. COVID-19 Taskforce Update
Presenters: Bruce Harvey, Candalerian Preston, Laurie Thomas, Roberto Jackson, Chief Timothy Chavez, Dr. Anthony Santiago

MOTION HEARD
[GOVERNOR LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENEDE AT 12:35 P.M.]

>7. Office of the Prosecutor’s FY2021 First Quarterly Report (October 1, 2020-December 31, 2020)
Presenters: Michael Voyles, Carleton Giff, David Williams

ITEM ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. FY2021 1ST Quarter Treasurer's Report
Presenters: Treasurer Robert Keller

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, Melvin S. Sanderson

ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
11. Housing Owner’s Team Report
Presenters: Housing Owner’s Team, Arizzie Hogg

ITEM TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA RESOLUTIONS
x1. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Chandler Police Department And The Gila River Indian Community Police Department For Access And Use Of The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: William Morago

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. A Resolution Establishing A Community Infrastructure Fund To Assist In Financing The Design And Construction Of Community Infrastructure Projects Necessary For Future Economic Development Within The Gila River Indian Community (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Robert Stone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. A Resolution Certifying The Membership Count Of The Gila River Indian Community As Of December 31, 2020 (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with added information and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION ACCEPTED

4. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Gavin Charles Molina Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

5. A Resolution Approving The Petition For Membership For Aaliyjah Desiree Moore Into The Gila River Indian Community (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Sheila Valenzuela

MOTION ACCEPTED

6. A Resolution Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department And Chandler Unified School District (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido; Rebecca Hall

APPROVED

ORDINANCES
1. The Gila River Indian Community Council Hereby Enacts The Following Amendments To Title 2, Chapter 1, Sections 2.104 Voter Registration, 2.105 District Community Meetings, 2.111 Absentee Voting; And 2.116 Community Council Elections Of The Gila River Indian Community Code (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda; notification to be disseminated as soon as possible)

Presenter: Nadine Shelda

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Request by the Casino Expansion Owner’s Team and Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Regarding Expansion and Renovation of the Lone Butte Distribution Facility (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval of the motion and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dale Gutenson, Barney Enos, Jr., Ronald N. Rosier

ITEM ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS
1. Tahoe Purchase (G&MSC forwards to Council for review and discussion and action)

Presenter: Robert Stone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

2. Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority Board of Directors Declaration Of Two (2) Vacancies (EDSC forwards to Council to declare the 2 vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shianne White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES

3. Revenue Internal Audit 1st Quarter Report FY2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

4. Gaming Internal Audit 1st Quarter Report FY2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenter: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

NEW BUSINESS #3 AND #4

[ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]

5. Resignation of Councilman Rodney Jack-
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT BRIAN DAVIS, SR. TO FARM BOARD MEMBERS
1. November 18, 2020 (Regular)  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AP-PROVE
2. January 20, 2021 (Regular)  
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO AP-PROVE

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