



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Sen. McSally and Secretary Bernhardt make official visit to GRIC

Secretary of the Interior tours MAR5, McSally joins tribal leadership for roundtable and tour of Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Lone Butte

Roberto A. Jackson
Gila River Indian News

Arizona Sen. Martha McSally and U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt visited the Gila River Indian Community on May 22 with Bernhardt touring the Managed Aquifer Recharge Site #5 in the morning and later joining McSally at Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Lone Butte to observe the recently implemented COVID-19 safety measures for employees and patrons.

McSally and Bernhardt, “saw first-hand both our water and our economic development,” said Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Gov. Lewis, accompanied by Willard Antone III, director of the Department of Environmental Quality, met Bernhardt at MAR5 for a walk through the interpretive trail and the many environmental features of the site. Bernhardt said he was familiar with GRIC’s water settlement and water management from his previous work with the late Rodney B. Lewis.

The groups proceeded to Lone Butte for a roundtable discussion which included Gov. Lewis, McSally, Bernhardt, Lt. Gov. Robert Stone and Community Council Representatives Arzie Hogg, Devin Redbird and Avery White. In addition to discussing the Community’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, tribal leadership outlined three priorities in their partnership with the U.S. government. Hogg advocated for legislation to move forward that would take the Blackwater Trading Post land into trust. Redbird

talked to Bernhardt about finalizing the land transfer in the Estrella Mountains that were part of the trust accounting claim legislation which was passed last congress. White updated McSally and Bernhardt on Casa Blanca Community School as the next school construction lease back project similar to the successful effort with the new Gila Crossing Community School.

Lt. Gov. Stone said the face-to-face meeting was productive for both sides.

“We covered a lot of ground this morning,” said Lt. Gov. Stone.

The roundtable segued into a tour of Lone Butte’s employee testing program and the safety measures put in place for the reopening of the casino such as plexiglass, PPE for team members, reconfigurations conducive to physical distancing and stringent cleaning practices.

“They both were very impressed with the measures we have put in place to combat COVID-19,” said Gov. Lewis.

Gov. Lewis, McSally and Bernhardt met with local media following the tour for a question and answer session where McSally praised GRIC and the casino



Sen. Martha McSally (center) with tribal leadership at Gila River Hotels & Casinos – Lone Butte on May 22. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

for their “innovation,” and being a “leader” in COVID-19 testing.

Bernhardt also told the media that he walked away with a better understanding of the Community’s efforts.

“I also want to express my appreciation for Gila River,” said Bernhardt.



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis (center) with U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt (right) and Willard Antone III, director of Department of Environmental Quality, at MAR-5 on May 22. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

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-Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis



Testers hold up #GILARIVERSTRONG bumper stickers at the District 3 testing site. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

‘Testing Blitz’ underway in Community

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community members who want to get tested for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) can now do so with the Gila River Testing Blitz. During the course of several weeks, the Gila River Health Care has established drive-thru testing locations in all seven districts of the Community.

When individuals arrive at the site, they were asked to stay in their vehicle, while they were checked in by a GRHC staff member. After the check-in process, they drove to another station to have a nasal swab sample taken for testing. The testing only takes a couple of seconds and requires individuals to be swabbed in both nostrils.

The test was available to individuals, who do not present symptoms of COVID-19, to ensure they are aware of their condition

to prevent the spread of the virus to others at home and elsewhere.

An estimated time for results to come back, is three to five business days to receive notification. If a test comes back positive, GRHC will contact that person immediately to inform them on appropriate steps for treatment.

To ensure successful contact with a person with a positive test result, it is important to keep all contact information current to be notified as soon as possible.

GRHC also recommends individuals, who are tested, to provide an up to date phone number, or receive a letter in the mail informing them of their results. If

the results come back positive, Community members will need to follow a list of steps to ensure they do not spread the virus to others in and outside of the home.

Community members, who have questions regarding transportation, should contact (520) 562-3321 ext. 1384, before 2 p.m. the business day before. For more information about testing, contact the GRHC coronavirus hotline at (520) 550-6079.

GRHC encourages individuals to take preventive measures and report any new symptoms resembling those associated with COVID-19.

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HEALTH ALERT

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

UPCOMING DISTRICT TESTING DATES:

NOTE: Schedule is subject to change.

District 6

Tuesday, June 9 - Friday, June 12

District 1

Tuesday, June 16 - Friday, June 19

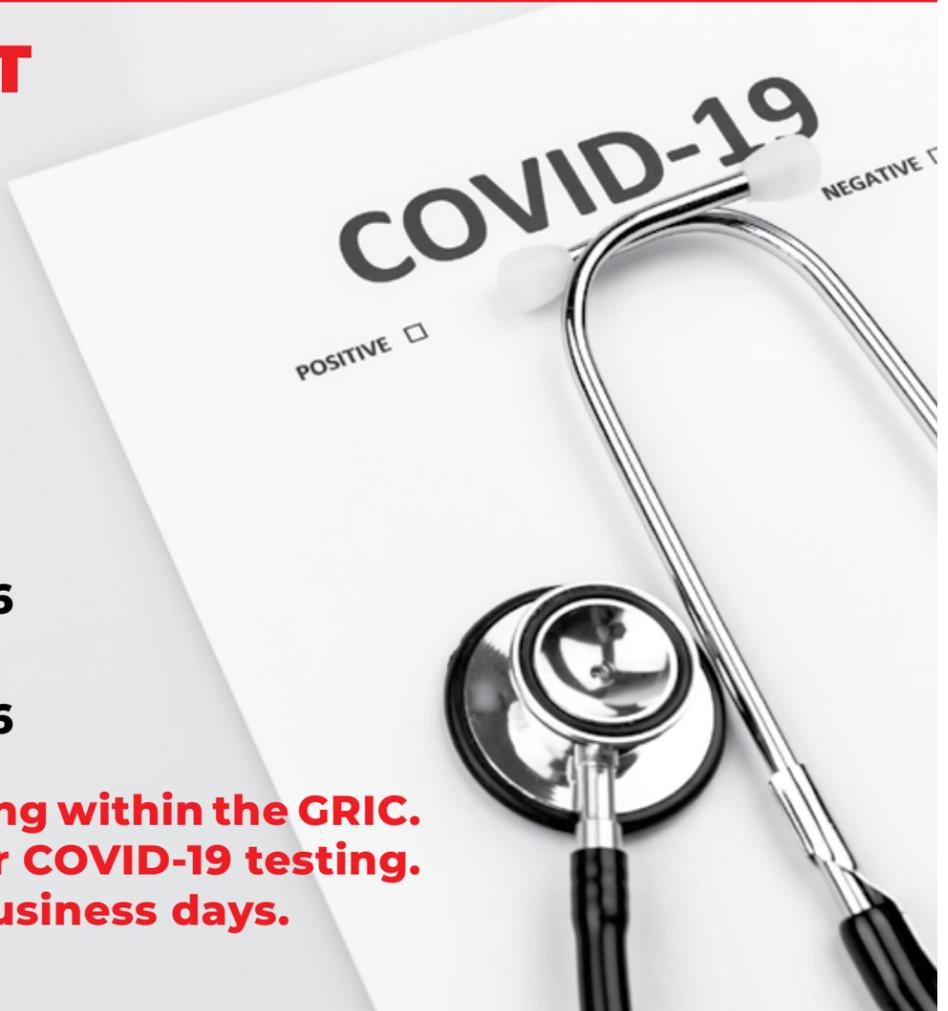
District 2

Tuesday, June 23 - Friday, June 26

District 7

Tuesday, June 23 - Friday, June 26

Testing is open to all residents living within the GRIC. Families should bring children for COVID-19 testing. Results come back within 3 – 5 business days.



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

GRHC Construction “WE CONTINUE TO GROW!” HHKMH Northeast Expansion (NOREX)

This project is a 33,000 square foot, expansion to the existing Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital building previously occupied by Dental, Transportation, and the Office of Safety and Emergency Management. Demolition of these two buildings has been completed, and construction began with the pouring of a new slab with a two-story steel structure to include a new elevator and expanded patient and office space. Estimated completion date is February 2021.



New Beginnings (BHS)



This project is a 52,000 square foot, Three-story replacement building that will host an additional space for

patient services. The new BHS expansion is expected to meet patient needs for years into the future.

New Parking Lot

This lot located on the corner of Skill Center & Chiadag is nearly complete and will add 200 new parking spaces for Behavioral Health patients and employees.



Coolidge High School presents diplomas to GRIC grads



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Stephen Roe Lewis

Lt. Governor
Robert Stone

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Arzie Hogg
Joey Whitman

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Principal Ben Armstrong congratulates Kaylyn Escalante in District 3. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Alette Paul thanks principal Ben Armstrong for her diploma in District 3. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gabriella Hart, Joseph Cooper III, and Sonja Mendoza with Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in District 4. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Kristopher Perkins and Principal Armstrong in District 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Gabriella Ordonez and Principal Armstrong in District 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Amaya Duran and Principal Armstrong in District 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



Principal Armstrong (center) with Susanna Osife and Owen Osife in District 2. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Christopher Lomahquahu
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With social distancing restrictions on public gatherings and ceremonies due to COVID-19, Coolidge High School presented diplomas to graduating seniors in the Gila River Indian Community on May 21.

Ben Armstrong, Coolidge High School principal, went to Districts 1-4 to meet Amaya Duran, Xavier Martinez, Gabriella Ordonez, Kristopher Perkins, Owen Osife, Susanna Osife, Kaylyn Escalante, Antonio Manuel, Alette Paul, Joseph Cooper III, Gabriella Hart and Sonja Mendoza. Manuel and Martinez were not present.

Armstrong said the students deserved a special moment to receive their diplomas and recognition for their achievements as Coolidge Bears.

"It's the best part of the year, when [we] hand out diplomas, it's what we look forward to," said Armstrong.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis acknowledged the students as well and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

"This is a unique class of individuals, because of recent times we are in," said Gov. Lewis. "It is important [we] recognize them and do it in a safe way."

Terry Willis, GRIC K-12 student advisor, said the students were phenomenal despite the changes to education in the state to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

"It's tough, that we are doing this under these circumstances, but it's what we have to do," said Willis.

Gabriella Hart said she was

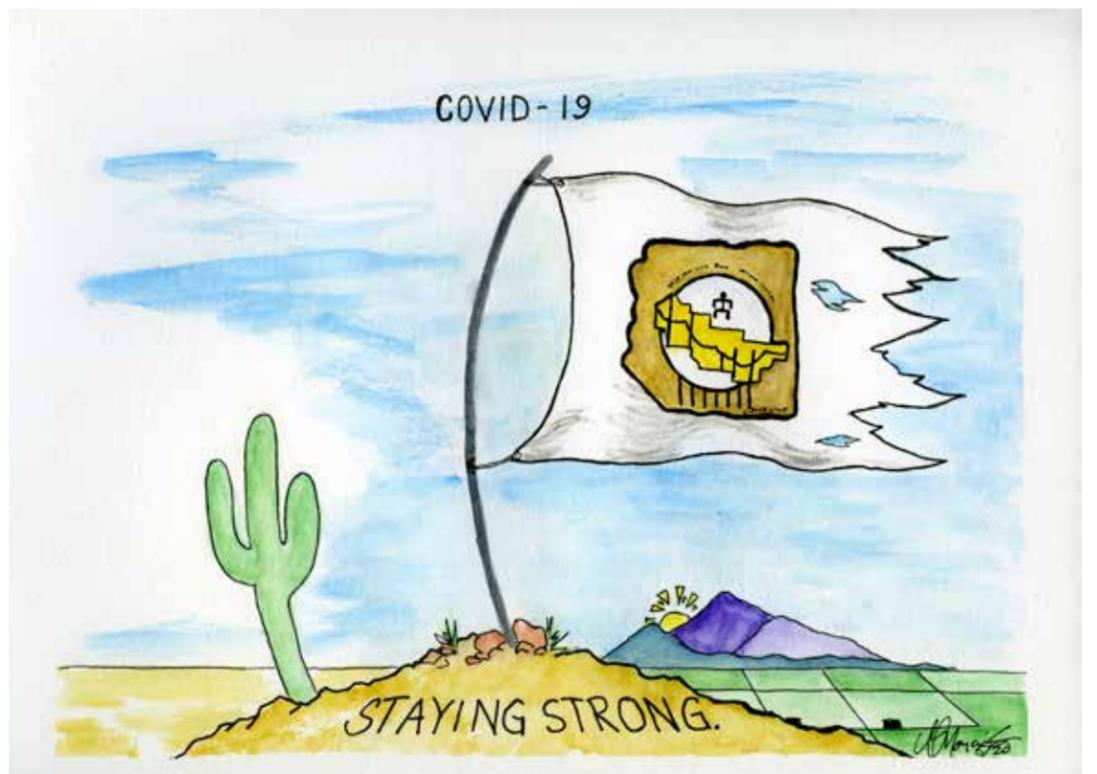
relieved to be finished with high school and she understands the changes to end of the year activities like graduation.

"I really am looking forward to college and to travel to different places," said Hart.

Hart also said that the circumstances are "kind of sad," but that the steps to be safe are "not such a bad thing."

Families also joined in the presentation such as Nicole Osife, mother of Owen and Susanna Osife, former Jr. Miss Gila River, from District 2.

"It feels awesome for my children, they deserve this opportunity," said Osife.



AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SPECIAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2020



By Community Council resolution, GRIC has requested a special election to be held in conjunction with the General Election on Nov. 3, 2020

ARTICLE III:
Membership

ARTICLE XI:
Districts

ARTICLE XV:
Powers of the
Gila River Indian
Community Council

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TELL DAD THANKS!

Father's Day is just around the corner. Send us a short video by June 17th, giving a shoutout to your dad telling him why you appreciate him. Include a picture of him to be aired on GRBC TV.

EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION TO:
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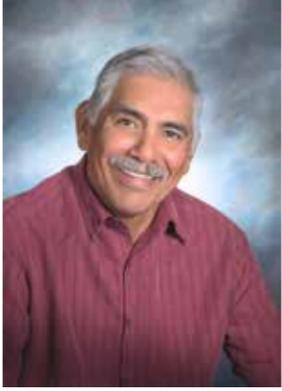
Watch GRBC on Channels 19.1 & 29.1 for community information and local content, including scheduled live broadcasts.

Follow GRBC for up to date information at @GILARIVERTV



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Something to be told or talked about



By Billy Allen

How do we shape a future we cannot see? And, who are “we?” It is much easier to look back and see how the past has shaped us. Article I, of the United States Constitution established a census or counting of people to be done every 10 years. Counting was done to determine how many representatives a state was allowed along

with taxation amounts. (At first, Native Americans were not counted because we were not taxed, i.e. not American citizens. Natives at the state level with O’odham ties have been elected, but we are still waiting for an O’odham congressional level representative). The federal government directs nearly \$1 billion annually for Indian Country. This helps provide partial funding for schools, health, housing, roads, including Head Start, Medicaid, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Our community has benefited greatly from such programs. If YOU don’t get counted, WE get erased.

Distrust and misinformation exist about the census. Many fear data will be turned over to other gov-

ernmental agencies, or not used to help tribal communities. Some tribal citizens believe as long as they are enrolled they don’t have to participate in the census because the federal government already has enrollment numbers. History has shown the federal government is slow in honoring its obligations to Indian Country – look at our aging infrastructure. The feeling is “casino” money should be tapped.

Through our history, various entities noted the importance of Gila River and documented various aspects of our community. On February 28, 1859, Congress approved to have our reservation surveyed along with \$10,000 worth of “farming tools.” The Indian Agent was directed to report on the quality of farming, determine how to distribute farming tools, based upon village populations. Earlier a census of our community had been published as a supplement in a Board of Indian Commissioners Report by Lieutenant A. B. Chap-

man, of the 1st Dragoons. He listed O’otham and Piipaash village locations and their populations in 1860.

Using Chapman’s spellings and data John P. Wilson’s Peoples of the Middle Gila clarifies some of the findings. (The book is available for purchase online.) There were eight O’otham villages scattered among fields between Sweetwater and Pima Butte/“M” Mountain. The easternmost village was Buen Llano 13 miles east of Maricopa Wells. It meant “good plain– open and flat with few trees.” Three miles east of Vahki mound was Mound Top village, home of the Azul family. Many Ants/Stotonic was also east of Vahki mound, near present-day Sweetwater. In time, floods altered the channel of the Gila/Keli Akimel and Stotonic moved north.

The Maricopa stage stop had Casa Blanca 12 miles due east. This area was a collection of villages. Chapman listed Ormejera, No. 1 and 2, Casa Blanca, Chemisez, Arizo-

del Aqua, and Aranca 1 and 2.

Sacatoon/Sacaton was begun as a Piipaash settlement when they moved for akimel water access. Eventually the Piipaash will move back to the Gila Crossing area. Hueso Parado/Standing Bone was north and west of the Maricopa Wells stage stop. The village had both O’otham and Piipaash residents. The remnants of the battle against the Yuma tribes in September of 1857 and bad water for drinking and irrigation led to the abandonment of this village. This led to some of our ancestors, relatives moving on to Lehi at Salt River. Total population was listed at 4,117.

Getting back to the census, why are numbers important? The Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact determines the number of authorized sites and gaming devices by tribal populations. Location is not a factor, anyone whose name appears on Gila River tribal rolls are counted, not only reservation resi-

dents. (Keep this in mind when GRIC votes on the 20 year disenrollment clause in November.) The census form was not designed for Natives. Do I list South Casa Blanca or Vahki as “home”? (I am glad GRIC instructions were given but I could have written, South Central Casa Blanca, Vahki Heights, or The Estates at Sun Canals.)

According to the Census Bureau, during the last census in 2010, Natives and Alaska Natives were working with various undercounted by 4.9%–the highest undercount of any group. Our community has benefited from government agencies. Fill out the form in order to improve our community–again.

Information was taken from MinnPost, an online publication; <https://www.aecf.org/blog/five-reasons-to-complete-the-2020-census-and-encourage-others-to-do-the-same/>; <https://nativegov.org/the-2020-census-and-indian-country/>

O’otham Veterans distribute boxes to vets during COVID-19 pandemic

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Veterans in the Gila River Indian Community are among the many groups assisting the public with much needed groceries, household items and supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic. The O’otham Veterans Celebration (OVC) organization held a distribution of items for local veterans on Saturday, May 23. The veterans group hosted the distribution of household necessities and food items at the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley – Sacaton Branch.

“It was good to see everyone come out, to talk and laugh with the vets again,” said Douglas Juan, interim chairman of the OVC.

Juan said that everyone was appreciative of the boxes and showed the veterans that they weren’t

neglected during this time.

The organization has been providing small scale assistance during the outbreak but expanded their outreach to serve as many veterans as possible. Juan said that much of the success of the May 23 distribution was due to the hard

work and coordination of Doreen Atkinson-Juan. She serves as the secretary for the OVC.

On the morning of the event, OVC distributed over 50 boxes to veterans from throughout the Community. Like many tribal programs, all events

and activities have been canceled, including the annual celebration hosted by OVC. They typically host numerous events to assist Community veterans through a variety of outreach activities such as their “stand-downs,” where they provide services and items for veterans and a space for veterans to convene amongst one another.

In place of the stand

down, the OVC provided Community veterans with assistance during the coronavirus pandemic by organizing with their partners and securing donations for the distribution, similar to the way they would for a stand down.

Some of the organizations that provided the items were Phoenix Veterans Affairs Office, Tucson Veterans Affairs Office,

Eloy Veteran’s Center, Pinal County Veterans Center, VFA of Casa Grande among others.

OVC is still uncertain about their next big event like their canceled Memorial Day Powwow, but Juan hopes for the Community’s veterans to remain safe and healthy and ensures that “we’ll all see one another again on the other side of this pandemic.”



Food boxes for veterans. Courtesy of OVC



Items are organized for distribution. Courtesy of OVC



Memorial Day

May 25, 2020



“Remember ~ Honor ~ Reflect”

This Memorial Day for most will be very different. Many of the local, state and national events are cancelled because of health and safety reasons brought out by the COVID 19 Virus pandemic, However, that doesn't mean we cancel what is in our hearts. We will always remember, honor and reflect on our nation's fallen military heroes.

The men and women that gave their lives for the freedoms we hold dear. And to those that served, made it home but now, are no longer with us. **We REMEMBER!**

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** Serving the veterans of the Gila River Indian Community, their families and beneficiaries by assisting them in securing their entitled benefits as provided for by Gila River Indian Community, State and Federal laws.



Coronavirus update: GRIC partial closure continues, testing increases, more cases for other tribes

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The reopening of Arizona took place on May 15, most businesses, restaurants and parks are now open to the public. With the increase in activity the number of COVID-19 cases have continued to grow overall. The total number has increased to 22,753 positive cases in the state as of June 4 according to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

In efforts to protect the Gila River Indian Community and reduce risk, the Community remains in partial closure along with other tribes in the state. The Community was set to reopen on June 1 but has been extended to June 15 in order to safely have all employees returning to work. "The extended closure is to facilitate continuation of the Community's COVID-19 testing program and COVID-19 Preparedness Plans," according to the amended Executive Order No. 5. Employees for the Community have been tested prior to their return to work and will continue to be tested every two weeks.

COVID-19 testing is now available for all Community members, employees and anyone living within the Community. All testing will occur from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the following Districts this month.

June 2 – June 4: District 5; June 9 – June 12: District 6; June 16 – June 19: District 1; June 23 – June 26: District 2 & District 7; *schedule is subject to change.

Test results are usually received within 3 - 5 business days. For those who test negative, they will be contacted by Gila River Health Care staff by phone. If they are unable to get in contact by phone, a letter will be sent by mail. Those who test positive will be contacted by a doctor by phone, receive a follow up and begin contact tracing.

"During a pandemic there will be positive cases but the goal is to use testing to contain the virus in our Community and as the results show, we have been able to do that successfully," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis in a video update for the Community. The Gila River Indian Community has 30 positive cases of COVID-19 among its members. The Community strongly promotes physical distancing and wearing a mask when out in public.

Tribes throughout Arizona continue to vary in their reopening process. The Hopi Tribe reported 104 positive cases as of June 3. Hopi tribal government shut down and stay-at-home orders have been extended to June 20.

Tohono O'odham Nation reported 62 positive

cases on May 29. Tohono O'odham Nation tribal government shut down and stay-at-home orders are set to expire on June 4, the tribe is planning to re-open on June 5.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has reported 47 positive cases as of June 3. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has begun their reopening in phases as of June 1.

Navajo Nation continues to be severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, reaching 5,661 positive cases. 2,029 individuals have recovered. Also announcing the tribe has the extended closure of their governmental offices and entities and daily curfew until July 5, according to a press release from the Navajo Nation, as of June 3.

According to precautionary measures by the CDC, it is recommended that you continue to protect yourself and others from catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus. Avoid close contact, keep physical distance (at least 6-ft.) from other people. Wear a face mask, cover your mouth and nose when out in public places. It is important to remember that some people could spread the coronavirus even without showing symptoms. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces.

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GCCS ends academic year with promotion parade

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Gila River Indian News

The Gila Crossing Community School class of 2020 cruised to the finish line in a slow-rolling sendoff along Pecos Road for families and friends to say goodbye to the outgoing students with cheers, signs, and horns honking from decorated vehicles. Instead of a traditional promotion in the brand-new auditorium, Gila Crossing Community School promoted the class of 2020 in a parade that wound through the school parking lot where students received their certificates. The school used the unique approach to honor the eighth-grade class while following safety measures to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Stone joined in the celebration. Gov. Lewis participated with the students and later addressed the graduates. Lt. Gov. Stone gave the opening remarks as the students lined up for their final moments as GCCS Eagles. He repeated the school's motto: "Believe You Can," and said he was honored to join them for the special occasion. Lt. Gov. Stone also reminded the students of their upcoming opportunities in education.

"There's more to come, right?" said Lt. Gov. Stone.

Board president Anthony Hill also thanked all the families for attending the one-of-a-kind promotion ceremony. He implored the audience to support the class of 2020 and their dreams for the future.

"Tonight, let us put their dreams forward," said Hill.

Superintendent Jim Mosley and principal David Marks also presided over the ceremony which included recorded speeches from valedictorian Candace Foulke and salutatorian Samuel Lujan Jr.

Class of 2020

Joeanna Acunia
Manayh Allen
David Andrews
Dominique Aragon
Raymond Avery
Jazmine Barajas
Kevin Carlisle
Monique Cerna
Ariyanna Charley
Dominic Chiago
Skylar Cordova
Allura De Anda
Messina Delowe
Morningstar Delowe
Bertram Donahue
Skye Donahue
Victor Enos
Gracie Flores
Candace Foulke
Amani Francisco
Richard Francisco

Enyssa Fulwilder
Johanna Goseyun
Anthony Grant
Spotted Eagle Harris
Jasper Hutchinson IV
Kiana Jack
Quentin Jackson
Todderick Johnson Jr.
Zeara Johnson
Alexis Juan
Desmond Lewis
Isaac Lewis
Jacob Lewis
Nizhonnie Lewis
Sage Lewis
Rachel Ludlow
Samuel Lujan Jr.
Ezra Mack
Cassandra Madrid
Christopher Miguel
Destiny Miles
Stanley Miles III
Deshaun Miranda
Landon Morago
Raul Morrillo Jr.
Jeremiah Narcia
Adrien Navasie
Saya Osife
Reginald Pablo III
Diego Rhodes
Angel Miguel Riley
Jade Silas
Merra Soke
Gwendolyn Suchta
Heather Terry
Joshua Valdez
Miguel Valencia
Miah Villareal
Garyn Yazzie



Students ride in vehicles to begin the Gila Crossing promotion parade in District 6. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN



Valedictorian Candace Foulke at Gila Crossing Community School during the promotion. Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • May 20, 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, May 20, 2020, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:26 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Terrance Evans

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Robert Stone

Council Members Present:

D1-Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-Avery White, Rodney Jackson; D4-Monica Antone, Jennifer Allison, Delmar Jones, Pamela Johnson; D5-Marlin Dixon, Franklin Pablo, Sr. D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr. (9:32), Charles Goldtooth, Terrance Evans; D7-Devin Redbird (10:56)

Council Members Absent:

D5-Janice Stewart, Thomas White

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #1 THROUGH #8; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #5 AND NEW BUSINESS #2 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MS. KATHYLEEN CURLEY INTRODUCED MR. MARK HORN. MR. HORN PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS AND LT. GOVERNOR ROBERT STONE EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME.

REPORTS

>1. Gila Crossing Community School Bus Replacement Grant: Quarter 2 Report – Final Report

Presenter: Jim Mosley

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. Four Rivers Indian Legal Services – Quarterly Report (2Q)

Presenter: Diana Lopez-Jones

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. Blackwater Community School Tribal Education Allocation 2nd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Education Allocation 2nd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Kim Franklin

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Education Allocation 2nd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Jim Mosely

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Saint Peter Indian Mission School Tribal Education Allocation 2nd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Sister Martha Carpenter

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Education Allocation 2nd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Wanda Burton

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Education Allocation 2nd Quarter Report For School Year 2019-2020

Presenter: Steve Babcock

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA
RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Approving The Firm Electric Service Contract With The Western Area Power Administration (Contract No. 17-SLC-0815) And Designating The Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority As The Entity Responsible For Management Of The Community's Colorado River Storage Project Power Allocation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: John Lewis, Leonard Gold

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2019 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Lippes, Mathias, Wexler & Friedman, LLP (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with additional information to be included in the memo regarding funding allocation)

Presenter: Javier Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving Disbursement Of Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund Monies For Specified Purposes (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy, Jason Hauter

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing And Establishing The COVID-19 Business Interruption Grant Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Jason Hauter, Office of the General Counsel

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Community Court To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Justice, Office Of Justice Programs, Bureau Of Justice Assistance For The FY 2020 Adult Drug Court And Veterans Treatment Courts Discretionary Grant Program, FY2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with the redline version to be removed and placement on the consent agenda; LSC concurs)

Presenter: Joanne Perry

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving The Revised Gila River Indian Community Development Proposal Review Process And Rescinding Resolution GR-72-12 And Resolution GR-170-12 (G&MSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; NRSC, CRSC and EDSC concur)

Presenter: Elizabeth Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Director Appointment (1)

Presenter: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT AND CONFIRM MR. RICHARD NARCIA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Farms Board of Directors Declaration of Vacancy – (2) Seats (G&MSC forwards to Council un-

der New Business to declare the vacancies)

Presenters: Gila River Farms Board of Directors
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE VACANCIES

MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR APPOINTMENT AT THE JUNE 3, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

>2. Gaming Internal Audit 2nd Quarter Report Fiscal Year 2020 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business with recommendation to accept and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Treasurer Robert Keller
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Certification of the Gila River Indian Community 2020 Community Council Election Results for Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and the Special Chief Judge Election (LSC forwards to Community Council to certify the election results for:) District 1-Joey Whitman; District 3-Rodney Jackson; District 4-Jennifer Allison, Regina Antone-Smith; District 5-Marlin Dixon, James De La Rosa; District 6-Terrance B. Evans; Chief Judge-Joseph Manuel

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY JOEY WHITMAN

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY RODNEY JACKSON

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY JENNIFER ALLISON AND REGINA ANTONE-SMITH

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY MARLIN DIXON AND JAMES DE LA ROSA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY TERRANCE B. EVANS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY FOR CHIEF JUDGE JOSEPH MANUEL

MINUTES

1. March 17, 2020 (Special)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY TO APPROVE

2. April 15, 2020 (Regular)

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY TO APPROVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ G&MSC MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020, 9AM

~WASHINGTON VISITORS TO TOUR GRIC FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2020

~GRGE TO DISPOSITION 2 BUSES TO GRIC PROPERTY & SUPPLY

~NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020, 9AM

~GRGE OPENING UPDATE REQUESTED

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:17 A.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

> Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA
COURT DATE NOTICE

In Re Case: Shaneen Lea Lewis vs. Mark Pablo Flores
Docket Number: FM-2019-0103-PT

This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

Answer/Response Hearing
Westend Judicial Center,
4751 West Pecos Road,
Laveen, AZ 85339

13th day of July, 2020 at 9:00 AM
in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Janice F. Breckenridge

GRIC swears-in Community Council representatives and Chief Judge

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The seven winners of the May 5 Community Council election and the winner of the Chief Judge Special Election took the oath of office at a swearing-in ceremony during the first regular monthly meeting of the Community Council on Wednesday, June 3 at the Community Council Chambers in Sacaton. Judge Kami Hart presided over the ceremony.

Community Council certified the results on May

20 for the council candidates and Chief Judge. Returning are Joey Whitman, District 1, Rodney Jackson, District 3, Jennifer Allison District 4, Marlin Dixon, District 5 and Terrance B. Evans, District 6. Regina Antone-Smith, District 4, and James De La Rosa, District 5 are starting their first terms.

Joseph Manuel Sr. was also sworn in after his victory in a special election for Chief Judge of the Gila River Indian Community.



Joey Whitman, District 1. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Rodney Jackson, District 3. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Jennifer Allison, District 4. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Regina Antone-Smith, District 4. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Marlin Dixon, District 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN



James De La Rosa, District 5. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Terrance B. Evans, District 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Joseph Manuel Sr., Chief Judge. Kyle Knox/GRIN



25 under 25 winners present at Council

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Two winners of UNITY's "25 Under 25 Award" for 2020, presented to the Gila River Indian Community Council on Wed., June 3. Trina Hart, Tribal Education Departments K-12 Manager, introduced Bianca Hernandez and Yasmine Quiroz who presented the projects they completed as part of the application process for the award.

Hernandez's project was aimed at increasing financial literacy to GRIC youth in the areas of budgets, credit scores, savings/retirement, credit cards, and loans.

Quiroz's project was a proposed a 5-year plan to complete a SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis in all of their current agriculture sites, organizational structure, and

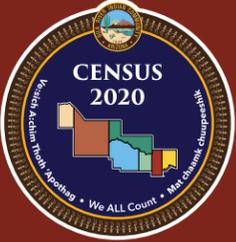


Bianca Hernandez and Yasmine Quiroz at the Governance Center on June 3. Kyle Knox/GRIN

management would task at Gila River Farms.

Upon closing the presentation, council representatives commended both on their academic accomplish-

ments and goals, and both were encouraged to continue on their paths and return to work for the Community in the future.



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

WE ALL COUNT



The U.S. Census has begun!

Workers will be dropping questionnaires at your home starting in June.

What is the census?

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country.

Why is the Census important?

By responding, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians. The census determines how billions of dollars are distributed each year for programs and grants.

Who should complete the census questionnaire?

One person in the home should complete the questionnaire. Be sure to count every person living in your home, including relatives, newborns, children, and non-relatives.

How do I fill out the race question?

Person 1 on the questionnaire should be the Gila River Indian Community member, everyone in the household who identifies as Gila River Pima or Maricopa should answer

“GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY”

to the Race question on the Census form.

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

White - Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanes, 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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How to Respond.



Mail - Completed questionnaire can be returned using the self addressed envelope.



Online - <https://2020census.gov>



Phone- (844) 330-2020

**Online and phone responses require the 12 digit code located on your questionnaire*

Is assistance available to help complete the questionnaire?

- Find assistance at 2020census.gov or by calling the toll-free number: 800-923-8282.
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