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2025 First Quarter



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Achieving 100% Fiber Conversion in the Gila River Indian Community

Across all seven districts of the Gila River Indian Community, a technological advancement is underway. With miles of fiber-optic cables installed, we are transforming connectivity, bringing state-of-the-art internet access to our homes. This initiative ensures every resident benefits from the superior speed and reliability of fiber-optic technology.

Fiber to the Home (FTTH) offers unparalleled internet performance, with lightning-fast speeds, seamless streaming, and improved device connectivity. This upgrade future-proofs our community, keeping us ahead in

the digital age.

We aim for 100% fiber conversion across our community and need your help. Upgrading to fiber will significantly improve your internet at no cost. We would like to ensure all residents can enjoy cutting-edge technology.

To upgrade, contact our customer service at (520) 796-3333 for assistance. Enhance your internet experience and be part of a more connected, technologically advanced community. Visit our site for fiber progress maps: <https://gilarivertel.com/fiber/maps>

GRTI Closure Notice

May 26 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day
September 1 - Labor Day

District Days - Sacaton

10:00AM - 2:00PM
April 2 | May 7 | June 4

District Days - Komatke

10:00AM - 2:00PM
April 3 | May 8 | June 5

Monthly Bill Due Date

April 15 | May 15 | June 16

GRTI Disconnect Day

Occurs if you have not paid your previous bill.

April 10 | May 13 | June 10

Digital Connect Recommended for Award of Nearly \$2 Million in Federal Funding to Increase Digital Skills in the Gila River Indian Community

Grant Grows Existing Digital Navigator Programs Through Partnership with the National Digital Inclusion Alliance

Gila River Indian Community – Digital Connect® (aka DCI) is proud to announce it has been recommended for \$1.4 million in federal funds to expand its digital skills programs in the Gila River Indian Community. Grant funds will be expended over 5 years to help grow DCI's existing Digital Navigator program through its partnership with the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA). The award is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) through the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program.

Digital Connect is one of 13 organizations included in the National Digital Inclusion Alliance's (NDIA) Digital Navigator+ (DN+) proposal, which was recommended for a \$25.7M award (total) to expand and sustain digital navigator programs nationwide. As one of NDIA's subgrantees, Digital Connect will use the funding to scale our existing Digital Navigator program, allowing us to serve a projected 1,755 additional members of our community. In addition to the financial award, DCI will receive technical assistance and robust professional development.

"We are honored to be part of this coalition and grateful to receive support for our Digital Navigator program," said Mikhail Sundust, DCI Executive Director. "The funding will play a crucial role in bridging the digital divide and expanding access to digital skills training in our community."

DCI's project will focus on technology education for workforce development and improving access to telehealth resources. The funding will allow DCI to expand its current Digital Navigator program by hiring additional staff. Project activities include increasing individualized support for Community members and residents to access affordable connectivity, devices, and digital skills development; training and professional development for Digital Navigators; digital device distribution; the development of a sustainability

action plan; and evaluation strategies for program effectiveness. DCI aims to ensure that our Community members and residents have the necessary resources and training to fully participate in the digital economy.

Additionally, NDIA's Digital Navigator+ Program will provide participating organizations with resources for professional development, device distribution, and tailored community services. The program's sustainability plans ensure that these initiatives will continue to benefit Gila River long after the grant period.

"This is an incredible moment for the United States – strengthening our global competitiveness by investing in the digital readiness of our people," said Angela Siefer, NDIA Executive Director. "Digital Connect, along with the other 12 Digital Navigator+ Sites are trusted institutions and experts at increasing reliable access to the internet and devices while providing digital skills training and support. NDIA is honored to partner with them."

For more information on how Digital Connect is addressing the digital divide, please visit www.digitalconnect.org. To learn more about NDIA and the Digital Navigator+ Program, visit www.digitalinclusion.org.



Tyler Smith, Digital navigator assists a community member.

Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. celebrates Coolidge Cotton Days

Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (GRTI), along with its affiliates Alluvion Communications and Native Technology Solutions, proudly took part in this year's annual parade in Coolidge, AZ! Our Marketing Truck made its way through the lively streets, showcasing all GRTI-affiliated companies while our enthusiastic team greeted the community with warm smiles, friendly waves, and, of course, plenty of candy.

Bringing the Celebration to Your Screens

Adding to the excitement, Gila River Broadcasting Corporation (GRBC) was on-site to capture and stream the parade live on Facebook. This initiative ensured that those unable to attend in person could still be part of the festivities and enjoy the celebration from anywhere.

A special shoutout to Keenan Soke and Victoria Quintero for their fantastic work as event hosts during the live stream! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us.

We loved seeing our community come together for this fun and memorable event!

Top left photo: Gila River Broadcasting streaming the parade.



Top right photo: Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. marketing truck driving parade route.
Bottom photo: Alluvion staff hand out candy to parade spectators.



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Safe Online Shopping: Cybersecurity Tips for Seniors

Online shopping makes life more convenient, but our community elders should take extra care to stay safe from scams and cyber threats. Here are a few simple steps to protect yourself.

Always shop from trusted websites—look for “https” in the address bar and avoid unfamiliar sites with deals that seem too good to be true. Be cautious of emails or pop-up ads asking for personal or financial information.

Scammers often try to trick people into clicking on fake links.

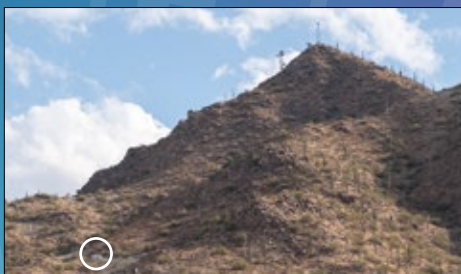
Use strong passwords and, if possible, enable extra security features like text message confirmations when logging in. If you’re unsure about a website, ask a trusted family member or friend for help. When making purchases, use a credit card rather than a debit card for better fraud protection.

Lastly, check your bank statements regularly for any suspicious charges. By following these simple steps, our community elders can enjoy safe and secure online shopping.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP WITH GRBC?



In mid-January, GRBC engineers installed two brand-new GatesAir transmitters for channel 29.1 at



The GRBC truck making the climb to the top of Sacaton Peak.

our sites atop Sacaton Peak and in Maricopa Village. This project replaced two of our original transmitters that were failing due to advanced age. The new transmitters are not only much more powerful than

what they replaced, but also more energy-efficient and longer-lasting. GRBC's broadcast is much more reliable with a clearer picture for most viewers. We also have an expanded coverage area now that we are also broadcasting from South Mountain, in addition to Sacaton Peak, and Laveen.



The new transmitter mounted in the hutch atop Sacaton Peak.

GRBC viewers who still receive our signal do not need to take any action. If you or someone you know has not received GRBC before, try re-scanning your television set. If you still cannot receive GRBC on channels 29.1 or

19.1—or if you were able to receive GRBC before, but are no longer able—e-mail us at info@grbc.tv and we will be happy to assist.



Jared Harris & Paul Redfield, the staff responsible for the install of the new transmitters.

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