



NATIONAL EMERGENCY

COVID-19 PANDEMIC U.S. Supreme Court Halts 2020 Census

Communications & Public Affairs Department Gila River Indian Community

Sacaton, AZ - On Oct. 13, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision to stay the federal district injunction in Wilbur Ross v. National Urban League, essentially allowing the Department of Commerce to end census counting operations at any time. The decision was issued late today and there is no word yet as to when the Commerce Department will act to stop

counting.

The Supreme Court's decision was issued without explanation or an indication of the vote to grant, but there must have been at least five Justices in favor of the decision. Justice Sonia Sotomayor issued a very strong dissent that indicated her clear understanding of the issues at play in this case.

The Gila River Indian Community intervened in this case because at the time of the Department of Commerce

decision to end counting, the Community was less than 50% counted. Based on Census data from yesterday, the Community remains undercounted. It is not yet clear when the Census Bureau will cease counting operations on the Community's Reservation, but if they do not continue counting for at least several more days, it is almost impossible that the count on the Community's Reservation will meet the target of 99% counted that is the benchmark for a successful Census count.

"Today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court is a bitter pill for us to swallow here on the Reservation," said Governor Stephen Roe Lewis. He continued, "With no explanation or rationale, a majority simply decided that our people do not

deserve to be counted, thus continuing a long history of leaving Indian peoples at the margins of the U.S. society at large and economy. Our options may be few at this point, but we will not give up our fight to count and be counted."

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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis

GRIC Members Stress Importance of Voting

Christopher Lomahquahu Gila River Indian News

Tribal members share their reasons for voting in tribal and national elections at registration event. Gila River Indian Community members came out in force to register for tribal and national elections at the Sacaton Post Office parking lot on Oct. 1.

Members from the Communications & Public Affairs Office, Tribal Elections Office and Pinal County Elections office were present to help Community members register to vote in the GRIC elections and Arizona Primary and Presidential elections.

Individuals had an opportunity to register at the Pinal County election mobile vehicle and tribal elections office in order to make sure, their vote counts on election day Nov. 3. There, they received a t-shirt and cup, along with other free swag for taking the time to come out and register to vote.

Many of the Community members, who came out to the mobile registration event shared their thoughts on why voting is

important to them. To first time voters and to those having voted in past elections, the understanding that stood-out among them all, was getting the Native voice out.

"I'm already registered to vote, [she] turned 18 in May and it's important for her to vote, it counts for everything and makes a big difference," Burrito Lewis, who brought her daughter along to register.

"I know what's going-on and it is nice that I am able to put my input in through voting, and help in my own way," said Sadie Brown, Lewis's daughter. She encourages others to vote, even for those who have not thought to registering yet, to consider it in these upcoming elections.

"I think it is pretty important to make a difference, just like the census every 10 years, voting can mean a lot in [these] situations," said Nick Antone, who came out to confirm his eligibility to vote in the elections.

One Community member was concerned about the state of the Presidency and how it has handled tribal members, including COVID-19. "I think we need to vote-in someone that



Sadie Brown and her mother Burrito Lewis, came out to the mobile voter registration outreach event at the Sacaton Post Office on Oct. 1. Photo Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

is going to do something for [us] and for everybody," said Annette Lewis.

Lewis said the presidents handling of the health crisis has made her think about how important it is to get out the vote, because she and her husband both are immune compromised.

She added, that she encourages her family to vote, including her grandkids, who can also make a difference in these upcoming elections.

Others stated how the power of voting is a major factor in the political system, that leads to big outcomes. "We know voting

determines the outcome of who leads the country, but now we are seeing how politics influence things such as the pandemic that's going-on, that shows how much the power of a vote means to everyone in these times," said Lew Ray.

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Community members came out to the mobile voter registration site in Sacaton to register for the upcoming state primary and tribal elections on Oct. 1. Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN



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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY GUIDELINES

Communications & Public Affairs Office Gila River Indian Community

(Sacaton, Arizona) – Taking into account the importance of our Gila River Indian Community (the “Community”) strong family holiday traditions and the effect of our strict COVID-19 public health measures on the mental health and well-being of all Community residents, and especially our children, while balancing the importance of continued vigilance against further spikes in new COVID-19 infections, and after consulting with the Community’s COVID-19 Task Force and carefully considering the recommendations of our Tribal Health Department, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community have determined and hereby declare:

- That I approve the following recommendation of the Community Tribal Health Department setting forth certain Halloween holiday activities that may take place solely and exclusively for the period from October 31-November 1 (inclusive);

- That, pursuant to the authority and requirement set forth in the Fourteenth Clause of my Comprehensive COVID-19 Executive Order, the following activities are exempt from the requirement that all residents remain at their place of residence on the Reservation solely during the period from October 31-November 1, inclusive, provided they remain subject to the mask requirement, the limitation on number of people in a gathering or group (no more than 10), and to the social distancing requirement:

- With people you live with, doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors admiring Halloween decorations;

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are prepared by a group of families and these goodie bags are: (i) lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard); (ii) delivered to the end of your driveway by chute or zip line for children to retrieve at a safe social distance; or, (iii) dropped off for

children at their homes. If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the goodie bag.

- I am explicitly confirming that door-to-door trick or treating, except in the limited circumstances described above is prohibited, as are any District-sponsored Halloween gatherings or parties that would bring together more than ten (10) people.

The attached Guidance in the form of “Frequently Asked Questions” provides more information about specific Halloween Holiday activities in which families may engage to celebrate this holiday with their children and families.

Frequently Asked Questions

On October 9, 2020, Governor Lewis approved Halloween Holiday Guideline recommendations prepared by the Tribal Health Department, in consultation and coordination with the Community’s COVID-19 Task Force. These Halloween Holiday Guidelines indicate that many of the traditional activities associated with the Halloween Holiday still are too risky to allow for this year’s holiday, but that certain low-risk activities pose an acceptable level of risk. This Q & A documents describes some of prohibited and allowed activities for you to have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Will my kids be able to do the normal Trick or Treat? Unfortunately, no, kids will not be able to do the normal Trick or Treat this year. Tribal Health and the Task Force have confirmed that the risk is just too great. Most tribes and other localities have come to this same conclusion. While the normal Trick or Treat of going door to door is prohibited, certain forms of “one-way” Trick or Treating have been determined to be relatively low risk and are allowed. One-way trick or treating would include any one of the following ways of “contact-less” trick or treating:

- One-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are prepared by a group of families and these goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)

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If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the goodie bag.

Can we have a Halloween get together? Yes, but only if you limit the gathering to people who live in the same house or a virtual party.

Will the Districts be able to sponsor Halloween parties for our kids? Unfortunately, no, the Tribal Health Department and the COVID-19 Task Force have determined that the risk of infection still remain too high for us to allow for groups of more than 10 individuals to get together. As a result, we cannot allow any District to sponsor any kind of Halloween activity that would bring together more than 10 people at one time.

Can we decorate our houses, including carving pumpkins? Yes, and we encourage you to do so! It is important for our entire Community to find new ways to celebrate together, while still protecting each other and ourselves. Decorating your house in the Halloween spirit would be a great way for us to show our Community pride and commitment. It would also allow kids an opportunity to take walks with their parents on October 31 and November 1 to visit and view your decorations so that the kids in particular can still have a way to enjoy this happy holiday.

Can our kids leave our house for any Halloween activity? Yes, on October 31 and November 1 only, your kids can leave your house for a limited number of activities, but only if they, and you, wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and do not gather in a group of larger than 10 people. The limited activities are as follows:

- With people you live with doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to

look for while they walk outdoors admiring Halloween decorations at a distance, with masks, socially distanced, and in groups of less than 10.

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are prepared by a group of families and these goodie bags are: (i) lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard); (ii) delivered to the end of your driveway by chute or zip line for children to retrieve at a safe social distance; or, (iii) dropped off for children at their homes. (If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the goodie bag.)

Can we have a Halloween costume contest? Yes, but you can’t do this in a group or gathering. We recommend you do this virtually, on Zoom or Face-time.

Can we visit other homes in our neighborhoods? No, you cannot visit other homes for Trick or Treating or for any other Halloween activity. You can walk past the homes in your neighborhood on October 31 and November 1 to have your kids view the Halloween decorations, and you can walk past other homes to pick up candy treats in “one-way”, contact-less trick or treating.

Can we drop off candy in goodie bags for kids at other homes? Yes, but you cannot bring these goodie bags to the door, you should leave them at the end of a driveway or edge of a parcel. You cannot drop off goodie bags by visiting other homes.

Can we do a Halloween scavenger hunt? Yes, but with your household members (people you live with) only in groups of less than ten (10), with masks and socially distanced.

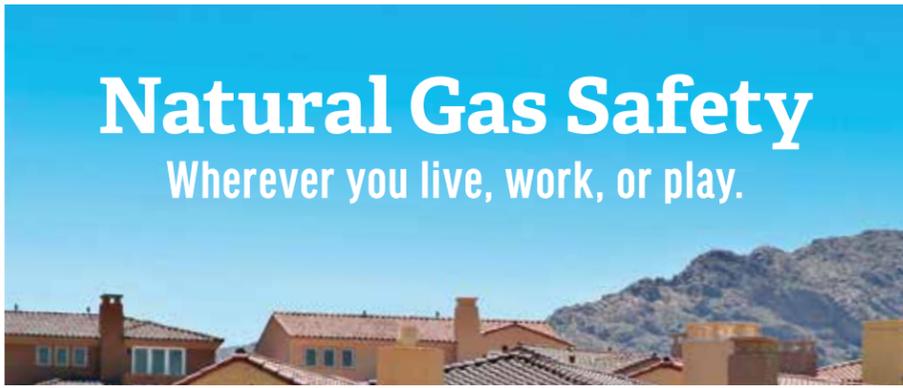
What is “one-way” Trick or Treat? One-way Trick or Treating is “contact-less” Trick or Treating. This means that your kids can gather up goodie bags from other homes, or have them dropped off by others, only on October 31 and November 1, but the candy cannot be handed out person to person in any way.

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The name for this month translates to “The Cold Moon.” This is the time of year that certain birds pass through our community heading south for the winter. Some northern birds stay with us during the winter months. Two Raptors are Vakav ‘Northern Harrier’ and Hauk Shalivkam ‘Cooper’s Hawk.’ Vakav’s other O’otham name is S-he:pith Wa’otham ‘Bringer of the Cold.’ Vakav can be observed flying low over open fields and desert. When hunting, they will emit a whistle-like shriek, to scare game from hiding. They are easily identified by the white patch on their backside. Another wintering Raptor is Hauk Shalivkam ‘Cooper’s Hawk.’ Hauk Shalivkam feeds mostly on other small birds and can be observed catching birds in flight. Hauk Shalivkam are easily identified by their ‘leather chaps.’

There are four Song Birds that spend their winters on our community

and their presence are not hard to miss. Thamthal ‘White-crowned Sparrow’ are easily recognized by their black and white stripes on their heads. The adults sing an easily identifiable call early in the mornings and late evenings. They flock in groups and can be observed hopping along the ground foraging for seeds. If there is open water nearby, they can be observed taking their morning baths, even in cold weather. Another Song Bird is Sua:m Omkam ‘Yellow-rumped Warbler’ and the name refers to the bright yellow patch on its backside. Sua:m Omkam gathers in small flocks and feeds on small insects and seeds. They can be observed flitting about on trees and brush. Their song consists of a quick series short of chirps that are easily recognized. They too, like to take their early morning baths, sometimes with other species of birds. Sua:m Omkam are constantly in motion throughout the day. One Song Bird that

is easily identified by its call is Gikuchk’tam ‘Black Phoebe’ and the name means ‘the whistler.’ Gikuchk’tam are solitary feeders taking insects in flight or darting out from perches. Their loud two-part series of whistles are easily identified in the early mornings and late evenings. The final Song Bird we will feature in this article is S-veg Vonomman ‘Ruby-crowned Kinglet.’ The O’otham name means ‘wears a red hat’ and refers to its red crown that is raised when the bird gets excited. Their song consists of a quick chatter followed by two-part chirps. These small olive and grayish birds can be observed foraging in small flocks.

We encourage you to get out and enjoy the outdoors as cooler weather arrives. You can attract different species of birds into your yards by several actions. One way is to set up an outdoor Hummingbird feeder next to a widow in a quiet area. Another

way is to hang a bird feeder somewhere in your yard and fill it with bird seed. Finally, a bird bath is the best way to attract wintering birds for their daily baths. We encourage you to speak O’otham in your everyday lives. Speak with an Elder or Speaker and see how they would say the bird names in O’otham. Some bird names might be

slightly different between villages. This month’s word match will test your identification knowledge of the wintering birds on our community.

A special Thank You to Vah-ki Elders for sharing their knowledge of O’otham Neok in naming a few of the wintering birds. Other information about bird identification, behavior

and coloration are related from *Wings in the Desert: A Folk Ornithology of the Northern Pimans*, University of Arizona Press, 2007; *Winter Birds of the Gila River Indian Community- Department of Environmental Quality-GRIC, NAU, Merriam-Powell Center for Environmental Research, 2018.*

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Why vote for the next president?

**Submitted on behalf of
Burdette Morago**

The following was originally in 1992 and reprinted here for GRIN readers.

In 1928 two Pima Indian men traveled from Sacaton to Florence, Arizona (The county seat of Pinal County) to register to vote in the upcoming general election. That was the year that Herbert Hoover defeated his Democratic opponent by the name of Alfred Smith. Shortly after the election the Great Depression began.

These Pima men, Peter H. Porter and Rudolph Johnson, were refused by the County Recorder, the right to enter their names on the Pinal County precinct voting register. Mr. Porter and Mr. Johnson then petitioned the Supreme Court of Arizona for a writ of mandamus to direct the Pinal County Recorder to enter their names on the County voting register.

The Arizona Supreme Court on November 2, 1928 ruled 2 to 1 that Mr. Peter H. Porter and Mr. Rudolph Johnson were not entitled to vote in the State of Arizona election because as Reservation Indians, they were persons under the guardianship of the United States Government thus making them 'different' and not residents of the State of Arizona. The fact that Indians in the United States were declared by Act of Congress of June 2, 1924 to be citizens of the United States did not appear to be of major significance.

It was not until 1948, two decades later, that Mr. Porter and Mr. Johnson would finally be allowed to cast their ballots as legal and registered voters in a State of Arizona election. It came about this way – Mr. Frank Harrison and Mr. Harry Austin, both members of the Ft. McDowell Mohave-Apache Indian Tribe went to Scottsdale in Maricopa County, Arizona to register

to vote in the General Election. In this 1948 Election Hany Truman won over Republican Thomas Dewey. The Maricopa County Recorder refused Mr. Harrison and Mr. Austin permission to register to vote just as Mr. Porter and Mr. Johnson were refused twenty years before in 1928. The Ft. McDowell men brought suit in Superior Court of Arizona and lost the suit because of the ruling against Mr. Porter and Mr. Johnson in 1928.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Austin then appealed to the Supreme Court of Arizona which then proceeded to rule in favor of the Ft. McDowell Tribal members by over ruling the 1928 judgement against the two Pimas, Peter H. Porter and Rudolph Johnson. These gentlemen as well as all Arizona Indians who qualified could then legally vote in State of Arizona elections.

Suffrage (the right to vote) had finally been granted in July, 1948. Indians throughout the Country are now being besieged by those politicians seeking support in State, local, and National races in this presidential election year. More of our community members cast their votes in last September's primary election than at any other time in the History of the Gila River Indian Community. The results of the struggles of Mr. Porter, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Austin are paying off.

In the Harrison case it was stated that, "In a Democracy suffrage (the right to vote) is the most basic civil right since its exercise is the chief means whereby other rights may be safeguarded. To deny the right to vote where one is legally entitled to do so, is to do violence to the principles of Freedom and Equality."

Many of our Indian

brothers and sisters have paid and continue to pay the bill for our 'freedom and equality' ticket. In World War I, Indians were not required to serve in the armed forces. As we all know many Native Americans quickly responded to the call to arms and served valorously. Most Americans recognize the first casualty of World War I to be Mr. Matthew B. Juan, a Pima from Santan.

In those conflicts that followed, namely World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the action in the Persian Gulf: both Indian men and women continued to distinguish themselves on the battlefields and in support positions. Even our ladies pitched in on the home front by working in Defense industries and "Keeping the Home Fires Burning."

The right to vote, registering to vote and voting are small gestures compared to the enormous

sacrifices made by members of our Community for this country to ensure that we do not lose that right. If for no other reason, honoring the memory of those who mad those sacrifices by involving yourself in this Country's political process seems a meager token of your appreciation. So - REGISTER TO VOTE! THEN VOTE! THERE'S STILL TIME.

As for the question "Why vote for the next President?" If you don't know by now then, just maybe, you ought to re-read this article.

Native Coffee Co. Celebrates Native Identity and O’otham Roots



Brittany Martinez Chaves serves a walk-up customer an “El Gallo”, horchata cold brew coffee. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

If you’re like most adults, a cup of coffee at some point during the day is just one part of your daily routine. If you’re one that likes to order your coffee, you will be interested to learn that this year a new coffee shop, or trailer as it were, popped up.

This particular coffee company has ties to the Community, is rooted in celebrating their Native heritage, and adds to the growing Native-owned businesses in the valley.

That coffee company is Native Coffee Co., owned by husband and

wife Brittany Martinez Chavez and Raul Chavez. Both are responsible for serving up exceptionally flavored coffees, tea’s, and agua fresca (juices) daily. Their blue coffee trailer is a hallmark of their brand, along with their top-notch customer service and distinct menu.

Brittany is part O’otham from her mother’s side and grew up outside of the Community all of her life. Some of her mother’s family resides in District 3, Sacaton. Chavez said she has, “Fond memories of visiting family in the Gila River Indian Community as a child”. Though she is not an enrolled member,

Brittany has maintained pride and recognition of her identity and her O’otham roots.

Native Coffee Co.’s beginnings weren’t easy; as Brittany put it, “Starting a business is not for the lazy.” The journey started in 2018, and spanned a year until finally redesigning their trailer to code and obtaining business permits.

One thing no business owner, especially a new one, would’ve ever expected was the oncoming COVID-19 Pandemic. For Native Coffee Co., the year-long journey to brew coffee and serve customer number one started at the onset of the Pandemic in May of this year.

While being self-employed is rewarding and finding success during a pandemic is another accomplishment. Brittany said that she enjoys their Native American clientele. And she’s especially gratified when she can serve patrons who come from the Community.

“The Community comes out, and it’s amazing to see that they’re coming



Native Coffee Co.’s owners Raul Chavez (left) and Brittany Martinez Chavez (right) outside of the trailer. Kyle Knox/GRIN

all the way out here to buy from me, and it’s their support that keeps me humble,” said Chavez of the growing patronage of Community members.

Despite the hurdles they faced together, Brittany and husband Raul worked to secure a consistent location suitable for the trailer, traffic, and without a coffee shop in sight. Eventually, they landed in Tolleson just west of Phoenix and north of the Community’s

“West End” District 6 and 7. Here they’ve established a consistent presence and created steady clientele eager for their coffee fix every morning beginning 6 a.m. when they open.

So if you find yourself on the West End or in the West Valley with a craving for coffee Native Coffee Co. would be happy to serve you.

And if you wonder what to order, their most popular items are the “BB

King,” which is a churro macchiato, followed by “El Nayo Güero,” a white chocolate mocha, and lastly “El Nayo” which is their Mexican Mocha.

You can learn more about Native Coffee Co. and their weekly schedule by visiting their website at nativecoffeeaz.com. And you can also find them on Facebook and Twitter by searching [nativecoffeeaz](https://www.facebook.com/nativecoffeeaz) or on Instagram at [nativecoffeeaz](https://www.instagram.com/nativecoffeeaz).

IN THE COURT OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNTIES OF PINAL AND MARICOPA IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA COURT DATE NOTICE ANGELA CHERYL LEOS, Petitioner, vs. MELINDA GRACE LEOS

and ROBERT DALE LEWIS, Respondents. In Re Case: JAXON DINE LEOS, Case No.: FM-2020-000018-PT THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS that the parties appear in Court on OCTOBER 12, 2020 at 11 :30 AM in the Sac-

aton Court. The Court will calculate a permanent child support. THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS the Petitioner to publish notice of the October 12, 2020 hearing in the Gila River Indian News.

Save the Date!

Save the Date!
Call-In/Online Public Meeting
November 18, 2020 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.
I-10 | State Route Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) to State Route 387
How to Participate
You are invited to participate in the live, call-in/online public meeting to learn about the study and provide feedback on the alternatives being evaluated. There are three ways to participate in the event by phone or online:
1. REGISTER TO RECEIVE A CALL: Visit vekeo.com/i10wildhorsepass before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 to receive a call at the time of the event inviting you to join.
2. ONLINE: Visit the study website at www.i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com a few minutes prior to 5:30 p.m. and click on the meeting link to listen and watch the presentation.
3. CALL-IN: Call 833.380.0669 at the time of the event to listen to the meeting and provide comments.
Verbal comments may be submitted by phone or online via the website during the meeting.
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Can’t make it to the meeting? The live event will be recorded and posted on the study website shortly after the meeting. Comments provided by December 4, 2020 will be included in the study record. Visit www.i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com to learn more about the alternatives and provide comments via our interactive online map of the I-10

alternatives and crossroad options. Exhibits, maps and evaluation criteria results for the alternatives and options will be available on the study website by October 21, 2020. In addition, you may submit comments in one of the following ways during the public comment period between October 21 and December 4, 2020.
• Email: i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com
• Phone: Call the bilingual study line at 602-522-7777
• Online: Visit the website at www.i10wildhorsepasscorridor.com
• Mail: I-10 Wild Horse Pass Corridor Study Team c/o HDR, Inc., 20 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 2500 Phoenix, AZ 85012
Don’t Have Internet Access? Please contact the study team at 602-522-7777 or i10wildhorsepasscorridor@hdrinc.com no later than November 10, 2020.
The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in cooperation with the Gila River Indian Community, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal Highway Administration and the Maricopa Association of Governments, is conducting an environmental study under the National Environmental Policy Act and engineering study to evaluate improvements to I-10 between Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) and State Route 387. This study will evaluate and assess the benefits and impacts of a range of feasible alternatives, including a no build alternative. It will also identify mitigations to offset potential impacts. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other nondiscrimination laws and authorities, ADOT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact Daina Mann at 855.712.8530 or dmann@azdot.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the State has an opportunity to address the accommodation.
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Customer arrives for an afternoon delight at the Native Coffee Co. trailer located on 93rd Ave and Van Buren in Tolleson, Ariz. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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FOR GOVERNOR

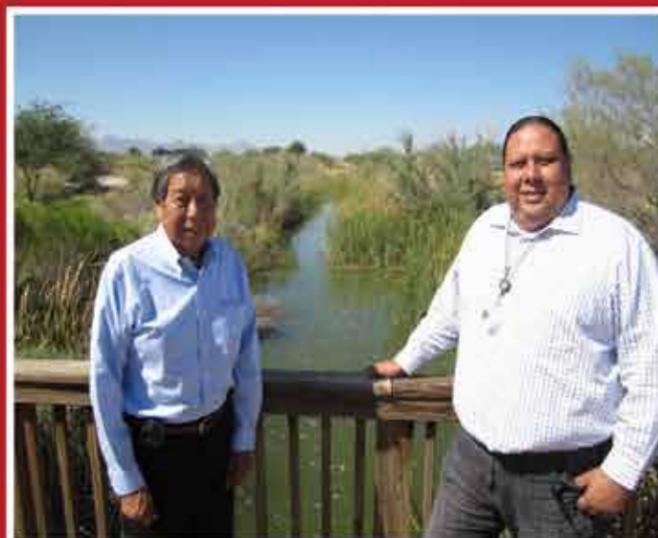
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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Polling Sites Are Open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Election Day!

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR



I am Stephen Roe Lewis and I was raised in Sacaton by my parents Rodney (baht) and Willardene Lewis. My paternal grandparents are Roe (baht) and Sallie (baht) Lewis of Lower Santan and maternal grandparents Willard (baht) and Catherine (baht) Pratt of Sacaton. I have a son Daniel who is 21 years old. I have been honored to serve our Community as Lieutenant Governor and now Governor. I am proud of the accomplishments my Administration has made working with elected leaders, Districts, and Community members.

Stephen Roe Lewis



Shamai Masma, My name is Robert Stone, and I was raised in Sweetwater, District 5. My parents were the late Thamer Patricia Enos Stone and the late Leonard Porter Stone. My maternal grandparents were the late Blanche Norris Enos and the late Alonzo Enos, and my paternal grandparents were the late Clara Pablo Stone and the late Benjamin Stone. I am respectfully asking for your vote for the position of Governor for the Gila River Indian Community.

Robert Stone

CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR



Carolyn K. Thompson is from Sacaton, Arizona, a place her family has called home for generations. Carolyn's father is Gary W. Thompson (baht) and her mother is Evangeline Thompson (baht). Carolyn's paternal grandfather is Nathan (Micky) Thompson Jr. (baht) from Stotonic and her paternal grandmother is Edith (Tootie) Morago (baht) from Sacaton. Carolyn's maternal grandfather is Lee Cook (baht) and maternal grandmother is Effie Cook (baht). Carolyn is married and has one daughter.

Carolyn Thompson



Greetings, my name is Monica Antone, District 4, my parents are Edward Allison and Lupe. My paternal grandparents are Edison Allison and Agnes Antone Allison. I am married to Victor Antone and have six children and a grandmother of fourteen. I currently serve the Gila River Indian Community with a seasoned career within Tribal Government and have for the past 21 years. I currently serve as the District Four Council representative. I serve as the Chairperson for Economic Development, member of Government and Management & Legislative standing committee.

Monica Antone

VISIT: WWW.MYGILARIVER.COM/INDEX.PHP/ANNOUNCEMENTS
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****POLLING SITE LOCATIONS AVAILABLE ON NEXT PAGE**

CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF JUDGE



My Name is JOSEPH MANUEL, I am running for Chief Judge in the General Election. My maternal grandparents the late Frank & Isabel Johnson, my paternal grandparents the late Warren & Liza Manuel, & my parents the late Herman Manuel & Lorraine Johnson were all from Sacaton. I am a full blood Pima, an Elder, & I'm in my mid-sixties. I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree, & a Master's in Business Administration. I retired from Gila River Indian Community 10 years ago, after 30 years of employment. I pride myself with 37 years of Sobriety.

Joseph Manuel

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE



Hello, my fellow community members, my name is Charles W. Aragon. I grew up and currently reside in District Six. I believe my long work experience has helped prepared me to serve as a judge. I have had the opportunity to work in community departments that have required me to learn about federal and state laws as well as tribal ordinances. One thing I learned as a Compliance Officer is there is nothing more satisfying, personally and professionally, than to help our members gain employment.

Charles Aragon



Greetings to all GRIC Community members. My name is Janice F. Breckenridge and I have resided in District 6, Gila Crossing Village for many years, and I have two daughters. I am running for the Office of Associate Judge. I would like to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the opportunity he has given me to serve our Community as an Associate Judge for the past eight and a half years and to all Community Members who have supported me.

Janice Breckenridge



My name is Anthony Hill and I am running for Associate Judge. I appreciate the support the Community has shown me over the years I have been a judge and thank you for giving me the privilege of serving this Community. I live in Co-Op Village and have spent time serving on boards and committees in the Community and through my church. I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona and law degree from Arizona State University.

Anthony J. Hill



*NO STATEMENT AVAILABLE

Sheri Cassa

GRIC POLLING SITE LOCATIONS: DON'T FORGET TO SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR YOUR MASK.

District #1 Multipurpose Building
15747 Shegoi Road

District #2 Event Center
9257 W. Sacaton Flats Road

District #3 Head Start
112 Seed Farm Road

District #4 Service Center
1510 W. Santan Road

District #5 Multipurpose Building
3558 W. Casa Blanca Road

District #6 Learning Center
5230 W. St. Johns Road

District #7 Multipurpose Facility
8035 S. 83rd Avenue



Genesis Program Provides Services During Pandemic

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

COVID-19 has allowed flexibility and creativity for many programs affected by limited in-person interactions for many of the Community's health programs. It remains the same for the Genesis Program, though they have found ingenious ways to continue their work.

Continuing from last month's issue highlighting the success of their Virtual Jump Rope Marathon, there is more to share about the program. Genesis continues to progress services, expand programming, and prep for a new building to help achieve its goals and objectives.

Genesis is funded through the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and provides many great opportunities for community education on health, healthy activities for families, womens

health and breastfeeding programs, nutrition and food workshops and much more.

While COVID-19 restrictions may have decreased in-person programming, Genesis found some benefit to going virtual. Program Manager Kyrie Dukepoo said, "We've been doing telemedicine (virtually) since June, and it has really made things easier for us where we can now provide services to clients in the hospital."

Dukepoo also mentioned how Genesis has expanded to a new clientele that neither lives within the Community or state. Many Community members now have the opportunity to utilize Genesis' services remotely via online platforms.

And in another virtual development, Genesis recently launched their own Genesis Breastfeeding app for Apple and Android

devices. The mobile app was a two-year project that launched this fall, very timely considering it minimizes the in-person contact while providing useful information to families.

Meeting the needs of their clientele, despite COVID-19 restrictions, has required Genesis staff to provide services over virtual platforms during this time. To date, Genesis continues to provide ongoing Breastfeeding 101 and Pregnancy Nutrition classes online.

Last year, many may remember the Genesis held its Bike Rally, providing children and youth bikes to promote healthy activity. If you wondered if such an event could still occur this year, you're in luck. Dukepoo shared that next month Genesis will be hosting a Virtual Bike Rally. Participants will be required to view an online safety workshop hosted by



Outside view of the new Genesis building located in District 3 Sacaton across from the GRIC Governance Center. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Officer Milano, Gila River Police Dept, to receive the bike at a later time. The distribution will be a drive-thru style for all that register and complete their virtual safety training.

Another acquisition for Genesis is their new office building, located in Sacaton, in addition to continued programming and development. Built to meet the Genesis staff and clientele's needs, it

features office space, a designated classroom for physical activity and in-person classroom education, a kitchen with commercial appliances for food demonstrations and nutrition education, and a conference room designed specifically for family programming, a room in the older Genesis Building will be redesigned for a breastfeeding room for clients.

Once COVID-19 has subsided, Genesis clientele will have plenty to look forward to. With a new building and expanded virtual services, Genesis is eager and will continue to significantly impact the Community living on and off the GRIC.

New kitchen area inside the Genesis building that will feature tables and classroom set up for in person cooking demonstrations and workshops.
Kyle Knox/GRIN



VOTE



NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Experience -22 years in Tribal Government affairs. Serve as a Council Representative and former Lt. Governor .



RESILIENT LEADER

Restructure- Decisions must not be short term,I understand the desire to shape our future and improve quality services. More importantly assert decision making power with integrity

Response-I understand the need to provide Community members with answers. Using technology, providing guidance resources and solutions.

Monica Antone for Lt. Governor

*Education-Associates Business Operations

*Bachelors of Arts in Government & Public Policy

2020

Veteran thanks VFSO for assistance with inquiry on fellow Marine

Submitted by Tony Peterson

My name is Tony Peterson. I served in the U.S. Marine Corps 02/14/1975-02/13/1979. I am retired and live in Madison, WI.

I went through boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot-San Diego. It was during boot camp that I met Alex Johnson, a Pima Nation member. Alex and I were in different platoons but did have a brief opportunity to meet during that time.

After boot camp Alex and I were both sent to Camp Pendleton for ITS (Infantry Training School) at San Onofre where we had the opportunity to get to know each other better. I would describe Alex as a quiet leader. Alex was a quiet leader who had the respect of his fellow Marines through his actions more than his



Tony Peterson (left), who served with Alex Johnson (right) during his time in the United States Marine Corps. Photo Courtesy Tony Peterson.

words. He led by example and had the respect of his peers. He was an outstanding athlete who ran the 3-mile Physical Fitness Run in under 15 minutes! I held Alex in high regard!

After ITS we went our separate ways to our next duty stations. I completed my 4-year commitment and understand that Alex served for 6 or 7 years.

Life can be quirky sometimes. As I got older (and hopefully wiser) I had

a strong desire to try and find a few of the Marines I served with. Alex was one of those people. Though I was successful in reconnecting with a handful, I had no luck in locating Alex.

Recently I reached out to your agency. Ms. Samantha Jackson, Administrative Assistant, forwarded my inquiry to Mr. Eric White, Veterans Affairs Officer. Mr. White contacted me shortly thereafter and explained



Group photo of Tony Peterson and Alex Johnson's Platoon at Camp Pendleton, San Diego California. Photo Courtesy Tony Peterson.

the role of your office and that Mr. Wesley Rhodes, Peer Support Specialist, was assigned to follow-up on my request.

Mr. Rhodes did contact me and advised that Alex had passed on. The news of Alex's passing was sad. But I am extremely thankful to Eric

White, Wesley Rhodes and Samantha Jackson for helping me in my search for Alex! Your caring and professionalism was exemplary.

Your agency and those who represent it are clearly an asset to your community. I am also thankful to the Pima Nation for supporting

your agency and its efforts to help veterans.

Thank you Veterans and Family Support Office! Your contributions in supporting veterans is very important and I will always be grateful to you for your assistance.

Best Wishes,
Tony Peterson

Bill Needs Signature of President to become Law

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A bill to give greater control to tribal communities, that has passed congress and the senate, now requires the signature of the President of the United States. The "Progress for Indian Tribes Act," is a bill meant to bolster self-governance and self-determination, is closer to becoming law.

Earlier this year, a bill was introduced by New Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland, to enforce government-to-government relations between the federal government and tribal communities. The impetus of the bill is to give more authority to tribal governments to receive and distribute funds according to their interests.

"Self-governance has been extraordinary beneficial for tribes to manage successful program with the flexibility to utilize federal funds in a way

that best fits the needs of their communities," said Haaland.

In the past, tribes would have to follow a strict process, that limited their options when seeking funding for initiatives meant to advance the well-being of the people. This allows tribes to seek funding through other agencies of the Department of Interior, then through entities like the Bureau of Indian Affairs affiliated programs.

The bill includes funding agreements for education programs, construction projects and management of natural resources, among a host of other provisions to give greater power to tribes on how they manage their communities.

"In order to meaningfully address issues important to Indian Country, we must emphasize tribal sovereignty and self-determination," said Arizona Rep. Ruben Gallego, Chairman of the Subcommittee for

Indigenous Peoples. He said the legislation is important, because it allows tribes to streamline the process and promote self-governance within tribal nations.

Included in the bill are provisions to prevent the DOI from imposing unauthorized terminology, not originally expressed in tribal compact/contract agreements, establishes clear processes and time lines for contracts and specifies construction oversight roles.

Now that the bill has passed the house of representatives, it awaits the signature of the President to pass into law. "Under the bill, tribes will be better able tailor self-governance programs to suit their needs," said Alaska Rep. Don Young, who contributed to the bill's introduction into congress.

Remembering the late Alex Johnson

Wesley Rhodes
Veterans & Family Services Office

During my time at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside CA, in the early 70's, I knew of Alex Johnson. He was involved in every sport and gave each his all. After graduating Alex enlisted in the Marine Corps out of high school. After boot camp he returned to Sherman Indian School and reunited with some of the students and coaches before being sent to Infantry Training School at Camp Pendleton

CA. It was very gratifying to be of assistance to Mr. Tony Peterson to give him some closure and the news of Alex's passing. Mr. Peterson thought highly of Alex, as he put it he was a quiet leader. The Veterans & Family Service Office is very appreciative to have the support of the Gila River Indian Community. With a great staff we are here to serve, any questions please call. Office# 520 562 3389



Alex Johnson in his football uniform at Sherman Indian School. Photo Courtesy Wesley Rhodes

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S-he:pijig Mashath: SOLUTION! Answers to matching puzzle from Page 6

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Donald R. Antone Sr.

Write-In Candidate for Governor

Name must be spelled exactly as above for your ballot to count.

Hello, my fellow Community members, I would like to ask for your support in the upcoming election. After hearing out the concerns of the Community members of all age groups, which were similar to my concerns, we all agree in preparing for our future generation. Our past leaders have set a sound foundation with some guidance for us, which we are currently benefiting from and we owe the next generation the same courtesy. In considering this I have accepted their encouragement to enter my name in the upcoming election for the office of Governor as a write-in candidate. I offer my 25 years of public service as an administrator, 12 years as your Lieutenant Governor and 6 years as your Governor. I ask for your consideration. With this background, I feel that I can offer the guidance and assistance in providing the economic security that our Community is used too.

When serving as the Lieutenant Governor, I was assigned the task of upgrading and revising our Tribal Government, with the help of U of A and others. We were able to restructure our Tribal Government to what you have today. This allowed us to move into planning for economic development, Community services and developing our resources. As, Governor in the 1980's, the contracts were reviewed and renegotiated, the contracts that were not beneficial to the Community were cancelled and new contracts were entered into.

During my second term as Governor there were two major issues that were on the table. The gaming compact and the water settlement, which became our top priority. I offered to oversee the gaming compact and allowed the Lieutenant Governor to oversee the water issues. This teamwork effort worked out well, the gaming compact was agreed upon and signed, the water negotiations continued and was settled the following term.

When my term ended in 2003, I continued to serve on several corporate boards, as well as negotiating teams and currently I still serve on three boards, with this background, I hope to provide the guidance towards a sound well balanced economic growth to ensure a stable plan for our future generation. I understand not everyone has social media and I am a person who talks and listens to people face to face but, with the pandemic it is hard to get the communication out there to everyone. I do have video's explaining the areas of my platform on social media. So, a short summary of what that entails include building on our communication of the 3 branches of Government, Economic Development planning and building Partnerships. This is a team effort and we all need each other to accomplish and build a continued strong foundation.

With this Covid-19 pandemic we all understand the importance of safety and precautions for ourselves and each other, with continued surveillance and planning our Community will remain vigilant in moving forward through this pandemic. Our Community has faced similar detriment's and somehow with the help of the almighty we have survived. I would like to wish good luck to all the candidates and encourage the Community to get out and vote on November 3, 2020, your voice is important in this election. Thank you.

Gila River Indian Community Members

ABSENTEE VOTING is now OPEN

October 13, 2020 - November 2, 2020; 5:00 p.m.

**for the
Gila River Indian Community
General Election**

**&
Special Amendments to the GRIC Constitution
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
November 3, 2020**

Your District Judge has scheduled themselves at your District Service Center for absentee voting:

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