

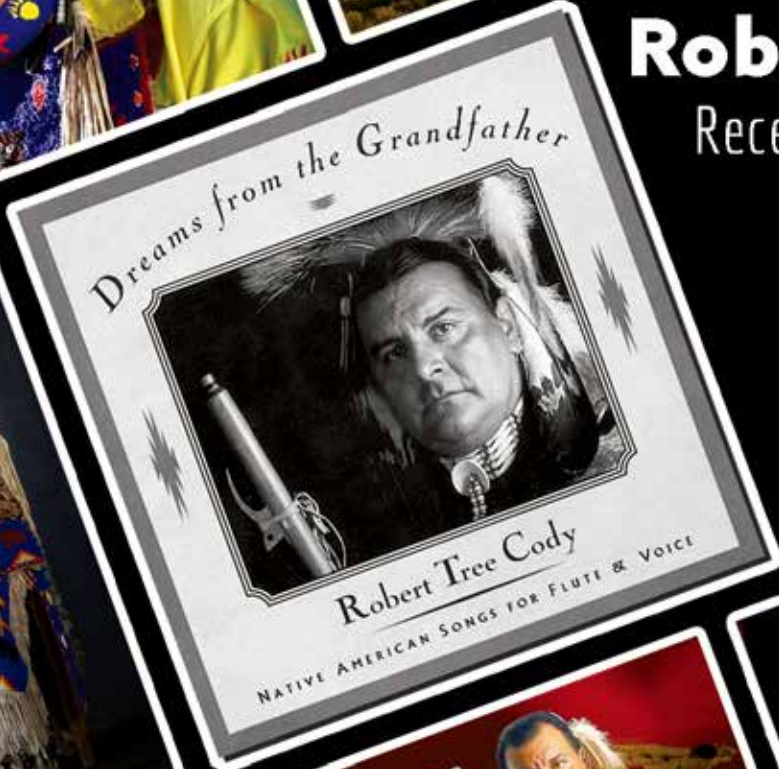


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turkeys, keeping in line with the event's theme. After the last of the walkers and runners crossed the finish line, the activities moved indoors at the WOLF, where information and activity booths were set up to greet the expo patrons. The emcee for the event was local comedian Wolf Brown, a member of the Gila River Indian Community. Among the special guests at the Journey to Wellness Expo was Nephi Craig, a trained chef from the White Mountain Apache Tribe who provided a demonstration on incorporating traditional foods into contemporary cooking. He showed how to make an Apache

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Community Garden Acquires New Land Parcel and Equipment



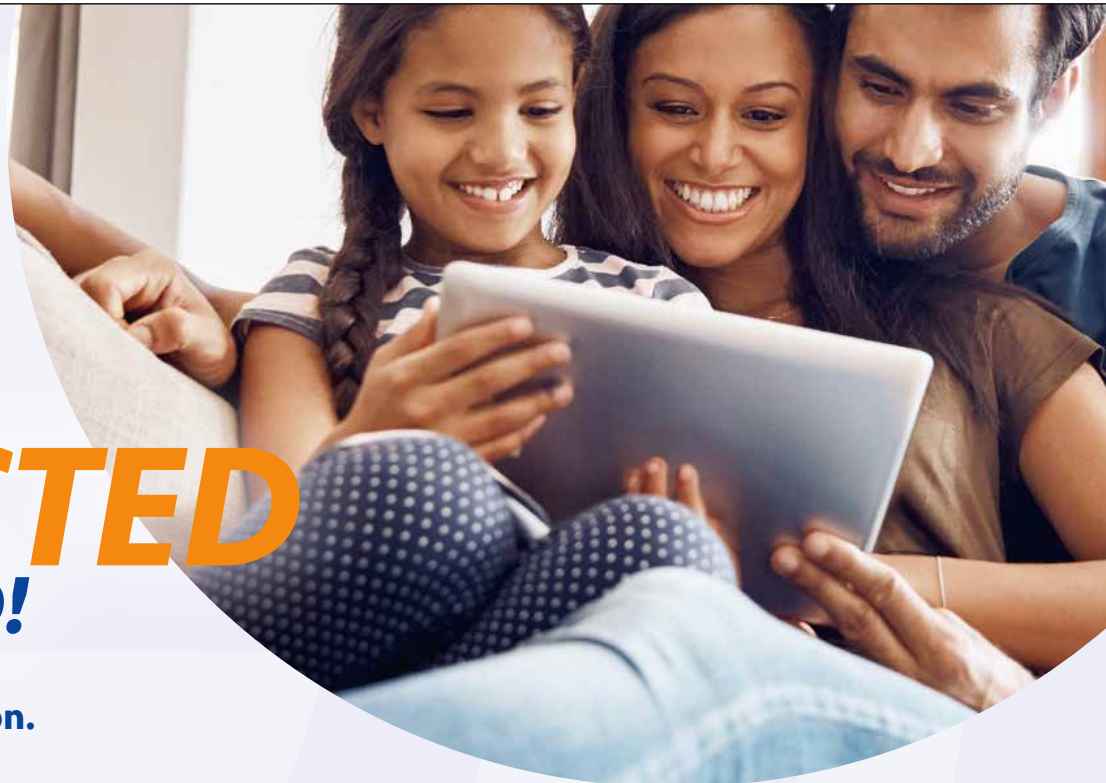
A new parcel of land in the Community Garden to be used for farming produce.

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As Community Garden coordinator and Council member-elect Jacob Butler transitions into a new role with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, he and other staff members of the Community Resources Department (CRD) have been working to ensure that the garden will continue to thrive. "We're trying to make sure the garden is going to carry on without me," Butler said. "One of the biggest assets we have to make sure that happens is bringing back Stetson Mendoza."

Mendoza served as the Community Garden coordinator for a few years, and he has plenty of experience in running community gardens. The garden staff also will have access to new parcel of land, measuring just under an acre, to grow produce for the Community. Currently, the garden is set up as a seed bank that can support home gardens and the Community's need for seeds. The new field will be dedicated to growing traditional foods such as wheat, tepary beans and squash. "With this new parcel of land, we can grow produce and still save seeds from it, but give

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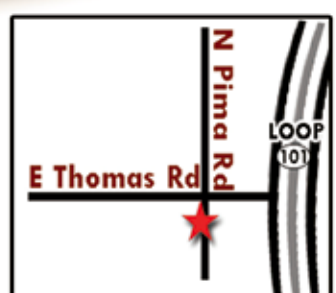
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Robert Tree Cody Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from NAMA

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Grammy Award–nominated and five-time Native American Music Award (NAMA) winner Robert “Tree” Cody received the NAMA Lifetime Achievement Award during the 20th Awards show in Niagara Falls, New York, on November 19.

Cody, who is a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, has been playing the Native American flute since he began learning about his Native heritage from his adopted parents, actor Iron Eyes Cody and Bertha Parker (Seneca) as a child. He knew music was his calling after seeing a flute hanging on a wall in his grandfather’s home when he was 5 years old. In 1988 he began recording and started a musical journey which has taken him around the world.

Recording music with Canyon Records led Cody to countries including Mexico, Ireland, Great Britain, Belgium, Spain, France, Germany, Australia, China, Japan, Korea and Thailand. This gave him an opportunity to play the flute with other Indigenous people around the world.

Cody has been nominated 14 times in categories ranging from Best Latin Recording to Artist of the Year. He has won Nammys for Best New Age Recording, Best Latin Recording and Best World Music Recording, and in 2001 he was named Best Male Artist. In 2007 he was also nominated for a Grammy with Will Clipman for the album they recorded together, Heart of the Wind.

“I think it’s pretty cool! I’ve been



Robert “Tree” Cody performed at the Community’s Healing and Memorial Tribute held on May 7, 2022 at the Salt River Ballfield. Photos from page 1 courtesy of Robert “Tree” Cody Facebook page

with the NAMA for quite a while,” said Cody on what he thought about receiving the NAMA Lifetime Achievement Award. “It caught me off guard when they mentioned this to me; I just sat there in shock. I feel that this is an award that is pretty cool to receive I’ve been working with Native American [music] since 1988. It takes a lot of work, hard concentration and lot of history research. On some of the songs I had to research and get permission from the families. One of the most prestigious songs I’ve done was with the Yaqui people of Guadalupe. I feel very humbled and honored to be chosen for this award.”

Along with Cody, artist Paul LaRoache of Brulé/AIRO is also receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. The group Brulé has won eight Nammys, released 20 CDs and sold over 1 million CDs worldwide. The NAMA Hall of Fame inductee this year is Micki

Free (Comanche/Cherokee), guitarist for songs “Dancing in the Sheets” from the Footloose soundtrack and “Don’t Get Stopped in Beverly Hills” from the Beverly Hills Cop soundtrack. He is currently touring for his latest album, Turquoise Blue, which features members from The Santana Band. To see all award winners, visit www.namalive.com.

Cody is currently working on a new album that he would like to dedicate to the people of Salt River and the Santa Ana Pueblo in New Mexico, which is where he currently resides with his wife Rachel.

“I’m working on an album, ... and I’ve talked to an elder man and he’s going to open up my album with the language of the Santa Ana Pueblo people,” said Cody. “It will be quite a different album because it’ll be dedicated to a lot of the different tribes here in the Southwest.”

Cody was very thankful for all of his family’s support throughout the years.

“I want to thank all ... the people from Salt River, my Gates family, and all the other members of my family, in-laws and the relatives that are related to me,” said Cody. “Most importantly, my late aunt Flo Gates, my late uncle Buddy Gates and of course my aunt Esther Moya and her husband, Courtney. They’ve been there for me and it’s really, really good to have people to support you as well.”

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Community Members Come Out to Health and Wellness Expo

seed mix and use Indigenous cultivars, which historically were foraged in the wild.

Diabetes Prevention Services hosted the expo to educate Community members about the importance

of their wellbeing and motivate them to take advantage of the various wellness programs available in the Community to incorporate healthful eating and physical fitness into their lives.



Indigenous Chef Nephi Craig provides a food demonstration using traditional ingredients. Community members took part in various physical activities during the course of the event, from running, dancing and walking to visiting informational booths setup within the WOLF's large gymnasium.



Graduates Seek Opportunity for Success in Workforce

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Five Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members received their certificates of completion from the Refrigeration School Inc. (RSI) Apartment Maintenance Pathway (AMP) Program on November 10. These graduates now embark on a career field that provides endless opportunities in the state of Arizona.

The AMP program teaches the maintenance and repair of interiors and exteriors, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and appliances in apartment complexes. According to the National Apartment Association, the demand for jobs to provide grounds and property maintenance is expected to grow by 13% in Arizona, making the Apartment Maintenance Pathway program a key initiative for new careers in the skilled trades.

The graduates were part of a special cohort of students between RSI

and the SRPMIC to grant Community members the opportunity to receive their certification to work in residential refrigeration.

"It has been an absolute honor to be here with you today celebrating our third Apartment Maintenance Pathway workforce graduation. We started this program in 2019 and it has been a long road to get to this point. We are excited for you today," said Sarah Fluke, deputy director of the Arizona Multihousing Association.

She thanked the program's partners from the National Apartment Association, Chicanos Por La Casa, the City of Phoenix workforce team and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. "They sent five students and they were really excited that they saw the value in this program. From that, we are hoping to continue this partnership," said Fluke.

Graduate Jacob Juan said that he was thankful for the opportunity to be part of the program and

that his experience was great because he learned so much.

"I learned a lot, and I want to thank everyone for the opportunity because it allows us to help others, and it really means a lot to me," said Juan.

"I feel very blessed and honored to be here right now," said SRPMIC member graduate Jesus Salazar. "Last year, things were going in a different direction in my life, and then I started to make a change. I saw the door and went through it. I'd like to thank everyone who put this program together. I want to thank our Community for getting in contact and making this opportunity for us," he said. He added that it was beneficial because he has gained valuable knowledge in his field of study.

"This is a very special occasion, of course, for our graduates," said Jenny Pacheco, senior director of agency relations for StrataTech Education Group, the parent company of RSI. "It took us a long time to get this pro-

gram up and running, but when we did, we've had tons of success with it."

She said this is the third class that the school has graduated under the Apartment Maintenance Pathway program. To the graduates, Pacheco said, "We can only envision the many opportunities that you will have as graduates. We wish you the best of luck, and you will always have a family and home with RSI."

"One of the things that I am very excited [about] is to see the opportunities and see people take advantage of it," said David Baker, RSI campus president, also addressing the program's graduates. "[You] guys took action, and that is the thing that I love to see, because you are at this point and place to see your horizons broaden."

He encouraged the group of graduates to use their newly acquired skills to take advantage of the opportunities in the workforce. "You have learned so much from your training, and it will be great to see the many



Five SRPMIC members took part in the Apartment Maintenance Pathway program offered through the Refrigeration School Inc., in Phoenix. The program was also a collaboration between the SRPMIC and the RSI.

things you all will do from this point on," said Baker.

Fred Lockhart, executive director of the Arizona Private School Association, was one of the invited speakers to congratulate the graduates. "We value your skill sets, but more importantly you have changed the course of your life and your family's life forever," said Lockhart.

Lockhart said the graduates have chosen a path in the right direction,

because their profession allows them to find positions of employment or in some cases be self-employed. "I hope that you seize the opportunities that are set before you. Find out more about what you can do with the deep knowledge you possess."

Kids Voted at Salt River Schools For 2022 General Election

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Although their votes did not count in the 2022 U.S. General Election, the voices of Salt River Schools students were heard loud and clear when they participated in a mock election for governor and U.S. senator to represent Arizona.

The mock election was sponsored by Kids Voting USA, a nonpartisan, grassroots-driven voter education program operated under the administration of the Arizona Bar Foundation.

At Salt River Elementary School, students in grades K-3 voted for governor only, while students in grades 4-6 voted for governor and senator.

The students chose the Democratic candidate for governor, Katie Hobbs, with 114 votes, over Republican candidate Kari Lake, with 72 votes.

For Arizona's U.S. Senator, the students chose Democratic candidate Mark Kelly to retain his seat, with 55 votes, over Republican candidate Blake Masters, who earned 20 votes.

"What I see is the kids are excited," said Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, who handed out "I voted" stickers to students after they dropped their ballots into the box. "They're excited to come in and vote today, and I think what Ms. Meyers [Salt River Elementary School teacher Dawn Burstyn-Meyers, and other school officials] have done is put forward how important voting is as a voice. I see students coming in and expressing their voice."

The 2022 Kids Voting election results across the state of Arizona showed that youth statewide also chose Hobbs (58.33%) and Kelly (60.16%) over their opponents.

The day before kids voted at the school, the students had a special visit from President Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Council member Deanna Scabby and Intergovernmental Relations Project Manager Angela Willeford, who all talked about the importance of voting and read "The Night Before Election Day".

Kids Voting USA has affiliate groups in every state and has been active in Arizona for 25 years. Its mission is to create lifelong voting habits in children, increase family communication about citizenship, and encourage greater adult voter turnout.



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier reads "The Night Before Election Day" to students.



President Harvier shakes hands with and give stickers to young voters.



SRPMIC Councilmember Deanna Scabby reads "The Night Before Election Day" to Salt River Schools students.



Intergovernmental Relations Project Manager Angela Willeford holds up signs to vote with Salt River Schools Students.

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Sinema, Kelly Announce Over \$1.5 Million to Improve Air Quality for Tribes & Pima County

WASHINGTON – On November 18, Arizona Senators Kyrsten Sinema and Mark Kelly announced over \$1.5 million to improve air quality for The Navajo Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Cocopah Indian Tribe, and Pima County Flood Control. These air monitoring grants – provided through the Sinema & Kelly-backed American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction laws – will support air monitoring projects to enhance air quality in these communities.

“Arizonans’ health, our communities’ safety, and our state’s economic future depend on clean air. Today’s grants will improve air quality and protect tribes and Arizona communities from dangerous pollutants, ensuring Arizona remains a healthy and safe place to call home,” said Sinema.

“Today’s investments will support critical efforts that will clean and improve the air quality for Arizonans and tribal communities. We will continue working to secure investments like these that keep Arizonans healthy and safe,” said Kelly.

The Navajo Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Cocopah Indian Tribe, and Pima County Flood Control were awarded more than \$1.5 million in air monitoring grants. Arizona also received more than \$405,300 to continue monitoring and replace aging equipment protecting against air pollutants

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Savvy Senior

Top Financial Scams Targeting Seniors Today

Dear Savvy Senior,

What are the most common scams today that target elderly seniors? My 75-year-old mother has been swindled several times over the past year, so I’m being extra cautious. Paranoid Patty

Dear Patty,

Great question! While many scams today are universal, there are certain types of fraud that specifically target older adults or affects them disproportionately. And unfortunately, these senior targeted scams are on the rise.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in 2021 there were 92,371 older victims of fraud resulting in \$1.7 billion in losses. This was a 74 percent increase in losses compared to 2020.

Here are five of the most common senior scams that were reported last year, that both you and your mom should be aware of.

Government imposter scams:

These are fraudulent telephone calls from people claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration or Medicare. These scammers may falsely tell you that you have unpaid taxes and threaten arrest or deportation if you don’t pay up immediately. Or they may say your Social Security or Medicare benefits are in danger of being cut off if you don’t provide personal identifying information. They may even “spoof” your caller ID to make it look like the government is actually calling.

Sweepstakes and lottery scams:

These scams may contact you by phone, mail or email. They tell you that you’ve won or have the potential to win a jackpot. But you need to pay a fee, or cover taxes and processing fees to receive your prize, perhaps by prepaid debit card, wire transfer, money order or cash. Scammers may even impersonate well-known sweepstakes organizations, like Publishers Clearing House, to fool you.

Robocalls and phone scam:

Robocalls take advantage of sophisticated, automated phone technology to carry out a variety of scams on trusting older adults who answer the phone. Some robocalls may claim that a warranty is expiring on their car or electronic device, and payment is needed to renew it. These scammers may also “spoof” the number to make the call look authentic.

One common robocall is the “Can you hear me?” call. When the older person says “yes,” the scammer records their voice and hangs up. The criminal then has a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges on items like stolen credit cards.

Computer tech support scams:

These scams prey on senior’s lack of knowledge about computers and cybersecurity. A pop-up message or blank screen usually appears on a computer or phone, telling you that your device is compromised and needs fixing. When you call the support number for help, the

scammer may either request remote access to your computer and/or that you pay a fee to have it repaired.

Grandparent scam: The grandparent scam has been around for several years now. A scammer will call and say something along the lines of: “Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?” When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity.

The fake grandchild will then ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (legal trouble, overdue rent, car repairs, etc.), to be paid via gift cards or money transfers, which don’t always require identification to collect.

Other Scams

Some other popular scams targeting older adults right now are romance scams through social media and on-line dating sites, COVID-19 scams, investment scams, Medicare and health insurance scams, and Internet and email fraud.

For more information on the different types senior scams to watch out for, along with tips to help your mom protect herself, visit the National Council on Aging website at NCOA.org, and type in “the top 5 financial scams targeting older adults” in the search bar.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.



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Pretty Party Planners Teach the Art of Creating Balloon Bouquets

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Community Recreational Services held its Leisure Education Classes: Business in the Community with Pretty Party Planners on November 14 and 16 at the Way of Life Facility.

The class was presented by Pretty Party Planners owner Davina Atwood to help Community members learn how to create festive balloon bouquets and decorations while also learning the ins and outs of operating a party-planning business.

Atwood and her sister, Angela Rhoades-Buckley, started Pretty Party Planners during the pandemic. Both have had a joy for decorating since they were young girls. During the pandemic, their passion for party decorating helped spread some happiness during the difficult time of separation of family and friends. They created balloon bouquets for "drive-by" events such as birthdays,



Pretty Party Planners help teach Community members and families how to create the perfect party decorations during the CRS Leisure Education Classes: Business in the Community.

baby showers, graduations and more.

Today, as we try to return to the "new normal," they have had the opportunity to create large balloon bouquets and decorations for Community events and

even major athletes.

The goal of the Business in the Community classes is to encourage Community members who may have always wanted to start their own business.

"We wanted to show Community members that there is a chance for them to start their own business," said Julian Rivers, Recreation coordinator II. "Other than just having an ordinary job here and there, [people can use their talents to start] their own business. Basically, this class is showing that there's another [path] in addition to jobs and school."

Atwood gave a brief presentation to both classes about how she got into the party-planning business after taking some classes in California with her sister. She said it's important to stay aware of the newest trends in decorating. Then she taught the students how to make a table bouquet using different size balloons and a single Mylar balloon.

"I felt like maybe this was something I should pursue and I could make money at," said Atwood. "Today I feel so self-sufficient; if anything ever happened with my job, I know how to support myself, and I think it's just so cool that I could do that."



NAGI Foundation Holds Monthly Health Clinic for Dogs and Cats

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The NAGI Foundation held its monthly Animal Health Clinic for dogs and cats on November 19 and 20 at the Salt River Baseball Field. The clinic was hosted in partnership with the Arizona Humane Society and the Department of Environmental Health to provide wellness exams, vaccines, flea and tick prevention, heartworm prevention for dogs, microchipping and health screenings for pets in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The NAGI Foundation began more than eight years ago and has been working with the Community for seven years. In addition to health services, it also provides animal training and behavioral consultations and the Salt River Canine Youth Program.

"The Canine Youth Program is a social/emotional learning program that helps kids learn life skills to navigate some of the challenges that come up, and they learn that alongside a shelter dog," said NAGI Foundation founder Sheila K. Iyengar. "We chose some shelter dogs to work with the kids for about six weeks, helping the dogs and youth to learn things such as communication, how to handle stress, and how to make good life choices and appropriate decisions."

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, NAGI continued to offer its services to the dogs and cats of the Community, and even provided food. As they move



Community pet owners bring out their dogs and cats for the monthly Animal Health Clinic provided by NAGI Foundation with the help of the Arizona Humane Society and Department of Environmental Health.



into the New Year, they plan on having the animal clinics twice a month. They welcome any SRPMIC members to come out and volunteer to help with the clinics.

"We're always looking for more Community volunteers," said Iyengar. "We'd love to get Community involvement. We have a pet food pantry, so we often need help transporting and distributing pet food, and we always need help



on clinic days. Volunteers don't need any medical experience, just the passion of wanting to serve the Community and wanting to provide resources for the pets here."

The NAGI Foundation Animal Health Clinics are important for the overall health of the Community, explained Iyengar.

"When we have pets that are vaccinated, they're less likely to get sick.



A lot of our Community dogs run loose together, so when one dog gets sick, a lot of dogs get sick. I think [the animal clinics improve] the overall health of the Community." The clinics' spay and neuter services also prevent unwanted litters of animals that can cause problems with safety in the Community.

For more information and to stay updated on the upcoming NAGI Foundation Animal Health Clinic and other events, follow their social media at www.instagram.com/nagifoundation or www.facebook.com/nagifoundation. They have a website at www.nagifoundation.org.

Panel OKs Name Change of Colorado Mountain Tied to Massacre

BY THOMAS PEIPERT
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado state panel recommended Thursday that Mount Evans, a prominent peak near Denver, be renamed Mount Blue Sky at the request of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

The Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board voted unanimously for the change. Colorado Gov. Jared Polis will weigh in on the recommendation before a final decision by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

Thursday's vote comes as part of national efforts to address a history of colonialism and oppression against Native Americans and other people of color after protests in 2020 called for racial justice reform.

The proposed name change recognizes the Arapaho were known as the Blue Sky People, while the Cheyenne hold an annual renewal-of-life ceremony called Blue Sky.

The 14,264-foot (4,348-meter) peak southwest of Denver is named after John Evans, Colorado's second territorial governor. Evans resigned after an 1864 U.S. cavalry massacre of more than 200 Arapaho and Cheyenne people — most of them women, children and the elderly — at Sand Creek in what is now southeastern Colorado.

Fred Mosqueda, a member of the Southern Arapaho tribe and a Sand Creek descendant, said during Thursday night's meeting that when he first realized Mount Blue Sky was a possible alternative, it "hit me like a bolt of lightning. It was the perfect name."

"I was asked once, 'Why are you so mean to the name Evans?'" he recalled. "And I told them, 'Give me one reason

to be nice or to say something good. Show me one thing that Evans has done that I as Arapaho can celebrate.' And they could not."

Mosqueda, who has been actively involved in Mount Evans' renaming process, said Evans was in the perfect position as territorial governor to give the tribes a reservation, but "instead he went the genocide route."

Polis, a Democrat, revived the state's 15-member geographic naming panel in July 2020 to make recommendations for his review before they are forwarded to the federal government.

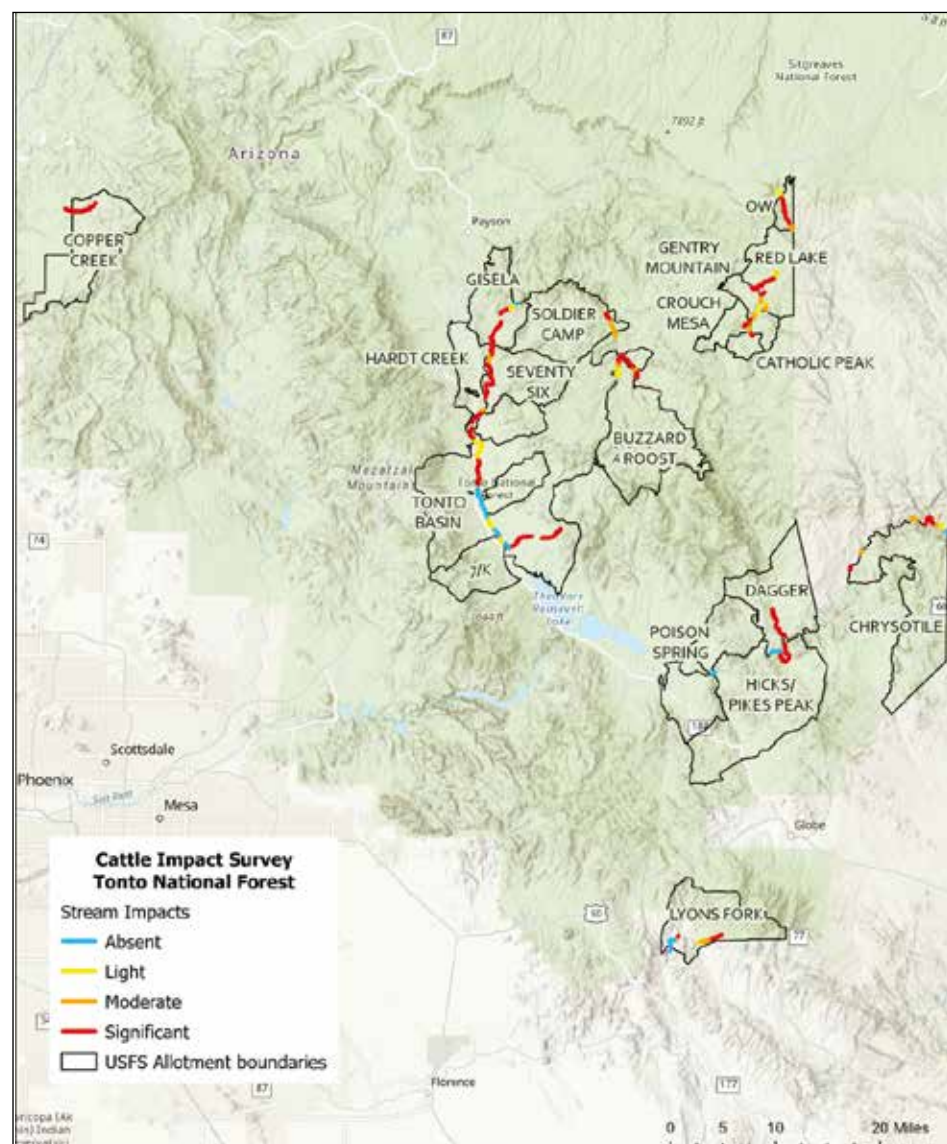
Last year, the federal panel approved renaming another Colorado peak after a Cheyenne woman who facilitated relations between white settlers and Native American tribes in the early 19th century.

Mestaa'êhehe Mountain, pronounced "mess-taw-HAY," honors and bears the name of an influential translator, also known as Owl Woman, who mediated between Native Americans and white traders and soldiers in what is now southern Colorado.

The mountain 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of Denver had been known as Squaw Mountain. Its renaming came after U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the nation's first Native American cabinet official, formally declared "squaw" a derogatory term and announced steps to remove it from federal government use and rename other derogatory place names.

Squaw, which is derived from the Algonquin language, may once have simply meant "woman." But over generations, the word changed into a misogynist and racist term to disparage Indigenous women.

Lawsuit Filed Over Cows Grazing on National Forest Land



A land survey map detailing cow-grazing on National Forest land. Photo provided by the Center for Biological Diversity

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The Maricopa Audubon Society and the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) have filed a 60-day notice of intent to sue the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Endangered Species Act violations caused by livestock grazing on the Tonto National Forest.

The basis for the filing is new cow-grazing damage found by the CBD's recent land surveys, from September 2020 to March of this year.

The organizations say that the government has repeatedly failed to control the grazing, primarily along the Salt River and its tributaries.

"We'll keep doing everything we can to stop the Forest Service's promotion of cow-ranching abuse of our rivers and streams," said Maricopa Audubon

Society Conservation Chair Charles Babbitt in a statement. "There's no place for cows anywhere along our desert waterways. They're too destructive and they're causing endangered plants and animals, especially songbirds, to disappear."

Some of the endangered species the organizations say are impacted by the grazing include yellow-billed cuckoos, Southwestern willow flycatchers, Chiricahua leopard frogs, northern Mexican garter snakes, narrow-headed garter snakes, spinedace, razorback suckers and Gila chub.

In 2020, the CBD released land surveys conducted by its staff and contractors which found cattle damage, including manure and flattened streambanks, on the Verde River as far south as the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

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Parcel of Farmland to be Utilized by Community Garden

out actual food to people," said Butler.

Butler said that the department has acquired additional equipment to use with the garden's tractor. Now, with the added attachments, one person can manage an entire field—till the land, weed the field, and set rows for seeds. The tractor initially was used for removing mulch and creating compost.

The Community also just acquired some land from Community members south of where the new field will be, and CRD was asked to provide input on what they would like to see there. Butler would like to see a greenhouse.

"If we have a greenhouse here, the service we can provide to the Community is far greater," said Butler.

Because the new parcel of land has evidence of traditional habitation, CRD will have to wait for a site monitor to come out and review the site for any potential archeological concerns.

Once the site is deemed ready to go, the next phase would be to draw water



Stetson Mendoza (left) and Jacob Butler (right) stand in front of cacti in the Community Garden.

from a nearby ditch, add electricity to the garden, prepare the soil, and get the land ready to plant by mid-February.



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Community Veterans Recognized at Event to Honor Service

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On November 11, Veterans Day, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community came together to celebrate the service of Community-member veterans of the armed forces. Families of SRPMIC veterans came out to the Two Waters complex to honor their service.

This marked the first public event that the Community has been able to celebrate since the COVID-19 pandemic. It was also a chance to recognize those veterans who have passed on in the past couple of years.

"We are glad that you are here this morning to celebrate and honor our veterans who served in the nation's armed forces," said master of ceremonies and Community member Pacer Reina, who served in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division.

Reina's opening remarks were followed by an opening blessing by Council Representative Tom Largo. Largo, who also is a U.S. Army veteran, prayed over the men

and women who put on the uniform to serve their country.

Members of SRPMIC's American Legion Post 114 (Bushmasters) posted the colors while Miss Salt River Nani Reina sang the national anthem and Junior Miss Salt River Tirsia Reina recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier welcomed the veterans and civilians in the audience. "As civilians recognizing our veterans, each year the time comes when we recognize them for their service and the freedoms they fought for that we enjoy today," said Harvier.

He said, "We enjoy the things that we have in this country, and we are truly blessed as a country and as a community. You can look at the back pages in the O'odham Action News and you can see all of the Community members who put on that uniform to represent not only the Community, but this country."

"Native Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces [at a rate] five times the national average," said SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo

Leonard. "For a community which has persevered through decades of challenges, American Indians remain steadfast in their defense of the United States as members of the armed forces."

From the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and the frontlines of today, Leonard said, American Indian and Alaska Native people have answered the call to arms when the nation needed them. In every conflict and war, American Indians have joined on their own terms and were ready to step up to answer the call of duty. Leonard spoke of their willingness to go into the armed forces during the Vietnam War, when young men across the nation were drafted into the service.

"Of the 42,000 Native Americans who served in the Vietnam War, 90% of them were volunteers, making them the demographic with the highest rate of voluntary enlistment throughout the entire war in Vietnam," said Leonard.

He said American Indians have served in larger

numbers than any other ethnicity in the country since September 11, 2001, averaging 19% of the armed forces. American Indians have served at the front of every conflict and are selfless in their performance as soldiers, sailors, airmen/airwomen and Marines.

After Leonard's remarks, Reina and Miss Indian Arizona 2nd Attendant Emile Eich, a member of the Navajo Nation, read the names and service branches of the SRPMIC veterans. Eich said that she was thankful for the invitation from the Community to read the names of its veterans and thank them for their service.

The event concluded with a closing prayer by Council Representative David Antone and a cultural presentation by Bird Singing and Dancing by the River and the SRPMIC Traditional Dancers. A special gift was presented to the veterans in attendance, who were treated to a meal inside the Round House Café with family and friends.



The SRPMIC veterans event paid tribute to the numerous service members from the Community, who served in the armed forces, both in peace and wartime. It was a time to reflect and thank veterans for their service to the Nation and community. Elsewhere veterans shared stories among each other on their service.



Employee Veterans Recognized for Service at Special Ceremony

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community employee veterans were recognized at a gathering at the Two Waters complex on November 10 for their service to the country in the United States armed forces.

"I am privileged and honored to [be here] this morning," said Glen Law, SRPMIC Administration Director, who was the master of ceremonies for the morning's events. He said there are many within the Community's workforce who have served in the military.

Among them are Assistant Community Managers Lena Jackson-Eckert and Doran Dalton, as well as department directors Terry Dooley (Internal Audit), Steve Haydukovich (Human Resources), Joseph Remitera (Health & Human Services) and Melvin Deer (Senior Services).

Council Representative Diane Enos offered the invocation and a few words of appreciation to the veteran employees in attendance. "I want to thank

every one of you here who is a veteran," said Enos. "Your dedication to our Community means more to us than you will ever know."

Enos said SRPMIC employee veterans "have dedicated so much of their time to helping make the Community a better place, and we are thankful for the things that are available to the people. We are thankful to be alive in a beautiful world. Today, we offer our prayers and thankfulness. We are so thankful for those people, both men and women, who went to war and protect all of us."

Afterward, SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard recited the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked the combined Salt River Police and Fire Department honor guard for presenting the colors, as well as the Arizona National Guard 108th Army Band for providing the music.

"It's really good to see that we have such a large group of veterans this morning," said SRPMIC President Martin Harvier. He said that it is important to recognize both the Community's veterans and those veterans who are

employed by SRPMIC.

"It's important to ... gather to recognize our veterans. Some were told to go, and some volunteered to go into the military and serve," said Harvier. He said that it is important to remember our veterans for the freedoms they have fought to preserve and the things we are able to enjoy because of their selfless service.

"We thank our men and women for serving our country and for the freedoms that we enjoy. A lot of the things we take for granted, so [this] is very important that we come together and recognize them," said Harvier.

Taking from his faith, Harvier recalled Job from the Old Testament, who had everything before him and was tested. Like Job, many of the veterans have been tested and tried through their experience, and like Job, they come out pure as gold for having given so much to secure the Community's and the nation's freedoms.

SRPMIC Community Manager Bryan Meyers, a retired member of the U.S. Army, spoke on the significance of the event to



SRPMIC Community Manager Bryan Meyers looked back on his service in the U.S. Army and the toll it takes on families of those, who join the armed forces.

veterans. Meyers thanked the SRPMIC leadership for their support of the event and his service.

"The military has been a very, very important part of my life. What I'd like for you to do is reflect on your own journeys, and your family members and their experiences," said Meyers. He said the military has been part of his life for 40 years. His father was in the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s and 1960s.

"You know, 40 years ago I signed on the dotted line to serve in the U.S. Army ... 40 years ago, where did all that time go?" said Meyers. He said his years of service will always be a special part of his life and that his family support at home was equally important.

"We don't think about the sacrifices on our support base and by our families and what's going through their minds and that stress," Meyers said. After his retirement, those things became even more special for him, and it is important to recognize the families who keep everything together at home.

Before the event concluded, a roll call was held allowing SRPMIC employee veterans and employees with veteran family members to come up and share their branch and years in the service. Afterward, the veterans each received a special backpack, cup and T-shirt.



SRPMIC Council Representative Tom Largo, Glen Law, SRPMIC Administration Director and Council Representative Diana Enos gave thanks to the Community employee veterans. Above, the 108th Army Band plays music for the attendees.

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Parent Night Held for Parents and Guardians of Salt River Students

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Staff from the School & Community Relations Department of Salt River Schools hosted a Parent Night on Tuesday, November 15, at the Salt River Community Building. Parents and guardians of Salt River students were invited to learn about the resources provided for all students enrolled in school in Salt River.

"We understand the importance of parents knowing what resources and services are available for their students," said Miranda Johnson-Moya, Education Program manager.

The 90-minute event kicked off with a prayer given by Attendance Officer Kathy Toney, which was followed by a meal. Johnson-Moya began by informing parents about school operations, student advocacy and enrollment. Behavioral Health Counselor Cathy Mangels discussed communication and expectations; Attendance Officer Jessica Ray provided tips on self-care; and Toney and Attendance Officer Reba Thomas shared tips on establishing a morning routine for parents and students to maintain a schedule so they can be prepared for school and improve attendance.

Johnson-Moya talked about the school options open to Salt River students: public schools, charter schools, boarding schools, online education or pursuing a GED. In addition to enrollment services, Salt River Schools also provides counseling and support for behavioral, social, emotional, academic and special education issues.

Communication is key, Johnson-Moya said. It's important for parents and guardians to communicate with



Parents take part in the first Parents Night held by Salt River Schools and Community Relations.



Attendance Technician Marchetta Lewis helps keep students busy as their parents learn about all the resources SRC has to offer.

their child's school, teacher, principal and anyone involved in their child's education. Check your child's online student portal to stay up to date on their work progress and monitor their attendance record. Some parents may need help getting their children evaluated and tested for an individualized education program (IEP).

In her talk about self-care, Ray em-

phasized that it's important to make sure your children are okay simply by asking them and talking to them. She discussed a number of activities to help parents and students relax and focus; she suggested helping your student to focus on the current moment, talk about their feelings, or maybe start a journal.

Toney and Thomas offered some ideas to help families design a new rou-

tine to help students establish independence and improve school attendance. A routine helps children gain independence because it creates expectations for them and they know what's expected of them. As they follow the routine and learn what to do, it will boost their self-esteem, help them develop life skills and better equip them to handle transitions in their lives.

The event ended with door prizes and raffle prize giveaways. Mark your calendar now for the next Parent Night, which is on February 28, 2023. Stay up to date by following Salt River Schools on Facebook and Instagram.

For any assistance regarding your child's education, call School & Community Relations at (480) 362-2534.



LaRue Jackson creates a daily responsibility chart to help get her students on a routine.

Food Boxes Incorporate Indigenous Foods



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As the holidays draw nearer, families in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are receiving much-needed food supplies from Community departments. The SRPMIC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, along with other Community departments, hosted a food distribution activity at the SRPMIC Food Bank on November 15.

Sixty-one tribal food boxes were distributed. Each box included traditional Indigenous staples such as tepary beans, Navajo pinto beans, yellow corn meal, raw honey, green chiles, diced tomatoes and whole-kernel corn.

"The event was a collaboration between St. Mary's Food Bank, the

River People Health Center Nutrition Services, the Public Health Diabetes Prevention Program, the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension program and WIC," said supervisor Margaret Fisher of Health & Human Services-WIC Community Health & Nutrition.

Fisher said the items were not chosen at random; they all serve an important purpose that ties back to traditional diets of Indigenous people. The items selected also were based on what is seasonal. Each box contained at least seven food items.

"We help the Community learn about healthy foods and try delicious food samples that are based on traditionally known foods," said Fisher, who added that it is about building cultural knowledge about Indigenous ingredients.

"The idea is for Community members to come out and meet program staff and listen to what we have to offer, like what we do and how nutritional foods are beneficial to them," said Fisher.

Informational booths also were set up, but the big takeaway was the food boxes and the variety of Indigenous foods for Community members to take home. "This is the second time we have done this, and we plan to host more [food distribution events] in the Community. We have been doing this for about five years, and it has grown in [terms of] the number of partners we have today," said Fisher.

Additionally, informational material was handed out along with promotional items, including a QR code people can scan to access a webpage with additional information on healthy recipes and Indigenous ingredients.

For those who were not able to attend the November food box distribution, Community members will have future opportunities to attend similar events next year, on February 14, April 11 and July 7, 2023.

Eventually, the goal is for the SRPMIC Food Bank to resupply tribal food boxes on the first Tuesday of each month as a way to regularly provide nutritious ingredients to the Community.

At the tribal food box distribution, Community members had a chance to interact with SRPMIC staff from the WIC and Diabetes Prevention Services and the University of Arizona on food nutrition and simple meal preparation tips.



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Community Honored for Fleet Electric Vehicle Conversions

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In November, Salt River Project (SRP) named the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community a 2022 Champion of Sustainability in the category of Growing Sustainable Communities due to the hard work and dedication of the Community's Department of Transportation (DOT) toward improved energy efficiency and sustainability in the tribal vehicle fleet.

In 2021, SRPMIC's DOT was granted more than \$600,000 from the federal Low or No Emission Vehicle Program, which the Community used to purchase two Ford electric buses and chargers. But due to supply-chain issues, the two new buses could not be delivered. That didn't stop them from moving forward, however; they decided to convert an existing transit vehicle.

DOT Fleet Vehicle Specialist Tonya Glass spent time during the pandemic educating herself about how fleets operate with electric vehicles and what it takes to transition from gas-powered to electric vehicles.

"I've worked with local municipalities, governments across the country and local stakeholders," said Glass, "to educate myself and develop a road map for the Community to transition to electric vehicles. We took a transit vehicle that we currently had—it had over 196,000 miles and was 12 years old, and we called it 'the Beast.' We've embarked on a pilot program with a local vendor that [converts gas] vehicles to electric, and we had the opportunity to meet and engage with other partners such as SRP and Arizona State University."

Although supply-chain issues made it hard to purchase another electric vehicle, DOT Assistant Transportation Director Franklin Kauakahi was able to obtain new vehicles, a Ford Mustang Mach-E and a Tesla, from a local dealership.

The DOT currently is utilizing these vehicles in the Community and collecting data about how the vehicles ride and how many miles they can travel with each battery charge. This data will be analyzed to help determine which SRPMIC departments would most benefit from electric vehicles, what routes the vehicles should take through the Community, and other policies and procedures.

"The data collection on the [converted bus] was important, because we figured out that the air conditioner wasn't working right", explained Glass. The transition to the conversion bus allowed DOT to train their drivers and figure out which routes worked and didn't work. The conversion bus's current daily route is to and from the River People Health Center and the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

"This conversion vehicle has helped us train our drivers and automotive services staff regarding what to look out for and [how to] repair when there are issues with the vehicle," said Glass. "Two volunteers from our auto shop have decided to be the subject-matter experts for electric vehicles and have gone through training and received certification."

The Community DOT needs staff trained in the operation and repair of electric vehicles because the next step is to transition to electric heavy equip-



SRPMIC DOT converted a transportation vehicle nicknamed name "The Beast" into an electric vehicle with funding from the 2021 Low or No Emission Program grant, here is a before and after photo of the vehicle. Photos courtesy of the DOT

ment.

"We may apply for a grant to receive and operate electric school buses in the Community," Glass said. Additionally, DOT is working with SRP, Public Works, and Engineering and Construction Services to identify and install the necessary infrastructure.

"The [vehicles] are the easy part; the electricity is the part that is cumbersome and costly and needs more mindful attention because of the placement [of charging stations]," said Glass. "If we

as a Community don't get this right, it could be worse than [using] gas [vehicles] because of the cost of electricity."

The DOT is in the exploratory stage of learning to transition gas vehicles in the tribal fleet to electric after they reach 10 years old or 100,000 miles.

There are two electric vehicle charging stations at the DOT office. An additional 17 charging stations have been installed at the River People Health Center.

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Invasive Apple Snails a Threat to Community's Riparian Area

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Apple snails are freshwater snails originally native to rivers in South America but which have established populations in various regions around the world. The snails have been a threat to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's waterways and riparian area since they were first discovered in the lower Salt River, near the Verde River confluence, in 2011.

The Arizona Game & Fish Department said that the snails, which are listed as an aquatic invasive species, present a major risk to native wetland ecosystems by altering native freshwater habitats significantly through competition for food and space.

The snails reproduce rapidly; just one female can produce up to 15,000 offspring per year.

This summer, SRPMIC's Community Development Department—Environmental Protection and Natural Resources (CDD-EPNR) removed 3,110 egg masses and 509 adult apple snails from Community waterways.

Victoria Olmstead, CDD-EPNR wildlife biologist and noxious weed/invasive species expert, said that the current goal is to control the snails' population growth and educate the Community about their presence.

"Within the Community, CDD-EPNR has been holding outreach events where we've been working to educate Community members on the presence of apple snails and what to do if they see the bubblegum-like globs of eggs when they're at the river," said Olmstead.

There is no way to know exactly how many of the snails are in the Commu-



Apple snails seen next to a water bottle for size comparison. Photo provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Department

nity, but CDD-EPNR has done "float counts," where clickers are used to keep a count of egg masses and adults observed.

During these float counts, when feasible, the egg masses were submerged or otherwise destroyed to decrease the likelihood that the eggs would hatch. Adult snails were removed.

The snails are an intermediate host for the rat lungworm (*Angiostrongylus cantonensis*), a nematode (worm) that can cause meningitis in humans.

"We recommend if you see the egg masses when you're out at the river, push them into the water or mush them," said Olmstead. "Do not touch the egg masses with your bare skin. If you happen to get egg mass on your bare skin, wash thoroughly with soap and water or use antibacterial hand sanitizer."

Olmstead said that the riparian area is also suffering damage from pollution, climate change and erosion, as well as other invasive species such as salt cedar.



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2023 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2023 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 20, 2023**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729

(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)

The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.

Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 20, 2023.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2023.



If you have a story idea, please call

OAN Senior Reporter, Chris Lomahquahu
(480) 362-3159

ORCALL (480) 362-7750 and leave your name, number and
brief message and we will return your call.

4th Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

December 31, 2022

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the January 2023 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:
Tuesday, January 10 at 5 p.m.. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. **All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers.** Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the April 2023 payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Tuesday, January 10 at 5 p.m. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit. *****Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.**

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 17 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by

this date will be effective for the January 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of February 2023.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, January 17 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing finpercap1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions regarding: Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600

Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita @ (480) 362-7710

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

- Baptisto, Amber Leigh Elena** – Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0095 Court Date: December 13, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Baptisto, Nathaniel Allen** - Review & Permanency Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: January 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.
- Becerra, Oscar Garcia** - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: January 9, 2023 at 10 a.m.
- Bejarano, Pauline Blaine** - Child Support Status Case: CFCS-21-0013 Court Date: January 4, 2023

- at 9 a.m.
- Coelho, Ana Rose** – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0054 Court Date: December 12, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.
- Creighton Jr., William** - ICWA Transfer Hearing Case: J-22-0110 Court Date: December 19, 2022 at 10 a.m.
- Daniels, Robert** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0134 Court Date: December 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.
- Fair, Edward Glen** - Annual Guardianship Review Case: J-22-0002/0003 Court Date: December 12, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Hernandez, Jesus** - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-23-0002/J-23-0003 Court Date: December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Hernandez, Jesus** - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0123/0124 Court Date: December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Kavoka, Jessica Ann** - Evidentiary Termination of Parental Rights Hearing Case: J-22-0128/0129 Court Date: January 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- Kilgore, Adriana Michelle Lee** - Annual Guardianship Review

- Case: J-22-0002 Court Date: December 12, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Maetz, Scotty Joe** – Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0095 Court Date: December 13, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Manuel, Ashlee Noreen** - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0118/0119/0120 Court Date: December 13, 2022 at 1 p.m.
- Paul, Derek Lloyd** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: December 13, 2022 at 10 a.m.
- Salazar Jr., Jose** - Evidentiary Termination of Parental Rights Hearing Case: J-22-0128/0129 Court Date: January 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- Sampson, Colletta Richenda** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0147 Court Date: January 23, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Santo Sr., Blaine Gail** - Review and Permanency Hearing Case: J-14-0016/0017 Court Date: January 3, 2023 at 11 a.m.
- Santo, Carmelita** - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: January 9, 2023 at 10 a.m.
- Smith, Patricia Mildred** - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing & Review and Permanency Hearing Case: J-14-0016/0017 Court Date:

- January 3, 2023 at 11 a.m.
- Standing Elk, Dawn** - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-23-0002/J-23-0003 Court Date: December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Standing Elk, Dawn** - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0123/0124 Court Date: December 14, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Unknown Father** - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0150 Minor D.M (8/29/2022) Mother Sabrina Merina Sampson (11/07/1989) Court Date: January 12, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Unknown Father** – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0054 Minor: L.C.: 01/31/2022 Mother: Ana Rose Coelho 12/11/1992 Court Date: December 12, 2022 at 02:30 p.m.
- Unknown Father** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0134 Minor: C.R.: 05/04/2011 Mother: Felicia Jimerson 12/07/1981 Court Date: December 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.
- Unknown Father** - ICWA Transfer Hearing Case: J-22-0110 Minor U.S.A. (04/28/2010) Mother Melissa Anna Arthur (02/22/1996) Court Date: December 19, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Valencia Sr., Victor Patrick – Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: January 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.

CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE 1st FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

- Burns, Lacey Jene** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0115 Court Date: January 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- Correa, Tevin Brandon** - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0027 Court Date: January 10, 2023 at 10 a.m.
- Cruz, Diana Marie** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0118 Court Date: December 7, 2022 at 10 a.m.

- Lewis, Kaylene Littledove** - Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0046 Court Date: January 17, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Olson, Scotty** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-21-0076 Court Date: December 8, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- Scott, Ryan T** - Modification Hearing Case: CF-18-0160/CFCS-18-0064 Court Date: January 9, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Scott, Ryan Timothy** - Paternity Hearing Case: CF-22-0134 Court Date: January 5, 2023 at 9 a.m. Custody Hearing Case: CF-22-0135 Court Date: January 5, 2023 at 9 a.m. Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0044 Court Date: January 5, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Smith Sr., Daniel David** - Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0048 Court Date: January 10, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. (need to run on 2nd issue of community paper)
- Thomas, Alyssa Summer** – Status/OTSC Case: C-18-0052 Court Date: December 15, 2022 at 10: a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

BURNS, LACEY JENE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE CF-19-0115
I.T.M.O.: I.B.B. (D.O.B.: 10-25-2012)
 TO: Lacey Jene Burns,
 1355 N. 92nd St. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 4th day of January, 2023 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for FTA for Status Hearing on 7/20/22 @ 10:30 a.m..
 FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to Subpoena any witnesses in your behalf and to be represented by counsel.

ORDERED this 27th day of October, 2022.
 RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

CAREAGA, GUSTAVO DEFAULT NOTICE C-22-0106
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION V. GUSTAVO CAREAGA
 To: Gustavo Careaga, RESPONDENT
 1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
 2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
 3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
 4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences

against you.
 5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
 6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
 DATED this 26th of September, 2022.
 CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

HERNANDEZ, JESUS SUMMONS J-23-0002/J-23-0003 TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS OF: S.D.H. (D.O.B.: 11/16/2005; A.S.H. (D.O.B.: 1/25/2007)
 TO: Jesus Hernandez
 A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on October 5, 2022 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.
 THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Darmody at the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on December 14, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in Court Room #3.
 Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes

prior to any proceeding. NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.
 CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

SAMPSON, COLLETTA RICHENDA ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE C-22-0147 COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. COLLETTA RICHENDA SAMPSON
 TO: Colletta Richenda Sampson,
 2104 N Extension Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 23rd day of January, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for Civil Complaint Hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
 FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.
 ORDERED this 15th day of November, 2022.
 RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

STANDING ELK, DAWN SUMMONS J-23-0002/J-23-0003
 Termination Parental Rights of:
 S.D.H. (D.O.B.: 11/16/2005; A.S.H. (D.O.B.: 1/25/2007)

TO: Dawn Standing Elk
 A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on October 5, 2022 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.
 THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Darmody at the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on December 14, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in Court Room #3.
 Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.
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 CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

VALENZUELA, FRANK HARVIER DEFAULT NOTICE C-22-0105 ATWOOD RENTALS, INC V. FRANK HARVIER VALENZUELA,
 To: Frank Harvier Valenzuela, RESPONDENT
 1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
 2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
 3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
 4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
 5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
 6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
 DATED this 10th of September, 2022.
 CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT



Indian Health Service Steps Up COVID, Other Vaccine Push

PHOENIX (AP) — Last month the Indian Health Service announced that all tribal members covered by the federal agency will be offered a vaccine at every appointment when appropriate, under a new vaccine strategy.
 Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, American Indians and Alaska Natives have had some of the highest COVID-19 vaccination rates across the country.
 But Indigenous people are especially vulnerable to vaccine-preventable illness, and IHS officials recently noticed fewer patients have been getting vaccines for COVID-19. Monkeypox is now an additional health concern.
 Patients in the system are also beginning to fall behind in more routine inoculations, such as jabs for childhood diseases like measles, mumps and ru-

bella, as well as shingles shots for older adults.
 “With time passing, we are seeing some COVID fatigue, and we feel we aren’t where we need to be,” Dr. Loretta Christensen, IHS chief medical officer, said in a brief interview before the announcement was posted online. “With our vulnerable population, it is critical to reenergize our staff to get everyone the vaccinations they need.”
 Christensen said in a posted announcement that she had directed all care sites in the system “to respond to this important call to action to increase vaccine coverage and protect against vaccine preventable illnesses in tribal communities.”
 “Every patient at every encounter will be offered every recommended vaccine when appropriate.” she wrote. “IHS will

exempt encounters in which a vaccine would not be appropriate such as when someone has a moderate or severe acute illness.”
 Christensen told the agency’s staff in an additional message that she was encouraging everyone to get an updated COVID-19 and flu shots as winter approaches.
 “We can work together to protect our friends, relatives, elders and our communities as we gather across the country for the holiday season,” she said.
 The Indian Health Service is the health care system for federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
O'odham Action News
 tasha.silverhorn2@srpmic-nsn.gov

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community returned to an in-person Thanksgiving Dinner this year, with an agenda full of food, fun and entertainment. Held in the Two Waters Courtyard on Saturday, November 19, the event kicked off with early-bird door prizes and chicken scratch music from Mumsigo Ha'Hajun. Miss Indian Arizona 2022-23 Sistine Lewis served as the event's emcee.

Members of the Salt River Girl Scout troops opened the program with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Miss Salt River 2022-23 Nani Reina provided the blessing of the food. SPRMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard welcomed everyone in attendance, sharing his joy at seeing everyone back together after two years.

Round House Café staff and volunteers helped serve the meal consisting of turkey, dressing, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, pinto beans, squash and pumpkin pie.

Other entertainment included Kilali's Polynesian Revue, which featured young women from the Community, and Bird Singing and Dancing by the River, which performed a number of Piipaash songs and dances. In the turkey-calling contest, Community elder Ramona Loring won first place and Garrett Lewis came in second place.

The event ended with dancing to more music by Mumsigo Ha'Hajun. For information on upcoming events in the Community, follow the SRP-MIC social media pages.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**SATURDAY
DEC. 10TH
10AM - 5PM**

**TWO WATERS
COURTYARD**



10AM SENIOR BINGO

**ENTERTAINMENT • VENDORS
PHOTOS WITH SANTA • KIDS ZONE
HOLIDAY TREATS**

Holiday Light Parade

PARADE

SAT. DECEMBER 10TH

START TIME 5:30PM • STAGING 3PM @ SR COMM BLDG

PARADE ROUTE

NORTH ON LONGMORE RD. FROM SR COMM BLDG TO OSBORN RD. (TWO WATERS) ROAD CLOSURES BEGIN AT 5PM

JUDGING FOR "BEST OF"

**MOST UNIQUE | BEST USE OF LIGHTS & COLOR
MOST SPIRITED AND BEST WALKING**

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY:

TINYURL.COM/LIGHTPARADE2022

OR PICK UP AN APPLICATION

PRINT APPLICATION AVAILABLE @ THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE
TWO WATERS BUILDING A SUITE 104

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

FAMILIES • GROUPS • DEPARTMENTS
ORGANIZATIONS • BUSINESSES

APPLICATION DEADLINE

MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY,
DECEMBER 5TH AT 4PM

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - EVENTS | 480-362-7740 | SRPMIC | SALTRIVERPIMAMARICOPA

PROPOSED RESIDENCY ORDINANCE

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council is currently considering the enactment of a Residency Ordinance. The purpose of the Residency Ordinance is to determine which non-members may be permitted to reside within the Community, track/monitor these non-members residing within the Community, and place requirements upon these non-members with respect to certain tribal programs like jury service (in limited cases). The following is a structural breakdown of the proposed ordinance:

- Section 17-16 states the purpose(s) of the ordinance and defines certain terms.
- Section 17-17 specifies the various non-members who may reside within the Community.
- Section 17-18 lists the requirements for registration by non-member residents.
- Section 17-19 includes civil violations for not complying with the proposed ordinance.
- Section 17-20 includes the obligations of non-member residents.
- Section 17-21 re-affirms the Community's ability to utilize and enforce the exclusion process.

The proposed ordinance is open for public comment until January 19, 2022, and will be discussed at meetings and venues throughout November and December in 2022 and January 2023. The Community Council is hoping to receive additional Community member feedback on this proposed ordinance. You can also locate the full text of the proposed ordinance at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

Please submit any questions or comments to Jeff Harmon at jeff.harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-5409. All comments will be presented to Council at the end of the public comment period.

SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY MEETING

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Salt River Community Building
1880 N. Longmore Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

More information in the next OAN.

Public Works Holiday Trash Schedule

The Public Works Department will be closed on Friday, December 23rd in observance of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS 2022

All domestic containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, December 20th.

All domestic and recycle containers will be serviced on Thursday, December 22nd.

NEW YEARS 2022

All domestic containers will be serviced as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Please have your containers out in your designated pick up area by 6:00AM for servicing.

Thank you & have a wonderful & joyous holiday season!

Any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (480) 362-5600 or email PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov



SALT RIVER

PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

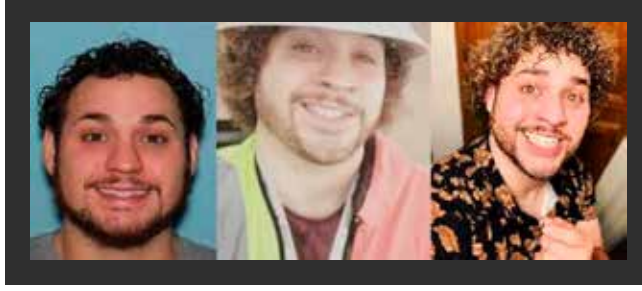
10005 East Osborn Road / Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722 / Phone (480) 362-7400 / Fax (480) 362-7593

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION

Erik Thomas Sanchez

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances voted on October 26, 2022 to permanently excluded Erik Thomas Sanchez from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that Erik Thomas Sanchez is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude Erik Thomas Sanchez from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-4003-2023. Erik Thomas Sanchez is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.



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PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

10005 East Osborn Road / Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722 / Phone (480) 362-7400 / Fax (480) 362-7593

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION William Johnathan Peck (DOB XX/XX/1989)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances voted on October 5, 2022 to permanently excluded William Johnathan Peck from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that William Johnathan Peck is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude William Johnathan Peck from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-3999-2023. William Johnathan Peck is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.



O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES

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SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov For more information please call (480) 362-7750.

CHURCH LISTING

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203 Mailing Address: PO Box 4628 Mesa, AZ 85211 Pastor Merrill Jones (480) 234-6091 SERVICES -Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene. -Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. -Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. -Sunday Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. -Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m. -SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m. -Monday night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m. -Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

Services -Sunday Services 10 a.m. -Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m. Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services. -Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD 2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256 (480) 947-1084 SERVICES -Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Pastor Marty Thomas (480) 874-3016/ Home: (480) 990-7450 SERVICES - Sunday service 11 a.m. - Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi) Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Neil Price (480) 278-0750 SERVICES - Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m. Now available through the Zoom app. Call church for Zoom ID.

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203 Pastor Annette Lewis annette.f.lewis@gmail.com (480) 404-3284

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125 Scottsdale, AZ 85271 E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com Visit us on Facebook Pastor Charlotte Fafard SERVICES -Sunday Service, 1 p.m. -Communion first Sunday of the month

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SRMG's Phoenix Cement Plant Receives ENERGY STAR® Label Sixteen Years in a Row

On behalf of the Phoenix Cement Company, an enterprise division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, we are pleased to announce that the Clarkdale Cement Manufacturing Facility located in Clarkdale, Arizona has earned ENERGY STAR certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This signifies that the facility performs in the top 25 percent of all other cement manufacturing facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by EPA.

This is the 16th consecutive year that the Clarkdale Facility has earned the ENERGY STAR certification, reflecting a legacy of saving energy, saving money, and helping protect the environment by using less energy than other similar facilities. Through this achievement, Phoenix Cement Company has demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering their energy costs.

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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

1 ENCHANT AT SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK SCOTTSDALE

- November 25th - January 1st, 2022
The worlds largest Christmas Light Maze & Village. Experience Animated Light Sculptures, Ice-skating Village, Live Entertainment, Interactive Games, Dining, Holiday Shopping, Santa & Mrs. Clause! And so much more!

1 WINTER WATERLAND AT ODYSSEA AQUARIUM - 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

November 25th - December 31st
Odyssea Aquarium 9500 E Via De Ventura Scottsdale AZ Visit Arizonas only SeaTREK Santa who takes center stage, interacting with guests as he appears underwater in the Deep Ocean exhibit. Pose for pictures with family and friends, participate in a SeaTREK scavenger hunt and send Santa a letter from the OdySea Aquarium Discovery Desk (and he'll write back!)

1 THRIVING WITH DIABETES: HEALTHY COPING - Attend our 8-week course and learn how to manage your diabetes! Limited to 12 participants. Meeting will be held in the Teaching Kitchen at RPHC. You MUST be vaccinated to attend meetings. Approved for 15 WellPath or 15 Strong Life Points. 12/01/22 Healthy Coping.

1 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE – 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Thursday, December 1st, 2022

Talking Stick Resort Grand Ballroom. Raffle Prize Drawings at 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. This event is for enrolled Community Seniors and Adults with Adaptive Needs and one guest 18+. Non-member guests welcome as Community member's +1. Note: No Christmas Gift (check) will be distributed at this event. Don't Miss Out! Questions? Call the activity line at (480) 362-7565.

3 APS ELECTRIC PARADE – 7 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd, 2022.

Celebrate the Christmas Holiday Season with the APS Electric Parade. The parade has been a Phoenix tradition for more than 30 years. The Parade starts on Central Ave & Montebello in downtown Phoenix.

5 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD MEETING – 5:15 p.m. Monday, December 5th, 2022,

Education Board Room, 4836 N. Center St, Scottsdale, AZ, Meetings will be held in person and virtually during the 2022-2023 school year. The Education Board welcomes your attendance and appreciates your interest in our students. Questions can be directed to Education Board Secretary, LaRue Jackson at (480) 362-2500

6 READING ALL THE WAY "NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS" –

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 in the ALA gymnasium (park in the lot along Highland Avenue south of the football field). The theme for the event "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and we will have a pajama contest for individuals and families? Visit out School and Community partners for games, treats, and resources! This event is free and open to the public! Call (480) 362-2500 with any questions.

6 AMERIND RISK MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION REGARDING HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS INSURANCE – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Two-Waters, Building "B" 1st Floor Room 106. SRFSI & SRPMIC Tribal Housing Program has partnered with AMERIND Risk Management to bring you a presentation regarding the importance of Homeowners and Renters Insurance. Amerind representative will be available to assist with completion of policy applications after presentations. Protect you home and valuable belongings! Don't wait until its too late. Coverage Options: Dwelling, Personal Belongings, Other Structures, Personal Liability, Scheduled Property, Loss of Use, Builder's Risk

7 USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL GARDENS AT SALT RIVER NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 7th, 2022.

Program Agenda: Opening prayer, Welcome

Remarks, Flag breathing, 21 gun salute, Taps, Laying of Wreath, Closing prayer. This year marks the 81st year since the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941.

10 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Two Waters Courtyard & Friendship Park.

Holiday shopping for one of a kind gifts, entertainment, kids area, senior bingo, photos with Santa, goodies/snacks and candy bags!

10 HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE - 5:30 p.m.

Bring your chairs to enjoy colorful entries from community programs and departments...don't forget SANTA will be there too!!! Parade begins at Salt River Gymnasium parking lot, proceeds north on Longmore Road and turns East on Osborn Road ending at the Two Waters North Employee Parking Lot.

12 EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY EVENT – 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 12, 2022

Talking Stick Resort. All Government Offices (with the exception of those with essential services to the Community) will be closed from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

T.O. Boys. OATH OF OFFICE: Martin Harvier, President; Ricardo Leonard, Vice President; Jacob Butler, Council Member; Mikah Carlos, Council Member; Cheryl Doka, Council Member; Michael Dallas, Sr., Council Member. See ad on page 15.

19 SALT RIVER EDUCATION BOARD MEETING- 5:15 p.m. Monday, December 19th, 2022

Education Board Room, 4836 N. Center St, Scottsdale, AZ, Meetings will be held in person and virtually during the 2022-2023 school year. The Education Board welcomes your attendance and appreciates your interest in our students. Questions can be directed to Education Secretary, LaRue Jackson at (480) 362-2500.

23 DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSED - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

26 CHRISTMAS DAY (observed), TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

31 COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY MEETING - 6:00 p.m. SR Community Building 1880 N Longmore Rd Scottsdale, AZ

More info in next issue.

31 SALT RIVER COMMUNITY NEW YEARS EVE DANCE AND MIDWAY – Saturday, December 31st, 2022

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