



Huhugam Ki: Museum Renovation Helps Resurface History



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As the Huhugam Ki: Museum enters its 35th year of operation, the time has come to keep the current facility in good shape and useful for another 35 years. After its anniversary celebration on November 5, the museum shut its doors for some needed renovations. Years of fixing, wiring, and adding and replacing building materials had left what was behind the walls and ceilings in dire need of repair. The museum will be shuttered until work is completed. "Under the direction of (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community) Public Works, decades of insulation, wiring and electrical

boxes were removed, along with the ceilings in both the 1980s kitchen addition and museum offices," said Museum Director Gary Owens. "The gallery and museum store were left untouched, as they had been through renovation in 2008 and were brought up to current code. So now it was time to work on areas that once housed Community members in the building known as the Salt River Youth Home."

The building was originally constructed starting in 1965 and was completed a year later.

We Learn About History by Looking at the Past

After the ceilings, insulation and wiring

were removed, Public Works Senior Project Manager Thomas Gardner was able to see what lay in store for the renovations, explained Owens.

Workers had gone down to the original lath and plastered walls in the office area, which had served as the bedrooms for the male youth. Above were the original tongue-and-groove ceiling planks, which surprisingly were in excellent shape. The plaster and lath walls were constructed directly on and in front of the adobe brick and packed walls. Railroad ties were used for the corners and window frames, and the bigger surprise was to find the covered window supports

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New Recycling Facility to Open Soon at Salt River Landfill



The new recycling facility at the Salt River Landfill being built and operated by Republic Services.

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In October 2019, the recycling facility operated by Republic Services at the Salt River Landfill burned down. Since then, some local governments across the Valley have faced tough decisions about how to move forward with their recycling programs.

Now, Republic Services is rebuilding an updated and more advanced recycling plant on the same land.

"Republic Services is looking forward to opening our new recycling facility in the next few months," said Republic Services area sales manager municipal sales Michael Celaya. "The Salt River

Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has been an important partner in this project, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration."

Construction for the new, approximately 51,000-square-foot facility began last June; it is slated to be fully operational by this May.

"There's a lot of people in the Valley right now waiting on this plant to open," said Salt River Landfill CEO Rich Allen.

According to Allen, the early projection for the cost of the project paid for by Republic Services is approximately \$7.5 million.

Republic Services said that the new facility will be equipped with the latest recycling processing technology and will create jobs for

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How Community Members Can Become Foster Parents

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The Foster Care Program of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Social Services Department encourages Community members to consider becoming foster parents. The Foster Care team is responsible for placing children in homes that are safe but also sustain the child's cultural connections.

"We would like families to step up to the plate and show our children that no, you do not have to leave the Community. There will be a safe home provided for you here," said Norma Hernandez, SRPMIC Social Services Foster Care licensing manager.

Many things need to be considered when placing a child into alternative care. "We have to look at every aspect of moving a child from one place to another, because it may be foreign to them to enter into a place that is different from where they came from," said Hernandez.

She said that the Foster Care Program is seeking more people from the Community to become foster parents. "Our intent is to keep our children in the Community, so we would

like to recruit families from within the SRPMIC." Hernandez said it is important that foster children maintain their O'odham and Piipaash connections and build a sense of cultural identity.

"We have a team of four individuals who work in the Foster Care and Kinship Care programs," said Hernandez. "In kinship care, they seek to place the child with relatives," to prevent children from losing connections to their home and the Community. "They know grandma, they know auntie, they know second cousin, although they call her auntie. So, it's a safer option and it's less traumatic to move a child from their parent to a relative."

If all efforts to find a relative fail, then the Community will seek to place the child with a foster family outside the Community boundaries.

Hernandez said that in the event an SRPMIC family or relative cannot take the child in, then they will refer a request to an outside agency for placement.

In some cases, a foster care home may be in another tribal community, such as the Gila River Indian Community, White Mountain Apache Tribe or Navajo Nation. For tribes

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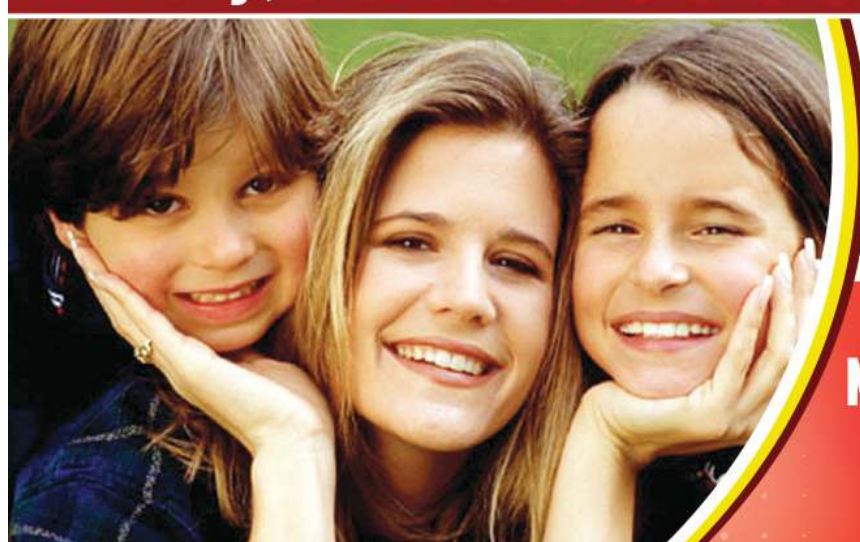


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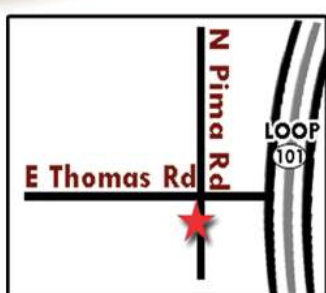
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that were in every room for the youth. When the museum was renovated in the late 1980s, all that was needed was to “furr out” or build false panels over the existing original plaster and chicken-wired supported walls.

“What this did was to encapsulate the original organic building materials and protect them from wear and deterioration. This is one of the [same] processes that we do with museum archives: find the documents and encapsulate them to give protection to the important historical information,” said



The Community came together for this ceremonial event, plopping adobe mud in between the frame of the building. Photos courtesy of the Huhugam Ki: Museum

Owens.

Gardner added that the roof was placed on top of the adobe walls with small openings that allowed air to circulate and keep the roof and wood beams dry and free of mold. That’s why they’re in great shape.

“The people who built this knew what they were doing,” said Gardner.

We Become Part of History by Sharing Our Past

Meldon Fulwilder, Mike Andrews and Norman Osif, tribal members who have experience in construction and building adobe structures, have examined the open museum walls and taken a look at the foundation of adobe brick and the construction techniques employed by the men and women who helped build the home, explained Owens.

“It was good to see that the railroad ties and brick had very little damage, if any, and these men were able to connect the process of building the home with the ones they had experienced,” said Owens.

This is the way they were taught, using ties to build the frame and make the brick or set up cross boards to pack the mud in. Some used trusses, but some of the older houses had just a flat roof with arrow weed or other brush thrown on top, then packed with adobe.

“The men have worked with the museum before and were helpful in planning the stabiliz-



Community women help reinforce the building that is framed with saguaro ribs. Photos courtesy of the Huhugam Ki: Museum

ing of the original one-room schoolhouse located near the new Cultural Repository off of the old Day School campus,” said Owens. “For that project, a new roof was constructed and set in place, adobe walls were stabilized, and the whole building was painted to match the original color.”

Peeling Back the Layers

Since the beginning of November, the museum has been undergoing a revitalization of its history here in the Salt River Community. Stories are emerging about youth who have stayed in the home, as well as the house parents and staff who

worked to provide the children with the structure and responsibilities that are part of being in a home environment.

Plans are being made for a reopening in late winter/early spring; the museum definitely will reopen in time for the upcoming Tortilla Festival, planned for the latter part of March. For now, the gift shop is closed and staff are offsite, but they can be reached through the museum’s main line at (480) 362-6320. Work will continue and more stories will be gathered to add to the history of the Salt River Community. Follow the Huhugam Ki: Museum and the SRPMIC Cultural Resour-

es Department on their social media pages at www.instagram.com/saltrivercrd and www.facebook.com/saltrivercrd for more updates and information.

Former Youth, Builders and Relatives of Builders of the Salt River Youth Home: We Need to Hear from You

This was one of the last projects where the Community came out to lend a hand. Discussions are ongoing about how to re-mud the entire building in sections and bring it back to the condition when saguaro ribs and windows lined the entire building. Once again, we would like to involve the Community members and ask them for their help. We are currently looking for information, stories, names and anecdotes about the construction, staff and youth who lived in the facility from 1966 to 1982. We want to conduct interviews, and if there are photos, we would like to include them in the tribal archives. For more information, please contact Museum Assistant Candice Manuel at (480) 362-6320.



Gilbert Road Bridge Construction is Underway at the Salt River Crossing

SUBMITTED BY SRPMIC ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Construction of a new bridge at the Salt River crossing on Gilbert Road will help prevent travel impacts during flooding closures at the current crossing.

Located between Thomas Road and State Route 87 (Beeline Highway), this highly anticipated project will replace the existing two-lane bridge and roadway crossing at the Salt River with a new four-lane bridge to maintain access across the Salt River, even during heavy water flows.

The Maricopa Department of Transportation (MCDOT) started constructing this bridge in November in cooperation with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) and the City of Mesa.

The new bridge will be built between the existing bridge and the northbound low-water roadway crossing in phases to allow for travel during construction and special environmental requirements. Once complete, the new Gilbert Road Bridge will fully replace the existing bridge and roadway.

One lane in each direction of travel through the work zone will be open during construction, except during closures from weather events. If flooding takes place in the project area, detours will be recommended for alternative travel to State Route 87.

Drivers will encounter a traffic restriction starting Monday, January 9, reducing northbound travel to one lane beginning at Thomas Road and extending to State Route 87. This restriction will be in place for all hours through early March 2023 during this first project phase. Construction will be underway daily excluding holidays, with occasional weekend and night work as needed.

A unique environmental requirement accommodated during construction is the relocation of a colony of Mexican free-tailed bats. These bats are insectivores and eat harmful pests such as mosquitoes. They roost in the existing bridge and will move into the new Gilbert Road Bridge once completed. The central section of the existing bridge will remain intact throughout construction to provide a home for the bats during all phases of the project. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and project team biologists use a specialized process called "exclusion measures" which encourage the bat's migration to the central section and to the new bridge once it is completed. After the colony has settled into the

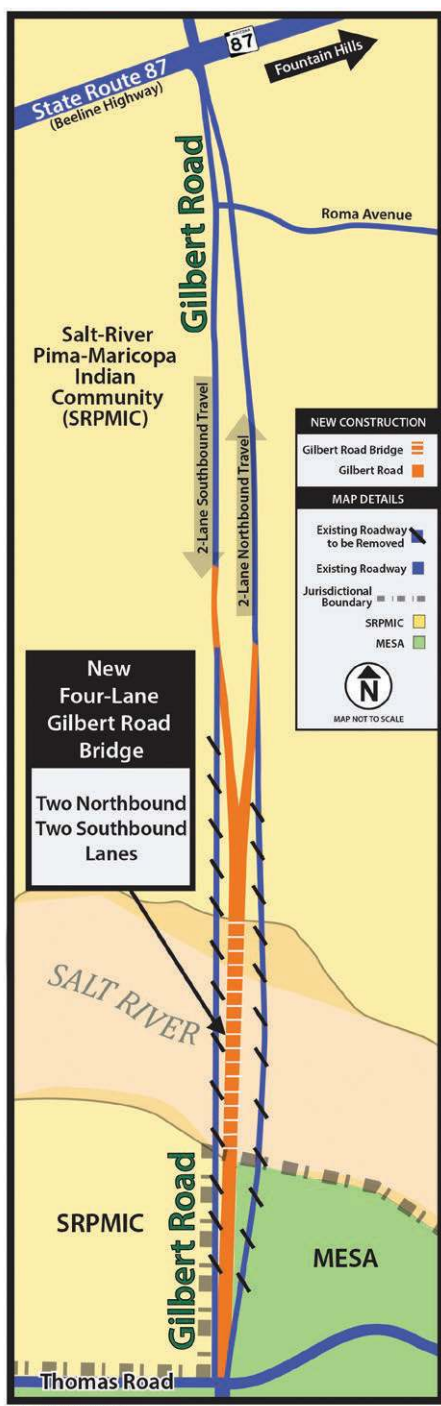


Bat Mitigation. Photo courtesy of Maricopa Department of Transportation

new bridge, the old central section will be dismantled and removed. Through this process, the bridge construction provides a safe home for the bats during and after construction.

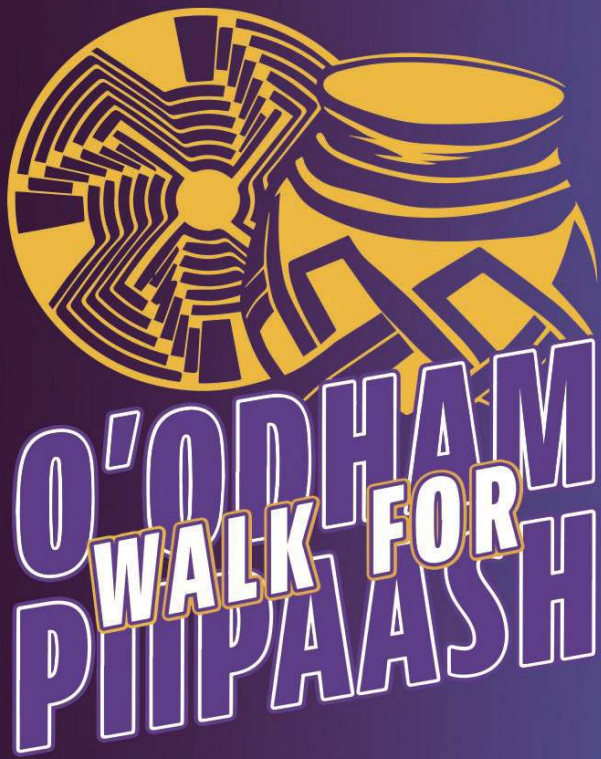
The new Gilbert Road Bridge is an important transportation project for the area eliminating concerns about access across the Salt River while improving local and regional travel with increased capacity. Although travel is accommodated during construction, MCDOT requests drivers to be aware of crews, restrictions, and reduced speeds through the project area. MCDOT invites the public to watch for additional information as the construction continues, and for the project completion anticipated for 2025.

For additional project information, contact MCDOT at MCDOTProjects@maricopa.gov, or at (602) 506-3342.



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Gilbert Road Bridge Project Map. Graphic courtesy of Maricopa Department of Transportation

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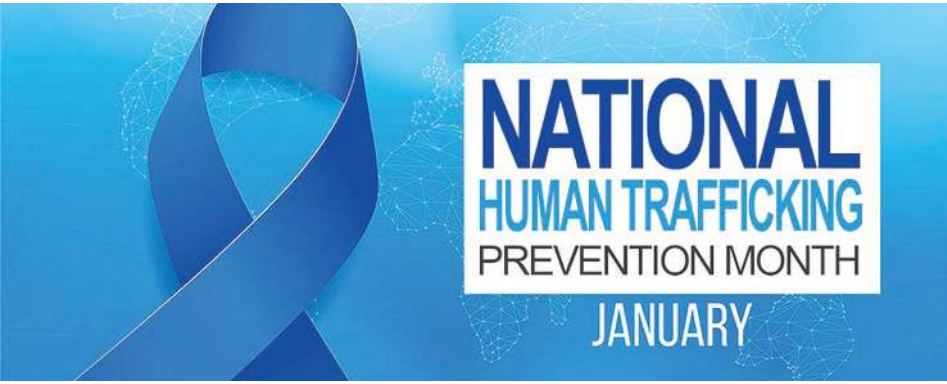
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NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH JANUARY

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“Around the world, human trafficking has stripped nearly 25 million people of their safety, dignity and freedom,” according to www.whitehouse.org. January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security wants to help raise awareness of human trafficking through their Blue Campaign.

The Blue Campaign, #WearBlueDay, is an initiative to raise awareness about human trafficking. On January 11, the public is being asked to take photos of themselves, family and friends wearing blue clothing and share them using the hashtag #WearBlueDay on social media.

In 2022, the Biden Administration released a National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, to prevent trafficking, prosecute perpetrators and protect survivors. “Consistent with this strategy, agencies across the Federal Government are working to combat human trafficking, conduct research to better address its root causes, and strengthen survivors’ access to services, including affordable housing and trauma-informed care,” according to www.whitehouse.gov.

“Through the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, we have

expanded the recognition of Tribal courts’ jurisdiction over non-Native sex traffickers on Tribal lands. And we have created a new unit within the Bureau of Indian Affairs that can help investigate human trafficking as an underlying cause of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives,” the statement continued.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a virtual presentation on Understanding Human Trafficking on Friday, January 13, to present to the Community what human trafficking is, the different types of trafficking, who the victims are and strategies to fight human trafficking.

We all can play an important role in preventing human trafficking and protecting victims. Learn more about the signs of human trafficking and share the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Follow @DHSBlueCampaign on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more information about #WearBlueDay and campaign efforts throughout the year. Or call SRPMIC Community Health Educators Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty or Melanie Nosie in the Department of Health Services Intervention Services at (480) 362-2706 for more information on human trafficking.

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that are not one of the Tohono O’odham sister tribes, Hernandez said they will try to help that foster care family become familiar with the Salt River Community’s traditions and culture.

Potential foster care families must be prepared to take some training, undergo a background check and have program staff conduct a thorough review of the home and anyone who is living there.

SRPMIC Social Services utilizes the National Training Development Curriculum for non-relative foster families, integrating the O’odham and Piipaash culture into the curriculum, according to Hernandez. Kinship families require six hours of training, and it’s 20 hours for foster care guardianship.

A home inspection is also conducted to make sure it is a suitable and safe environment. Foster care staff ensure that the home can meet guidelines regarding the appropriate number of rooms, beds that are specific for infants and toddlers,

and, if more than one foster child is in the home, that there are enough rooms and beds for girls and boys to sleep separately.

Once families meet the criteria, undergo training and pass the inspection, they become licensed foster care parents and can begin to receive children into their home. The length of stay for foster children varies; it depends on the progress made by the biological parents to once again be capable of caring for their child.

Each child in the Foster Care Program has a case manager and a guardian ad litem, a legal guardian appointed by the court to make decisions in the best interest of the child’s care and represent them in court proceedings. They monitor the progress of the biological parent(s) to make sure that eventually the child can be returned to them.



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Questions?
Call ENCL Director Sophia McAnlis at (480) 362-2500

Professional Bodybuilder Lands Top 10 Spot at Prestigious Event

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A Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member struck it big at a national competition showcasing the human form. Leanne “Aimee” Delgado took sixth place in the 2022 Mr. Olympia Pro Bikini Bodybuilder competition on December 18 during Joe Weider’s Olympia Fitness & Performance Weekend at the Planet Hollywood Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, held December 15–18.

Delgado took part in the Bikini event at the competition, which featured 11 categories exhibiting the sculpted physiques of individuals. “I had just stepped off my first Olympia and I had actually placed No. 6 in the world ... so I am now the sixth-best Pro Bikini bodybuilder in the world,” said Delgado.

The accomplishment is quite a feat, because Delgado is also the first Indigenous woman to finish so high in a competition of this kind. Competing in the Mr. Olympia event is a big deal for aspiring bodybuilders who want to showcase their hard work at the professional level, drawing competitors from around the world.

Before the Mr. Olympia

event, Delgado competed in other bodybuilding competitions that take place throughout the year. She took top honors at the 2022 International Fitness and Bodybuilding Federation (IFBB) Tampa Pro event in Florida and the Pacific USA Pro in San Diego, and she won second place in the National Physique Committee’s (NPC) Nashville Fit Show. All three events took S

“I lost by one point, and then I continued my journey,” said Delgado, who didn’t think about that event’s outcome leading into the Mr. Olympia competition. “I trained, dieted really hard and got my body [to match] exactly how the judges score for such an event,” said Delgado ready for the Mr. Olympia event. Delgado has been accompanied by her husband on the journey, and she also thanks the Community for their support and the opportunity to represent the SRPMIC.

Delgado looks back at her own path to physical wellness as inspiration for Community members to take on similar goals or simply find ways to better take care of themselves. She said, “I want to be a big inspiration for our whole Community to know that you don’t have to live a life where it’s a struggle. I know it’s hard to have a good relation-

ship with food, exercising and dieting.”

Reaching out for help to learn how to take on a healthy lifestyle is an important step for reaching the goals you want to achieve. “I want to [show] every Community member that they can do whatever they want if they put their mind to it. If you just work every day towards it and don’t give up, you can achieve great things,” said Delgado.

Delgado now has her sights set on the Arnold Strongwoman Classic in Columbus, Ohio, March 2-5, where up to 1,200 athletes apply in just the Bikini International event. “Professional athletes from all over the world vie to compete in the event, where only 10 individuals are selected,” she said.

Later in the year, on September 30, she plans to compete on SRPMIC land for the NPC Arizona Women Extravaganza at the Talking Stick Resort, an event promoted by Wings of Strength.

“I haven’t done it before, but I plan on competing this year, and I get to represent my own tribe on my own land,” she said. “So I’m very excited to do that, but my goal is to win that show and qualify for the 2023 Mr. Olympia and win the Olympia,” said Delgado.

Former OAN Reporter Authors Play to Be Shown at San Francisco Playhouse

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Former O'odham Action News reporter and Gila River Indian Community member Claude Jackson Jr. wrote a play called "Cashed Out" that will be performed at the San Francisco Playhouse this winter. The play will make its world premiere there and run from January 26 through February 25.

Jackson is currently an attorney and the director of the Gila River Public Defender's Office. He started writing short plays more than 10 years ago, frequently entering them into the Native Voices Short Play Festival, a project of The Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles. "Cashed Out" was the 2019 festival winner.

"I have been a finalist for the last five years. They [Native Voices] give you a subject to write a short play on, such as the trickster, water or environment. In 2019, the subject was about gambling," said Jackson. "I did a short play about a fictionalized family that lives out here on the west end [of Gila River]. The main character is a woman in her 30s who is addicted to gambling; she is a part of a family who are basket makers and is pulled between family and progressiveness. The story is about addiction and how the family tries to help her through all of this tragedy. It's not like the happy ending or anything like that, but I think it's a very good story."

After Jackson's short play won at the Native Voices festival, it was staged for a few people in the theater industry, which is how it was picked up by the San Francisco Playhouse. Jackson was asked to add more to the story so it could be made into a live production; it went from



10 pages to more than 100 pages.

"I did like three drafts of the play and worked pretty fast," said Jackson about getting the play ready for the live production.

The play went into rehearsals during the last two weeks of December. Jackson recently had heart surgery and was not up to flying to San Francisco to help start the production, but he was included through Zoom. He plans to be there a week prior to the first show, which will be on January 26.

"I never imagined something like this could happen. I did a movie [screenplay]

back in 2015 and started writing these short plays. I am ecstatic over it; it's hard to describe how awesome this feels," said Jackson. "Hopefully it does well and it gets out there and I can bring it to Arizona."

The play will have a majority Indigenous production team and actors. It is directed by Tara Moses, and actors include Rainbow Dickerson, Lisa Ramirez, Louisa Kizer and Matt Kizer. The play will be shown January 26 through February 25 at the San Francisco Playhouse. For tickets and more information, visit www.sfplayhouse.org.

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Workers constructing the new recycling facility at the Salt River Landfill, with Red Mountain and the rest of the landfill in the background.

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neighboring residents and help their community partners meet their own diversion and sustainability goals.

The Salt River Landfill will cover a portion of the cost of a large fire-suppression tank filled with approximately 400,000 gallons of water that will be sitting in reserve nearby at the landfill, which the Community required to be built out of concern for any future fires at the recycling plant. For the recycling facility, the tank will be accessed through the sprinkler system and through the fire hydrants; and for the Landfill, the water could also be used for fires of its buildings through the fire hydrants.

“The fire allowed [Republic Services] to redesign the processing equipment, so they can put in optical sorters that can recognize [different recycling materials] and make things easier through robotics,” said Allen.

About 30 staff worked at the previous facility. The automation of the new equipment that was shipped in from Quebec means that the new facility will require a staff of only about 18.

Installation of the equipment will begin sometime in January. The equipment will mainly sort cardboard, paper, plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans. Anything that cannot be recycled will go to the landfill.

Allen said the previous building had issues with incoming material being stored outside the building, so the new plan is not to have any-

thing outside the building.

“Not only is it safer, but it’s also better aesthetically,” said Allen.

The equipment in the previous facility was about 20 years old at the time of the fire, and Allen said that it was designed predominantly to capture newspaper, a big commodity then. Today, newspaper readership has declined and there is not as much newspaper being recycled as before.

“Recycling has changed so much—not only with the newspapers, but there’s more cardboard, you know, with Amazon [and other delivery companies],” said Allen. “There’s been a lot of ‘lightweighting’ in the industry. Your bottle used to be a more heavy plastic, and now they’ve reduced it [to be lighter in weight]. So, it takes a lot more bottles to make a ton now.”

The previous facility had three loading doors; the new building will have five.

The City of Scottsdale has been hauling some of its recycling materials to City of Phoenix facilities, but now Scottsdale is expected to switch to this facility.

According to Republic Services, other Valley cities that will be using the facility include the City of Mesa, City of Chandler, Town of Gilbert, Town of Fountain Hills and Anthem.

The SRPMIC’s Public Works Sanitation–Solid Waste division will also begin collecting recyclables from the Community to transfer to the new plant.



A wide look into the inside of the new landfill facility, with workers assembling parts of the building.



Workers begin to construct the doorways to the new recycling facility.



A worker going through parts that will end up in the construction of the new recycling facility.

Community Member Enters into the Helping Profession with Nursing Degree

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Rena Fulwilder, a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member, recently received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Arizona College of Nursing, graduating on December 20.

"Choosing nursing as a career pathway has been my ultimate goal," said Fulwilder. "I was always drawn into the nursing field, because I was drawn towards healing and being there for somebody when they are in need."

Fulwilder, the mother of eight children and five stepchildren, had a very full plate, but with the support of her husband and other family members, she was able to concentrate on earning her nursing degree. She is grateful to the Community's Higher Education Program for assisting with her tuition.

"It wasn't an easy path for her, being that she was full-time student, a mother and wife ... it's quite an achievement for her," said Rena's husband, Penrose Fulwilder. He felt that it was important to support his wife after she had done the same when he was working toward his carpentry license certificate.

"With her support, I was able to achieve my goals, and we decided that it was important for her to work towards her bachelor's in nursing and focus on supporting her," said Penrose Fulwilder.

According to Rena Fulwilder, the classes took a lot of commitment; missing a day would mean having to make up a lot of material. "It's a fast-paced program, so if you miss one day, it feels like you missed a week I didn't want to miss anything." During her second-



Fulwilder is pictured with her family and husband Penrose Fulwilder after her graduation ceremony at the Tempe Cent for the Arts.

to-last semester, Fulwilder gave birth to her eighth child, a boy, and she was back in class two days later.

Fulwilder said her classmates also helped her and would fill her in on course material. She was determined to graduate on time with the class. She said, "I already met all my friends there, and [I decided] I'm not graduating with a new group of people; I'm finishing now."

The baby was not the only new development that arose during her nursing program—Rena and Penrose got married in the middle of her studies. Penrose said that it was quite a milestone to go through these life events while his

wife was going to school.

Fulwilder said the nursing program prepared her to enter the medical field, and with her diploma in hand, job opportunities are coming in. "I've got an offer from Banner Health, which has a new graduate program where they provide you the option of selecting a campus [you] are interested in." There are different nursing units to choose from at Banner's different campuses that focus on different medical needs. Although it is a competitive field, nursing offers plenty of options.

Balancing school work with her personal life did take a toll, leading to a bout with postpartum depression after

her baby was born. Fulwilder said, "One of my sons goes to the Early Childhood [Education] Center, so I reached out to my family advocate [there] and I told her that I was dealing with postpartum [depression]."

Because of the resources available in the Community, the family advocate was able to connect Fulwilder with resources to address her depression.

"I had to take a step back and analyze what was out there that could be [helpful] to me," said Fulwilder. "Just knowing all the resources the Community had was really helpful."

The Community helped in another way as well. She said, "[While] I was in school, the Community's COVID-19 relief assistance helped us a lot, because at the time it was extra income and I appreciated how much it assisted us with paying bills."

She said that without her husband and her aunts as a support system, she might not have been able to earn her nursing degree. "They were able to accommodate things that go on with the family," said Fulwilder.

Fulwilder said her goal is to give back to the Community by working for the Community. "I want to share my knowledge and encourage others to accomplish their goals," she said. She added that there are many opportunities Community members can take advantage of, due in part to the Higher Education funding available to them, which relieves much of the financial burden.

January Is National Stalking Awareness Month

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January 2023 marks the 19th annual National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to shine a light on the crime of stalking. According to the White House Proclamation on National Stalking Awareness Month at www.whitehouse.gov, more than 3 million people ages 16 and older are victims of stalking each year, whether it happens in person or online.

Boosting awareness of stalking and how to prevent it can help everyone live free from fear, intimidation and threats to their physical safety and emotional well-being.

The March 2022 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by the Biden Administration will help increase resources and support for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute stalkers and other offenders of gender-based violence.

According to the proclamation, the VAWA Reauthorization "extends legal protections for survivors as well as access to transitional housing when they flee unsafe homes. It expands recognition of Tribal courts' jurisdiction over non-Native perpetrators to include stalking, sexual assault, child abuse and sex trafficking. Additionally, VAWA calls on the Attorney General to develop a national strategy to address the rising rate of cybercrimes, including cyberstalking."

What Is Stalking?

Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would



Photo: Stalkingawareness.org

cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others or to suffer substantial emotional distress. A pattern of behavior consists of two or more incidents in which the stalker forces unwanted contact using various tactics: phone calls, text messages, contact via social media, unwanted gifts, showing up or approaching an individual or their family and friends, monitoring, surveillance, property damage and threats.

Anyone can be a victim of stalking. For the majority of stalking victims, the perpetrator is someone they know: a current or former intimate partner, an acquaintance or a family member.

For upcoming informational events on stalking awareness, contact Community Health Educators Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty or Melanie Nosie in the Department of Health Services Intervention Services at (480) 362-2706.

Community Recreation Services Adult Hiking Club Takes on Wave Cave



Photo courtesy of Kevin Riding-In

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On January 7, 20 members of the Community Recreation Services Outdoor Recreation Program's Adult Hiking Club headed to the "Wave Cave" at Gold Canyon in the Superstition Mountains for a 3-mile round-trip hike.

The cave supposedly gets its name from the way that the rock formation inside the cave resembles a wave of water. Hikers often pose for artistic "silhouette" photos from the inside, looking out.

With an elevation gain of 869 feet and a difficulty rating of moderate to hard, this hike was chosen because the cave is a popular spot that is challenging for hikers, said Recreation Coordinator II Kevin Riding-In.

"Desert hikes are better to do in the colder months," said Riding In, referring to the recommendation to not hike in the Valley summer heat due to risk of

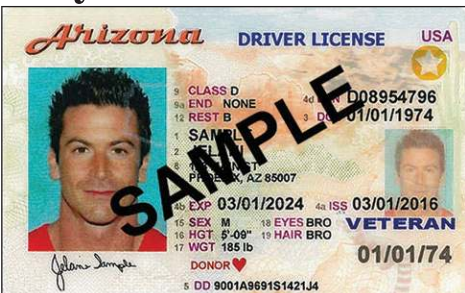
heat exhaustion and other heat-related injuries.

The Adult Hiking Club gives Community members an opportunity to explore the outdoors and take in great views, as well as providing a challenge and promoting physical activity.

"I read some reviews on the trail (wave cave) prior to going and was initially pretty nervous about it, because many said it was very steep and could be difficult for inexperienced hikers," said hiker Jessica Martinez. "However, I did not find it bad at all!"

The club's hikes are on the first Saturday of every month, and Riding In said that you can sign up to participate by looking for the information from posts on the Way of Life Facility's Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF> and on their Instagram page @saltriver-recreation. On the posts, there will be a SignUpGenius link to reserve your spot.

Arizona Travel ID Deadline Extended to May 2025



Sample Arizona Travel ID. Photo courtesy of AZDOT.gov

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The Arizona Travel ID driver's license/ID card was most recently scheduled to go into effect on May 3, but due to circumstances resulting from what the Department of Homeland Security said are lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including state driver's licensing agencies having to work through backlogs, the enforcement date for the card has been extended to May 7, 2025.

This ID is the state of Arizona's credential that complies with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, as recommended by the 9/11 Commission. There is a gold star embedded in the card to show that the cardholder has met strict federal requirements of proof of identification and security standards, which include incorporating anti-counterfeiting technology, preventing insider fraud, and using documentary evidence and record checks to ensure a person is who they claim to be.

"DHS continues to work closely with U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories to meet REAL ID requirements," said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. May-

orkas. "This extension will give states needed time to ensure their residents can obtain a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card. DHS will also use this time to implement innovations to make the process more efficient and accessible. We will continue to ensure that the American public can travel safely."

Effective May 7, 2025, TSA airport security checkpoints for domestic travel will accept only the Arizona Travel ID driver's license/ID card, a U.S. passport and other federally approved forms of identification, which include federally recognized tribal IDs.

To apply for an Arizona Travel ID, visit a Motor Vehicle Division office or third-party office, or go online to <https://azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/driver-services/arizona-travel-id>.

The ID, which costs \$25, can also be used as both a driver's license and an identification card.

For more information, visit www.azdot.gov.

Non Travel DL/ID Acceptable Original Identification Documents To Obtain Arizona Travel ID Include:

- Enhanced Tribal Card (Tohono O'odham Nation, Kootenai Tribe and Pasqua Yaqui Tribe)
- Tribal Certificate of Indian Blood
- Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs Affidavit of Birth
- Active Duty, Reserve or Retired US Military ID Card



The SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department is seeking culturally inspired logo design entries for the new Journey To Recovery Center.

The Journey To Recovery Center is located at the southwest corner of HWY87 and McDowell Road next to the River People Health Center. The project site consists of approximately 12 acres. The anticipated opening is early 2024.



\$500 and a Talking Stick Entertainment District prize package.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Contest is open to enrolled members of the SRPMIC, ages 16 and up.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Friday, March 3rd, 2023 by 5PM

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

Email: Call-for-Artist@srpmic-nsn.gov

***Hand delivery/USPS mail:** River People Health Center
Attn: HHS-Marie Peck
10901 E. McDowell Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**If mailed, please send in a flat, manila envelope so logo is not submitted folded. All entries become property of the SRPMIC and will not be returned unless a letter of return request is included with original entry. If winning entry is submitted by a minor, written parental consent must be obtained before prize is awarded.*

Healthy Lifestyle Series Kicks Off the New Year

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A new year means more ways to get motivated to start your journey toward a healthy and productive lifestyle. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Recreation Education Division is hosting a Healthy Lifestyle Series of classes in January and February.

According to Julian Rivers, Recreation Coordinator II for the SRPMIC Education Division, the guest speakers specialize in different aspects of healthy living, such as motivational skills, physical exercise and healthy eating. "As a whole, each individual brings a particular aspect to mind, body, food and life," said Rivers.

To start off the series, Ginger Martin, a member of the Gila River Indian Community, presented "Healthy Mind" on January 10. On January 17, Thosh Collins and his wife Chelsey Luger presented "Wellness for Culture," exploring the importance of balancing healthy activity with tradition.

The finish off the month of January, Ernie Lopez, a world-renowned chef from the Community, will talk about cooking healthy meals at home January 24. Rounding out the Healthy Lifestyle Series will be a presentation by the StrongLife Wellness program, which provides information on family



Ginger Martin presents on healthy mind, during the first session of the Healthy Lifestyle series at the WOLF on January 10.

wellness, social wellness and cultural wellness. Among the topics they focus on are emotional, spiritual and physical wellness on January 31.

Rivers said the series is a springboard for future events that will help people build their skills and knowledge about healthier lifestyles. "I like the attendees to walk away with something new, ... then hopefully we build toward a greater understanding," said Rivers.

All Community-member families are welcome to attend the programs, Rivers said. All sign-ups will be online, through SignUpGenius.com. Anyone who wants to sign up for the classes may email Julian Rivers at Julian.Rivers2@srpmic-nsn.gov for additional information.

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HOSTED BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE

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- PERSONAL PROPERTY PROBATE
- WILLS
- HOW TO START PLANNING FOR YOUR LAND
- BEST PRACTICES FOR DOCUMENT STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT
- FAQ'S

Saturday February 11th 2023

Raffles, giveaways & light refreshments will be provided.

10AM - 2PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION 480-362-7370 OR CDDPROBATE@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV

PATHWAY TO WELLNESS

This is The National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP). A year long of classes discussing diabetes prevention that focuses on healthy eating and physical activity. For the first 16 weeks we will meet weekly then for 6 months we will meet monthly. In this program we will conduct weekly weigh ins and collect weekly food logs. There are both In-person sessions and virtual.

For more information contact Karina J Watson at karina.watson2@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-3278

DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS

Join the Diabetes Prevention Services in a 5 week class series discussing diabetes self-management covering subjects including:

- * Diabetes
- * Principles of healthy eating
- * Taking your Diabetes medication

* The Importance of physical activity/ movement
Diabetes wellness

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CONNECTING WITH TRADITIONAL FOODS

Join the Diabetes Prevention Services in Connection with Traditional Foods Event for National Nutrition Month. There will be a in-person event on March 4, 2023 at the Salt River Community Building. Senior and Adult Adaptive Needs Session will began at 9 a.m.-10 a.m., then the event will be open to the public starting at 10 a.m. -1 p.m. There will also be a Virtual Learning Session March 6-9, 2023 in the evening from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m thru Zoom.

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"Water Baskets" Installed at Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale Salt River



SRPMIC sculpture artist Jeffrey Fulwilder stands next to his latest art installation "Water Baskets" located at the entrance of the Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale Salt River.

that by incorporating the water theme that we have going on at both properties, at the Residence Inn by Marriott and the Courtyard," said Salt River DEVCO CEO Alix Smith. "He drew a sketch of the wave with the baskets, and we said let's go for it. And he did."

Fulwilder said that the art piece looks exactly like the drawing and design that he came up with.

"It's going to come out better than your drawing. Is that blue going to mix with this brown and this black, that brown, that yellow? Is it going to tie together? These are all the things you're unsure of," said Fulwilder.

In addition to "Water Baskets," the SRPMIC tourism team, Discover Salt River, showcases other artworks by Fulwilder and other SRPMIC artists within the Talking Stick Entertainment District. To find more SRPMIC artists' installa-



Jeffrey Fulwilder begins to place the baskets in their right places on the wall.

tions, visit www.discoveraltriver.com/art-trail.



Jeffrey Fulwilder sets the art piece on the floor and plans out exactly where the baskets will be located before the installation on the wall.

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On December 5, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community sculpture artist Jeffrey Fulwilder installed his latest art project, "Water Baskets," at the Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale Salt River on tribal land.

Now on full display and well-lit with a spotlight, the artwork can be seen when you enter the hotel, just behind the booking registers.

The sculpture consists of six O'odham baskets tucked purposefully inside and outside of a large blue piece representing the flow of water.

"I was trying to think of baskets that tie in with water, like a water design or turtle, things like that. Then it just

dawned on me that everything needs water, so any baskets wouldn't matter," said Fulwilder. "The water is important to all tribes everywhere. Water represents life. Everything on this earth drinks water, everything needs water."

The piece also has a few circles with mirrors representing bubbles in the water.

In March, Fulwilder met with Salt River DEVCO, an asset management and commercial development company and enterprise of the SRPMIC that manages and enhances the Community's commercial real estate investments, to come by and look at the art installation location.

"We suggested maybe some metal baskets along the back wall, and Fulwilder decided he could do better with

Voluntary No Burn Days, Mean a Healthier Community

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As winter temperatures dip into the high 40s at night, many families use fireplaces for warmth. But they need to be mindful, because the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Community Development Departments's Environmental Protection & Natural Resources (CDD/EPNR) Division has initiated voluntary "No Burn" days in recent weeks. On voluntary No Burn days, residents are encouraged to refrain from burning wood indoors in the fireplace or outdoors in firepits.

"During the holidays, there are a lot of people staying home, and when it is especially cold, they fire up their fireplace," said Stan Belone, environmental engineer for the CDD/EPNR Air Quality Program. "Generally, a lot of people use firewood to heat their home around the holidays, such as Christmas and New Year's. That is the time [of year] that air quality monitors record the highest amount of particulates in the air, exceeding health standards."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "particulate matter" (PM) is the term for solid particles such as dust, dirt, soot or smoke found in the air. Construction sites, unpaved roads, fields, smokestacks and fires emit these particles. Some are large or dark enough to be seen with the naked eye, while others are so small they can only be detected using an electron microscope. Of these, particles measuring less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, also known as fine particles or PM 2.5, pose the greatest risk to health. The higher particulate levels occur from late evening to early morning.

The Phoenix area often exceeds national air quality standards in winter, Belone explained, so "We do our part to monitor the

air quality, which is why we do outreach in the Community on voluntary No-Burn days."

Belone said that rain and wind can partially alleviate the amount of particulates in the air, but ultimately it takes the participation of Community members to help maintain healthy air quality.

The fine particulates released into the air from wood fires in stoves and fireplaces are harmful to anyone, but for those who deal with chronic respiratory illness such as asthma suffer the most from bad air quality. "The particulates are so tiny that they can be breathed into the lungs, causing a respiratory illness," Belone said. People with heart disease are at risk as well.

"What we are concerned about during the winter months is monitoring air quality that shows a Particulate Matter of 2.5 microns, but look out for ... Particulate Matter of 10 microns as well, which are larger particulates."

He said winter temperature inversions, in which the colder air is nearer the ground and the warmer air is at a higher altitude, force the bad air down closer to the ground, leading to high-pollution advisories.

The best way to identify something so tiny is to look at the haze that lingers over the city in the early morning. That is fine particulate matter in the air.

Understanding the science gives people a greater sense of awareness about the impacts of harmful air on Community members. That's why it's important to observe the voluntary restrictions on No Burn days out of consideration for those who deal with respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses.

Salt River Police Department's Safety Tips of the Month

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If you visit the Salt River Police Department's (SRPD) Facebook page, you might notice the occasional SRPD Crime Prevention and Safety Tips of the Month. The department said it is hoping to expand these postings to the SRPD Instagram page as well.

The tips began in 2019 as another way to share important information with members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Special topics are addressed each month, such as tax fraud in April, summer safety in May, and back-to-school safety in August.

In January, the SRPD is promoting "Safe Driving Tips and Safety," focusing on school being back in session after winter break and general safe-driving tips.

The SRPD reminds the Community that the speed limit in school zones is 15 mph. Never pass a stopped school bus that has the red lights flashing and a stop sign out, and use extra caution in neighborhoods around bus stops and schools.

"As a driver, trying to make eye contact with families and students is a great trick to identify their movements," said SRPD Ofc. Erica Jakupi. "A lot of the time, students won't be paying attention until the last moment when they want to cross the street, and that's when they start looking around."

Jakupi cautions students to be aware of their surroundings and stay



alert, recommending that students remove their headphones to hear what's going on around them as they walk to and from school.

"Vehicles move fast, so double-check that the roadway is clear before you attempt to cross. Look to the left first, because traffic will be closer to you on that side. Then, look to the right and left one more time to make sure it's safe to cross," said Jakupi.

She also reminds the Community that theft is a crime that SRPD sees year-round, so remember to lock your vehicle and your home, and "If You See Something, Say Something."

2022-2023 Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Review Their Year Representing the Community

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Back in June 2022, sisters Nani and Tirsa Reina were crowned the 2022-2023 Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River to represent the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The two have done a lot in the last seven months in a whirlwind of activities and events, along with their first attendants, Kendra Percy and Aiyannah Lerma. The sisters review their year so far and explain what their plans are for the remainder of their reigns. Also, they both have some advice for future participants of the upcoming 2023-2024 Miss Salt River and Jr. Miss Salt River pageants.

Jr. Miss Salt River

Jr. Miss Salt River Tirsa Reina has had the opportunity to travel all over the state of Arizona since holding the title, though lot of her events have been held in the Community and neighboring cities.

"I have enjoyed meeting a lot of people ... and knowing more about different organizations and different opportunities for the Native youth, as well as getting to know about the history of Community," said Reina.

When her sisters, cousins and other family members were titleholders, they always talked about the Community events and how it warmed their hearts to see and talk with a lot of the Community members. Like them, Reina has enjoyed the opportunity to attend in-person events.

"Just getting to know more people at the Community events is what is exciting," said Reina.

Since being crowned Jr. Miss Salt River, Reina has improved in many ways, including her communication skills. The shy young woman who was timid and afraid to speak has made strides in public speaking.

"I noticed my speaking has improved. I still have a lot of work to do with it, and it just gets better with practice, but my speaking in the beginning wasn't [that good] and I was often told to speak up and to [pronounce] my words [more clearly]," Reina said. "Now I feel better with my speaking. It's been kind of hard because of the pandemic and everything, so going out and meeting people and having the opportunity to be social has also helped with my public speaking."

Before her reign is up, Reina would like to help bring Community families together to help them learn about the O'odham and Piipaash languages. She explained that for her platform event she will be holding an O'odham and Piipaash Bingo so they have the opportunity to learn vocabulary words they can use in their daily life.

Starting January 16, the Miss Salt River Pageant Committee will begin recruiting for the next Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River pageants in June. Reina explained that when she was competing, what helped her a lot was repeating positive affirmations and just being herself.

"It's such a fun experience. No matter the circumstance, you know if the [contestant] doesn't place or anything, it's still such a great opportunity," said Reina.

Miss Salt River

Since being crowned Miss Salt River, Nani Reina has had a busy schedule. In addition to fulfilling her duties of representing the Community, she has been studying to get a degree in early



childhood education at Scottsdale Community College.

She said that one of the highlights as Miss Salt River was traveling to the East Coast for the WEWIN National Conference (Women Empowering Women for Indigenous Nations).

"It was the farthest I've ever traveled within the United States, so that was really cool to go and learn different things pertaining to women in Indian Country. [I heard] different people's experiences working with tribal, non-tribal and national governments, also working within different offices and learning different ways to be a well-rounded person," said Reina.

She also enjoyed the Community events. "The Halloween Drive-Thru was one of the most fun and exciting events because we dressed up and decorated our van. [It was nice] being able to see all the children in our Community have fun."

In the past seven months, Reina has had the opportunity to get out and talk with Community members, but in her final months as Miss Salt River she wants to focus more on the Community youth, asking how they are and what changes they would like to see in the Community. She would also like to do more outreach and help recruit young ladies for the upcoming pageant.

Her platform is strengthening family bonds through cultural teaching; she will be holding her platform event on April 15. "I wanted to promote family that grows together through traditional teachings. I know that it helps a lot, and it helped me to ground myself and become the person I am today," Reina said.

She also is looking forward to events she has lined up, such as the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair & Rodeo; the Mega Throw, an event in Parker to celebrate the traditions of bird singing and dancing; the Arizona State University Pow Wow; and the Community's Easter event.

For future Miss Salt River pageant participants, Reina encourages them not to get caught up in the competition. "Don't get caught up that you need to win; just go in there and do your best."

"Just know that your Community is behind you 100 percent, no matter what. I feel the love and support from all Community members whenever I am out doing events, or even online, seeing their comments saying how wonderful we're doing. It just really warms my heart."

For upcoming recruiting events and to follow the Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Court, go to www.instagram.com/misssaltrivercommittee or www.facebook.com/misssaltrivercommittee.

MISS SALT RIVER COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

Join us for our virtual and in person Q&A sessions for the 2023-2024 pageants, applications process and more!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Enrolled SRPMIC Members
- Jr. Miss Participants 13-16
- Miss Salt River Participants 17-24

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Tuesday, February 7 Via Zoom 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, March 29 Via Zoom 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Monday, February 20 Lehi Building 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Saturday, April 8 Canalside Club House 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 15
Two Waters
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

RSVP or for more information email:
MissSaltRiver@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

Adventures in Food Inspection—Part 4

BY NAOMI EVANISHYN, R.S.

Environmental Health Specialist, SRPMIC Health & Human Services

Welcome to Part 4 in my series on conducting a food establishment inspection. For those of you who have followed my previous articles, I have returned from my knee replacement surgery (that's an article for another time!) and am now back at work and trying meet my quota of inspecting all the food establishments on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at least two times a year.

Here's a summary of what we've covered so far. In Part 1, I explained what happens when I first meet with the restaurant or facility manager about conducting an inspection. In Part 2, I described what happens during an inspection, starting at the back of a food establishment and continuing outside, to the dry storage room, mop room, and chemical or cleaning supplies storage room. In Part 3, I talked about checking the temperature of raw meats and fish, cooked foods, and so on.

After all that, next on the list are inspecting the sanitizer in the wiping buckets and ensuring that the dish machine is properly sanitizing. The three ways for food facilities to sanitize their dishware are by using quaternary ammonia, chlorine or high-temperature heat sanitation.

To test ammonia sanitizing, I dip a special test paper into either the wiping bucket or dish machine for 10 seconds, then compare it to a color scale that comes with the test paper. For effective sanitizing, it should measure 200 ppm (parts per million). If the establishment uses chlorine, I use a different type of test paper; the solution should measure between 50 and 100 ppm.

The final way to sanitize dishware is in a high-temperature dish machine. The machine must reach a "final rinse"

temperature of 180°F (this is a temperature we should not have in our homes!). Sometimes these dish machines have to be located under a special hood that removes the excess steam.

During the inspection, I check under and behind kitchen equipment to look for rodent droppings or cockroaches. I am glad to say I have not come across any food establishments with these issues. However, I recently spotted a can of Raid in one kitchen; I asked the manager why they were using it, and he said they had roaches! I docked him 5 points on the inspection report and informed him that any pesticide used in a food establishment must be food-grade approved and applied by a licensed exterminator. He tossed the bug killer.

After I have completed my inspection, I write up the report and go over it with the manager—oh yes! I ask to see all the employees' food handler cards. I sometimes compare the cards to the employees' work schedules; I have been here for almost four years, and the managers know I will write them up if they do not show proof of food handler cards. So for those of you who work in food establishments, you will need a card!

While we're reviewing the inspection report, we discuss the violations, if any, and set up a re-inspection date if needed. Fortunately, most places do not require one. If they have a critical violation, which is 4 or 5 points on their inspection, that may require a follow-up. Here are the critical violations:

- Temperature control not met. This applies to hot and cold foods and reheated foods.
- Equipment not maintaining proper temperature. This includes the refrigeration, walk-in cooler, freezer, shake machine, etc.

- Re-serving foods that were previously served to a customer, such as tortilla chips or bread.
- Employees not washing hands or using good hygienic practices.
- No sanitizer in the dish machine.
- Not having running water under pressure; this would require that the food facility close until they have running water.
- Plumbing issues.
- No restroom available for staff. Staff should have a restroom, but a restaurant is not required to have one for customers.
- Presence of insects, roaches, rodents or personal pets. Service animals are allowed, but I have never see one in all my years as an inspector.
- Toxic items not labeled, improperly stored or improperly used.

Well, this concludes my series of articles about the process of inspecting all food facilities here within the boundaries of the Community. If you have questions, please call the Environmental Health Program at (480) 362-5706. If you need a food handler card, please call (480) 362-7822 to reserve a spot in an upcoming class; the classes are free and informative.

I hope you enjoyed this series about food establishment inspections. Oh, in case you were wondering, the R.S. after my name stands for registered sanitarian, which is a required designation for someone to conduct these inspections.

The Department of Veterans Affairs proposed a rule that would waive copayments incurred on or after Jan 5, 2022

- * For eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans
- * There is a 30-day period for the public to provide comments on this rulemaking
- * The VA will review comments and develop the final rule
- * If finalized, eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans who have submitted appropriate documentation to VA would no longer be required to pay copays for health care services
- * This is to encourage Native veterans to seek regular primary care treatment, which can yield better health outcomes

If finalized, eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans would be reimbursed for any copayments paid on or after January 5, 2022, upon submission of their official documentation to the VA

There is a 30-day comment period once the rule is formally published (January 12) and the SRPMIC Veteran Services will draft a supportive comment letter for submission once the portal opens.


If you have any questions, please contact Veteran Services at (480) 362-7884 or veteranservices@srpmic-nsn.gov



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(2) Delinquency proceedings. A juvenile shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, who may be either an attorney or an advocate admitted to practice in the Community Court, in any delinquency proceeding, beginning at the first hearing and throughout all stages of the proceedings. A juvenile or his or her parent or guardian may request the appointment of counsel to the juvenile at any stage of a delinquency proceeding. Counsel shall be appointed immediately upon the filing of a juvenile delinquency petition or complaint, petition to revoke probation, or citation in any delinquency matter. A juvenile may knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive appointed counsel at any stage of the proceedings and inform the court of the intention to proceed without representation or to retain counsel at their own expense.

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Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Limited Liability Company Act

Comment Period: January 12, 2023 – February 25, 2023

On Wednesday, January 11, the SRPMIC Council authorized a 45 day public comment period for proposed amendments to the Community's Limited Liability Company Act ("LLC Act").

The purpose of the LLC Act is to allow the Community Council to create limited liability companies under Community law (as opposed to under the laws of a state) and contains rules governing these companies.

In its current form, the LLC Act only allows the creation of 100% wholly owned Community businesses. The Community Council is considering the following additions to the current LLC Act:

1. Joint venture companies. Permit the Council to create Joint Venture companies between the Community and third parties,

and
2. Community-member companies. Permit the Council to approve the creation of majority owned and controlled Community Member-owned companies.

The proposed code amendments can be located at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>.

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community's intranet "Ordinance Public Comment" page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

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- 24 LEHI DISTRICT MEETING CM SCABB / CM DALLAS** – 6 p.m. Lehi Community Center 1231 E Oak St Mesa, AZ Agenda: Gilbert road bridge update; McDowell Road speed bump consideration; Community member comments. Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469
- 24 HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES EVERY TUESDAY IN JANUARY** – 6 p.m., Way of Life Facility (WOLF), 11725 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ Week 2: **Healthy Eating with Ernie Lopez**. Open to all WOLF members and enrolled Community Members. Sign up to attend all classes at <https://sugeni.us/dGEV> Contact: Julian Rivers (480) 362-7909 or Email: julian.rivers2@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 26 GET WELL SOUPER SOON** – Session #1: 9:30 a.m. Session #2: 1 p.m. Thursday, January 26th, 2023 at the Salt River Community Building 1880 N Longmore Rd, Scottsdale, AZ. Protect yourself and others from catching and spreading illness. Topics include:

- Chicken Noodle Soup Cooking Class; Healthy Habits to Help Prevent Illness; Diabetes Sick Day Plan; Flu Season; Vaccine Education. **30 slots each session will have the option to do hands on cooking** To register please contact: Karina J. Watson, Community Health Educator at karina.watson2@srpmic-nsn.gov or call (480) 362-3278
- 31 OODHAM & PIIPAASH STORY TELLING NIGHT** – 5:30 p.m. Accelerated Learning Academy 4827 N Country Club Dr. Scottsdale, AZ. Join the Education Native Language Culture team for their annual O'odham & Piipaash storytelling event, a night of learning & celebration. This event is open to Salt River School staff, students and families, as well as the entire Community. A light meal will be available while supplies last. Questions? Call ENLC Director Sophia McAnlis at (480) 362-2500.
- 31 HEALTHY7 LIFESTYLE SERIES EVERY TUESDAY IN JANUARY** – 6 p.m. Way of Life Facility (WOLF) 11725 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ Week 4: **Healthy Life Strong Life**. Open to all WOLF members and enrolled Community Members. Sign up at <https://sugeni.us/dGEV> Contact: Julian Rivers (480) 362-7909 or Email: julian.rivers2@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 31 COMMUNITY MEMBER MEETING** - 6 p.m. Salt River Community Building 1880 N Longmore Rd, Scottsdale, Az. Meeting Agenda: Introduction of the new Salt River Materials Group CEO; Introduction of the new Gaming

- Enterprise CEO; Marijuana in the Community - Legislation update; Missing Persons Identification Project; Community Member Comments. Questions? Contact the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469.
- 31 DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS GETTING TO KNOW DIABETES PART 1 & 2** – 5:30 p.m. WOLF Building Rm #247 11725 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 5 week class series discussing diabetes self-management covering subjects including: Diabetes; Principles of healthy eating; Taking your Diabetes medication; The importance of physical activity/movement; Diabetes wellness. Who can sign up? Community members 18+; Tribal employees; People with diabetes; Caregivers of people with diabetes. To register please contact: Karina J. Watson, Community Health Educator at karina.watson2@srpmic-nsn.gov or call (480) 362-3278
- 31 JOIN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER AT BIG WHEEL DAY!** – 10 a.m. Early Childhood Education Center 4815 N Center St Scottsdale, AZ. The Early Childhood Education Center will host a variety of vehicles with BIG WHEELS! Classrooms and families can explore the vehicles and equipment. All visitors can park along Center Street. Questions? Contact ecec.saltriversschools.org or call (480) 362-2200

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- 3 84TH ANNUAL TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION RODEO** – Eugene P. Tashquith Livestock Complex Sells, AZ Hwy 86 milepost 110. Admission fee into Rodeo: \$5 per person, 55 & over, children under 5yrs, and Veterans FREE. Face coverings strongly encouraged! NO CARNIVAL, NO POW WOW. For more information visit www.tonation-nsn.gov or call the Tohono O'odham Nation Rodeo and Fair Office (520) 383-2588
- 4 WALK FOR O'ODHAM & PIIPAASH** - 8 a.m. Accelerated Learning Academy Football Field 4827 N Country Club Dr Scottsdale, AZ. Not test of endurance but a Prayer Walk for O'odham and Piipaash Past, Present and Future. In-Person Registration begins at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m. Prayer, Stretching and Walk begins. For more information call CRO Events at (480) 362-7740.
- 7 BACK TO THE BASICS**, 12 p.m. - 1:30 pm. at the Teaching Kitchen at River People Health Center. A 6-week cooking and nutrition course created by SR Nutrition Services. Cooking Demo: Chopped Salad and Roasted Squash and Wild Rice Bowl. For registration call (480) 362-3355 or email rphcnutritionservices@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 10 SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY PRESENTS: BOOKS & LOOKS**. Join us as we learn new tips, tricks & techniques featuring: Cora Tanner, Community member make-up artist and Cher-

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- 14 BACK TO THE BASICS**, 12 p.m. - 1:30 pm. at the Teaching Kitchen at River People Health Center. A 6-week cooking and nutrition course created by SR Nutrition Services. Cooking Demo: Barbeque Chicken, Baked Beans and Broccoli Salad. For registration call (480) 362-3355 or email rphcnutrition-services@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 15-17 A National Wellness & Healing Conference HEALING TOGETHER**. Keynote speakers Al Pooley, NAFFA; Kateri Coyhis, White Bison; Mike Duncan, NDN; Chelsey Luger, NWI and Thosh Collins, NWI. For more information contact Cheryl Honnie, Training/Events Coordinator - NAFFA at (480) 833-5007 or email conference@aznaffa.org
- 28 PARENT NIGHT WITH SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building. Join School & Community Relations for Parent Night! Resources, information, and refreshments. This event is free and open to ALL SRPMIC parents/guardians, regardless of where your student attends school. Questions? Call SCR at 480-362-2534.