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Arizona Statehood Day Proclamation Focuses on Women and Tribes

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SRPMIC Council Representative David Antone delivers a land acknowledgement speech at the Arizona Statehood Day Proclamation ceremony at the Arizona Capitol Museum. Also present are Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs (left) and Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley (center).

Arizona celebrated 111 years of statehood on Valentine's Day, February 14, and a Statehood Day Celebration was held at the Arizona Capitol Museum, on the third floor of the capitol, to mark the occasion.

"As your governor, I am proud to recognize today as Arizona Statehood Day with an official Proclamation," said Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs. The proclamation focused on the election of women to office, offering all citizens an opportunity to celebrate Arizona's natural beauty, and building an Arizona for everyone.

Those who were invited to speak were Governor Hobbs; Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley; Arizona State University Professor Emeritus Dr. Christine Marin, founder of the Chicano/a Research Collection at Hayden Library; and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council Representative David Antone.

Antone, who is in his seventh year on the SRPMIC Council, opened the event with a land acknowledgement and a blessing.

"While this day marks the 111th birthday of the State of Arizona, it is also significant for the Akimel O'odham and the Xalychidom Piipaash, who have prospered in this region and are an integral part of our history," said Antone to the room of dignitaries, visitors and media. "This landscape is sacred, and it reflects the cultural values that are central to our way of life and the way we define ourselves. The oral history and the song culture of the people are specifically tied to places like the mountains that surround our valleys and are associated with specific historical, cultural and religious values and beliefs."

Antone said that it is important to acknowledge the homeland of the people who have inhabited this land since time immemorial, which continues to be spiritually connected to the people of the SRPMIC.

Since Arizona officially became a state in 1912, 24 people have held the office of

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TOCC Offers Free Native Arts Workshop

TOCC Instructor Dwayne Manuel guides his students to Downtown Phoenix for a mural tour.

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Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC) offered a free Native Arts Workshop for members of the four O'odham tribes this winter to teach them about contemporary and traditional Native arts. The eight-week, non-credit course taught students about history and culture in addition to encouraging artistic skills.

Each Saturday from January 7 through February 25, members of the Tohono O'odham Nation (TON), Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) in the workshop spent most of their day meeting at the TOCC Phoenix Center, located at Central Avenue and Campbell, or on field trips to the Tohono O'odham Nation, Tonto National Forest and SRPMIC Community Garden to learn about O'odham basketry, pottery and shell etching.

Students were 15 years and older; 10 of them were from the SRPMIC.

"My uncle Ron Carlos, he's the pottery maker and was on the list of presenters for the TOCC Workshop. He posted the flier to

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Rep. Gallego Visits SRPMIC to Discuss Native American Child Protection Act

Arizona Representative Ruben Gallego (center) holds a press conference at the SRPMIC FAC to discuss the Native American Child Protection Act. Pictured left to right: Council member Mikah Carlos, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Gallego, Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Chairwoman Amelia Flores, and Council member Cheryl Doka.

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On February 7, U.S. Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) held a press conference with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community leadership and other Arizona Native leaders at the SRPMIC Family Advocacy Center (FAC) to discuss the importance of the Native American Child Protection Act, legislation recently introduced by Rep. Gallego.

Members of SRPMIC Council and some members of the Young River People's Council stood with the other leaders in a show of support for the bill.

The bipartisan legislation reauthorizes and revises programs that ensure tribes have the tools they need to treat, prevent, investigate and prosecute instances of family violence, child abuse and child neglect involv-

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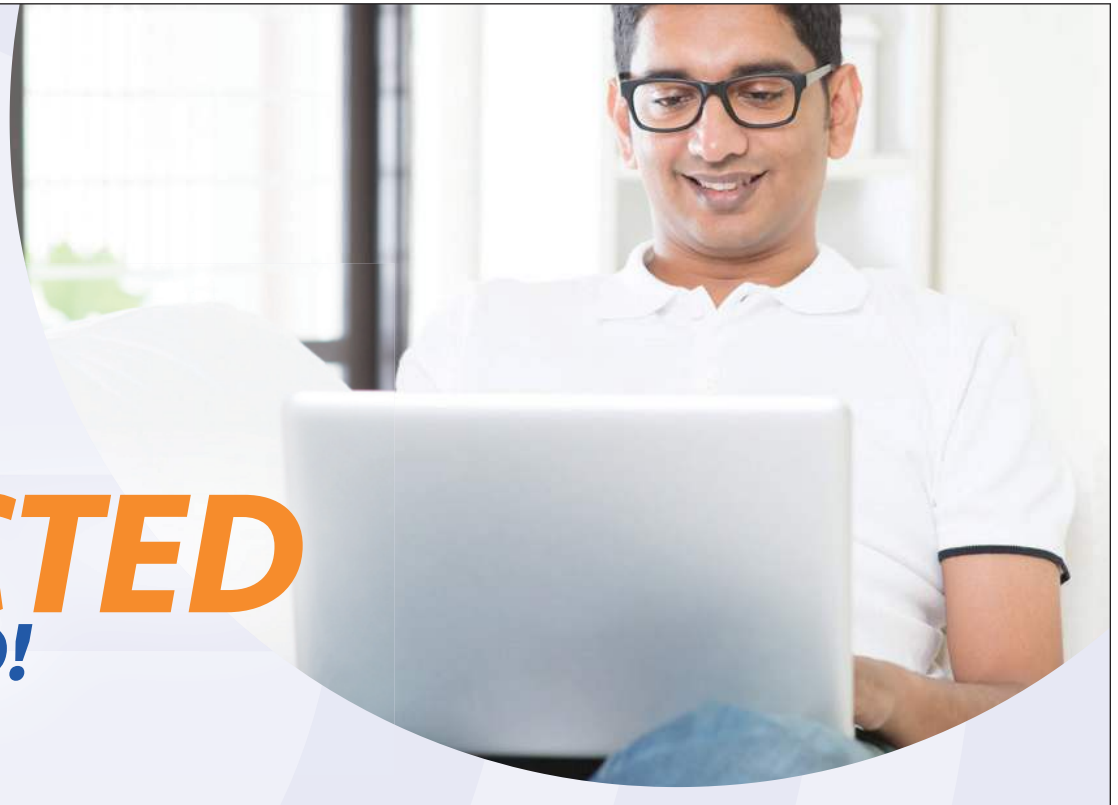

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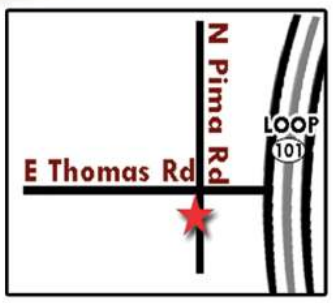

Emergencies and Walk-Ins seen on the same day!

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Rep. Gallego Visits SRPMIC to Discuss Native American Child Protection Act

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier (center) talks about the Native American Child Protection Act at a press conference at the SRPMIC FAC. From left to right: SRPMIC Youth Council members Liam Enos and Mariah Harrelson, SRPMIC Council members Jacob Butler, David Antone, Mikah Carlos; Arizona Rep Ruben Gallego, President Harvier, Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Chairwoman Amelia Flores, Council members Cheryl Doka and Wi-Bwa Grey; San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Council member Richard Greymountain, and SRPMIC Youth Council members Roman Judge and Asari Taylor-Lewis.

ing Native American children and families.

The press conference began with an introduction by SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, who said that the FAC was opened in 2015 after extensive collaboration with Community members, leadership and staff on the best steps to take to meet the needs of children in the Community.

Harvier also said that he is grateful to stand with Gallego, who he said has supported the needs of tribal communities throughout the nation.

"The introduction of the Act is just one example of the congressman's support of the critical needs in Indian Country, [and] the funding to support the programs," said Harvier.

"One key provision of the legislation encourages culturally appropriate treatment, which allows tribes to design and implement services that are tailored for their specific communities. With 22 tribes here in the State of Arizona, I know Congressman Gallego understands that we are all diverse communities with unique needs."

In a statement, Gallego said that for far too long, Native families in the state have dealt with the impacts of the growing epidemic of child abuse.

"These communities need assistance from the federal government. For most, it's just a simple issue of resources," said Gallego. "And that's why I introduced this bill."

Gallego was thankful for the work of the late Arizona Senator John McCain, who spearheaded the 1990 Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. However, the programs that came from that act were never fully funded. This new bill would revise the 1990 act.

The bill, whose funding Gallego said could be about $93 million, would start a national resource center that would be able to work on best practices for Indian Country. Native American organizations in cities throughout the country would have funding to address child neglect and abuse in their communities.

Gallego said that a lot of what is known about how to deal with child abuse is from the perspective of Anglo families, which he said doesn't necessarily work in Indian Country.

"When the federal government doesn't step in and do it, a lot of times these tribal governments are trying to scrape together whatever programs they can. What they may have [time to do] is to focus on the punitive side, which is arresting people," Gallego said. "What they don't have time to do, which is actually more expensive, is the prevention side, the family training where you bring in the parents and teach them how to break the cycle of violence."

Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Chairwoman Amelia Flores spoke briefly at the press conference.

"You can't begin to heal until you stop the abuse," said Flores. "We know healing isn't just for the child; for many cases it's for the adults as well, victims of generations of trauma and abuse. Funding for child protection services and treatment has continued to fall short of need."

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Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley talks to those in attendance at the Arizona Statehood Day Proclamation ceremony at the Arizona Capitol Museum.

governor. With the election of Governor Hobbs, Arizona now has had five female governors.

"Today is a celebration, a time to recognize the triumphs of Arizona, and it's also a time to reflect on our shared history. That starts by recognizing those who were on this land before us," said Hobbs. "Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes and nations, all of which are integral parts of our past, present and future."

Hobbs then introduced Curley, the first female speaker of the Navajo National Council, which serves as the legislative branch of the tribal government.

"I want to thank the State of Arizona for welcoming us here as tribal nations, and I am honored to represent the 22 tribes today. We are the aboriginals of this land, and we are the stewards of this land," said Curley.

"My great-grandmothers and my ancestors have lived and grazed this land for many generations, and it is an honor to be here as a woman leader to continue those visions, values and principles to this day."

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his Facebook page, and I saw it and [thought it looked] cool to do, so I signed up," said Arick Mack, a senior at Westwood High School. "Also, I wanted to learn more of my O'odham culture. I am really connected to my Piipaash culture, and [the workshop] seemed like a good way to learn and also connect with others who are trying to learn their O'odham ways."

Mack is considering taking courses at TOCC after he graduates from high school, because tuition is free for all members of the GRIC, SRPMIC and TON.

The cultural arts field trips helped students rediscover the natural materials around them. Master artist Ron Carlos took the students to the Tonto National Forest to collect pottery clay. Elizabeth Ortega of the TON took students to the mountains near Three Points in southern Arizona to learn how to pick bear grass, which is used for Tohono O'odham basketry. Jacob Butler met with the students at the SRPMIC Community Garden to teach them the art of shell etching.

Tohono O'odham Community College Instructor Dwayne Manuel and his apprentice Chris Murphy show the Native Arts Workshop participants a digital sketch of their mural concept.

Workshop participants dig for pottery clay in the Tonto National Forrest with the help of master artist Ron Carlos.

Workshop participant Tasha Silverhorn clips Bear Grass in the mountains of Southern Arizona.

"One of the biggest things I learned is how some of our natural resources that we used traditionally are right in front of us, and literally all we have to do is just look for it, dig for it, cut it up and learn how to use it to make items such as pottery and baskets. I think it's really fascinating," said SRPMIC member Teniya Salazar.

SRPMIC instructor Dwayne Manuel teaches painting and drawing classes at Tohono O'odham Community College. Manuel and his apprentice Chris Murphy of GRIC handled the contemporary art aspect of the workshop, leading the students on a tour of Downtown Phoenix to see not only his murals, but also the work of other Indigenous artists. The students were able to meet with the artists who were finishing up work on the Super Bowl LVII mural by artist La Morena on the corner of First and Washington streets in Downtown Phoenix. Phoenix artist Lucinda "La Morena" Hinojos is the first Chicana/Native American artist to work with the National Football League (NFL) on artwork for the Super Bowl.

During the last few weeks of the workshop, the students channeled their talents and what they had learned through different drawing and painting exercises to work together on a collaborative mural to be displayed at the TOCC Phoenix Center.

Teniya Salazar and Isaiah Lerma begin to paint the mural.

Youngest class participant Alva Silverhorn helps her mother collect Bear Grass.

This workshop was the second component of Spring 2022's workshop, which could cover only a small part of the traditional and contemporary arts. Manuel and TOCC are trying to develop this workshop into a 16-week credited course for the college in the near future.

"The biggest highlight for me are the field trips, going out there with everybody, because I'm learning from these field trips too," Manuel said. "Getting to be out there with nature, with everyone working as a group—I think that's my favorite thing to do." He said that his second highlight of the workshop is hearing the students' ideas.

"When we began to collaborate on the mural, everyone had a lot of ideas. Everyone was talking about what they wanted to do, and they shared their drawings. I think that was really cool, and that's a good payoff for me."

Photos courtesy of Tasha Silverhorn, Seneca Silverhorn and Dwayne Manuel

Seneca Ortega (TON), Arick Mack, Shanae Conger and Teniya Salazar along with others collaborate their ideas and drawings for the workshop's mural.

Arik Mack begins sketching the canvas for the class mural.

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Savvy Senior

Simple Home Safety Solutions for Aging-in-Place

Dear Savvy Senior,

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Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

Of course! There are a number of small adjustments and modifications you can make to your dad's home to help protect him from falls and fires, both of which cause thousands of injuries and deaths each year. Here are some tips to get you started.

Eliminate tripping hazards: Since falls are the leading cause of home injury among seniors, a good place to start is to pack away your dad's throw rugs which are common tripping hazards or use carpet tacks or double-sided tape to secure them. You may also need to adjust your dad's furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through and position any electrical or phone cords along walls and out of the way.

For hardwood steps, consider attaching a nonslip tread to each one to provide traction and help him see the edge. And for added protection in the bathroom buy some nonskid rugs for the floors and use adhesive nonslip treads or a mat with rubber suction inside his tub or shower stall.

Improve his lighting: Good lighting is essential for safe aging-in-place, so check the wattage ratings on your dad's lamps and light fixtures, and install the brightest bulbs allowed, and add supplementary lighting if necessary.

You should also purchase some dusk to dawn nightlights for the bathroom and in the hallways that light up when the sun goes down. And mount some motion sensor lights outside the front and back doors and in the driveway that automatically come on when he comes and goes after dark.

Get grab bars: These can significantly reduce his risk of bathroom falls. Install them where he enters the shower or tub and on a wall inside the stall, but don't use grab bars that attach with suction. Instead, have wall-mounted bars put in by someone who can affix them to the wall studs. It's also best to choose bars whose surfaces are slightly textured and easier to grip.

Ensure railings are stable: Wherever he has steps – stairways, entryways or basements – he needs sturdy railings. Ideally, they should be on both sides of the steps.

Prevent cooking fires: There are several affordable products you can purchase to help your dad prevent home cooking fires like Burner-Alert discs that attach to a stove's knob and will continuously blink or beep after the stove has been in use for a preset amount of time, and Ome smart knobs that can control a stove's heating settings from an app. Or you can invest in a more expensive iGuardStove sensor that shuts the stove off when it doesn't detect motion for five minutes.

Install smoke alarms: Install a smart smoke alarm in your dad's house (buy one for each floor) that will alert him when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected. These smart devices will also send alerts to your phone to let you know when a problem is detected. Google Nest and First Alert both smart smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Add fire extinguishers: Get portable multipurpose fire extinguishers for each level of your dad's house and in the garage.

Consider a medical alert: To ensure your dad's safety and provide you some peace of mind, consider getting him a medical alert device that comes with a wearable SOS button that would allow him to call for help if he were to fall or need assistance.

For more tips, get a copy of AARP's "HomeFit Guide" (see AARP.org/HomeFit), which has more than 100 aging-in-place suggestions that can help make your dad's home safer and easier to live in.

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Individuals and Organizations Recognized for Their Work to Diversify Football

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With Super Bowl LVII taking place in metro Phoenix on February 12, many football-related events also were held here. A special luncheon to recognize diversity in the sport of football was held on February 9 at the Courtyard Marriott in downtown Phoenix. The Fritz Pollard Alliance presented the 18th annual Johnnie L. Cochran Salute to Excellence Awards to six athletes who exemplify the theme of "Black Resistance: Building Bridges, Navigating Barriers."

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Council Representative Jacob Butler and the Bird Singing and Dancing by the River group attended the luncheon.

"Today, we are going to honor six extraordinary individuals and organizations who, in their own way, embody the spirit of Fritz Pollard," said Kimberley A. Martin, NFL reporter for ESPN. Pollard was one of the first two African Americans to play in the NFL, in 1920. "Mr. Pollard's intellect and determination [helped propel him] from being an undersized but phenomenal [player] for the NFL Akron Pros to becoming the team's head coach in 1921, making Pollard the league's first African American head coach. Now just think about that, 1921. It surely was a different time."

She said, "The [Fritz Pollard Alliance] plays a consequential role in ensuring qualified Black candidates and other minorities receive a fair shot at maximizing their potential as part of one of the most popular sports in America."

At the luncheon, Leonard gave a land acknowledgement and then performed a traditional song. "We would like to thank the [Fritz Pollard Alliance] for allowing us to do this, that we have been acknowledged as the first people in [this] area," said Leonard.

He continued, "It is vitally important to acknowledge that the land we live and work on is the homeland of the Native people who have inhabited this landscape for millennia and continue to be spiritually connected to the land." He added that two distinct tribes, the Akimel O'otham and Piipaash, inhabit what is now the Phoenix metropolitan area, and their traditional homelands stretch south to Baja California.

Later in the luncheon, the Bird Singing and Dancing by the River group took to the stage to perform a series of songs and dances. Afterward, the six awards were presented.

The Collegiate Award (the Fritz Pollard Trophy) was presented to Deslin Alexandre, defensive end for the University of Pittsburgh Panthers. Alexandre was given the prestigious award for showing good character on and off the field and for engaging with the community.

The John B. Wooten Award went to the San Francisco 49ers, who were recognized for their efforts to diversify their organization.

The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) received the Paul J. Tagliabue Award in recognition of their work to continuously diversify the league in both gender and racial representation.

Performers from the Bird Singing and Dancing by the River group share Piipaash culture, while Vice President Leonard, provides a traditional O'odham song to start the luncheon.

In recognition of exceptional performance of an individual, the two Salute to Excellence Awards went to Leslie Frazier, assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the Buffalo Bills, and Perry Fewell, senior vice president of officiating administration for the NFL.

Finally, the FPA's highest award, the Daniel M. Rooney Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Kevin Demoff, Chief Operating Officer of the Los Angeles Rams, "for his dedication and long-term meritorious history to improve the workplace surrounding the game of football."

Accepting the award, Demoff stated, "It is a tremendous honor to receive the Dan Rooney Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fritz Pollard Alliance and to be associated with two legends who helped transform the NFL in Dan Rooney and Fritz Pollard. This is a crucial time to advocate for more access to opportunity and equity in our game, and I am grateful to the Fritz Pollard Alliance for their commitment to and leadership in this work."

SRPMIC Basketball Players in 6A East Valley Champs

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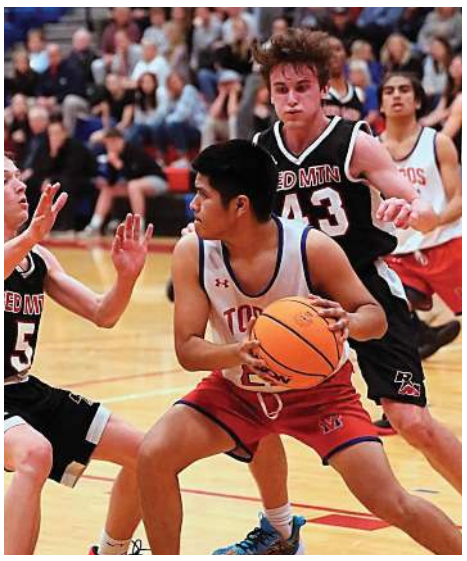

From L-R: Schurz drive down the court of a breakaway attempt to the basket. Center: Loring goes for a layup against a Mesa High School defender. At right: Hill battles his way for space, while facing heavy coverage against their Red Mountain High School opponents. *Photos taken by Mountain View Basketball staff photographer*

Youth with a passion for basketball share a common bond on the court at one local high school. Israel Loring, Sam Hill and Joseph Schurz, who play for the Mountain View High School Toros basketball team, are all from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

"Sam and Izzy (Israel) have been playing basketball since elementary school," said their mother, Clariol Norris. She said their interest in playing ball has taken up most of their free time as sophomore and junior students.

According to Norris, all three have played for Mountain View since their freshman year, and the trio previously played for Stapley Junior High School, where they led an impressive performance on the court.

The two brothers, Loring and Hill, played guard on their respective teams, while the former has played for both junior varsity and varsity teams alongside Schurz at Mountain View. The JV team finished their season 16-2, while in their school district they held a record of 9-1 against their opponents.

Schurz is living in the moment as the Toros' power forward and center. He said that he will often switch to the guard position depending on the need to fill any defensive gaps.

Schurz's siblings also either have played or are currently competing in high school sports. "I have quite a few of my family members that have been involved with sports," said Schurz, with the sports including basketball, football and softball.

"He has two older brothers, an older sister and then a younger sister, so he's the fourth child out of five that I have that all played sports," said Susanna Guerrero, Schurz's mother. She said her oldest played sports at Salt River High School and then Mountain View High School.

Guerrero said that out of all the sports her son has played, basketball stood out the most. That game has been the center of his attention since a young age, and he's played for recreation teams, school teams and club ball.

The Mountain View varsity team is in the middle of a run for the 6A Arizona Interscholastic Association State Championships. As of this writing, the Toros have reached the quarterfinals and hope to advance further as the tournament goes on.

The varsity team finished the season with an 18-11 overall record and ranked first in their school district, 10-0, before they headed into the playoffs. As of now, the Mountain View boys' varsity team is ranked seventh in the state, with hopes of improving that ranking in the 6A playoffs.

Hill's aspirations have taken him in another direction that he hopes will lead to more opportunities to represent himself, his family and the Community.

"This year I decided that this is going to be my last year [playing basketball], because I want to do other things like pursue a skill form creating videos," said Hill, who runs a small video production business called Only the Beginning.

According to Hill, Only the Beginning began when he and a friend put a video together that featured them going about their lives. Based on that start and a yearning to get into video production, he started the business.

"He's doing very good right now with it, because it has been getting a lot of attention lately, even among the Arizona State University basketball players," said Norris.

Loring wants to attend college and continue playing basketball. "What pushes me to keep going is to hopefully one day play in college. I don't quite have a preference [of where to attend school], but I know that is the way I want to go," said Loring.

After high school, Schurz said that he would like to pursue a career in technology, because of his fascination with how much it is a part people's daily lives. "I have family members that work in technology, and I have been interested in it as well, because there is so much it can do," said Schurz.

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Dogs and Owners Join in Virtual 5K for 'Walk Your Dog Day'

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Community Recreational Services' Athletics Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted a virtual 5K walk (3 miles) to mark National Walk Your Dog Day. Dog owners could take their furry friends out for a walk anytime throughout the week of February 20-26. Owners could preregister for the walk and pick up their bib, t-shirt and a bandana for their four-legged friend.

"February 22 was National Walk Your Dog Day, so we just used that whole week … [for] people to walk their dog and then send in a photo [showing them] taking part in the activity," said Robin Hendricks, athletics recreation coordinator II with Community Recreational Services.

She said that more than 60 people signed up for the virtual walk, which was a way for people to pursue a healthy, active lifestyle and enjoy the outdoors along with their favorite pet.

Individuals and families from all over, who took part in the walk the dog virtual 5K, submitted their photos of their activity to the CRS Athletics Division. *Photos courtesy of their respective owners*

Community Youth Invited to Connect with the Community Through Bowling During Super Bowl Weekend

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SRPMIC youth enjoy an afternoon of bowling, billiards and food; they even got to meet former athletes such as Edwin Jackson who is a former MLB baseball player.

On Saturday, February 11, the Fritz Pollard Alliance Foundation invited youth from around the Valley, including more than 50 from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, for free bowling, billiards, games, lunch and fun at 810 Billiards & Bowling in Downtown Phoenix. This was all part of the foundation's Connecting with the Community initiative during Super Bowl Weekend.

The Fritz Pollard Alliance Foundation works with the National Football League (NFL) to increase diversity in the league and teach youth to develop leadership skills. Other youth organizations that participated in the event included the Boys & Girls Club, the Roosevelt School District and the Kwamie Lassiter Foundation.

The youth were able to meet and bowl alongside pro athletes Marcel Shipp and Edwin Jackson. Shipp is a former NFL running back; he played for the Arizona Cardinals and Houston Texans. Jackson is a former professional baseball pitcher, playing on a number of Major League Baseball (MLB) teams including the Los Angeles Dodgers, Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago Cubs. He also won a silver medal in the 2020 Summer Olympics.

"Anytime I get an invitation to come and hang out with the kids, it's always special, because life is all about when you've been blessed to be in certain positions. It's imperative that we pass that down to these kids and give them hope and inspiration. And let them know it doesn't matter what they want to do, they can pursue a dream, and [we need to] continue to give them encouragement and let them know that anything in life is possible," said Jackson.

Shipp had fun with the youth, mingling with them and talking about football and life. He even gave pointers to those who were new to bowling. He cheered for them as they made their way to the lanes and gave them high-fives after they took their turns. He explained that it was good to see the kids come together and have a good time.

"As a former resident of Phoenix, I was exposed a lot to Native Americans and the kind of cultural events that they have, and how proud they are in this city and state. And in terms of what they do and the programs that they have, we just wanted to be a part of it," said Rod Graves, executive director of the Fritz Pollard Alliance Foundation, about why the foundation chose to invite SRPMIC youth to their event. "We wanted to celebrate their history and bring attention to that as well. We are so very happy to partner with them and to be able to hopefully partner down the road on some future projects."

SRPMIC Member Turns Beading into a Business

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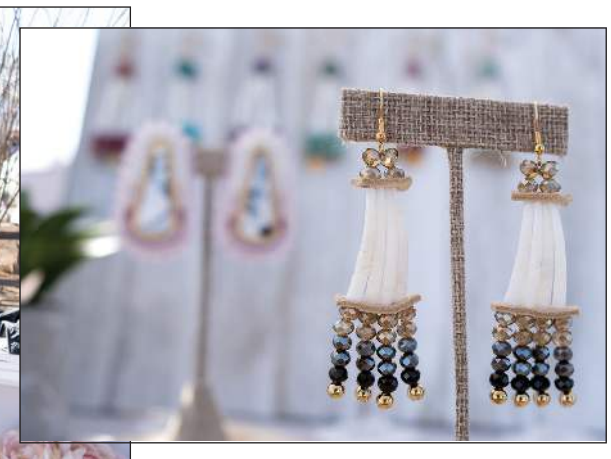

Maricela Hinojosa created small business Beaded Plume and started a new venture in vending at a various Native Markets in and out of the state of Arizona.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Maricela Hinojosa has taken her passion for beading and turned it into a small business venture called Beaded Plume. The former Miss Salt River went from wearing a beaded crown to now making beaded crowns for future titleholders.

Hinojosa started to bead when she was a child, learning from her late uncle, Paul Andrews. After his passing, she put away her beading until starting up again about 10 years ago.

"[When I was] working at the casino, I had a friend who invited me to a beading party. She is Navajo and offered to help teach me and refresh my memory on my beadworking skills," said Hinojosa.

During the pandemic is when Hinojosa's beadwork flourished, since she was at home and bored like everyone else.

"I was making set after set, practicing, and it got to be where everything else was starting to become secondary," said Hinojosa.

After a major life change in 2021, she finally had the opportunity to go out and sell her work as a vendor at Native arts and craft festivals in and around Arizona.

Hinojosa's work is considered very contemporary, but she has a love for the antique and vintage, especially old traditional beadwork.

"I wish we could take a lot of beadwork home out of these museums, but that's not going to happen," said Hinojosa. "But I have a love for older things, and I tried to incorporate that into my beadwork, giving it that timeless feel, because obviously I can't create with vintage beads because they're nonexistent. Nonetheless, I try to incorporate their color schemes."

She has learned from a lot of people throughout the years, taking classes at the Salt River Tribal Library taught by Gretchen Thomas and other beading classes around the Valley. She incorporates what she's learned and different styles into her beadwork today.

One of her favorite pieces is a shield medallion that she beaded using colors inspired by the cotton fields in the Community.

"The customer gave me liberty to do whatever I wanted, and for this particular project the colors I used were earth tones basically from home (Salt River)," said Hinojosa. "I remember, growing up in the cotton fields, just cotton surrounding us, and so I took a lot of those colors that I remember from what my scenery looked like around my mom's house. So, it came out with some dark brown, some greens, all different color greens. That's the one I wish I had taken a picture of. I think that one meant the most to me because it was home."

One of her major projects this past year was to bead the Mr. and Miss Phoenix Union High School crowns for the Phoenix Unified School District's Native American Program. She explained that it was quite a learning experience as one of the first pieces she has created of that magnitude.

Hinojosa credits her success thus far to organizations such as H.E.R. Medicine, Native Art Market and Cahokia, which host Native American art markets and help out first-time vendors.

"They assist you with any help that you need, whether it's business licensing, setup or questions you have about vending. These different tribal organizations and businesses are there to help us; they are not just gatekeeping the way," said Hinojosa. "They're just so helpful making sure that you have what you need and you are okay. Cahokia is who helped me along the lines of the logistics; they provided a class to learn how to run a small business." Vending has opened a lot of doors for her as far as networking.

One of Hinojosa's future goals is to teach beading in the Community, whether it's for youth or seniors.

Hinojosa is the daughter of Kathy and Alfredo Hinojosa, the granddaughter of Herschel Andrews and Isidra Paderez, and the great-granddaughter of the late Merrit and Selma Andrews. To view more of Hinojosa's work or see where she will be vending next, visit her Instagram page, @beadedplume_64.

Community Members Find Path to Healthy Relationships

At left: Program graduate Byron Hernandez shares his journey to establishing a healthy relationship with is family. At top: Arthur Stacey talks about his path to building a better foundation for his family.

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A special reception was held for participants of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Social Services Life Enhancement and Resource Network (LEARN) Fatherhood Program on February 16. The program graduated 15 fathers and five individuals from the Healthy Relationships portion of the program.

"I really want to thank you all for the efforts that you guys have put forward," said Steve Hudson, Social Services director. He said the program is about gaining valuable tools for people to place in their toolbox when building better relationships with their partners.

"Whenever I go out into the Community, I always like to hear about how [you] are doing, especially [when it comes to building] those relationships with others. You put the time and effort into being a father, which in Native culture is a sacred duty," said Hudson.

For Social Services Manager Winterelk Valencia, the role of parenthood came during his high school years. "I remember the determination and words of advice from my mom [saying] I needed to get up and go to school," said Valencia, who went on to college and then returned to work for the SRPMIC.

Valencia encouraged the parents graduating from the program by saying that each of them is a testament to how important they are to their family and children. He said the best thing they could do is be proud of completing the program, knowing it is about their own personal journey that they can share with others who are going through similar circumstances.

One of the program graduates, Arthur Stacey, said he has a lot to be thankful for, especially for the daughter in his life. "[The program] taught me a lot about what type of man I was and what I was. I know I wasn't the best dad I could be for my daughter," said Stacey.

Like other participants in the program, Stacey had to work to achieve sobriety, and he said that Community services like the Journey to Recovery program were helpful in reaching that goal. He said there are many people to thank and there is much to share about his path to sobriety, and he understands the importance of showing appreciation for one's own existence.

"I remember trying to do this program so many times, going through a couple of classes and then walking out," said ,s Byron Hernandez. Looking back at those times and seeing everyone else make improvements in their lives was something he knew he wanted, but at the time it just didn't fit.

He thanked the Social Services staff for not giving up on him, knowing how difficult it can be to find balance and address the problems associated with achieving sobriety and maintaining a healthy relationship with family.

SRPMIC Member Dances at Super Bowl Halftime Show

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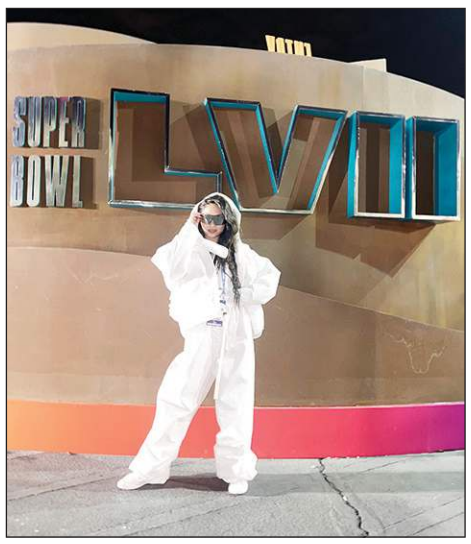

Saleen Chantasingh in her dance out fit at Super Bowl LVII. *Photo courtesy of Saleen Chantasingh*

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Saleen Chantasingh has been a dancer for about 11 years.

Occasionally, she teaches public dance classes in Tempe, but now her résumé just became a little longer.

An opportunity came her way when a friend recently sent her an email with information about an audition to participate in the Super Bowl LVII Halftime Show featuring performer Rihanna. She jumped at the chance and sent in a video of herself dancing.

"I actually thought I didn't make it, because they said they would let us know by the 16th, and they actually emailed us the following day," she said.

Cut to Chantasingh learning the dance for the big stage with a well-known choreographer from New Zealand, Parris Goebel.

Chantasingh said that practice for the dance was a lot of fun. The dance included many stop-and-go parts because the halftime performance is a massive production that takes many people to create.

As for the outfits that were all the buzz, she said that she wasn't a fan of the white hooded puffer jackets with the baggy pants.

"Personally, I didn't like [the outfit], but I was just happy to be there," said Chantasingh. "Hell, put me in whatever you want, as long as I get to dance with Rihanna."

Chantasingh said that dancing on stage with Rihanna was the proudest she has ever been in her life.

"All my hard work as a dancer really put me somewhere that no one else could. And it reminded me of why I love and enjoy dancing so much," she said.

As for what's next for her, Chantasingh said that she doesn't know, but she can only hope it gets bigger. Right now, her focus is on putting in the work to become an even better dancer.

If you are interested in taking a dance class with Chantasingh, reach out to her on Instagram @saleen_enos.

NFL Origins Gives Platform to Local Artists

Elias Jade Not Afraid (Aspaalooke Nation) stands in front of his art showcase at the Showcase Room in Tempe for Origins: An NFL Collection.

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On February 8, the NFL hosted a pop-up retail launch event on traditional O'odham land called Origins: An NFL Collection, at the Showcase Room in Tempe, in partnership with four Arizona-based brands.

Two of those brands are led by Indigenous creatives: Elias Jade Not Afraid (Apsáalooke Nation), who has a beadwork and accessories line, and OXDX, a Diné-founded fashion label operating out of Tempe that specializes in digital art and cut-and-sew apparel.

In its second season, Origins celebrates artists and designers who create Super Bowl merchandise and gives them a platform to share their "origins" through their art.

All four artists were part of an interactive brand installation that showcased the brands and their artistic representation of their lives and cultures.

Jared Yazzie from OXDX said it's important for any Native voices to be heard in an event as big as the Super Bowl.

"It's always a reminder that Native people do dope work," said Yazzie. "We're out here with our generational knowledge, and we've been doing this for millennia. It's great to see Native arts shine in an event like this."

The other featured designers were Ashley Macias, who creates murals with surreal imagery reflective of her experiences, and Manor, an independent lifestyle brand and community-centered retail establishment in Phoenix.

Protest Against Chiefs Leads to Mocking of Native Protesters

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While Super Bowl LVII was being played on traditional O'odham land in Glendale, Arizona, a planned protest by Arizona to Rally Against Native Mascots (AZ Rally), founded by Amanda Blackhorse (Diné), took place outside State Farm Stadium.

The protest, which included some O'odham, called for the NFL team Kansas City Chiefs, who were playing in—and ultimately won—the Super Bowl, to retire their team's "name, logo, and any and all Native American appropriation owned and used by the team."

The group said that the appropriation also includes the "big drum" used at home events and the "tomahawk chop" chant at all sports venues.

Instagram videos show protesters chanting "Stop the Chop/Change the Name." During the protest, some Chiefs fans and bystanders mocked the Native protesters with "the chop," while others wore Indian headdresses and war paint or shouted generic Native American chants.

In a statement, AZ Rally said that a psychological study in 2008 showed that Native American mascots decrease the self-esteem of Native American youth while increasing the self-esteem of non-Native youth.

The group hopes to continue to raise awareness about what it feels are harmful effects that derogatory Native mascots and Native-themed nicknames have on Indigenous people.

Pennsylvania State Rep Looks to Fund Discontinuation of Native School Mascots

In a memorandum on February 9, Pennsylvania State Representative Christopher Rabb (D-Philadelphia) asked his colleagues to co-sponsor legislation in an upcoming session that would incentivize Pennsylvania schools to voluntarily eliminate their use of Native-themed mascots.

"It is well established that mascots, logos and the like that stereotype or fetishize Indigenous peoples highly correlate to the alarmingly high suicide rate among Native youth," said Rabb. "At its core, the use of Native American mascots is a denial of the personhood of Native peoples, which has real consequences."

The legislation would provide grants to schools that have a Native American mascot and voluntarily discontinue their use of the mascot.

Rabb said that with this legislation, schools would be able to use the grant funds to offset the costs associated with discontinuing the mascot, such as the costs to purchase, redesign or renovate school equipment to remove the mascot.

Native protesters gather for a rally before walking to State Farm Stadium to protest the NFL team Kansas City Chiefs and the team's "name, logo, and any and all Native American appropriation owned and used by the team."

Top: O'odham protester Cher Thomas
Bottom: Diné protester Amanda Blackhorse

Photos courtesy of AZ Rally

Tirade Against Native Performers Leads to Charges Against Scottsdale Gallery Owner

Gilbert Ortega Gallery in Old Town Scottsdale.

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Six-time Native American Music Award–winning artist Cody Blackbird (Eastern Band Cherokee/Dakota) and other Indigenous performers were being filmed by ESPN for a Super Bowl segment in front of Gilbert Ortega Native American Galleries in Scottsdale on February 7 when they were confronted by business owner Gilbert Ortega Jr.

The incident was captured on video by Blackbird and was posted to social media sites. The footage shows Ortega mocking the performers and yelling at them using racist language.

For his tirade, Ortega has been charged with three counts of disorderly conduct, a class 1 misdemeanor, by the Scottsdale Police Department.

The crime of disorderly conduct does not qualify for a hate crime designation based on the FBI definition, according to the SPD.

The City of Scottsdale said in a statement, "Scottsdale prides itself as a welcoming community for all people. We are sad that this incident occurred and offer our full support to those who were targeted. The city condemns this individual's racist comments—they do not represent our community."

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier said that as diverse communities, it's time to move past any racial and cultural insensitivities.

"As a tribal community, and neighbor to the City of Scottsdale, we share the city's concern and condemnation of an individual's racist comments which were made toward the Native performers," said Harvier.

Ortega has since issued an apology for his behavior.

Pup From Salt River Plays in Puppy Bowl XIX

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When Animal Planet contacted NAGI Foundation Executive Director Sheila Iyengar last year, she wasn't sure if it was a real phone call or not.

"[Animal Planet] let us know that they were interested in highlighting our organization and the work that we're doing at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community," said Iyengar.

"They askaed us if we would like to enter dogs into the Puppy Bowl."

It was an interesting position to be in as an organization, because NAGI doesn't typically take in dogs to be sheltered. Most of the services offered to Community members are for owned pets.

However, NAGI is currently developing a first-of-its-kind facility in the SRPMIC, which will be an animal shelter, a veterinary clinic and a community center all in one.

In the meantime, Iyengar put the word out for Community members to keep their eyes open for any dogs needing a good home that would be good candidates for the Puppy Bowl.

Animal Control technician Cye Goseyn picked up two little dogs and asked Iyengar if she thought they would make the cut.

"He sent me some pictures and video, and right from the start I knew they were really special," said Iyengar.

Both dogs were taken to get vaccinated and spayed, and they were adopted into two different homes. The Puppy Bowl only accepted one of the dogs, a chihuahua. NAGI chose the name Inya, which is a different spelling of the word Nyaa, which means "sun" in Piipaash.

Simon Morris, Puppy Bowl showrunner, said that the show was doing outreach for new shelters to highlight and they came across the NAGI Foundation online. They were inspired by the foundation's vision to "restore the sacredness of the Native American community by uniting people and animals."

"When we reached out and connected Sheila Iyengar at NAGI, she was clearly a talented and passionate individual who cared deeply for her community and for animal welfare," said Morris. "We were especially inspired by NAGI's Youth Program, which pairs the youth in the Community with a shelter dog in need, where both the teen and pup learn life skills, good communication, and how to deal with and navigate some of life's challenges."

Animal Planet came out to the Community to film Inya for a feature that they call a "Pup Close and Personal" interview segment, and NAGI traveled with Inya for the taping of the Puppy Bowl.

Inya was a little hesitant to join the madness on the Puppy Bowl field, but she won everyone over with her cuteness as her squad, Team Fluff, came out on top to win in overtime, 87-83, over Team Ruff to win the Lombarky Trophy.

For more information about the Puppy Bowl, head to www.discovery.com/shows/puppy-bowl.

Inya's player profile card for her participation in Puppy Bowl XIX. *Photo courtesy of Animal Planet*

All other photos courtesy of NAGI Foundation

Animal Planet filming a "Pup Close and Personal" segment at SRPMIC with NAGI Foundation.

NAGI Foundation Executive Director Sheila Iyengar and Inya.

NAGI Foundation Executive Director Sheila Iyengar and Inya filming a segment at SRPMIC for the Puppy Bowl

Animal Planet filming a "Pup Close and Personal" segment at SRPMIC with NAGI Foundation and kids from SRPMIC.

Youth Take to the Field to Learn Football

Youth from across SRPMIC and other tribal communities took part in the Nike N7 Football clinic on February 10.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth came out to take part in a Nike N7 football clinic on February 10. The clinic took place at the Salt River High School track and field and drew groups of youth from other tribal communities as well, including Ak-Chin, the Gila River Indian Community and urban centers.

The youth were treated to a round of guest speakers including Nike N7 General Manager Sam McCracken, GRIC Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and SRPMIC member Anthony "Thosh" Collins. Collins led the youth through a series of mindfulness exercises before they took to the various skill stations that had been set up on the field.

Collins said, "Thank you guys for all for being here today and celebrating the power of sport. That's what we're doing today." He encouraged the youth to keeping striving for healthy and productive lives to build a brighter community.

"Remember to take time to reflect and breathe as you start and end each day. Look at the person you are and what you can become, even by attending events like [this] today," said Collins. He concluded his remarks by telling the youth to keep their heads up, know that their voices are heard, and take in all the instruction that will be provided at the football clinic.

Lewis followed Collins's remarks by emphasizing the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities that their tribes offer them, such as this N7 event and other enrichment programs for the youth. "You are all sacred to us … and as you continue along this sacred path, always remember that [we] are here for you and [we] are proud of you," said Lewis.

Skill stations focused on pass-rushing, light tackling and wide receiving, where youth ran out to a certain distance to catch a thrown ball. Other drills included running with a football over hurdles and through a line of cones to improve speed and footwork.

The N7 clinics have proven to be popular among the youth, with the football clinic drawing 190 participants and the golf clinic on February 5 drawing 175.

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-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.

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Mesa, AZ 85203
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Services
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-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
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Scottsdale, AZ 85256
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SERVICES
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10657 E. Virginia Ave.
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- Thursday Bible Study 6pm

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Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171
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SERVICES
- Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
- Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
- Provides transportation services for Community members call phone number

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MEMORIAL SERVICES
Wake and Funeral Services

As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning

CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

- Memorial Services and Cemeteries office open regular hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday—Friday
- Family may meet staff in office or cemetery

FULL WAKE AND FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

- One (1) wake or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, family allowed to stay with loved one
- Overnights in the facilities will be allowed
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and removing personal items and leftover food after services. Day labor may not be available
- Nursery and family room will be open
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family
- Wakes and/or overnight services are allowed at the homes
- Facilities will be available to hold family meetings
- Masks will be required, and if you are sick please stay home
- Families can have services at churches, if they receive permission from churches

CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

- Tent, tables, and chairs provided
- Staff will assist with burial
- Casket cart or table for urn
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools available
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- No requirement for mask or social distancing at cemetery

Please call Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 for any questions

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Council Actions Corner

Welcome to the Council Corner. Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During Phase IV of the Return to Work Plan the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council meetings in-person (adhering to COVID precautions). Regular Sessions and Work Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/ click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

January 4, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Public Hearings: (2) Designation of Land Use Requests – Public Hearings were presented regarding Transitional Housing – Site K and Temporary Housing – Site F. Comments from public were addressed. Follow-up on the Public Hearings will be scheduled at a later meeting.

Special Use Permit (SUP) – Council approved the SUP for the use of Red Mountain Preserve area for the Salt River Elementary Cultural Camp to be held on January 20-22, 2023.

Special Use Permit (SUP) – Council approved the SUP for the Annual Monitoring of Bald Eagles in the Red Mountain Area.

Council District Assignments – Council announced that CM Butler will represent District A, and CM Carlos will represent District E.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President. Chief Auerbach introduced five new officers; Karina Gonzalez Lopez, Ryan Hills, Christopher Leon, Dominic Rivera, and Maricielo Torres.

Community Member Comments: 1) Community member shared concerns regarding community members with mental health issues and not being able to receive help from the behavioral health department properly. 2) Community member shared their experience with the behavioral health department. Felt the need for policy changes in that department. 3) Community member shared their experience with mental health. Recommended to look for services of counselors who specialize in American Indians and generational trauma.

Executive Session Items: Amendments to Community's LLC Act, Petition, Council District and Boards, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

January 5, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Missing Person's Identity Project (MPIP) Information and Request – Council gave consensus to host a MPIP event for SRPMIC members to provide information or other items that could help identify missing persons. Additionally, information on MPIP will be presented at district meetings.

Housing Policies – The transitional and temporary housing programs overview, policies, application selection and criteria, general rule sets, and costs were presented. Council gave consensus to move forward with the Pilot Program Naming, Working Group Team concept and to utilize the HHS emergency housing updated policy and the case management centered support.

Council Retreat Discussion – Topics, presentations, facilitation, dates/times and other items were discussed to consider for the draft agenda for the retreat.

Executive Work Session Items: CM Follow- Up, CMO Meeting, Donation Request, SRMG Update

January 11, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Public Hearing-Luxury Auto Collection (LAC) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) – The CUP application was presented to allow expansion of an indoor auto/light vehicle sales use in an existing building in the Pima Center. LAC also seeks to expand outdoor space for storing vehicles in established parking spaces. The Land Management's Board recommendations were reviewed. Council agreed the CUP request would return next week for follow-up action.

Certification of Enrollment – Council certified the 4th quarter enrollment figures.

Amendment to Community's LLC Act – The proposed amendments were to create Joint Venture companies with third parties under the LLC Act, and permit creation of Community Member-owned companies under the LLC Act. Council approved a 45-day Community comment period.

Strong Heart Study Phase VII – Council approved a resolution for the Strong Heart Study Phase VII to be conducted in the Community.

Announcement of Board Appointments – Council announced that Gabriel Martinez was reappointed as the Lehi Represented to the Salt River Landfill Board. Margie Wilson was reappointed as the Professional Representative. Also, announced was that CM Antone was appointed as the Council Representative on the Phoenix Cement Company Board (SRMG), CM Grey was appointed to the Salt River Landfill Board, CM Butler appointed to the Salt River Fields and Salt River Devco Boards, CM Carlos appointed to the Gaming Enterprise Board, Early Childhood Education Center Policy Council, and 12% Committee.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President.

Community Member Comments: 1.) Funding was requested for Senior Chair Volleyball Teams. Council will review the team's requests and follow-up. 2) A Community member requested an executive session at a later date. Council agreed to schedule the executive session with the Community member at the January 18, 2023 Executive Session. 3.) A Community member reported on her experience and concern for others of a Treatment Facility called "Brighter Tomorrow Family Services". 4.) Community member presented a concern of "squatting" on private property near Talking Stick Resort.

Executive Session: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Proposed Ordinance to Legalize Recreational Marijuana, CRA Update, Board Appointments (SRLF), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

January 12, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Council Retreat – Council scheduled a Council working Retreat on February 23-24, 2023. Council gave consensus for planning of a members meeting with enrolled members residing in California.

Council Request – Council approved for a Council Member to attend the National Indian Child Welfare quarterly board meeting on February 2-5, 2023.

Executive Work Session Items: 21 CUP Solutions, SRFD. Tabled was Development Request and Election Board.

January 18, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Miss Salt River Court Introductions and Update – Tirsa Reina, Jr. Miss, Aiyanna Lerma, 1st Attendant, Nani Reina, Miss Salt River, and Kendra Percy, 1st Attendant introduced themselves and gave a brief report.

Introduction of new Gaming Enterprise CEO – Bernice Cota-Gann, Gaming Enterprise Board Chair, introduced Mr. John Dinius, as the new CEO. Mr. Dinius introduced himself to the Council.

Luxury Auto Collection Conditional Use Permit– Council approved a resolution for the CUP.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President, and President.

Community Member Comments: 1.) Comments were expressed from (8) Community members regarding their positive experiences at the Treatment Facility, "Brighter Tomorrow Family Services".

Executive Session: Development Request, Gaming Board Update, Petitions(s), Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

January 19, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

No Work Session due to Council participation at the 2022 Human Resources Service Employee Awards.

January 25, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Federal / State Election Outcomes – An update was provided to the Council and Community by the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

Proposed Recreational Marijuana Ordinance – Proposed statutes were presented for guidance on the ordinance. More discussion will be scheduled.

Electronic Citations – Council approved ordinance amendments to allow service and processing of electronic citations.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President. The Community Manager announced that Council selected January 31, 2023 for the CM-Only Meeting. More info to be posted.

Community Member Comments: 1.) Comment on concerns about the Marriage Ordinance that judges cannot perform marriages. Requested Council to consider repealing Section 10-29 of the Code of Ordinances to allow judges to perform marriages in the court. Also, asked about the employee morale survey. Council will discuss the request that was presented at an upcoming meeting.

Executive Session: Community Member, Proposed Recreational Marijuana Ordinance, CM Meeting Video, Minutes, CA Agenda, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

January 26, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Self-Governance Rankings – Council reviewed the FY2025 Tribal Budget Formulation – Preferred Program Ranking Tool to discuss and provide recommendations for Tribal initiatives, policies, and budget.

Procurement Policy – Staff presented the process and next steps.

CRD Greetings Project – CRD presented the "language in the work place initiative". Training will be scheduled with departments. This is a step to revitalize the language.

Executive Work Session Items: Staybridge Suites Exterior Lighting Issue, Monkey Farm Update, PD/FD.

February 1, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Introduction of dual General Manager of Salt River Marriot (Courtyard & Residence Inn) – Alix Smith, SR Devco CEO, reported that the Courtyard hotel recently went through a hotel refresh, updated exterior signage, and Jeff Fulwilder completed an art installation behind the registration desk. She introduced Ann Cvelich. Ann Cvelich provided a brief introduction of herself. She provided on operations of both hotels for 2022. She also shared a positive customer review.

Young River People's Council (YRPC) Introductions and Updates – The following YRPC Members introduced themselves to Council and Community.

Executive Council:
Liam Enos – President
Roman Judge – Vice President
Asari Taylor Lewis – Correspondent Secretary
Rito Lopez Jr. – Clerical Secretary
Dez Lewis – Treasurer

Members At-Large:
Melody Brown
Lloyd Brown
Mariah Harrelson
Jizelle Juan
Adrian McGilbary
Ella McGilbary
Aiden Miguel
Amy Miguel
Suzanna Waters

SRPMIC Input for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Ranking – Council followed up from the January 26, 2023 Council Work Session. The rankings and the submission process was explained. Council approved the FY2025 Tribal Budget Formulation (FY2025 SRPMIC's BIA Ranking Tool).

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President.

Community Member Comments: There were no Community Member comments.

Executive Session Agenda Items: SRPD / SRFD Report, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

February 2, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Housing Rental Assistance & Down Payment Assistance – A conceptual program review for a rental assistance program and down payment assistance program was presented for Council consideration. Council gave consensus to move forward with the conceptual framework and budgets to bring back to Council.

Lehi Cemetery – The issue of Lehi Cemetery drainage problems caused

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Senior Services Held First Senior Health & Wellness Expo

SUBMITTED BY THE SRPMIC SENIOR SERVICES DEPT.

On Friday, February 3, Senior Services welcomed nearly 100 seniors and adults with adaptive needs to its 2023 ABC Senior Expo—Get **A**ctive, **B**etter Health, **C**reate a Plan. The event was hosted at the WOLF and focused on improving senior health and informing them about services available to them through Senior Services and through other community agencies.

"We wanted to bring the seniors together to receive vital health information from various departments within the community that can improve their health and wellbeing," said Celinda Joe, health and wellness program manager for Senior Services and organizer of the event. "We also wanted to promote Covid and flu vaccinations, and to gauge their interest in new programs such as yoga, and of course, have a little fun."

The event featured thirteen stations dedicated to health and wellness such SRPMIC Health and Human Injury Prevention Diabetes Prevention and Senior Olympics. A scavenger hunt encouraged the seniors to visit each station and participate in health-related activities such as fall-risk assessments, diabetes education and more. The seniors who did so received a punch on a "passport" at each station and were entered in the grand-prize raffle for a limited edition, Cam Johnson signed Phoenix Suns basketball and jacket. Juanita Edwards was the lucky winner.

A performance by the Senior Steppers and other raffles added to the fun. There was also a healthy lunch featuring native foods..

"I was humbled by the interest in attending by both the seniors and other departments who wanted to provide impactful information—we even added one that morning," said Joe. "I am so grateful to everyone who came together to put on this event."

The event was very well received and Joe is already planning for next year.

"Our plan is to make this an annual event, around the same time," said Joe. "It's a good reset for the new year and wonderful way to move forward with a healthier lifestyle."

Nearly 100 seniors and adults with adapted needs attended Senior Services first Senior Expo on February 10. Attendees participated in a variety of health and wellness activities and were treated to a healthy lunch featuring native foods.

Senior Services Director Melvin Deer drew the winning raffle ticket for the grand prize for a Phoenix Suns basketball and team jacket.

Photos submitted by the SRPMIC Senior Services Dept.

A performance by the Senior Steppers added to the fun which included a scavenger hunt, "cake" walk and raffle drawings.

Juanita Edwards was the lucky winner of the Phoenix Suns gear grand prize which included a Cam Johnson-signed limited edition basketball and warmup jacket.

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by rain and other issues were discussed. Council assigned a Lehi Council member to work with Assistant Community Manager Dalton to remedy the issues.

Executive Work Session Agenda Items – CDD Land Sale, BHS Overview.

February 8, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Designation of Land Use (DOLU) for Transitional Housing – Follow-up action was requested from the January 4, 2023 public hearing on this DOLU. Council approved a resolution for transitional Housing-Site K Osborn (adjacent to Two Waters parking lot, North of Osborn Road).

Designation of Land Use (DOLU) for Temporary Housing – Follow-up action was requested from the January 4, 2023 public hearing on this DOLU. Council approved a resolution for temporary housing-Site F (Southeast corner of Montecito Avenue and Country Club Drive). Also, Council approved a resolution to the recommended street names Hiosig vo:g and Ce'ul Vo:g (Native Street Names) within site F of the SRPMIC temporary housing development.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President. SRFD presented the action plan for the Super Bowl events.

Community Member Comments: 1). Comments and concern of food storage for the Community due to issues going on in the world. 2.) Commented on concerns about the DOLU for temporary housing. Commented on the proposed recreational marijuana ordinance, recommended to separate the legalization and the sentencing. 3.) Commented and asked questions regarding the new emergency housing, as well as homesite concerns. Also, asked about grandchildren that are unable to attend ECED due to not being tribal members. 4.) Commented on concerns of staff direction and not doing what's best for the Community. Commented on more voicing of planning for the future of the Community. Commented on concerns about a third party managed apartment complex that is being proposed. 5.) Commented on the follow-up from their executive session with Council.

Executive Session Items: Exclusion request, SRPD video, Board application review (Gaming), OGC Legal Matters.

February 9, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Telework – Council reviewed and discussed the outlook for teleworking. From all the discussion, comments, concerns to consider, Council will schedule on an upcoming work session for finalization of outlook.

Executive Work Session Items – Court Marriages, COVID Discussion, Dog Ordinance.

February 15, 2023 – Council Meeting Items:

Code Amendment re Marriages – Council amended Section 10-29 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances to allow judges to perform marriage ceremonies.

CTAS Grant Application Request – Council approved a resolution for grant funding for 6 purpose areas with no cost sharing or match required.

Set Aside Grant Application Request – Council approved a resolution for grant funding for development or expanding of victim services programs.

National Science Foundation Language Grant Application Request – Council approved a resolution for grant funding as a sub awardee from ASU, through the National Science Foundation Research Grant.

Pima Freeway – Partial Reassignment - This agenda item was tabled.

Administrative Reports: Department and operational reports and updates were given by the Community Manager, OCLA Special Assistant, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Vice President. The Community Manager announced that the vaccine mandate for employment is removed.

Community Member Comments: 1.) Commented and thank you from Black Jack Dealers at TSR for Council for support during pandemic. 2.) Concerns were expressed on sentencing of the proposed Marijuana legalization ordinance. 3.) Expressed teleworking concerns by government employments not available or calling back. .) Commented on sentencing of drug possession in the proposed ordinance. Questioned per capita amount. Council informed there is still construction costs because of the need for more space.

Executive Session Items: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Pima Road Resolution, Flex Home, Office of General Counsel Legal Matters.

February 16, 2023 – Council Work Session Items:

Executive Work Session Items: Acquisition, CRA Interviews.

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Acevedo Jr., Alexis Audel - Default Judgment Hearing Case: SM-22-0001 Court Date: March 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Baptisto, Nathaniel Allen - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: April 20, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Doe, John – Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0092/0093 Minor: E.A.A.: 08/15/2013 and Minor: E.M.A.H.: 11/09/2016, Mother: Cedella Summer Kill 08/14/1992 Court Date: March 15, 2023 at 9 a.m. before Judge Darmody

Griego, Alfredo - Evidentiary Paternity Hearing Mother: Hannah Gonzales (DOB: 12/04/1986) Child: A.G. (DOB: 04/27/2017) Case: J-22-0086 Court Date: March 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Gutierrez, Nicholas Valentine - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-23-0040/0041/0042 Court Date: March 20, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hayes Jr., Kelly William - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court Date: March 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Hayes Jr., Kelly William - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0092/0093 Court Date: March 15, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Hayes Jr., Kelly William - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091/0092/0093 Court Date: May 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. before Judge Darmody

Kavoka, Jessica Ann - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: March 7, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Kill, Cedella Summer - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court Date: March 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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Kill, Cedella Summer - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091/0092/0093 Court Date: May 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. before Judge Darmody

Manuel, Ashlee Noreen - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: March 7, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Salazar Jr., Jose - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Mother: Jessica Kavoka (DOB: 10/11/1990) M.S. (DOB: 05/12/2007) and J.S. III (DOB: 08/05/2008) Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: March 7, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Stacey, Jeffery Arthur - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing and Review Hearing Case: J-20-0091/J-20-0092 Court Date: March 30, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Unknown Father – Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Minor: A.A.H.: 08/24/2012, Mother: Cedella Summer Kill 08/14/1992 Court Date: March 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Darmody

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Valencia Sr., Victor Patrick - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: April 20, 2023 at 11 a.m.

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Antone Jr., Sheldon Phillip - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0024 Court Date: March 22, 2023 at 9:45 a.m.

Avila, Frank - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0060 Court Date: April 3, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Bejarano, Simone Rae – Status/OTSC Case: CF-19-0173 Court Date: March 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Coelho, Ana Rose - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0004 Court Date: March 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Harris, Michael David - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0052 Court Date: April 17, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Hayes, Shelly Anne - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0021 Court Date: March 13, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hill, Indaria Modesty - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0023 Court Date: March 14, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Manuel Jr., Delroy - Review Hearing Case: CF-14-0109 Court Date: March 9, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0014 Court Date: March 27, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0145 Court Date: March 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Osif, Nicholas Lee – Status/OTSC Case: CF-19-0173 Court Date: March 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Pongyesvia, Joseph Paul - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0003 Court Date: March 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Sampson, Colletta Richenda - Entry of Default Judgement Case: C-22-0147 Court Date: March 21, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Santo, Erin Rose - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-22-0106 Court Date: March 9, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Sarmiento, Marissa - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0022 Court Date: March 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Scott, Coby Dewayne - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0043 Court Date: March 23, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Thomas, Challyice Frances Chastain - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0011 Court Date: March 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Thomas, Vanessa B. - Probate Hearing Case: P-21-0012 Court Date: March 20, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Washington, Rubin Thomas - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0008 Court Date: March 13, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Washington, Rubin Thomas - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0010 Court Date: April 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Washington, Rubin Thomas - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0008 Court Date: April 12, 2023 at 9 a.m.

1st Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE March 31, 2022

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Discontinue Direct Deposits: Tuesday, April 11 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, April 18 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 April 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of May 2023.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

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Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 14th day of February, 2023. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Denise Gonzales shall pay child support in the amount of $582.12 to Petitioner, Carmen Martinez. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of $2,910.60 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30th, 2035. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

MARTINEZ, CARMEN

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0003

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 14th day of February, 2023. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Justin Nathaniel Martinez shall pay child support in the amount of $898.59 to Petitioner, Carmen Martinez. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of $3,492.95 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30th, 2035. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

MILLS, ANGIE GAIL
SUMMONS
J-23-0043
I.T.M.O.: R.A. (D.O.B.: 12/15/2022)

TO: Angie Gail Mills

On September 27, 2022, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the child named above has been neglected or abused, or is otherwise a dependent child. THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 10:00a.m.in Court Room #3 before Judge Darmody.

WARNING: Failure to attend any hearing without good cause shown may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights to be present and defend against the allegation(s) in the petition. The hearing may go forward without you and may result in a finding of dependency, and the Court could make permanent orders by motion. Further, failure to appear at Court hearings or to participate in services may result in the termination of your parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship.

Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. 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.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

PARCHCORN SR., ELLIS JAY
DEFAULT NOTICE
C-22-0097
COUNTRY CLUB CARS
V.
ELLIS JAY PARCHCORN SR.

To: Ellis Jay Parchcorn Sr., 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 8th of February, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

SARMIENTO, MARISSA
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE
CASE NO. C-22-0022
COUNTRY CLUB CARS
V.
MARRISSA SARMIENTO

TO: Marissa Sarmiento,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 22nd day of March, 2023 at 10:30 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failure to obey court order to pay Country Club Cars default judgment..

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 8th day of February, 2023.

ANTHONY LITTLE, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

TALKING STICK ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Ruby and Che Jeffreys, Imagine 3D Mini Golf, Co-Owners

The Jeffreys family, co-owners of Imagine 3D Mini Golf

How long have you been with Imagine 3D Mini Golf and what brought you here?

We have been open here at the Talking Stick Entertainment District for over 2 and a half years. This is our 2nd location and we jumped at the opportunity to be part of this wonderful entertainment district within the community.

Do you have regular guests and if so, do you have a relationship with them?

We do have regular guests and welcome them back on their repeat business. It is the first time visit as well as customers visiting from out of town that is the majority of our business.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Creating a unique experience for guests of all ages and hopefully making it memorable for them with the amazing, hand-painted 3D artwork as well as us striving to achieve a completely satisfied customer visit.

Would you say there is a fan-favorite art theme?

The fantasy world is filled with dragon caves, sunken pirate ships and magical unicorns. Our most popular themed sections on the 3D, glow-in the-dark mini-golf course is a toss-up between our underwater Atlantis section as well as our alien outer space section.

What can you share about working within the Talking Stick Entertainment District?

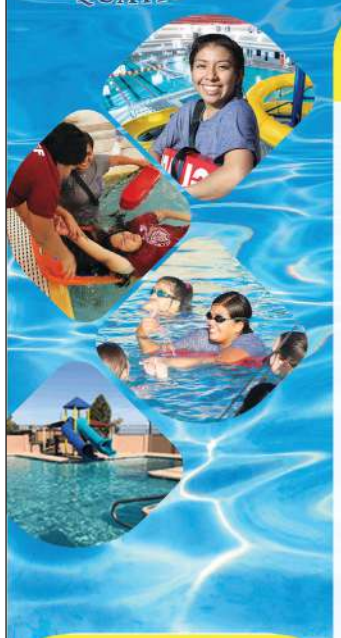
We have absolutely loved and enjoyed being here at the Talking Stick Entertainment District since our very first day of business. We have been welcomed with open arms from the District and felt we've always had the care and support for all involved in making sure the businesses here in the District thrives.

Where is your favorite place to play or eat within the Talking Stick Entertainment District? Why?

In the past, we took our entire team to our wonderful neighbor, Mavrix to play and Blazin' Mongolian Grill is the best spot to eat with amazing food. We really love supporting all the businesses within the District and we are hoping to have another team building outing at Bam Kazam Escape Room soon!

SRPMIC IS NOW HIRING
AQUATIC STAFF
$16.80/hr

SALT RIVER AQUATICS



Lifeguard (Temp)
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Full-Time (40 hrs) and Part-Time Positions (20-30 hrs) Available

Duties:
1. Sits in stationary lifeguard chair; walks and stands to observe swimmers.
2. Enters chemically treated pool water to rescue persons
3. Verbally enforces policies, rules, regulations, and ordinances
4. Full Job Description available on-line

Qualifications:
1. Must be 15 years of age at time of hire
2. Minimum of one (1) season aquatic experience as a Lifeguard is preferred.
3. Must possess current Certifications in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED, and First- Aid from a nationally recognized institution is required.
4. American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certification OR equivalent certification is desirable.

How to Apply:
- On-Line Applications: Go to SRPMIC Websites Employment Opportunities: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/srpmic
- All selected applicants will be required to successfully complete a pre-employment drug screen, fingerprint and background check.

First Lifeguard Application Reviews will start on 03/24/2023

Questions?
Feel free to contact Community Employment at 480-362- 7950 or CRS at 480-362-6310

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Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community WIC
OPEN HOUSE
MARCH 9TH 2023
From 2:30pm-4:30pm
Join us ! National Nutrition Month to learn how WIC can help your Family
Pick up your stay healthy tool and a snack
River People Health Center
10901 E McDowell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
WIC
INTER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA, INC.
CONTACT US AT
PHONE: 480-278-RPHC(7742).
TO REACH WIC SELECT'4' FOR HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAMS, THEN '5' FOR WIC.
TEXT:1-888-365-1338
EMAIL: WIC@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV

Now Hiring
Summer Recreation Aide (Temporary)

Active Hiring For (Temporary Position)

Recreation Aide:
$15/hr (Non-Driving)
$15.50/hr (Driving)
Provide Driver's License
Part-Time or Full-Time
- Assist in monitoring for the safety of children & teens ages 5 – 18 years in a recreational setting.
- Actively participate to encourage participation and engagement in activities/events.
- Works closely with other CRS department personnel & resources.
- Available to work evenings and Saturdays.

Also Available
Recreation Education Aide:
$16/hr (Non-Driving)
$16.50/hr (Driving)
Provide Driver's License
- Works with staff on Summer Camp activities/programs for individuals with disabilities, & assists in event set-up for programs.
- Must be willing to take and pass the Article 9 Class, Intro to Disabilities, & additional training as required.
- Must be able to work flexible hours; including Saturdays and evenings as needed.

Qualifications:
- Applicants must be 18 years of age & older
- Preference will be given to a qualified Community Member, then a qualified Native American and then other qualified candidate

All applicants will undergo:
- Interview process
- Successfully pass a drug screen, Background and fingerprint

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Applications Available Monday - Friday at Two Waters – Building B - Community Employment.
For more information please contact Chester Mack at 480.362.7685

RED MOUNTAIN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER SCOTTSDALE
YOUTH SERVICES
AT THE WAY OF LIFE FACILITY
MARCH 17TH
3:00-6:00PM
Come learn all about various colleges, universities, trade schools and job opportunities
Over 20 institutions in attendance, free food, and raffle prizes!
CONTACT ANGELA DICICCO FOR MORE INFO: (480)947-4951

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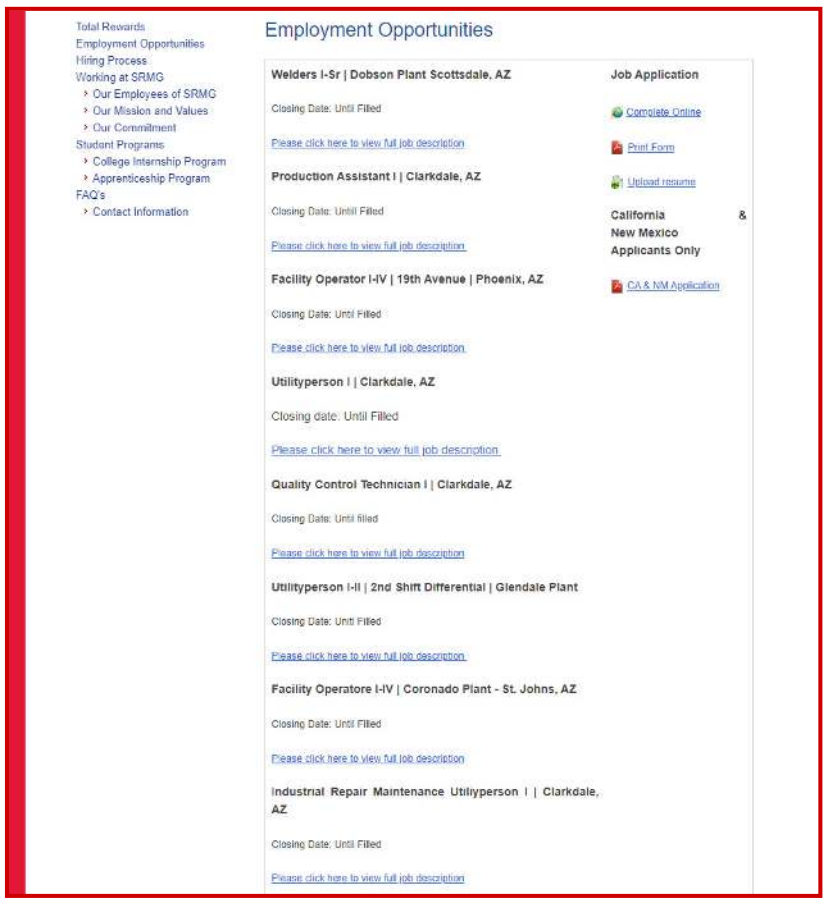

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Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand & Rock,
dba Salt River Materials Group,
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Calendar of Events

MARCH

NOW - APRIL 18 SALT RIVER VITA TAX PROGRAM, Seniors/Disabled Priority *NO Filing Back Taxes and Itemized Taxes. Requirements: Must have an appointment, Income of $58,000 or less, Social Security Card for tax filer & all dependents or any official government document with SS#, Copy of Drivers License or Government ID, All tax documents (W-2, 1099's, etc.), IRS Child Tax Credit letter, if applicable, Bank Account/Routing number (for direct deposits). Contact the Vita Message Line: (480) 362-7540. Leave your Full Name & Phone Number. A VITA Volunteer will promptly return your call with further details.

3 SRPMIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES INFO. SESSION for TEENS, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Way of Life Facility. Info. sessions will focus on support and to receive guidance on mental health resources. Learn what to expect when accessing services, identify and increase awareness of mental health conditions and helpful coping strategies. Sessions presented by Special Needs Resources Program. Contact Zandria Ransom, Special Needs Coordinator at (480) 362-6980.

4 INDIGENOUS ART MARKET, SPRING 2023 SHOWCASE, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Phoenix Indian Center, Native American Community Services Center, 4520 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ. Call for Exhibitors: Indigenous Artists & Vendors. To register visit: PHXINDCENTER.ORG. Cost $50. For questions, call Candice Joe at (602) 264-6768.

9 SCIENCE NIGHT WITH PHOENIX HERPETOLOGICAL SANCTUARY, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the Lehi Community Building. Hosted by the Community Recreational Services Adaptive Recreation *(for participants with a documented disability). See ad on page 18.*

9 BACHATA DANCE CLASS, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the WOLF Court 2. Join three experienced instructors from Scottsdale Community College to learn a new dance style each week. No dance experience required. March 16-Afro/Dance Hall and March 23-House. Limited to 20 participants. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/dance or call Melissa Rave at (480) 362-6696.

10 SALT RIVER LIBRARY PRESENTS HAPPY MARIO DAY, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Salt River Library, RM 56. Come out and celebrate Mario Day with us with fun S.T.E.M. Activities and a gaming tournament. Registration begins March 3, register at https://sugeni.us/dEhQ. For more information call the Library at (480) 362-6600 or email tribal-library@srpmic-nsn.gov.

14 EINSTEIN'S PI DAY, PUPPET SHOW, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Salt River Tribal Library. Celebrate Einstein's birthday and Pi Day with pie and a puppet show. RSVP begins March 7 at https://sugeni.us/dE6m. For questions call (480) 362-6600 or email TribalLibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.

15 NAGI FOUNDATION SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC, 8 a.m. at the Salt River Ball Fields, 1837 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ.SRPMIC members, residents and employees are eligible. Pets must be brought in by legal owner, age 18+. Cats must me in their own carrier and dogs on a leash. Limited spaces. Request an appointment at nagi.foundation.org/spayneuter. If there or no space left, you will be added to a waiting list. For questions call (602) 730-2092. *See ad on page 18.*

17-18 NAGI FOUNDATION WELLNESS CLINIC, Doors open 8 a.m. at the Salt River Ball Fields, 1837 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. First come, first served. SRPMIC members, residents and employees are eligible. Pets must be brought in by legal owner, age 18+. Cats must me in their own carrier and dogs on a leash. Services include exams, vaccines, flea/tick treatment, microchipping and health screening (for diseases like heartworm, lyme, FIV & FeLV).For questions call (602) 730-2092. *See ad on page 18.*

17 RED MOUNTAIN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR, at the Way of Life Facility, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Over 20 institutions in attendance, free food and raffle prizes. Contact Angela Dicicco for more information at (480) 947-4951. *See ad on page19.*

18 CEMAIT/MODILY TORTILLA FESTIVAL. Event will include demonstrations, food samples, food vendors, classes and more. Also looking for Tortilla Makers and Volunteers. Contact Candice Manuel at the Huhugam Ki: Museum at (480) 362-6320 or Mauricia Carlisle at Cultural Resources at (480) 362-6325. *See ad on page 12.*

25 SRPMIC EASTER EGG HUNT, 9 a.m. at the Salt River Baseball Field. Activiess include: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Dress Parade, Field Games, Egg Eating Contest, Easter Kids Crafts and photos with the Easter Bunny. Sign up for Food and Arts & Crafts vendor booths (limited spaces), deadline to sign up for booths March 17 at 5 p.m. For more information call (480) 362-7740 or *see ad on page 6 for more information.*

28 PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP, 5:30 p.m. at the Two Waters Bldg. B-Room B-106. This workshop is an orientation to the SRFSI homeownership program and covers the following topics: Homeownership process, Program requirements, Assessing your personal financial situation and Becoming "Home Loan Ready." To register contact Gracie Briones at (480) 362-7833 or email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov OR Lori Calderon at (480) 362-5763 or email lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov

31-April 1 PIIPAASH MATASHEEVM, Friday, March 31, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. at the Lehi Gathering Area, 3221 N. Stapley Drive, Mesa Az (NE Corner of Oak St. & Stapley Dr.). Featured Events and Amenities: Sunrise blessing, morning walk, lunch (while supplies last), O'odham & Bird Singing/Dancing, and much more. Questions can be directed to Ardell Moore (480) 362-7465, Emily King (480) 362-2626 or Elaina Osife (480) 635-6692. *For more information see ad on page 3.*