



ITCA Tribal Leaders' Water Policy Council and Colorado River Tribal Roundtable

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On August 11, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) held the Tribal Leaders' Water Policy Council and Colorado River Tribal Roundtable at Talking Stick Resort.

The Colorado River Tribal Roundtable operates as part of ITCA's Tribal Leaders' Water Policy Council, which was established to broaden participation of tribal leaders in water policy. In 2021, the ITCA and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation established a memorandum of understanding to ensure tribal participation in Colorado River water-rights negotiations.

The roundtable focused heavily on the recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* and *Sackett v. EPA*. Other topics of mention were an overview of the Arizona Governor's Office of Resiliency, aquifer quality standards rulemaking, updates from the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR) 2025 Plan of Operation.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier opened the roundtable with a blessing and remarks about the importance of water to the Community's history and identity.

"Our ancestors [the Huhugam] knew how to construct canal systems for the purpose of using the water to provide for [themselves].



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier addresses leaders at the ITCA Tribal Leaders' Water Policy Council and Colorado River Tribal Roundtable, at Talking Stick Resort on August 11.

It's up to us to continue to work hard so we can continue to provide water for the people in this area for the future. It's our responsibility."

Susan Montgomery, partner at the Montgomery & Interpreter law firm in Phoenix, who was present to talk about the *Sackett v. EPA* case, was inspired by President Harvier's remarks.

"I thought, 'Wow. What would it have looked like if I could have seen the wetlands associated with the Salt River many years ago?' It would have been an amazing thing to see," Montgomery said.

Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel and Vice-Chairman Lemuel

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Native Seeds/SEARCH Successfully Tests Spiral Basin Inspired By Salt River Community Garden



The spiral basin, which is at the end of the parking lot at the Native Seeds/SEARCH Conservation Center in Tucson, serves as an area for overflow from the existing basins to infiltrate the soil. Photo courtesy of Native Seeds/SEARCH

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The nonprofit seed conservation organization Native Seeds/SEARCH (NS/S) recently celebrated the first major successful test of their spiral-shaped basin, after a monsoon filled up the rainwater harvesting feature at their Conservation Center in Tucson. Salt River Pima-Maricopa

Indian Community Council member and NS/S Chair Jacob Butler inspired the basin. NS/S garden staff toured the Salt River Community Garden in 2021, which has spiral rainwater catchments that allow native desert plants to grow to maturity much faster and provide shade, shelter and habitat for the gardens.

"That [spiral] design really *Continued on page 8*

Community Receives Donation of Culturally Significant Items



MainSpring Capital Group representatives, Council members and Cultural Resources staff examine pieces from the Bert Robinson collection. Photo courtesy of Cultural Resources Department

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Editor's Note: O'odham Action News staff reporter Christopher Lomahquahu has decided to leave his reporting beat and instead take up more academic pursuits. He will remain an occasional contributor to the paper.

In July, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community received a special donation of cultural items from MainSpring Capital Group (MSCG), a real estate corporation that does business in the Community. *Continued on page 4*

Gary Owens, Huhugam Ki: Museum manager, specified that the items are from former BIA Superintendent for the Pima Indian Agency and author, Bert Robinson. Work on accessing the collection began in September of 2022 and with collections manager Franak Hilloowala, the group went to Tucson AZ. to view the items. The collection includes Indigenous artifacts, historical documents and more than 200 historical photographs which depict daily life on the Gila River Indian Community and the SRPMIC during the

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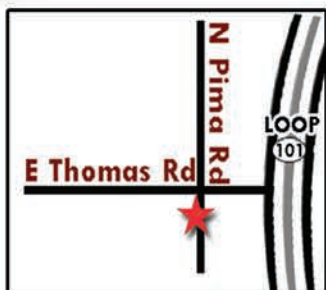
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SRPMIC President Martin Harvier addresses leadership at the ITCA Roundtable. President Harvier said the opening prayer and discussed the Salt River Community's history with water.

Vincent were also present at the roundtable. Miguel noted that when it comes to trust responsibilities, tribal water rights and other issues, he's seeing more pushback from the federal government of late.

"For so long, our tribe has been having issues with getting permitting processes from the Army Corps of Engineers to maintain our washes. We have had issues with flooding within our washes," Vincent explained. "When we met with [the Corps] recently, the topic of jurisdiction came up. It seemed like they didn't want to take responsibility for it. Every time somebody new comes into [the Corps administration], it's another process, so it gets pretty frustrating. We've been getting the runaround for many years."

Miguel said that the situation got to the point to where the Ak-Chin Community was going to take care of the washes themselves.

"Then we were told if we [did] that,

we were going to be penalized for funding it ourselves," Miguel said. "We have had to do what we needed to do, because these washes are adjacent to our enterprises. If there was a breach within the wash, it would destroy our economic development and how we support our Community."

A big topic of discussion at the roundtable was the U.S. government's trust responsibilities, which came from a panel discussion about the recent case *Arizona v. Navajo Nation*. This case was a water rights dispute over allocation of Colorado River water. It was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 22 of this year, reversing an earlier decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. With the 5-4 majority opinion in the U.S. Supreme Court written by Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, the case determined "that although the [1868 Treaty of Bosque Redondo] reserved necessary water to accomplish the purpose of the Navajo Reservation, the

treaty did not require the United States to take affirmative steps to secure water for the tribe." As a result, the U.S. is not required to secure water rights for the Navajo Nation.

Gila River Indian Community member Jason Hauter, partner with the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, broke down the case and shared his opinion based on his experiences working with tribes. Hauter said that the U.S. Solicitor's Office and Department of Justice's (DOJ) job is to limit the U.S.'s exposure and liability in cases like this.

The Office of the Solicitor has more than 500 employees, more than 400 of whom are licensed attorneys, according to the office's website.

"[The Office of the Solicitor and DOJ] are there to win the case. Even if you have a trust obligation and, say, a settlement, I imagine they are going to find ways to limit that obligation if you ever did bring a claim under a settlement to enforce those rights," said Hauter. "They're not friends to tribes when it comes to tribes bringing these types of claims."



AK-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel addresses leadership at the ITCA Roundtable. Miguel talked about the Ak-Chin Community's experiences and needs regarding water policy.

In the Opinion of the Court, Kavanaugh stated, "It is not the Judiciary's role to rewrite and update this 155-year-old treaty. Rather, Congress and the President may enact—and often have enacted—laws to assist the citizens of the western United States, including the Navajos, with their water needs."



AK-Chin Indian Community Vice Chairman Lemuel Vincent and others participating in the roundtable discussion.

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early 20th century.

Among the items are a traditional bow and arrow, war shield, assorted pottery and others which were on display to the attendees during a special meeting between MSCG representatives and SRPMIC leadership. The groups met at the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Cultural Repository, which is designated to specifically house tribal collections.

“The new repository was built so the Community would have a safe place for housing important artifacts of our histories and cultures,” said CRD Director Kelly Washington. He added, “The MainSpring Capital Group went above and beyond to make sure this collection found its way to us.”

About MSCG, they are a U.S.-based real estate firm specializing in the acquisition, development and management of real estate assets. They have an office on the Community. According to the company website, “MainSpring and its affiliates have a historical ownership of over 8.5 million square feet of industrial product and 1.6 million square feet of office product, 2 million combined square feet of which were personally developed.”

Through their acquisition of property, cultural items tied to the Community came into the possession of MSCG, and it was determined that the best course of action was to return the items to the Community.

Washington said that the CRD commends MSCG for their sincerity in allowing the Community to repatriate the items. “They have set a positive example for other organizations and individuals that may be in a position to help in similar ways.”

While museum collections may include cultural items of significance to American Indian tribes, large corporations also may have art collections containing these items. Washington encourages other organizations that are in possession of cultural items and artifacts they believe to be related to the Community to consider donating them. For more information, contact the Huhugam Ki: Museum (480) 362-6320 or Franak Hilloowala at (480) 362-6838.



Cultural Resources Director Kelly Washington, Council member Micah Carlos and President Harvier review the Pima Cooking booklet that was part of the donation. Photo courtesy of Cultural Resources Department



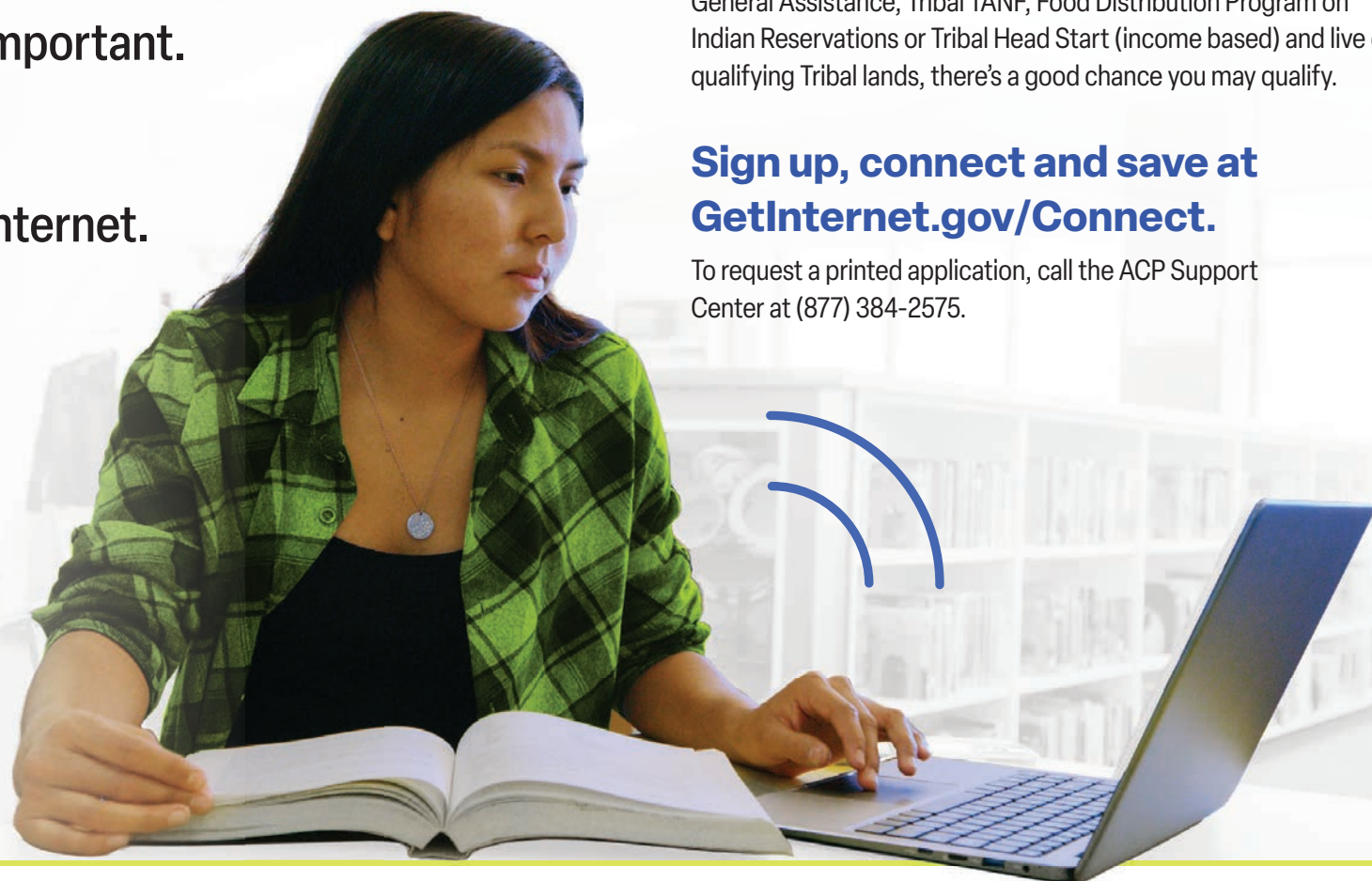
MainSpring Capital Group representatives discuss the donation with President Harvier (second from left). L-R: Marty Farnsworth, President Harvier, Mills Brown, Gerry Blomquist and Lance Ross. Photo courtesy of Cultural Resources Department

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The police academy is the beginning, where all future law enforcement officers are trained, coached and molded into capable guardians of the community. You must graduate from the academy before you can become a sworn officer. As a police academy instructor, I have the privilege of guiding new recruits through their transformative journey. In this article, we will explore the key elements of police academy training.

Community Policing

Building trust and maintaining positive relationships with members of the Community are at the heart of policing at the Salt River Police Department (SRPD). It is an essential component of modern policing. Recruits learn why community-based policing and community-centered policing are so important to our policing mission. This includes developing communication skills, learning community-oriented approaches, and fostering empathy and understanding for the diverse communities they serve.

The SRPD takes pride in the community we serve and protect—the culture, history, language and traditions—and embraces the positive working relationship we have with the Community. At the SRPD, our community-based policing mission is “Knowing the People Who You Serve and Protect.”

First Aid

In critical situations, police officers are often the first responders on scene. Comprehensive first-aid training equips recruits with the knowledge and skills to provide immediate basic medical assistance when needed, potentially saving lives. SRPD officers have saved more than 130 lives by administering Narcan to overdose victims.

Physical Training

Police work demands peak physical fitness. The police academy's physical training regimen challenges recruits to enhance their endurance, strength and agil-



ity, preparing them for the demanding nature of their profession. Health, resilience and wellness are major skill sets for a career in policing and for daily life.

Weapons Proficiency

A fundamental aspect of police training is mastering various firearms, weapons and other essential law enforcement tools. Recruits undergo rigorous training to ensure they understand policies, procedures and laws; understand the aspects of appropriate when necessary and use of force; and know how to handle their weapons safely, confidently and responsibly.

Discipline and Law

Discipline forms the bedrock of a law enforcement officer's character. Instructors instill the importance of adhering to regulations and codes of conduct, ensuring recruits understand the gravity of their future responsibilities in upholding the law.

Real-Time Scenarios

Simulated real-life scenarios provide recruits with invaluable experience in handling high-pressure situations. Role-playing exercises test their decision-making, communication skills and ability to de-escalate tense encounters.

Mental Toughness

Policing often involves confronting challenging and distressing situations. Therefore, recruits are trained to develop mental fortitude, enabling them to stay focused, composed and resilient in the face of adversity.

Defensive Tactics

Police officers must be proficient in various defensive techniques to protect the Community, general public and themselves. The police academy emphasizes techniques like arrest tactics, holds, grappling, handcuffing and non-lethal force, and tools to ensure the safety of all persons involved.

Equipment Management

Police officers rely on a wide array of equipment in the field. Recruits learn how to properly handle, maintain and utilize their gear and vehicles effectively, fostering a sense of preparedness for any situation.

Report Writing

Accurate, fact-based and detailed report writing is crucial in documenting incidents and investigations. Instructors teach recruits how to properly investigate and craft comprehensive reports that serve as essential records for legal and administrative purposes.

Stress Management

The stress of police work sometimes can be overwhelming. Police academy training teaches stress management techniques, resilience, and health and wellness to help officers cope with the emotional, mental and physical challenges that can take a toll on their wellbeing.

In conclusion, the police academy is the beginning of a rewarding career to serve and protect the Community. Through rigorous training to ensure all skill sets are mastered, police recruits are molded into the guardians of their communities, ready to serve with honor, integrity and professionalism.

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O'odham Cultural Significance of Ants and the Importance of the Traditional Knowledge

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If you are out in your garden, especially during monsoon season or warm weather, you might see an abundance of ants (*Totoñi* in O'odham) maintaining their home on your plants and in the dirt around you.

Sometimes, ants enter your home and travel around on the floor or the countertops, or they could end up on your feet. You should think twice about harming the ants in any way, according to O'odham Education Specialist Malia Garcia.

“The way I was taught is [that] we need to respect the *Totoñi* because they were the first [insects] that were put here when the Earth was made in the beginning. It's a part of our stories,” said Garcia.

As with O'odham traditions, certain stories are not talked about outside of wintertime; however, Garcia can share the O'odham importance of *Totoñi*, which is traditional knowledge that Garcia said is especially important for the youth to carry with them.

“I've learned to try to find a way to say things to where it would help the young people, because there are a lot of our people who don't understand these traditions, not only in my Community (the Gila River Indian Community), but at Salt River as well,” said Garcia.

According to tradition, the *Segoi* (O'odham for greasewood or creosote) is the first plant that was created.

From there, different kinds of *Totoñi* were created with their different purposes. “So, one of the different kinds of *Totoñi*, the *Wuimal* [in O'odham], or the velvet ant, that's where our clans come from,” said Garcia.

O'odham have songs in the Ant Series, where the singer who usually carries those songs will come from that ant clan, and they will teach others the different things that the *Totoñi* do.

If there are ants near you and you must remove them for any reason, Garcia said there ways to do so



Ants extracting nutrients from a young chichiquelite (garden huckleberry) fruit.

that are traditionally acceptable.

“Go to where their little hole is, dig it up and move that earth somewhere else, and then give them something, offer them something,” she said. “We're always supposed to apologize to them and tell them we didn't mean to disrupt their home. We believe that if we don't do those things, then they'll attack us and bite us.”

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Jacob Butler offered another solution.

“You can also take some dirt from somewhere else and give [the *Totoñi*] a little bit [of it] for their home. It will keep them busy, you can continue to work, and you're not harming them,” Butler said.

The Importance of the Traditional Knowledge

Since 2006, Garcia has dedicated herself to educating the Community about O'odham culture and language, which go hand in hand.

She used to take kids in the after-school program to the river and point out things like the *Totoñi* and

Segoi, explain how they were created, and educate the students to not step on the *Totoñi*.

Many of these traditions can be considered a “fairy tale” to some people, according to Garcia, but she said that carrying the stories is what she was meant to do for the Community.

While Garcia was growing up in the O'odham culture and learning what her role was as an O'odham woman, she was sent to a Catholic parochial school.

“I couldn't understand why I had to be sent to a school, when I already knew my place as a young girl,” she said.

She said she would get punished if she didn't learn the English language right away. In fourth grade, Garcia told her grandmother that she didn't want to go to school there anymore. Her grandmother let her stay home so she could continue to practice her *Himdag* (way of life). When she came back home from school, she said most of the kids her age went away to boarding schools.

“They came back and they were different people. The whole world around me changed. My family and my reservation changed.”

Now she said one of the most important things for her is to help her relatives.

“In my head, it's always O'odham thinking. I'm going to help my relatives in Salt River, and they're going to help me,” she said.

Words For Ants

Because there are many different types of ants in the desert, the O'odham and Piipaash have different names for them. Some of the O'odham words to describe the ants are: *Cuck totoni* (black ants), *Vepeki totoni* (red ants), *A'al totoni* (“baby ants”/small ants), *U:v totoni* (smelly ants), and *A'anam totoni* (“winged ants”/flying ants).

Some Piipaash words to describe ants are: *Chmduuly* (ant), *May nyxat* (velvet ant), *Chmduuly xwet* (red ant), *Chmduuly nyiily* (black ant), *Chmduuly kwyer* (flying ant), and *Xanspuk* (small black ant).



(L-R): SR Emergency Management Coordinator Kirsten VanDeventer, SR Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Nelson, Regional Communications Manager, American Red Cross – Arizona/New Mexico Region Georgi Donchetz, SR Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph Urrea, SR Emergency Manager Charles Kmet and HHS Chief Public Health Officer Nancy Mangieri.

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and where they can feel comfortable,” said Edelblute.

The group spent time discussing different scenarios and how they apply to their shelter operations. After Edelblute’s presentation, the Emergency Management team took the group on a tour of the Lehi Community Center and quizzed them on what they had just learned.

Another Shelter training course will be scheduled for November, if you are interested in becoming a sheltering volunteer, or are a staff member interested in being trained in Shelter Operations please reach out to Emergencymanagement@srpmic-nsn.gov.

On August 2, the American Red Cross collaborated with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Emergency Management team to discuss basic Red Cross Shelter fundamentals with the Salt River Health and Human Services - Public Health team.

The SRPMIC Emergency Management team reached out to Ken Edelblute, a Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteer, with the goal of helping the Community become more resilient in the face of disaster.

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During their August recess, members of the U.S. Congress spent time back in their home districts to meet with constituents and others about issues of importance regarding the federal government. On August 17, U.S. Congressman Greg Stanton (D-AZ, 4th District) met with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council members at the Council Chambers for lunch, where they enjoyed *cemait*/mo-diily (“tortillas” in O’odham/Pipaash, respectively) from the Round House Café.

Rep. Stanton does not represent the district that the SRP-MIC is in, but the 4th District does border the Community. “It’s always an honor to meet with SRPMIC leaders, and we had a very productive discussion,” said Rep. Stanton. “I’ll continue to work to address our shared priorities in Congress—including protecting our precious water resources, investing in infrastructure and improving access to quality healthcare.”

SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos said that it’s important for Council to be meeting with government representatives, regardless of their political leanings, to ensure they are supportive of the causes and issues that are important to the Community.

“When [issues] pop up for the Community, we want to make sure that we have allies in D.C. who will support us,” said Carlos.

One topic of note was the possibility of a U.S. federal government shutdown. A new fiscal year begins on October 1, and if Congress fails to pass the dozen funding bills that are waiting for them when they return to Washington in mid-September, or if they fail to pass a continuing resolution that would avert a shutdown by giving them more time to work out the spending issues, then the federal government will fail to pass a budget and will shut down on October 1. Carlos said that Stanton has helped with appropriations and making sure that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has continuous



SRPMIC Council members meet with AZ Representative Greg Stanton. L-R: SRPMIC Council members Cheryl Doka, David Antone, Mikah Carlos, Jabob Butler, AZ Rep. Greg Stanton, SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Council members Deanna Scabby, Michael Dallas. Photo courtesy of Rep. Stanton's Office

federal funding if the government were to shut down. With continuous funding of the IHS, services like the River People Health Center will continue to operate without the tribal government having to pay for it.

Other topics discussed at the meeting were the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Native American Child Protection Act, getting Stanton’s perspective on what the 2024 election will look like; and Arizona’s growing importance on the national political scene as a swing state.

“The last election really showed that we can swing it either way, but also how important it is for the Native vote to show up,” said Carlos. “[Council] shared our concerns [with Rep. Stanton] about the challenges for Native voters that came with this last election, and we want to make sure that the Voting Rights Act continues to be protected.”

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Native Seeds/SEARCH Successfully Tests Spiral Basin Inspired By Salt River Community Garden

stuck with our team and seemed like a great fit for this space,” said Joel Johnson, NS/S conservation garden farmer. “Especially since the mouth of the spiral could open to receive the parking lot runoff and still allow a truck road to circle the area, giving it a dual function as a turnaround at the end of the parking lot.”

Butler is also a permaculture instructor through the Traditional Native American Farmers Association (TNAFA). Many of the permaculture techniques he learned through the TNAFA have been applied or modified to the spiral garden at Salt River, as well as at the NS/S Conservation Center.

“[The TNAFA] took that information from Bill Mollison, who many might know as ‘The Father of Permaculture,’ and his concepts, but Mollison took that from Indigenous peoples from around the world,” said Butler. “For us to be utilizing it now is coming full circle to what it once was.”

The Conservation Center garden farm property is located on a double floodplain, receiving runoff from Finger Rock Wash as well as drainage from the Rillito River watershed and surrounding roads and properties.

In July 2021, the soil became fully saturated, which created a 2-acre pond right where NS/S is planning to expand their seed production fields.

“The spiral basin is one link in a series of rainwater harvesting earthworks that will slow and spread that water, allowing it to infiltrate into our soils without causing flood damage or standing water that could harm young crops,” said Johnson.



Part of the basin/garden at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Community Garden that the spiral basin at Native Seeds/SEARCH was inspired by. Bottom left: An aerial view of the spiral basin at Native Seeds/SEARCH

When Butler visited the Conservation Center to take a look at the land, he brought some of his ideas with him.

He said, “We talked about how you can trap water and help support trees that aren’t edible, which can filter out the toxins of the soil before the water can get to the plants.”

The basin at NS/S collects the rain, which infiltrates the soil. Currently nothing is being planted within the basin, because the organization wanted to

observe how it reacted to its first monsoon. However, trees have been planted around the basin to take advantage of the captured water, Johnson said.

“[We planted] desert ironwood, desert willow and mesquite on the south side to provide shade,” said Johnson, “and heritage Quitobaquito pomegranates on the south side of the basin.”

Johnson said that once NS/S makes adjustments to the basin this fall, its inner edge will be planted with perennial

pollinator plants native to the Sonoran Desert.

Update on O’odham Seeds At NS/S

In 2021, there was a large flood at the Conservation Center due to a monsoon. That year, NS/S grew an O’odham June corn that a grower had been selecting for blue kernels, according to Johnson.

“It was a very successful grow-out, with beautiful mixed white and blue kernels and some ears that were all blue,” said Johnson.

During winter 2022-2023, the P’itovi sivol onions were very productive. Johnson said that the gophers love to eat the onions.

O’odham Soam miliñ (also written as S-uam/S-oam Mi:loñ/Miloñ), the yellow-meated watermelon, currently is in full bloom.

“It is a different accession than we did last year. This one came originally from Queen’s Well on the Tohono O’odham Nation,” said Johnson. “We planted in early July. The plants are looking good and flowering well. We are looking forward to seeing fruit developing, and to the delicious task of saving seed from those soon!”

Howur, a beige Pima lima bean collected between Santan and Blackwater in the late 1970s, was planted in late March and again in late May. Johnson said the plants still look good, with many beans harvested this year.

“We expect when the weather moderates a bit, we’ll get more blooms and more beans,” he said.

Organization Dedicated to Supporting Indigenous Journalists Celebrates 40 Years

CONTRIBUTED BY CHRISTOPHER LOMAHQUAHU

A journalism conference that represents Indigenous professionals working in the news media marked its 40th anniversary in August. The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) took this year's National Native Media Conference (NNMC) on the road to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, August 10-12.

Held at the Royal Bank of Canada Convention Centre, this year's NNMC drew more than 200 Indigenous professionals specializing in broadcast, radio, print media, online content and multimedia journalism to learn and share their experiences. It also marked NAJA's 40th anniversary and celebrated the more than 900 members at large working for various Indigenous media outlets.

The organization was founded in 1983 as the Native American Press Association (NAPA); in 1990, the name was changed to the Native American Journalists Association. At the August conference in Winnipeg, the membership voted to again change the name: The group now will be known as the Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA).

The IJA conference was especially meaningful as a way for First Nations journalists to share the stories and issues they are covering across Canada. "I want [to acknowledge] the 63 First Nations across Manitoba—thank you so much for having us here," said outgoing IJA President Graham Lee Brewer (Cherokee), who gave conference's opening address.

Brewer introduced the IJA board members, offering praise for their commitment to the members of IJA. "This board has dedicated so much time and attention to the needs of your members, making sure that Indigenous voices are represented across the U.S. and Canada," he said.

At the conference's numerous breakout sessions, Indigenous journalists from the U.S. and Canada reported on news topics such as the current status of the repatriation of Native ancestral human remains and how many institutions still possess them; roles in advancing reconciliation stemming from Native residential schools; and collaboration to improve news coverage on Canada's childcare system, which has been alleged to misuse its birth alert system to sepa-



Above: Representatives from Treaty One territory provided a grand entry to open the IJA conference in Winnipeg Manitoba on Aug. 11, 2023
Photo courtesy of Christopher Lomahquahu



Left: Former IJA President Graham Lee Brewer (Cherokee) welcomes the attendees to the IJA conference on Aug. 10, 2023
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rate Indigenous mothers and children. A birth alert is when child welfare services notifies a hospital that they believe an expectant mother is high risk and that a newborn baby may need protection. It can lead to the baby being seized without the mother's consent.

Another topic was press freedom among tribal nations, a presentation which provided insight on how to establish a process of open reporting within tribal communities.

The biggest news to come out of the conference was the name change. Members could cast their votes for or against the new name. On the second day of the conference, the results were announced during the membership luncheon: 89 members in favor and 55 against.

Three new IJA board members were elected for a

three-year term. Returning to the board was Jourdan Bennett-Begaye (Diné), editor of ICT (formerly Indian Country Today). She will be joined by new board members Sunnie Clahchischiligi (Diné) and Joseph Lee (Aquinnah Wampanoag). During a board of directors meeting on August 17, current board member Christine Trudeau (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation) was elected president of the IJA and Bennett-Begaye vice-president. The treasurer is Angel Ellis (Muscogee Nation) and the secretary is Savannah Maher (Mashpee Wampanoag).

The Canadian province of Manitoba is home to 63 First Nations and five distinct languages: Cree, Ojibway, Dakota, Ojibway-Cree and Dene. Of the 63 nations, seven are Treaty 1 First Nations: the Brokenhand Ojibway Nation, Long Plain First Nation (Ojibway and Dakota), Peguis First Nation (Ojibway), Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation, Sagkeeng First Nation (Anishinaabe), Sandy Bay First Nation (Ojibway) and Swan Lake First Nation (Ojibway).

Next year's IJA conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from July 24 to 27, 2024. Stay up to date on the IJA and its upcoming events at www.indigenousjournalists.org and on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn under the name Indigenous Journalists Association.



Past members of the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA), now the Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA), were honored for their past leadership over the 40-year span of the organization, during the IJA conference on Aug. 10, 2023. Photo courtesy of Christopher Lomahquahu

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Meet the New Leaders at Salt River Schools

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Salt River Schools is excited to announce the hiring of three new Education Division leaders. Learn more about these leaders and their goals for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's students, families and staff over the next school year.



Sheryl Houston, Assistant Superintendent

Tell us about yourself. I am honored and excited to serve as Assistant Superintendent for Salt River Schools. I have worked in K-8 education for 23 years as a classroom teacher, middle school assistant principal, principal and curriculum director. I have eight years of classroom teaching experience from multiple states and 13 years of site- or district-level leadership in the Kyrene and Roosevelt school districts here in Arizona. The majority of my experience has been in service of underserved students as a classroom teacher, site leader and district administrator. I have diverse experience in both public and private school systems in Illinois, Georgia, Virginia and Arizona.

Sheryl Houston

Where did you go to school? I earned my bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Western Illinois University and a master of education in educational leadership from George Mason University.

What made you want to work at Salt River Schools? While in Virginia, I taught in a Title I school district, Alexandria City Public Schools, and found my passion for working with diverse cultures. This passion and a desire to serve a strong community drew me to serve as Assistant Superintendent at Salt River Schools, and I am excited to learn about and experience the Division's rich history and culture. I am committed to ensuring quality educational experiences for students and supporting the professional development of our staff.

How long have you lived in Arizona? I have lived here for 16 years and love the beautiful Arizona weather, culture and diverse terrain. I have been married for 24 years and have two daughters.

What does the Education Division's 2023-24 theme, "Salt River Rising," mean to you? "Salt River Rising" is a powerful theme that evokes feelings of hope and empowerment for students, families and staff members. The Assistant Superintendent plays an important role in supporting all stakeholders to connect with their strengths, identify areas of growth, and develop a plan for setting and achieving personal goals.

"Salt River Rising" makes me think about the importance of literacy across generations [and why we should build] strong foundational reading skills for our students and [preserve] the art of storytelling. I envision opportunities for students to engage with elders in the Community during "literacy nights" that include innovative strategies for connecting with literacy, as

well as preserving the opportunity for stories to be shared orally.

What are your hobbies? In my leisure time, I enjoy cooking, gardening and traveling. I also enjoy hiking with my family, including our loving and boisterous golden retriever, Gracie.

Tell us about one of your favorite books. As my own children were growing up, we loved the book "My Great-Aunt Arizona," written by Gloria Houston. It is a true story about a teacher who shared her love of learning with her students, empowering them to learn about the world around them. In addition to reading, it utilizes storytelling to kindle a desire to learn and explore. I think the power of this story lies in the connection to community and the recognition of learning that begins at home and is then ignited in school through the power of a great teacher.



Alaina Flower

Alaina Flower, Exceptional Student Services Director

Tell us about yourself. I am very excited to join Salt River Schools as the Exceptional Student Services Director. I grew up in a small farm town in Michigan with a family rooted in encouragement and education. Having watched my grandmother and great-aunt make many contributions to support students

and leadership in education, I was always inspired to do the same.

Throughout grade school, I had a passion for helping, inspiring and collaborating with others to support the youth in my community. This passion continued to grow [as I earned] my bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and my master's degree from Arizona State University. I've worked in Michigan and across Arizona to support schools and students with exceptional education programming. I look forward to working with the Salt River Schools community to support our exceptional learners.

How long have you lived in Arizona? Arizona has been my beautiful home since 2017, and I have loved learning to enjoy the heat, hike the mountains and discover the magnificent culture.

What does the Education Division's 2023-24 theme, "Salt River Rising," mean to you? Throughout my career in education, I've had the pleasure of working with fellow educators and students who have demonstrated the value of rising up and encouraging others to do the same. It's quite an inspiration to see students—many facing incredible challenges—show their tenacious drive to become successful, all while supporting others around them to succeed. As educators, we have the responsibility to model perseverance; although we also face challenges, we can use our passion for making communities stronger with collaboration and encouragement.

What are your hobbies? My husband and I share our home with our rescue dog, Buddy. I enjoy traveling to explore the world and spending my time outdoors.

Tell us about one of your favorite books. "The Black Book of Colors," by Menena Cottin and Rosana Faria, paints vibrant imagery by using senses other than sight. Braille letters and entirely black pages accompany descriptions of taste, texture and smell to provide new ways of thinking and engaging with a printed book. "The Black Book of Colors" offers a unique literacy experience and reminds us that when we include others who are different from ourselves, the outcome is often a sense of belonging, importance and value for everyone.



Danielle Doctor

Danielle Doctor, Operations Manager

Tell us about yourself. I am Navajo with family from various communities in northern Arizona. I graduated from Tolleson Union High School. As a teenager, I focused on my education and extracurricular activities to get into Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where I studied engineering sciences and

studio art. Being away from home and my family was difficult, and so was my coursework, but I persevered and earned my bachelor's degree.

After two years of working at various jobs, I found myself curious about becoming a teacher. For the past 22 years I have worked at four different K-12 charter schools with various styles of instruction. It has always been my intention to use my knowledge and skills to help our Native communities, especially our children. It's my belief that education is the best route to success and raising our community. I am excited to work for Salt River Schools.

What does the Education Division's 2023-24 theme, "Salt River Rising," mean to you? When I think of "Salt River Rising," I think of a phoenix rising from the ashes and the adversities it had to overcome. Similarly, I think Native people have many challenges set before them. We often find it difficult to believe we can get through something, but I think as a school community we can help each other get through anything. We can find ways to lift each other up, whether it's telling someone they did a good job or helping someone with a difficult task. At Salt River Schools, it's my job to do what I can to help others improve.

What are your hobbies? Outside of education, I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I enjoy traveling, camping, hiking, sewing, reading, listening to music, watching Phoenix Valley sports and learning.

Tell us about one of your favorite books. My favorite book since childhood is "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl, who also wrote "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," which was my favorite movie as a child.

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Vašai Gakidag Mašad "Dry Grass Month"

After the monsoons have passed, the O'odham traditionally recognize the month as Vašai Gakidag Mašad "Dry Grass Moon/Month", which generally corresponds with September. In Piipaash, September is Xly'a Xamxmok (alternatively, nymxmok) "Ninth Moon/Month". Usually, there is less precipitation and temperatures start to cool a bit as we head into fall, marked by the autumnal equinox (this year on Sept. 22). The autumnal equinox is the mid-point between the summer and winter solstices.

The summer storms have knocked most of the mesquite beans to the ground by this

time, but some trees may have a second fruiting in September, providing yet another chance for harvesting. Prickly pear fruit will likely still be available as well. Gathering of materials for basket making starts to conclude for the year.



Originally, this month would have concluded the planting season, with harvesting becoming the primary focus. With the introduction of non-native crops, however, the O'odham and Piipaash also started growing cool-weather crops. Although not part of our original diet, many of these foods contributed positively to our food culture and have been grown for many generations. There are varieties of wheat, peas, and other domesticated food plants grown by the O'odham and Piipaash that are no longer readily available elsewhere. Contact the Cultural Resources Department Community Garden Program for more

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Salt River Swim Team Competes In Summer Program



Peytyn Manuel, 10



Dinedeseo Zavala, 10



Maizen Brown, 5

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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This summer, the Salt River Swim Team participated in the City of Scottsdale's recreational swim/dive teams program, competing as a visiting pool among the Cactus, El Dorado and McDowell Mountain Ranch pools.

In order to compete, swimmers age 5+ at all fitness levels worked on all four competitive strokes: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

On the Salt River Swim Team this year were

10-year-old Peytyn Manuel, 10-year-old Dinedeseo Zavala and 5-year-old Maizen Brown.

Aquatics Manager Kyle Stephens said that Manuel is the team's champion, taking third place out of 26 competitors in the 50-yard freestyle and fourth place out of 23 in the 50-yard backstroke.

"[Zavala] started the season just out of swim lessons [and moved up] to the middle of the pack," said Stephens. "[Brown] went from not being able to swim a lap across [the pool] to completing his events."

The Salt River Swim Team program began in 2019, with seven swimmers and an eagle as their mascot. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community department and division overseeing the team is Community Recreational Services – Aquatics. The

division was added to the department in 2018 with the construction of the Way of Live Facility (WOLF).

When he began working for the Community, Stephens said that there were requests to find more ways to get youth involved in becoming lifeguards. It was difficult at the time to find enough Community members to pass the prerequisites to the lifeguard course, which requires being able to swim 300 yards, or 12 pool lengths.

"This led to me needing to reassess how we make Community members lifeguards, and that had to start with making swimmers," said Stephens. That brought about swim lessons, the Swim Team, offering swimming time and lessons to Community camps, working with Human Resources and the WIOA program to offer a Lifeguard Academy, and more.

Stephen said, "We will be back next year! Come join the Swim Team."

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<p>A'S FAMILY LANDSCAPING Lawn Maintenance, Shrub/Tree Trimming and Debris/Trash Removal. FREE ESTIMATES. L. Azule, (480) 467-8449</p>	<p>HEAVENLY TOUCH CLEANING SRPMIC Member Owned and Operated specializing in residential and commercial cleaning services; get a quote by phone or emailing contact information below. Yesika Saldivar-Zotigh, Owner (602) 301-9832 Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com</p>	<p>PIMARA CONSTRUCTION Civil & structural engineering. Virginia Loring, (480) 251-6849 vlpimara@cox.net</p>
<p>AU-AUTHUM KI, INC. Commercial construction. Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566</p>	<p>MOQUINO'S BODY & PAINT LLC. Auto Body Work and Paint LLC. Community Member 15% discount. Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033 moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com</p>	<p>PIIPASH SHELL 4001. N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC (480) 947-6400 (store) piipash@hotmail.com</p>
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10th Annual GLOW WALK

SRPMIC DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2023

- Early registration starts: August 25th, 2023 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080445A4A62FAA8-glow1>
- Onsite Registration starts 5:00 PM
- Walk will start at 6:00 PM
- Meet outside SR Fitness Center 1 mile around the tribal complex
- Glow Sticks to first 200 Participants
- Light Dinner for first 200 Registered Participants
- Endorsed by WELLPATH for 15 Points

10241 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

For More Information: DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services : 480-362-7350
Vurlene (480) 362-2706 Melanie (480) 362-6678

If we CANNOT contact you by phone or email, your business will be removed from the listing, call O'dham Action News at (480) 362-7750 to have your business put back on the listing.

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

Antone, James Sheldon – Evidentiary Paternity/Adjudication Hearings Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Minor: A.W.S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: September 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Antone, Jordan James - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing and Review Hearing Mother: Zakirah Toney (DOB: 11/01/2001) Minors: C.O.A. (DOB: 06/29/2018) S.A.A. (DOB: 11/14/2019) Case: J-21-0089/J-21-0090 Court Date: October 4, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Carlos, Andrew – Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-21-0133 Court Date: October 3, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Carpenter, Ce:dagi Ju:k - Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0055 Court Date: October 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Losey, Devyn Robert – Permanency/Exceptional Care hearings Case: J-23-0056 Court Date: September 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Romo, Emmaleigh Rose – Permanency/Exceptional Care hearings Case: J-23-0056 Court Date: September 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Spex, Brittany Arless – Evidentiary Paternity/Review Hearings Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: September 14, 2023 at 11 a.m. Courtroom #3.

Swan, Dajuan Anthony - Mother: Sabrina Sampson Merino 11/07/1989 Child: D.M 08/29/2022 Review Hearing Case: J-22-0150 Court Date: September 7, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Toney, Zakirah - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing/Review Hearings Case: J-21-0089/J-21-0090 Court Date: October 4, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Valenzuela, Frank Harvier - Mother: Ce:dagi Ju:k Carpenter (DOB 03/24/1987) Child: C.R.C. Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0055 Court Date: October 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Valles Sr., Robert Anthony - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0174 Court Date: September 11, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Andrews, Crystal - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-23-3709 Court Date: October 4, 2023 at 9 AM

Andrews, Edison Roy - Motion Hearing Case: CF-23-0063 Court Date: September 12, 2023 at 11 AM

Andrews-Grey, Leah - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-23-3708 Court Date: October 4, 2023 at 9 AM

Butler, Adam Dustin - Initial Paternity, Custody, Initial Child Support Case: CV-23-3089 Court Date: October 10, 2023 at 9 AM

Casias, Daniel Fernando - Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3001 Court Date: September 28, 2023 at 9 AM

Eatmon, Riheam Nikell Jordan - Default Judgement Hearing Case: C-23-0030 Court Date: September 20, 2023 at 9:30 M

Jauregui, Alicia Sandra- Child Support Modification Hearing: CFCS-23-0021 Court Date: September 12th 2023 9:30AM

Legarde, Jacqueline - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: D-19-0023 Court Date: September 11, 2023 at 10 AM

Martinez, Donna - Evidentiary Hearing Case: CFCS-21-0045 Court Date: September 7, 2023 at 9 AM

Standing Elk, Carla Anne – Motion Hearing Case: C-23-0045 Court Date: September 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Thomas, Vanessa B. - Probate Hearing Case: P-21-0012 Court Date: October 16, 2023 at 10 AM

Thompson, Franzia Kaye - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CF-23-0090 Court Date: September 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

ANTONE, JORDAN JAMES
 SUMMONS

J-21-0089/J-21-0090

I.T.M.O.: C.O.A. (DOB: 06/29/2018)
 S.A.A. (DOB: 11/14/2019)

TO: Jordan James Antone

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on May 4, 2023 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR for an Evidentiary Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge LeBeau at the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on October 4, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Court Room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

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

COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

EATMON, RIHEAM NIKELL JORDAN
 DEFAULT NOTICE

C-23-0030

COUNTRY CLUB CARS
 V.

RIHEAM NIKELL JORDAN EATMON

TO: Riheam Nikell Jordan Eatmon, 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 25th of May, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

FRENCH, TRACY SERINA FRENCH
 DEFAULT NOTICE

C-23-0101/C-23-0102
 ATWOOD RENTALS INC
 V.

TRACY SERINA FRENCH

TO: Tracy Serina French, 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.

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6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED this 9th of August 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

TONY, ZAKIRAH
 SUMMONS

J-21-0089/J-21-0090

I.T.M.O.: C.O.A. (DOB: 06/29/2018)
 S.A.A. (DOB: 11/14/2019)

TO: Zakirah Toney

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on May 4, 2023 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR for an Evidentiary Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge LeBeau at the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on October 4, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Court Room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

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Shown, the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.

COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

UNKNOWN FATHER
 SUMMONS

JV-23-3010

I.T.M.O.: J.H. (12/13/2007)

TO: Unknown Father

A Dependency Petition has been filed in this Court alleging that you neglected or abused a child or that the child is otherwise a dependent child.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR for an Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court on September 14, 2023, at 1:00 PM, in Court Room #3.

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.

COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT



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Leave your name, number and brief
 message and she will get back to you



SALT RIVER LANDFILL
 PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

13602 E. Beeline Highway/SR 87 Phone: (480)941-3427
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Fax: (480)949-4261

SECURITY GUARD

Salary: \$16.27-\$23.95 per hour

Definition: Under limited supervision, patrols the landfill area to prevent unauthorized activity.

Tasks:

Patrols the landfill during evening, night, and weekend hours to ensure that unauthorized persons do not enter the landfill; prevents vandalism to equipment, buildings, and other property; reports any unusual activities at the landfill to the proper authorities; notifies the Fire Department in case of fire.

Travels to all entrance and exit gates to check that they are securely closed and locked and rechecks them on a periodic basis; checks all doors and windows to ensure that they are securely closed and locked. Prepares detailed reports of any unusual occurrence during the evening, night, or weekend hours that the landfill is closed.

Responsibilities include: checking building generators to make sure they are functional in case of a power outage; documenting leachate meter readings; performing litter patrol from the entrance traffic light to the scalehouse; picking up large debris along the main hauling roads; directing traffic and checking customer loads and paperwork on heavy traffic days to ensure efficient flow in and out of the scalehouse; keeping water pumps along roads fueled following storm events; and performing all miscellaneous jobs or tasks as requested by operations supervisors.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics:

- Knowledge of general security and patrol procedures and practices.
- Knowledge of the information needed in reports of incidents occurring during the hours the landfill is closed.
- Skill in preventing unauthorized access to the landfill.
- Skill in preparing reports of unusual incidents.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and possess a valid driver's license, issued by the State of Arizona, with no suspensions, denials, revocations, or interlock device requirements, and have no citations issued for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance within one (1) year.
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment and random drug screening tests.
- Graduation from high school or GED equivalent preferred but not required.

SUBMIT RESUMES TO: Salt River Landfill
 4660 N. Beeline Highway
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Do NOT send resumes to SRPMIC Human Resources Dept. For questions, please call 480-941-3427, ext. 471.

Opening Date: Ongoing

Closing Date: Until Filled



SALT RIVER LANDFILL
 SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

4660 N. Beeline Highway/SR 87 Phone: (480)941-3427
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Fax: (480)949-4261
 FEIN #14-1848201

LABORER I

Salary: \$16.27-\$23.95 per hour

Definition: Under general supervision, performs a variety of semi-skilled and unskilled work associated with maintaining the Salt River Landfill.

Tasks:

Learn basic Landfill safety procedures.

Performs a variety of general grounds keeping activities, including picking up trash and brush, and sets up barricades and portable fencing for work areas.

Maintains Landfill grounds by providing labor such as digging, hauling or spreading dirt, concrete, and rock.

Directs traffic to appropriate parking and dumping locations and inspects loads ensuring that inappropriate material does not come into the landfill.

Performs a variety of building maintenance and repair tasks, including cleaning, changing light bulbs, setting up tables and chairs for special events.

Wash landfill equipment as needed.

Miscellaneous jobs and duties as requested.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics:

- Ability to operate and communicate over a two-way radio.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and possess a valid driver's license, issued by the State of Arizona, with no suspensions, denials, revocations, or interlock device requirements, and have no citations issued for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance within one (1) year.
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CHURCH LISTING

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak St.
Mesa, AZ 85203
Mailing Address:
PO Box 4628
Mesa, AZ 85211
Pastor Merrill Jones
(480) 234-6091
SERVICES
-Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene.
-Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
-Sun. 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.
-Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
(480) 404-3284
SERVICES
-Sunday Services 10 a.m.

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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD

2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256
(480) 947-1084
SERVICES
-Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(480) 947-5278
Rev. Winter Elk Valencia Services
-Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.
-Worship 11 a.m.
-No Evening Service till further notice.
-Thursday Bible Study 6pm

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com
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

SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ85256
(602) 292-4466 (cell)
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant
Parish President: Cindy Thomas
Father Peter McConnell and Father Antony Tinker
SERVICES
-Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
-Holy Hours 1 p.m.

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information. Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.



SALT RIVER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE
TEMPORARY CLOSURE
SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING
AUGUST 13, 2023 TO SPRING 2024

The Salt River Community Building will be undergoing a utility and parking lot project.

Events or activities will not be scheduled in the multipurpose room during this time.

Please contact Public Works Customer Service for availability of other facilities for your private or department events.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please follow the Public Works Facebook page or check out our website for future updates.

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www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/

SALT RIVER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
480-362-5600 PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov

Exclusion Notice

VINCENT EDWARD RODRIGUEZ



EXCLUSION INFORMATION

On May 3, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approve the exclusion of Vincent Edward Rodriguez (DOB: 6/17/69) because it was determined that his behavior and actions were detrimental to the peace, health and morals of the Community.

Mr. Rodriguez is known to frequent the residence at 10882 East Indian School Road within the boundaries of the Community.

If you see Mr. Rodriguez within the Community please report it to the SRPD immediately.

TEMPORARY EXCLUSION NOTICE

Fernando Muniz



TEMPORARY EXCLUSION NOTICE

On August 9, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approved the temporary exclusion of Fernando Muniz (DOB: 12/31/1993) because it was determined that he represents a present and substantial danger to the Community.

Fernando Muniz is required by law to register as a sex offender.

Fernando Muniz is known to reside and/or frequent the residence at 9990 East Highland Avenue, within the boundaries of the Community.

If you see Fernando Muniz within the Community, please report it to the SRPD immediately.

PERMANENT EXCLUSION NOTICE

Steve Hodgson



PERMANENT EXCLUSION INFORMATION

On August 23, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approved permanent exclusion of Steve Hodgson (DOB: 12/11/1963) because it was determined that his presence and behavior is detrimental to the peace, health or morals of the Community.

If you see Steve Hodgson within the Community, please report it to the SRPD immediately.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism.

The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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Phoenix Cement® Portland Pozzolan Delivers for Diamond Age 3D Robotics

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After receiving over \$50 million in venture capital and a commitment from Greenwood Village, CO based Century Communities to build 72 concrete printed homes in Casa Grande, Diamond Age 3D, a Silicon Valley start-up moved its headquarters to an older industrial space in the foothills of South Mountain, down the street from the Arizona Grand Hotel and Resort.

A truck load of Riverside Portland Cement bags was brought along in the move as testing mixtures with local aggregates was required. The move to Phoenix Cement Type I/II/V bags were sourced thereafter through White Cap and Phoenix Fly Ash in super sacks have been provided to date by Paragon/Aggregate Products. From the onset of the robotics and concrete printer installation in Casa Grande, workers have been weighing and blending materials for individual batches by hand at various percentages. The inefficiencies have led to the recent discussions of procuring consistent pre-blended materials and investment in higher capacity production and conveying.

Knowing that SRMG has marketed Phoenix Cement® Portland Pozzolan in both 94# sacks and bulk for 50



This construction automation system can leverage 3D printing to build homes in less than 60 days.

Diamond Age

years, led to recent testing for acceptance and the move from sacks to bulk storage and higher onsite batching capacity.

Up Next

During recent trial batching with Phoenix Cement® Portland Pozzolan, Diamond Age 3D requested assistance from SRMG's Justin Canipe and Ronnie Salazar for recommendations on storage and has since rented a DSS 200 Bbl silo to connect with the new batching equipment. SRMG will visit Century Complete's Mountainview Estates development in Casa Grande this

month to consult on the exact placement of the conveying equipment which is expected to lead to the permanent acquisition of a 300 Bbl silo for on-going bulk deliveries.

Diamond Age's [Factory-in-the-Field](#) is a Robotics-as-a-Service system that brings automation to the construction site to backfill the massive labor shortage in the home construction industry. Additional benefits include:

- **Reduced costs:** Diamond Age's 3D printing and robotics technology reduces manual

labor by as much as 55% and cuts construction cycle times to as little as 30 days, leading to reduced costs for customers.

- **Sustainable Construction:** 3D printing and concrete composite walls reduce waste from the high teens to low single digits rather than adding to landfills.
- **High-Quality Construction:** A full-stack automated robotic system builds homes efficiently and at exceptional quality across every property - building homes that will stand for generations.
- **Traditional Look & Feel:** Diamond Age homes have engineered insulated concrete composite walls that have the same look and feel of traditional builds and feature popular finishes like granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances.



Diamond Age home in Casa Grande, Arizona

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dba Salt River Materials Group,
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER VAŠAI GAKIDAG MAŠAD XLY'A XAMXMOK

9 CM DOKA DISTRICT C MEETING, 9 AM at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to include National Suicide Awareness Month, Active Shooter Training, and Community Member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

9 7TH ANNUAL SALT RIVER FIREFIGHTERS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB, Check-in begins at 4 PM at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM and Stair Climb will begin at 7 PM.

9 SECOND SATURDAY AT THE HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM, Open from 9:30 AM - 3 PM with traditional Burden Basket Weaving lesson from 10 AM - 1 PM. Gift shop will be open, card transactions only. See ad on page 11 for more information

11 CM CARLOS DISTRICT E MEETING, 6 PM at WOLF, Room 56. Topics to be determined, and Community Member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

12 SAFETALK SUICIDE ALERTNESS WORKSHOP, 8:30 AM - 12 PM at Two Waters Building A, Room 109A&B. Learn four basic steps to recognize persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them with resources. This three hour training can help YOU make a difference! For information and to register, contact Melanie.Nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov or Verlene.Notsinneh-Bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov

12 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUM, 5:30 - 7:30 PM at ALA Lecture Hall. Students, staff, families, and community members are invited to join leaders from all Salt River Schools sites as they showcase their departments, highlight important dates, and answer questions. A light meal will be served while supplies last. Questions? Contact Communications@saltriverschools.org

12 WIC & PARTNERS SPECIAL EVENT AT SRPMIC FOOD BANK, 10 AM - 12 PM at 1952 N. Longmore Rd. Enjoy Indigenous Ingredients & Take Home A Tribal Food Box. Quantity is Limited and Indigenous Ingredients may vary. Contact us at: 480-362-7300 or Email: wic@srpmic-nsn.gov

14 SENIOR DANCE CLASS: MOVING TO MUSIC, 3 PM - 4 PM at WOLF Senior Room. Dance your way to fun and fitness with an amazing class to get you moving! Transportation Assistance is available. Questions? Contact celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov

14 FALL INTO READING, 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM at ALA Auditorium. The NYCP Literacy For All program will host its popular reading and cosplay event. This event is open to the whole Community. Contact Salt River Schools for more information at (480) 362-2501

14 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS: POWERPOINT (SALT RIVER), 9 AM - 11:30 AM at Salt River Senior Center. No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions

14 MIGHTY TOTS SESSION, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at WOLF Room 247. This event repeats on the second Thursday of each month. This program is offered for children ages 3-6 with their adult caregiver, where participants will be able to learn about healthy habits while engaging in fun physical activity. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278 or Eric Makil at (480) 362-7320

16 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING, 9 AM at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to include Proposed Amendments to the Enabling Ordinance and Bylaws for the SR Community Gaming Enterprise (Tentative), and Community Member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

16 CM DALLAS / CM SCABBY LEHI DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING, 10 AM at Evergreen Neighborhood Center. Topics to be determined, and Community Member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

18 SRPMIC COMMUNITY MEMBER MEETING, 6 PM at Lehi Community Center. More information to come! Questions? Contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469

19 CM DALLAS / CM SCABBY LEHI DISTRICT MEETING, 6 PM at Lehi Community Center. Topics to include Proposed Amendments to the Enabling Ordinance and Bylaws for the SR Community Gaming Enterprise (Tentative), and Community Member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

21 SENIOR DANCE CLASS: SALSA & BACHATA, 3 PM - 4 PM at WOLF Senior Room. Dance your way to fun and fitness with an amazing class to get you moving! Transportation Assistance is available. Questions? Contact celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov

21 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS: POWERPOINT (LEHI), 9 AM - 11:30 AM at Lehi Senior Center. No computer experience is required - our goal is to have fun while learning technology. Classes are provided by SRPMIC IT Dept. - Customer Care Division, contact IT-CustomerCare@srpmic-nsn.gov with questions

21 SUNSET MARKET, 4 PM - 8 PM After-hours Farmer's Market at Main and Macdonald in Downtown Mesa.

23 7TH ANNUAL NATIVE YOUTH IDENTITY CONFERENCE, open to ages 12-18. More details to come. Questions? Call (480) 362-6390

26 NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY, 6 PM - 9 PM at Two Waters Complex. Please Join us for Native American Recognition Day 2023 as we celebrate all Indigenous tribes in the Southwest! In the evening we will have

an artisan market with world-class Native American Arts & Crafts for sale & Native American Performances from various tribes throughout the State. Please Join us for a day of celebration!

26 & 27 APPLIED SUICIDE PREVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASIST), 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at Two Waters Building B Room 102 & 105. This two-day interactive suicide first-aid workshop is designed to help participants 16 years or older to feel comfortable, confident, and competent in helping to prevent suicide. For information and to register, contact Melanie.Nosie@srpmic-nsn.gov or call (480) 362-6678

27 ASU LABRIOLA PRESENTS POETRY WORKSHOP WITH KINSALE DRAKE, 3:30 - 5 PM at Hayden Library, ASU Tempe Campus. The workshop will focus on developing and creating your own poem around the theme of identity. There will be limited slots available, so register online at <https://asu.libcal.com/calendar/labriola/poetry-workshop>

28 ASU LABRIOLA PRESENTS INDIGENOUS OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT WITH KINSALE DRAKE, 6 PM - 8:30 PM at Hayden Library, ASU Tempe Campus. Come out to hear from Kinsale Drake and other Indigenous poets! There will be open slots for reading and we encourage community members to share their work. Contact ASU Library with questions at (480) 965-3605

28 SENIOR DANCE CLASS: LATIN DANCE FITNESS, 3 PM - 4 PM at WOLF Senior Room. Dance your way to fun and fitness with an amazing class to get you moving! Transportation Assistance is available. Questions? Contact celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov

28 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING, 6 PM at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to be determined, and Community Member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

29 NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY OBSERVED, Tribal Offices Closed. Please plan accordingly.

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6 FIRST FRIDAYS WITH HIGHER ED, 10 AM - 12 PM via Microsoft Teams. Join Higher Education staff, as well as featured guest speakers the first Friday of every month to learn important information about all kinds of college-related topics, including applications, funding, scholarships, counseling, and more! Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register.

9-13 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS ON FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL

14 SECOND SATURDAY AT THE HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM, 9:30 AM -

14 NATIVE CONNECTIONS 39TH ANNUAL PARADE, 9 AM - 11 AM in Phoenix, Arizona, starting at 3rd Street and Oak Street and heading north to Steele Indian School Park. Join us for this free community event in celebration of "The Beauty of Native Art" - featuring floats, performers, music, and fun! For more information, contact parade@nativeconnections.org

14 PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER'S 2ND ANNUAL GOURD DANCE AND SOCIAL POWWOW, 10 AM - 9 PM at Steele Indian School Park (following Native Connections Parade)

14 62ND ANNUAL MISS INDIAN ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, 6:30 PM at Chandler Center for the Arts. More details to come! Contact Miss Indian Arizona Association at (928) 662-6028

20 40TH ANNUAL SILVER & TURQUOISE BALL PRESENTED BY PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER

22 IRON MAN 70.3 ARIZONA, All-day in Tempe and at Tempe Beach Park. Be mindful of road closures if traveling in Tempe.

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