



SRPMIC Members Enjoy USS Arizona Memorial Preview Tours



Valley Rain Construction Product Superintendent Michael Crandall has been one of the men out at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens since the start of construction and on the day of the SRPMIC Preview Tour jumped in to answer questions.

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On Saturday, February 15, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members were invited to have a first look at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens before the official opening on February 22. SRPMIC members had the opportunity to view the USS Arizona boathouse relic,

which went down with the ship in 1941 when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and was recently salvaged to be displayed in the memorial.

Tours were offered from 9 to 11 a.m. SRPMIC members were treated to complimentary breakfast and lunch at the Two Waters employee parking lot. From there, guests were transported by shuttle to the USS

Arizona Memorial Gardens, located between the Great Wolf Lodge and Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

The guided tours were led by SRPMIC Veterans Representatives Amanda White and Troy Truax Jr., along with a number of Administration staff members. Guest were able to view the boathouse relic and view replica prints of the ship's

blueprints. They also walked through the gardens, where more than 1,500 columns illuminate at night to represent the crew members who served on the Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attack. The gardens also have bench seating with engraved quotations.

As guests walked through the gardens and reflected, many of

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Salt River Lady Eagles Take 2ND in CAA Division II State Tournament



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The Salt River High School Lady Eagles rolled past Tri-City College Prep on Saturday, February 15, with a 54-17 win. A week later, they played Desert Heights Preparatory Academy and scored a heart-racing 1-point victory, 39-38, to advance to the Division II state championship game.

"My heart is still trying to calm down after this win," said the head coach of the Lady Eagles, Kyronna Roanhorse, after the 1-point win over the

Desert Heights Coyotes.

The dramatic game took place at Valley Lutheran High School in Phoenix. The Eagles were up in the first quarter but lost their lead early in the second, never regaining until they went on an impressive drive late in the fourth quarter, overcoming a 6-point deficit in the final two minutes to win.

"It was an amazing win. It was a team win from starters to the bench. I was down three starters being fouled out, and I pulled people off the bench. Even if they were in there for 30 seconds or a minute and

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UNM Lobos' Aaron Makil Named Pitcher of the Week



Makil along with his mother Rebecca Makil and Dr. Jon Porman. Photo Credit: Esther Moyah

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Aaron Makil started his first season as a junior in NCAA Division 1 as right-handed pitcher with the University of New Mexico Lobos on Friday, February, 2, playing here in his home state for the Sanderson Ford College Baseball Classic in Surprise.

Makil and the Lobos played against Oregon State, Brigham Young University and Gonzaga University during the baseball classic. The Lobos beat BYU,

but they fell short to Oregon State and Gonzaga. Returning to UNM, Makil was honored as Pitcher of the Week by the Mountain West Conference for pitching six scoreless innings against BYU.

Makil's entire family was there to support his college baseball debut.

"His love for the game comes from his late father, Jason Aaron Makil, who believed in him to reach to higher levels and mentored him since he could throw a baseball. His father's determination and focus on winning and preparing for sporting

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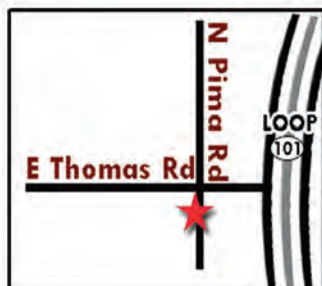
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them agreed that this memorial garden is a great way to share with young people the story of what happened in 1941 at Pearl Harbor.

“We have history in our backyard,” said SRPMIC member Taya Johnson as she and her father walked through the garden.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese launched 353 aircraft to attack the Pearl Harbor naval base. The attack killed 2,403 American servicemen, wounded 1,178 and sank four U.S. Navy battleships: the California, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Arizona. The Pearl Harbor attack launched the United States into World War II.

“I think it’s great, that the relic is here, because it’s from the ship. I went to the Pearl Harbor Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii, back around 2003, and this is part of that memorial and it’s great that we have it here. The flag that once flew over the USS Arizona Memorial is here in the Community,” said SRPMIC member and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Danny Harvier about having this piece of history in the Community.

SRPMIC members who took part in the tours received two commemorative gifts, a water bottle and tote backpack and free tickets to the spring training opening game at Salt River Fields.



Opening Ceremony Honoring All Who Served

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On February 21, the official opening ceremony was held for the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River. The ceremony opened with former Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Ivan Makil playing the national anthem on his trumpet while the audience sang along and veterans saluted. The invocation was given by former SRPMIC President Delbert Ray, who is also a veteran.

Current SRPMIC President Martin Harvier spoke about the process of establishing the memorial gardens. “I want to thank President Ray for giving the prayer. President Ray had a lot to do with [us] being here today, [because work to establish this memorial took place] under his administration,” said Harvier. “I’ll tell you, in Indian Country things seem to take a long time to get done. So, I’m glad he’s here to offer the invocation. I also want to thank former President Ivan Makil for sharing his talents with us this evening, playing his trumpet. Because as members of the Community, this area, this development that has happened, it happened [under] his leadership. I want to thank President Makil for his role as a leader of our Community getting us to where we are today.” Harvier acknowledged all those

who have served and are currently serving their country in the military. “This piece of ground, this Community, is the home of the O’odham and the Piipaash people,” Harvier said. “More Native Americans per capita have stepped forward, more than any other ethnic group, to serve our country in the military from the beginning [of this country]. From my information, currently there are 140,000 living Native American veterans. Today there are 31,000 Native American and Alaska Natives on active duty. Here in our Community, from World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, we have lost 18 Community members. We have one Community member from the Vietnam War. We had approximately 450 O’odham and the Piipaash who have served in the military. Our current Vice-President (Ricardo Leonard) served in the U.S. Army, and Council Member (Tom) Largo also has served in the Army. We thank them for their service.”

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard talked about being given special permission to go aboard the USS Arizona BB39 Memorial in Hawaii. They performed appropriate military honor songs sung in O’odham by himself and his son, Ricardo “Mavi” Leonard.

“The songs were for the fallen military and civilians who perished on that land,” said Leonard.

Navy Commander Justin Collins reflected on December 7, 1941, “a date which will live in infamy,” and thanked SRPMIC for having the memorial built in the Community.

“The USS Arizona has become a symbol of resilience and resolve. Because of this memorial, all of us sailors, soldiers, veterans and civilians, Americans and foreign visitors, have a place in our Community to reflect on that. Thank you to the Salt River Indian Community for providing us this beautiful memorial,” Collins added. “God bless the USS Arizona, God bless our veterans, and God bless the sailors, airmen, soldiers and marines who serve. God bless the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and God bless the United States of America.”

Following the speakers, members of the Salt River police and fire departments escorted guests to the memorial site, where two Navy veterans, SRPMIC member Bob Aguilar and Pearl Harbor survivor Jack Holder, illuminated the Gardens for the first time. O’odham and Piipaash songs were sung while guests explored the area. Food tables were set up along the path. T-shirts, tote bags and water bottles were handed out with the help of the Young River People’s Council.

For more information, follow the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River Facebook page.



Navy veterans (L) Community member Bob Aguilar and Jack Holder illuminate the gardens for the first time.



Ivan Makil plays the National Anthem on his trumpet.



Former President Delbert Ray and President Martin Harvier talk at the garden as the ceremony concludes.



SRPD and SRFD prepare to escort guests to the gardens.



Veterans wear their uniforms in honor of the ceremony.

Super Kids Program Celebrates Valentine's Day with a Roaring Twenties-Themed Party



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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Recreational Services Super Kids and Teens Club celebrated Valentine's Day with a special Roaring Twenties party. Community youth who are medically diagnosed with a physical or mental disability and their families were invited to a night of fun that included dinner, dancing and photo ops at the Salt River Community Building on Wednesday, February 12.

"It's been 10-plus years that we've been participating in the Super Kids Club program," said Lisette Rincon. "It has been the longest-lasting club for the youth with special needs. The [staff members at] Recreational Services have been really engaging, and trying, and focusing on the children; I think it's very beneficial for a support or social program for them."

Rincon explained that her son Daniel is able to socialize more thanks to the Super Kids and Teens Club.

"He is sensitive to noise and lights, and being out in the Community has

been helpful for him to learn to be around that. He is familiar with everyone because he has been attending for a long time."

The Super Kids and Teens Club averages 15 to 20 youth. The group gets together twice a month and has one field trip or activity each month. Teens were included in the program in 2019.

"This is our biggest event of the year, and this year we went with the Roaring Twenties theme; everyone likes to dress up and dance. It's also a good time to get to know the families and their siblings," said Social Program Manager Sera Gould. "These events are fun; the long days [are] worth it [when we] see their smiling faces when the event is over and they go home and talk about it till the next event."

The Super Kids and Teens Club is intended for children with functional limitations who are not able to participate in other SRPMIC Community Recreational Services programs due to their disability. For more information about the Super Kids and Teen Club, call Community Recreational Services at (480) 362-6360.

New HHS Division to Provide Better Service for Patients

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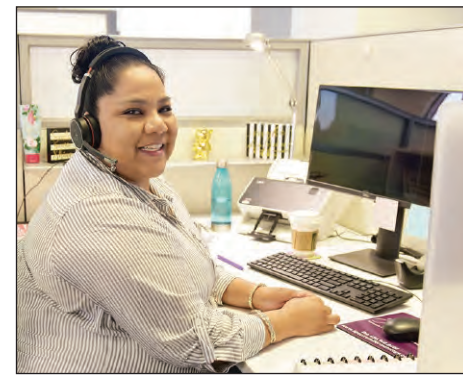
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services has created a new division, the Centralized Scheduling Division, that essentially takes care of all of the incoming phone calls to the Salt River Clinic. Now the calls go straight to the new division's staff, who can help patients schedule an appointment, give them their next appointment time and date, and help them with any information. Also housed in this new division is the medical billing and coding staff.

"This new division will help better serve patients as the clinic grows and expands," said Clinic Administrator Timothy Joyce. "This space will house our growing referral, scheduling and billing offices."

One of the biggest concerns expressed by patients is difficulty reaching someone at the clinic, because only three to four staff members were working at the front desk and they had to handle checking patients in and out, eligibility verification, medical records requests, insurance issues, and scheduling future appointments for patients who were in front of them. With all that going on, it was difficult to answer every phone call.

This new division has more people who specifically handle the phones, so it helps patients get faster service.

"Our goal is to transition Behavioral Health and Medicine to the same health record system so that patients will have one place to call to schedule an appointment and only fill out paperwork



Clinic Scheduler Carmen Benally is one of the new schedulers that will help improve the clinic services to the SRPMIC members.

once a year. This will help us communicate to treat the patient. The second step is transitioning Behavioral Health scheduling and taking their phone calls, including [calls for] dental [services]," said Joyce. "We're trying to put staff in positions to help all of our divisions."

Centralized Scheduling is temporarily located in office space west of the Talking Stick Resort and Casino. It will move to the Northeast Ambulatory Care Center in February 2022.

The Salt River Clinic also has launched text-message appointment reminders, to better communicate with patients. The text reminder will notify a patient though a call or text two days before their appointment. The calls and text messages will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information and how to sign up for text-message reminders, call Timothy Joyce at (480) 362-7635.

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Tru by Hilton Scottsdale Salt River officially opened on February 13. The new hotel is located at 8401 N. Pima Center Pkwy in Scottsdale, right next to the White Castle burger restaurant. The four-story hotel is meant for business or family stays.

The grand opening gave guests a full tour of the hotel rooms, swimming pool and workout facility. The family hotel rooms are equipped with a microwave, fridge and dishwasher.

During the opening, a dessert station, sandwich station and fruit table were set up for guests while a guitarist serenaded their visit.

Community Development Director Stacey Gubser spoke on behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council.

"On behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council, I want to say congratulations on this momentous day. We are really happy to have you here in the Community. I'd like to take a few moments to thank several folks," said Gubser.

"First, I would like to thank the landowners. For those of you who aren't familiar with our Community, we have landowners that own this property. There are around 30 to 35 Community members that own this property. If it weren't for their vision and willingness to try to lease their property out, we wouldn't be here today. This location is amazing; it's beautiful. We're grateful for our new guests to be joining us here in the Talking Stick Entertainment District. Come learn and experience the history and hospitality that this Community has shown for decades."

The hotel is located in the Talking Stick Entertainment District, with the newly renamed Arizona Boardwalk, Medieval Times, Salt River Fields and USS Arizona Memorial Gardens located within minutes of the hotel.

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On February 11, Senior Services in Lehi led a craft session for seniors to make Valentine's Day cards from scratch for a special someone in their life. Red and pink colored paper, hearts made of foam, markers, scissors, glue and other supplies covered the table. The seniors were in a joyful mood, laughing and telling jokes early in the morning as they prepared for the big day. Marissa Johnson, O'odham Action News.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On February 7, Medieval Times visited Salt River Fire Department Station 291 along with Dunkin Donuts for a Chivalry in Action event to show gratitude for all that the fire department does to keep everyone safe. Medieval Times staff were given a tour of the fire "castle," with both parties sharing stories ranging from jousting on horseback to breaking a car open. The day ended with a bagpipe tune performed to the queen by one of the firefighters. The SRFD presented Medieval Times with a coin decorated with the Man in the Maze as a token of appreciation and remembrance of the day spent together. Marissa Johnson, O'odham Action News.

25th Annual Unity Run Relay - Style

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Run begins at Papago Farms near Pisinemo, a small community in Pima County just north of the Arizona-Mexico border, and run north. Drivers and runners will be leaving Papago Farms on March 7 and will be at the Verde River here in the Community on March 13 and 14. Volunteers are needed for driving and assisting at the river. Donations are welcome, such as water, Gatorade, gas cards and snacks. Organizers are also accepting side dishes for the feast at the river on March 14.

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Salt River Library Offers Online Resource Class

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Salt River Tribal Librarian
Melissa Rave.

River Tribal Librarian Melissa Rave. "For an example, for those who are unsure of their career path, the resource website offers career interest assessments and a feature to browse different career paths."

There is also a source within the website that can be beneficial for teachers here in the Community. The website provides access to hundreds of recommended books teachers can use to broaden their classroom reading list.

The resources that this class provides are very beneficial to Community members and employees.

The online resource classes are held every third Wednesday morning and evening of each month.

For more information, contact the Salt River Tribal Library at (480) 362-2557.

The Salt River Tribal Library offers more than books. For more than two years, it has been offering an online resource class. The monthly class highlights resources available to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and employees. The specific resource website is funded through the Arizona State Library. Throughout the Arizona State Library website, there are dozens of resources available with a click of a mouse.

Those who attend the resource class range from young students to the elderly. Students use the services to find online articles needed for school. For those who are learning a foreign language, there are study guides available. The elderly utilize the class to have access to legal records such as school and census records.

"Within the class, there are resources for everyone," said Salt

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SRPD Awarded \$75,000 for DUI Enforcement and Sustained Traffic Enforcement Programs

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Salt River Police Department

The Salt River Police Department was recently awarded \$75,000 in grant funds from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (AZ GOHS). The grant awards will assist the SRPD in increasing its ability to detect impaired drivers and enforce traffic laws pertaining to aggressive driving, speeding, racing, distracted driving and red-light running. The SRPD will focus on increased Community awareness about the dangers of aggressive driving, distracted driving and impaired driving to reduce and prevent vehicle collisions.

The grants were specified as follows:

- \$60,000 for DUI: Impaired Driving. This grant will fund overtime pay to increase the number of officers on the roadways, enhancing impaired driving/DUI alcohol enforcement and education within the Community.
- \$15,000 for Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP). This grant provides support for sustained traffic enforcement programs throughout the year. The traffic enforcement campaigns include speed enforcement, reckless driving, red-light running and DUI laws within the Community.

These grant awards are reflective of the SRPD's commitment to improving roadway safety within the Community. The SRPD encourages everyone in the Community to do their part in making our roadways safe by diligently obeying traffic laws, not texting while driving, and driving safely.

SRPD Policing Program: 'If You See Something, Say Something'

BY OFFICER CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
Salt River Police Department

Tragically, random and premeditated acts of violence can and do occur anywhere. The police just can't be everywhere at all times, so it takes all of us working together, as one united Community, to keep our Community safe!

The Salt River Police Department shares this brief reminder about situational awareness and personal safety at work, at home and while traveling. If you should ever hear or see something suspicious, anywhere, please say something to law enforcement. Trained experts will rapidly respond, assess, evaluate and take appropriate action. We call this program "If You See Something, Say Something."

For example, if you should observe a person or vehicle that appears to be suspicious, or someone is found loitering around your neighborhood, office, campus, school or vehicle, report the suspicious activity to the SRPD. Call (480) 850-9230 and let the police handle the situation.

The SRPD has plans very soon to spread the word about the "If You See Something, Say Something" program. Along with our SRPD Explorers, we will be working to distribute educational door-hangers throughout the Community with personal safety tips. One of the goals of this program is for the SRPD to continue building relationships with the Community that help prevent crime, provide advice and encourage neighborhood watch groups. This is a core component of community-based policing that makes a difference.



"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!"

The Salt River Police Department Police Officers are the first responders for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, but Officers cannot respond unless they know something is wrong. YOU are the first line of defense for the Community and YOU make the difference!

Remember, if you see something, say something!



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SRPMIC Teacher of the Year Speaks at Scottsdale Community College



Teacher of the year Lynette Stant was the keynote speaker at the “Celebrating Education – A Powerful Profession” seminar held at the Indigenous Cultural Center at Scottsdale Community College.

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Third-grade teacher Lynette Stant of Salt River Elementary School, Arizona’s 2020 Teacher of the Year, was invited to be the keynote speaker at the “Celebrating Education – A Powerful Profession” seminar held at the Indigenous Cultural Center at Scottsdale Community College on Monday, February 24. The seminar was conducted by the SCC education faculty for students who are in the process of pursuing a degree to become future educators.

Stant began by introducing herself in her native Navajo language and also in O’odham to honor the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. She also gave acknowledgment to SRMPIC, on whose land the SCC campus is located.

Stant shared her journey in education, from when she was a young girl to now being the Arizona Teacher of the Year. She said that she had a passion for teaching ever since she was little. She explained how she taught her

grandmother, who spoke only Navajo, how to write her name in English.

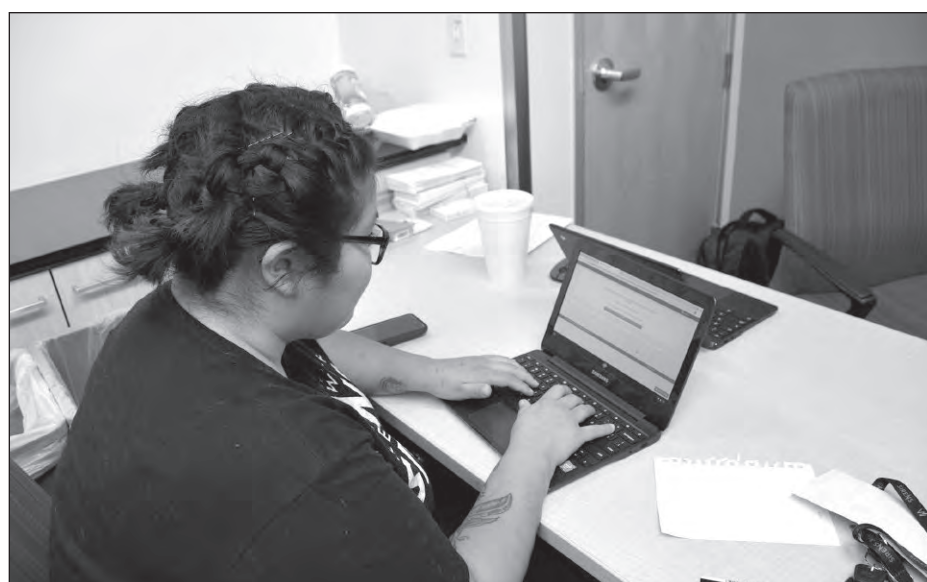
In addition to recalling her educational journey, Stant provided the future educators in the audience with suggestions about how to become an effective, memorable teacher. She described the importance of building a relationship with the students; however, the process of building a relationship can be very different depending on the student.

Another suggestion she gave future educators is to make learning a human experience for students.

“Be passionate and present as your authentic self to your students and their families. Your students need to see that you’re human as well,” says Stant. “Think, ‘How can I make it different? What can I do better? How can I have my students master the ‘standard?’”

Stant concluded that, in her 15 years of teaching, she believes her role as an Indigenous teacher has been most important to inspire others to pursue a career in education.

Community Employment Hosts Job Fair with Texas Roadhouse



People could fill out their application online for Texas Roadhouse jobs.

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On Friday, February 21, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Human Resources Community Employment Division hosted a job fair with steakhouse chain Texas Roadhouse at the Two Waters Complex.

The one-day event was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The job fair provided Community members, as well as anyone interested, the opportunity to apply for a position at the newest Texas Roadhouse location, which is set to open on April 20 right off the 101 on Via de Ventura, adjacent to White Castle.

Community Employment has hosted job fairs in the past with companies such as Great Wolf Lodge, Staybridge Suites, Hilton and Medieval Times.

According to Community Employment Internship Specialist William



A sign outside indicating where the job fair was.

Robles, the job fairs have a positive success rate for helping Community members obtain jobs.

“With more buildings developing, we can help more Community members acquire a job,” said Robles.

For more information about upcoming job openings

and job fairs, contact Robles at (480) 362-6849.

If you are interested in applying for a position at Texas Roadhouse or need more information, visit <https://careers.texasroadhouse.com/>.

Actor Zach Galifianakis Donates to SRHS Girls Volleyball Team

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On October 22, 2019, the girls’ volleyball game between Caurus Academy in Anthem and Salt River High School was halted during the beginning of the fourth set due to racial gestures and slurs aimed against the SRHS team.

The incident gained a lot of social media attention. Support poured in for the girls, including from actor Zach Galifianakis who appeared in *The Hangover*, donated \$5,000 to SRHS after learning about the incident.

Volleyball coach Kyronna Roanhorse spoke of the unexpected kindness. “It kind of came out of the blue,” said

Roanhorse. “I was very happy for the school receiving a big donation from somebody that just heard about our story, and months later they’re still willing to help us out any way that they could. I know the girls go through a lot of stuff on a day-to-day basis. [They have] something to be thankful for, knowing that our story was heard by everybody around the world. That donation was truly a blessing.”

To thank Galifianakis for his generosity, the girls’ volleyball team held up a banner with his name on it with the Salt River chant “Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Ba’ag.” The money from the donation will be used to buy special shirts for students and staff.



(L-R) Mei Lee, Jade Martinez, Makayla Moses, Gugui Ochoa, Yosik Jackson, Coach Kyronna Roanhorse, Rhiannon French, Hannah Reyes-Carmelo and Sialik King.

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Annual Walk for O'odham Piipaash



Despite the cold windy weather that morning, a few hundred participants came out to participate in the O'odham Piipaash walk.



Smoke and Monica Shaw took part in warm up exercises before the walk began.

Participants were asked why they took part in the O'odham Piipaash Walk



(L) Ashley Fritz said to enjoy the walk and help maintain healthy lifestyle. Victoria Egoak planned to say prayers for the people and self.



Center, Aristina Sanchez remembers a lot of the people who originally organized the walk such as [the late] Anita Rivers. She is walking for those no longer here and overall prayers for the Community.



Families came with their babies to take part in the walk and join others.



Council member Michael Dallas, Sr. welcomed everyone to the event.



Some of the participants took their time and enjoyed the sun when it came out.



Monica Valadez walked for the people. She said it's good to remember the ancestors and to pray for the Community today and for the future. It's also good for health.



The walk was a time to enjoy each others company and to reflect and pray for the past, present and future O'odham Piipaash.



Participants complete the walk and enjoy light refreshments provided by Ernie's Catering.



Teresa Gonzales, second from right, said she traditionally walks every year. She said she is praying for past, present and future O'odham Piipaash.

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UNM Lobos' Aaron Makil Named Pitcher of the Week

events show in Aaron," said Makil's uncle, Vince Makil. "Aaron's mother Rebecca Makil has been the most loving and supportive mother in Aaron's journey of baseball and his education, with all the family also behind him, [including] brothers Clint and Eric and sisters Ana, Maggie and Ali."

After the game against BYU, Aaron Makil said, "It's just been a lot of hard work finally paying off, and being able to come back here and throw in front of my family in my hometown is something really special to me."

Makil, a graduate of Westwood High School, transferred from Chandler-Gilbert Community College to the University of New Mexico last fall. In an interview with *O'odham Action News* last summer, Makil stated that he was excited to go play with the Lobos and that he hopes to get drafted into the major leagues and make his family proud.

In an interview with KRQE-TV, Makil expressed his desire to return to the Community and share his baseball knowledge at youth baseball camps.

If you would like to see Makil in action but cannot make it to New Mexico, his next game in Arizona will be against the University of Arizona on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. For updates and the Lobos 2020 baseball schedule, visit <https://golobos.com/schedule.aspx?path=baseball>



Makil's entire family came to cheer him on during his first Lobo's game at the Sanderson Ford College Baseball Classic. Photo credit: Esther Moyah



First year right hand pitcher for the UNM, SRPMIC member Aaron Makil made headlines as he was named the Mountain West Conference Pitcher of the Week. Photo Credit: Vince Makil



Makil embraces in a congratulatory hug from his grandfather Arnold Makil. Photo credit: Esther Moyah

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#1 IN THE EAST VALLEY DIVISION

Lady Warriors make it to the Elite 8 of the 6A State High School Tournament

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The Westwood High School Girls Basketball finish their season ranked number 1 in the East Valley Division as they fell five points short to the Pinnacle Pioneers in the second game in the 6A high school quarter finals on Thursday, February 20.

The Lady Warriors made it to the Elite 8 of the State High School Tournament and played their first game against Xavier Prep on their home court, the stands filled with family, friends and classmates as they cheered the team on to defeat the Gators. The Lady Warriors went on to beat the Gators 47-42. In the second game of the quarter finals the Lady Warrior's went up against the Pioneers in a head to head battle to move on to the next level of the quarterfinal for the state championship title.

The Warriors with a mostly all Native American team under five-foot- eight inches brought rez ball to the scene, battling with Pioneers throughout the entire game the Warriors started off behind with a score of 10-2 in the first quarter, the Warriors slowly made their way up to a tied game by the second quarter. In the third quarter the Pioneers crept their way back to the top leading the score board. In an attempt to catch up the Warriors hit threes and fell behind by two points in the last two minutes of the game, but after fouls resulting in a number of free throws by Pinnacle made their way to the top of the score board beating the Warriors by five points 51-56.

The Lady Warriors represents mixture of tribes such as O'dham, Piipaash, Navajo, and Hopi. Representing the SRPMIC on the Lady Warriors Varsity team include Daycee Achin (senior), Nyese Jones (sophomore), Sydney Carlos (senior), Morning Star Scabby (senior), Kristine Scabby (freshman) and Aubri Scabby (junior).

"Thank you for the best season ever at WW," said SRPMIC member and father of Morning Star and Kristine Scabby, Robert Scabby in a Facebook post after the game against Pinnacle. "These Lady Warriors are champions in my eyes! I'm so proud of these ladies!"



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SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK

Spring training games at Salt River Fields start on February 22 and continue until March 24. Tickets start at \$27. Visit saltriverfields.com to purchase tickets and for more information.

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GREAT WOLF LODGE

The Great Wolf Lodge has a number of activities for the family, such as:

- Build-A-Bear Workshop
- Howl-in-One Mini Golf
- Howlers Peak Ropes Course
- MagiQuest
- Moonstone Mine
- Northern Lights Arcade
- Oliver's Mining Co.
- Rustic Ridge Climbing Wall
- Indoor water park

If you're not looking to book a room at the Great Wolf Lodge, there are full-day and half-day passes available. Children 2 years and younger are free. Half-day passes start at \$45; full-day passes start at \$60. Call (480) 948-9653 to reserve your room and get a SRPMIC member discount. Visit www.greatwolf.com for more details.

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ROADHOUSE CINEMAS

At Roadhouse Cinemas, movies are just \$6 every Tuesday. Roadhouse also has a daily Early Bird Special: all shows before noon and after 9 p.m. are \$5. Visit www.roadhousecinemas.com for movie showtimes.

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KTR Family Night at KTR

The KTR indoor action sports playground is hosting Family Night every Monday from 3 to 9 p.m. Families pay half price for a regular two-hour family pass. A regular two-hour family pass (covers two adults and five kids) starts at \$45. For more information, visit www.scottsdale.ktr-centers.com.

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MAVRIX

The newest entertainment destination to open at the Pavilions at Talking Stick in March, Mavrix features bowling, billiards, laser tag, arcade games, patio games and more. Visit www.mavrix.com for more information.

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FREE EVENTS:

Movies in the Desert

Enjoy free movies at the Arizona Boardwalk (formerly known as OdySea in the Desert). Along with a free Disney movie screening, the family event offers music, games and prizes. This event is held on the second Saturday of each month until June. For more information, visit www.odyseaaquarium.com.

Dino Day

Within the Arizona Boardwalk, on

Sunday, March 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., this free event features:

- Raptor appearances
- Photo ops
- Bounce houses
- Live animal interactions
- Dino face-painting
- A fossil pit
- A Jurassic Park motor pool
- Build-your-own dinosaur crafts and more!

For more information, visit www.odyseaaquarium.com.

Native Art Market

Every Saturday and Sunday until the end of March, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Native Art Market features various live performances along with vendors selling Native American crafts and food. March 28 and 29 is the closing weekend of the Native Art Market. The special event week will have all performers present with live performances every hour on the hour. Located at The Pavilions at Talking Stick, 9175 E. Indian Bend Road.

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

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 - Penguin Point
 - Kids' Cove
 - Reef Jewels
 - Odysea Aquarium Theater

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Odysea Aquarium also offers other special experiences for an additional purchase:

- Penguins Encounters
- Sloth encounter
- Shark Behind the Scenes Tour
- SeaTREK Underwater Helmet Diving

SRPMIC members receive 20% off admission (SRPMIC ID required). Visit www.odyseaaquarium.com to purchase tickets and for more information.

PANGAEA: LAND OF THE DINOSAURS

Step back in time and learn about the dinosaurs that roamed the Earth. Pangaea: Land of Dinosaurs is located within the Arizona Boardwalk and features:

- Dinosaur exhibits
- 50 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs
- T-Rex Obstacle Course

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Fossil digging
Guided tours
Live Dino Shows
Children (ages 2-12), \$11.95; adults (ages 13-64), \$14.95. Visit www.pangaealandofthedinosaurs.com for more details.

BUTTERFLY WONDERLAND

Learn about the fascinating life of butterflies and other insects at Butterfly Wonderland. Offerings:

- Butterfly Emergence Gallery
- 3D theater experience
- Rainforest Reptile exhibit
- Honey Bee Extravaganza

Tickets for children (ages 2-12) start at \$13.95; adult tickets start at \$21.95. Visit www.butterflywonderland.com to purchase tickets and for more information.

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TOP GOLF

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PHOENIX RISING SOCCER GAMES

On Saturday, March 7, Phoenix Rising will host their first home game of the season, vs. the Portland Timbers. The season will continue until October, with 17 home games. Visit www.phxrisingfc.com for more information.

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IT Working with Senior Services to Offer Basic Computer Training

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In late 2019, the Information Technology department of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community set up a booth at the October Senior Breakfast meeting to see if seniors would be interested in learning the basics of using a computer. Of the 82 in attendance, 42 of the seniors signed up to start the process with IT. On January 24, the first computer class took place at Two Waters.

IT Customer Care Supervisor Alana Osife gave insight on what the turnout meant to the department. “[For] our first class, 20 seniors came, and we talked about the basics of the computer hardware,” Osife said. “We showed them some online mouse and keyboard exercises, [and we] also [reviewed] some brief internet safety, such as what to be aware of online and what to look out for. That was a really good turnout.”

Osife explained that last month IT asked Saddleback Communications to come out and give a presentation on all the services they provide, including the life alert and telephone assistance programs.

“They have quite a few services that are technology related, and our goal is to ensure that companies we invite to speak to the seniors are technology related,” Osife said.

Patricia King was among the 20 participants in the February IT class. “I wanted to know more about the Community services as far as computer operations,” King said. “I thought since IT puts on the presentation, it would be good to come. It’s an opportunity for us seniors to learn more about how computers work and all the extras that go with it. I think that’s something really important for us because our younger people, they’re moving on to the big world of internet, all those things. It’s good for us to know those things too. It’s harder for us to learn because we’re ‘old school’; that’s how I feel. But we can learn, we just have to take



Seniors mingling after class ended about their new learned techniques.



Seniors listen as the instructor explains online mouse and keyboard exercises.

our time and [have] someone to take time with us and explain things.”

Osife said open lab services are provided by IT to help with specific questions seniors may have. “One [lab] is the Salt River Tribal Library computer lab; they allow us to come twice a month,” Osife said. “We’re there from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesdays. Then at the Lehi Community Building, we’re there one Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For those who have more advanced questions, it’s good to bring them to the lab so we

can work with them one-on-one. If they have questions on how to use their mobile phones, their tablets, iPads or laptops, they can bring them in and we can work with them one-on-one with that. If they want to learn something specific, like how to create an Excel spreadsheet, we can show them how to do that.”

Transportation is provided by Senior Services. Snacks and drinks are provided during each class session. Goodie bags with cups, a notebook, a pen and letter opener were given to the seniors.

For more information on the next computer class or to schedule your one-on-one lab session, contact Senior Services at (480) 362-6350.

IT department would like to thank the Senior Services Department, Community Recreation Services Department, and the Salt River Tribal Library who were key in helping us provide the computer class and labs for the seniors. Senior Services promotes educational seminar opportunities for Community Seniors and worked together with IT to bring forth this opportunity for the Community seniors. Senior Services provide transportation and pick up services for seniors for the computer classes at Two Waters. Seniors are encouraged to sign-up with Senior Services transportation services if a ride is needed. Also, Senior Services department have added the Two Waters computer class dates to the Senior Recreation and Adult disability calendars for the upcoming months. Community Recreation and Salt River Tribal Library have reserved the library’s computer lab specifically for our seniors open lab times. Again, we appreciate your support in working together to provide the fun of learning technology opportunity for our Community seniors.

COMPUTER BASIC TRAINING DATES

March 25
April 22

LOCATION

Two Waters Building A
Room A117-Red Mountain
10005 E. Osborn Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ

Sign up with Senior Services Department for transportation to Two Waters

COMPUTER LAB

DATES

March 10
March 24
April 7
April 28

LOCATION

Salt River Tribal Library
11725 E. Indian School
Road Scottsdale, AZ

LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING

1231 E. Oak Street
Mesa, AZ

March 17
April 15

COMPUTER LAB TIMES

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Salt River Lady Eagles Take **2ND** in CAA Division II State Tournament

half, they stepped up to the plate. I am proud of each of them. None of them gave up," said Roanhorse.

The Lady Eagles continued on, playing the no. 1 seed, Skyline-Gila River Mustangs for the state title at Talking Stick Resort Arena on Tuesday, February 25. Fans filled three sections of the arena to cheer on both teams as they battled for the CAA Division II State Tournament Championship.

Ultimately, the Mustangs led the scoreboard throughout the game and defeated the Lady Eagles, 63-40.

SRHS senior Lynnyice Carlisle played with the Lady Eagles since junior high but went to play at Saguaro High School with her sister last year. She came back to SRHS for her senior year.

"It feels good to finish my senior year and the last year of high school; it feels good to be back with the girls," said Carlisle. "We played our hardest tonight, but I think we could have communicated more and played harder on defense to get the win."

Although the Lady Eagles fell short against the Mustangs, the crowd cheered for them as they received the second-place trophy.

"It was a tough loss for us. To finish out in second place, it takes a little bit more to understand that. For me the hardest part is understanding that there has to be a winner or loser at the end of the day," said Roanhorse. "We pick and choose our battles, the small mistakes catch up with us to finish the game, we have to work on some things, and the things we work on we have to make sure we carry into the game."

Roanhorse explained that making it this far is a big accomplishment. The team has made it to the CAA State Championships in the last two years, and that takes a lot of work.

"They do work very hard to get back to where they were, but it takes more work each year," said Roanhorse. "Hopefully, in the off season the girls who are not seniors will continue to work on their game."



CONGRATULATIONS LADY EAGLES



VALENTINE'S CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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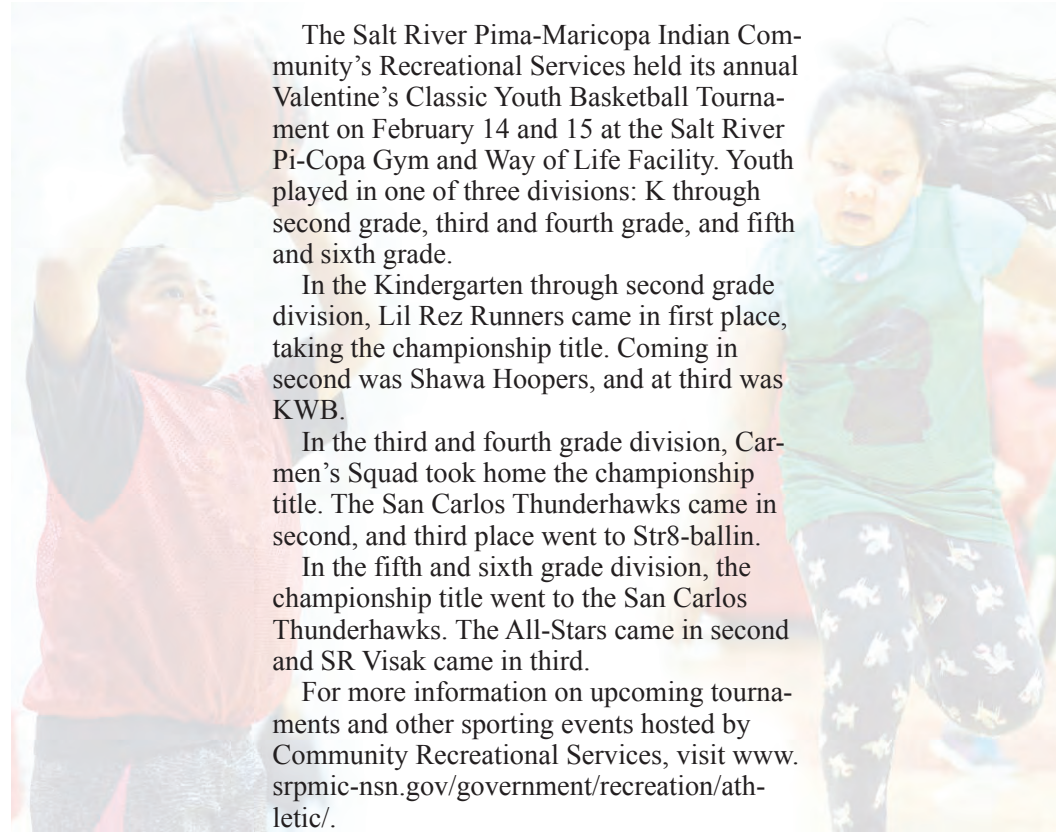
The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Recreational Services held its annual Valentine's Classic Youth Basketball Tournament on February 14 and 15 at the Salt River Pi-Copa Gym and Way of Life Facility. Youth played in one of three divisions: K through second grade, third and fourth grade, and fifth and sixth grade.

In the Kindergarten through second grade division, Lil Rez Runners came in first place, taking the championship title. Coming in second was Shawa Hoopers, and at third was KWB.

In the third and fourth grade division, Carmen's Squad took home the championship title. The San Carlos Thunderhawks came in second, and third place went to Str8-ballin.

In the fifth and sixth grade division, the championship title went to the San Carlos Thunderhawks. The All-Stars came in second and SR Visak came in third.

For more information on upcoming tournaments and other sporting events hosted by Community Recreational Services, visit www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/recreation/athletic/.



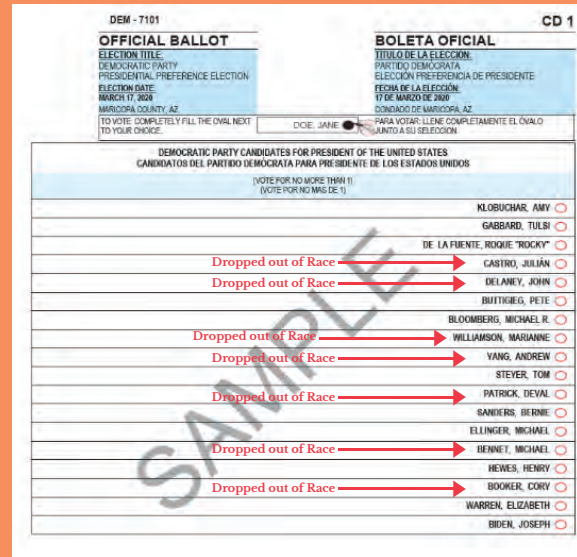
Joseph Chavez of the Salt River Visak runs the ball up the court in an attempt to add to the scoreboard during the first night of the 2020 Valentines Classic Youth Basketball Tournament.

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March 17

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PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

March 31, 5:30 p.m.

Two Waters Building B - Room 106

Inviting Community Tribal Housing Residents and interested enrolled Community members to attend this information session on the SRPMIC homeownership process to prepare for future homeownership.
TOPICS: Your personal readiness / Evaluating Credit / Financial Preparedness

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FEBRUARY 1 – APRIL 5



Meet the New SRPMIC Veteran Representatives, Amanda White and Troy Truax Jr.

AMANDA WHITE

Ya'at'eeh, Hello, I'm Amanda White. I was born in Phoenix and raised both in the metropolitan area and on the Navajo Reservation. I am an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and was taught to introduce myself as well as my clans in my Navajo tradition. I'm Ta-baaha (Water's Edge) born for Todich'ii'nii (Bitter Water). My maternal grandfather's clan is Tótsóhnii (Big Water), and my paternal grandfather's clan is Tsenjikini (Honey Combed Rock People). My Diné way of life teachings and my upbringing have taught me to "Always to Work Together" (Ahil Na'anish). This teaching taught me to determine and manage my future with respect.

I went to Westwood High School, where I discovered the UNITY program and Native American Club that did joint events with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. I familiarized myself with the Community very well and appreciated the splendid generosity they demonstrated in offering programs to our youth.

I attended the East Valley Institute of Technology for law enforcement. I met an Army recruiter, and that led me on my path to join the Army National Guard, enlisting in 2007. I'm the third generation of my family to serve in the U.S. mili-



Newly hired SRPMIC Veteran Representatives, Amanda White and Troy Truax Jr.

tary. I served as a Petroleum Supply Specialist (92F), and I also conduct secondary MOSs of Automated Logistical Specialist (MOS 92A), Army Unit Supply Specialist (92Y MOS) and Motor Transport Operator (88M). I served full-time, active-duty status as a federal technician at Camp Navajo located at Bellemont, Arizona, for nine years.

I honorably relinquished my duties there to take this tremendous opportunity as one of your Veterans Representatives here in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian

Community. I'm looking forward to serving the Community-member veterans and assisting with any particular needs. I'm very proud of the SRPMIC Administration Department, which I have acquainted myself with, and they have always been ready to help handle any veterans' service issues. Thank you, Admin Team! Together, I see us striving to maintain Community traditions and fulfilling the mission to bring positive influences in the lives of veterans and their family members. Ahéhee'— Thank you for allowing me to

be part of your Community!

TROY TRUAX JR.

Hello, my name is Troy Truax Jr. and I am one of the two newly hired veterans representatives for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The veterans representatives are able to assist Community veterans with documenting and filing claims for benefits and entitlements with the Veterans Administration Veterans Affairs Office; provide education and assistance to Community veterans and their families regarding Veteran's Administration benefits; facilitate and assist Community veterans with getting to required service-related meetings, appointments, etc.; and provide general information to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community regarding veterans' rights.

We plan to conduct quarterly open-house meetings within the Community. Also, we would like to develop and maintain a master list of all the Community-member veterans. The Veterans Representatives Office will strive to have a database here for the Community veterans and their family members. We as the Veterans Representatives will be conducting health and welfare checks on Community-member veterans to ensure that every veteran is reached and accounted for. Thank you.

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SAVE THE DATES

Community Recreations Services - **FIESTA FAMILY NIGHT SALSA CONTEST**, May 4, Lehi Community Building. Must RSVP by April 27. For more info. or to register call (602) 362-6360

SPRING INTO WELLNESS FAIR, March 24, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the SRHS, 4827 N. Country Club Dr., Scottsdale. Learn how to take advantage of the Health and Wellness Programs Available in the Community.

Agenda
5:30 p.m. Registration
5:55 p.m. Posting Colors & Prayer
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Entertainment
6:40 p.m. Final Raffle

For more info. call (480) 362-6640 or (480) 362-2077.

HHS Prevention & Intervention Services-Housing Services - **BED BUGS?** March 12, 2020 5:30 p.m. at Canalside Neighborhood Center. Join us at this informative pest control workshop where you will learn. To sign up please contact Michelle Schurz at Housing Services at (480) 362-5766 by March 9th.

Savvy Senior

Beware of Potential 2020 Census Scams

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you offer some tips to help seniors guard against census scams? With the 2020 census gearing up, I've read that there are a lot of potential scammers out there looking to take advantage of older people and I want to protect myself.

Cautious Judy

Dear Judy,

Unfortunately, scams have become a persistent problem when the U.S. Census Bureau does its once-a-decade count of the U.S. population. Here's what you can expect from the 2020 Census in the coming weeks, and how you can protect yourself from potential scams.

What to Expect

In mid-March, you and nearly every other U.S. household will receive an invitation in the mail to respond to the 2020 Census. This year, you will have the option of completing the 2020 census questionnaire either online, by mail, or by phone. The invitation will include detailed instructions of what you need to do.

If you don't respond to this invitation letter, you will receive several follow-up postcard reminders from the Census Bureau by mail. If you still don't respond by late April, a census worker will come to your door to collect your response in person.

It only takes a few minutes to complete the census questionnaire.

While census participation is very important and required by law, you also need to be vigilant of census-linked scams. This is especially important for seniors who tend to be prime targets.

The Census Bureau warns against phishing email scams as well as con artist masquerading as census workers who will try to solicit your personal financial information. Here are some tips that can help you protect yourself.

Guard Your Information

Don't give out your personal or financial information. The Census Bureau or a legitimate census worker will never ask for your Social Security number, bank account number, credit card number, money or donations. And they will never contact you on behalf of a political party. If you're asked for any of these, whether it be via phone, mail, email or in person, it's a scam and should be reported to rumors@census.gov.

Avoid Online Scams

The Census Bureau will not send you an unsolicited email to request your participation in the 2020 Census. So, ignore any emails you get that may direct you to a census website that looks real but is fake – and may be infected with malware. Also, don't reply to the email or open any attachment because they could contain viruses that could infect your computer. Forward the email or website address to the Census Bureau at rumors@census.gov. Then

delete the message.

Be Safe at Home

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, make sure you verify their identity. A legitimate census taker must present a field badge that includes a photograph of themselves, a Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. Census workers will also be carrying a Census Bureau laptop or cell-phone, as well as a bag with a Census Bureau logo.

Also, remember that a census worker will only ask you the questions that appear on the questionnaire – your name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, phone number, type of residence and number of people living with you. They will not ask for sensitive personal information, such as your Social Security or credit card number.

If you have questions about their identity, you can call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

For more information on the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.

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

POSITION OPENINGS /OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC POSITION DEADLINE

Senior Counsel (Enterprise)	3/6/20
O'Odham Piipaash Language & History Technician	3/6/20
Economic Development Analyst	3/7/20
Licensed Associate Judge	3/8/20
Server Specialist I	3/11/20
Youth Development Specialist (Early Enrichment)	3/11/20
Civil Engineer (Roads)	3/13/20
Building Maintenance Worker (EDU)	3/13/20
Legal Secretary (Office of the General Counsel)	3/13/20
CRS Facilities Coordinator	3/13/20
Social Services Manager (Child Protective Services)	3/13/20
CRS Community Liaison	3/15/20
Lifeguard	3/20/20
Instrumentation and Controls Technician	3/21/20
Water Distribution Worker II	Continuous

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE POSITIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE HR RECRUITMENT DIVISION AT (480) 362-7925

To apply for any of these positions a completed SRPMIC Employment Application is required.
A resume may supplement an application however, a resume alone will not be considered.
Prior to hire as an employee, applicants will be subject to drug and alcohol testing. Will be required to pass a pre-employment background/fingerprint check. Employees are subject to random drug and alcohol testing.
SRPMIC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Preference will be given to a qualified Community Member, then a qualified Native American and then other

qualified candidate.

In order to obtain consideration for Community member/ Native American preference, applicant must submit a copy of Tribal Enrollment card or CIB which indicates enrollment in a Federally Recognized Native American Tribe by one of the following methods:

- 1) attach to application
- 2) fax (480) 362-5860
- 3) mail or hand deliver to Human Resources.

Documentation must be received by position closing date.

- The IHS/BIA CIB form is not accepted.
- Your Tribal ID must be submitted to HR-Recruitment-Two Waters.

Helping Hands Thrift Store

Opening on : March 16, 2020

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.

Phone: (480) 362-5625

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE: AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 25 OF THE SRPMIC CODE OF ORDINANCES

On December 4, 2019 in general Council session, and in accordance with the SRPMIC Ordinance Development Policy (Policy 1-20), the SRPMIC Council approved a public comment period of one-hundred twenty (120) days for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, Chapter 25 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances. The public comment period begins December 5, 2019 and ends at midnight April 2, 2020.

The purpose of the 2019 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance is to improve formatting and clarify language, update certain Articles/Sections of Zoning Ordinance for clarification, simplification, or to reflect development needs, and to update the zoning map for use of tribally owned land for government services.

The Zoning Ordinance establishes laws and regulations that define how property in specific zones can be used, the application processes for reviewing and approving uses and development, and the regulations on building and site improvements, such as size, intensity and setback of buildings, parking, lighting, signage and landscaping. Community Council adopted the current Zoning Ordinance on July 1, 2015.

A copy of the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance can be picked-up at the Office of General Counsel or Community Development Department offices. An electronic copy can also be found on the SRPMIC Intranet website by clicking the link heading: "Ordinance Public Comments"

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

MAIL:
Attn: Niccole King
Office of the General Counsel
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
10005 East Osborn Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

EMAIL:
Niccole.King@srpmic-nsn.gov

INTRANET SRPMIC HOME PAGE:
Click on link (under Connections Resources): 'Ordinance Public Comments'

DROP OFF:
Attn: Niccole King
Office of the General Counsel, SRPMIC
10061 East Osborn Road (Two Waters, Building A, 3rd Floor)

THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS IS: APRIL 2, 2020 AT MIDNIGHT

For questions, please contact Rick McAllister, Janice See or Suzanne Colver, (480) 362-7600.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Helping Hands Thrift Store had many Community members come to their store this past February for the end of the season sale. It was a dollar bag on 18th of February and Free Day on 19th of February which was most popular. The store gave a lot of reusable items from the winter month jackets, long sleeves, shoes for all ages, toys, trinkets and other household items. Now that Helping Hands Thrift Store has offered services to the Community and change over to the new season. It's now time to clean, price new items, and roll in new spring season clothes. Photos from Deborah Stoneburner

MARCH COUNCIL DISTRICT MEETING



- 14 DISTRICT B/C MEETING (COUNCIL MEMBERS ARCHIE KASHOYA & CHERYL DOKA), 9 a.m. at Salt River Community Building.
- 17 LEHI DISTRICT MEETING (COUNCIL MEMBERS DEANNA SCABBY & MICHAEL DALLAS, SR.) 6 p.m., Lehi Community Building.
- 21 DISTRICT A MEETING (COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE ENOS), 9 a.m. at Salt River Council Chambers.
- 23 DISTRICT E MEETING (COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS LARGO SR.) 6 p.m. at WOLF- Multi-Purpose Room 56.
- 24 DISTRICT D MEETING (COUNCIL MEMBER WI BWA GREY) 6 p.m. at Salt River Council Chambers Ba'ag Conference Room.

Please call the Council Secretaries (480) 362-7466 or 362-7469 to confirm DISTRICT MEETING time and location.

Memorial Services & Cemeteries -PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-

The death of a loved one is a very difficult time, the staff at Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash (MH/XPN) job is to help make it just a little bit easier. Burial assistance is offered to all enrolled members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

LOCATIONS

MEMORIAL HALL 9849 East Earll Drive, Scottsdale, AZ	XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH NYVAASH 3660 North Horne Road, Mesa, AZ
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Wake Services | Funeral Services | Memorial Services

CEMETERY REQUESTS
Headboard Replacement | Restore Mound on Gravesite | Concrete Headstone Slabs

CEMETERY CREW
Cemetery Crew Hours:
6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. / Tuesday thru Saturday
(480) 278-7050
Hours may vary according to Funeral Services Schedule

CONTRACTED MORTUARIES
Contact Memorial Services to receive contract approval to work with mortuaries.

Bunker Family Funerals & Cremation
(480) 964-8686

Lowmans Arizona Funeral Home & Mortuary
(602) 276-3601

Meldrum Mortuary & Cremation
(480) 834-9255

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8 a.m. - 5 p.m. / Phone number (480) 278-7050

Gang-related apparel and behavior will not be tolerated in Memorial Hall ~ Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash or the surrounding area. Any and all applicable drug and alcohol ordinances shall be strictly enforced, including law enforcement if necessary. Section 6-7(b)(6) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

SENIOR SERVICES RECREATION ACTIVITY CALENDAR

*** MARCH 2020 ***

Contact Erin Manuel at (480) 362-7367
erin.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 Bring a Prize Potluck and Bingo 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lehi Comm. Bldg.	MARCH 11 Open Craft 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SR/Lehi/WOLF	Limit 10 *L
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 No Event	THURSDAY, MARCH 12 Presentation by Elissa 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SR Senior Quarterly Birthday Luncheon at Casino AZ. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Invitation Only**	MONDAY, MARCH 17 Open Craft 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. SR/Lehi/WOLF
MONDAY, MARCH 9 Spring Training Game Dbacks vs KC 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Limit 15	FRIDAY, MARCH 13 Make up day 10 a.m. 11:30 a.m. SR/LEHI /WOLF	TUESDAY, MARCH 18 Senior Games Salt River Community Bldg. 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 10 Crayon Craft 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SR /Lehi/ WOLF SDCAC Meeting 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Lehi Community Bldg.	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 Senior Games Salt River Community Bldg. 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 Senior Games Salt River Community Bldg. 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY,	FRIDAY, MARCH 20 Drawing Craft 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SR/Lehi/WOLF Spring Training Game Dbacks vs SEA 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Limit 12 *L	

TRIPS & EVENTS SIGN-UP

Remember to Sign-Up immediately for this month's trips or events as they do fill up fast. Deadlines for each trip & event is one (1) week prior to date of the trip or event. Please notify our Front Office if you do not receive a receipt or call back of your trip or event sign-up. (L-Lottery Pick Participants)

Celebration of Life

Kobe and Gianna Bryant Memorial

Playing Against Kobe Bryant's Mamba Team



In May of 2019, Natives with Talent (NWT) and SRPMIC member Nyese Jones played against the late Gianna Bryant and the Mambas in the NCAA Certified Desert Invitational. Photo Credit: Daycee Achin

On May 18 and 19, 2019, the local girls' basketball team Natives with Talent (NWT) went head-to-head with the late Kobe Bryant's Mambas during the 2019 NCAA Certified Desert Invitational at the PHH facility in Phoenix. Included on the NWT team was Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Nyese Jones and her father JJ Jones (Hopi) as the team's head coach.

"I was excited and nervous at the same time going against an icon. I never thought I'd have an opportunity to coach against someone as big as Kobe," said JJ Jones. "It was a huge step in my life to be able to coach against him, and the girls were pretty excited. I had no idea that we were going to play against them, and when we got to the tournament the director informed me that we were going to play against Kobe's team. I didn't want to tell [the girls]; I just looked at the Mambas as another team. I didn't want my team to get nervous, because I was nervous myself."

Jones explained that it was a great experience to play against them. For his daughter Nyese to play against Gianna Bryant was fun and exciting.

"It was good playing against a legend, because his daughter was really tall and athletic so it was a good game between our teams," said Nyese Jones.

Coach JJ Jones explained that he remembered NWT were beating the Mambas and, in his head, he thought, "Well, I will back off and hold the ball."

"I told the girls to play five out or whatever, and Bryant yells out, 'Play basketball!' He got mad at me. I looked at my other coach and said, 'Did he just yell at me?' and we laughed. It was an experience and I will never forget it."

On the day he heard the news about Bryant and his daughter, he said, "It was an eye-opener, with someone as big as him dying at the spur of the moment. You're never promised tomorrow, and I tell these girls that all the time; no one is guaranteed tomorrow."

"It's sad. He was one of the best to play [the game]. I highly respect the guy, even though I hated him because he always beat my Spurs. He seemed like a great dad and he was a great, great basketball player. I will always cherish that experience of coaching against him."



SRPMIC member Nyese Jones high fives Kobe Bryant after their game against the Mambas. Photo Credit: Daycee Achin

Photo of the mural was taken by Tasha Silverhorn, the mural is located 1251 South La Brea Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90019; a week after they passed. Many people were stopped to drop off flowers and write messages on the wall expressing their condolences.

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and it was a big deal. As kids we were excited to know that young people who are talented enough can go straight to the big leagues.

As Bryant progressed and shined on the court, he was always compared to the great Michael Jordan. He became one of the greatest opponents of all the teams in the NBA. He and the Lakers were one of the greatest rivals of the Phoenix Suns. We loved to hate him, but although we didn't like that he always beat our Phoenix Suns, he was overall a great basketball player, and his retirement gave us a chance to finally beat those Lakers.

After his retirement I didn't hear much about Bryant until last May, when he and his daughter Gianna came to Arizona to play in a basketball tournament, the 2019 NCAA Certified Desert Invitational. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Nyese Jones and her team Natives with Talent (NWT), coached by her father JJ Jones, played against Bryant's Mamba team (see sidebar for story). Since then

I've seen news stories about Bryant and his daughter and the Mamba team. Gianna was a rising star at only 13 years old, and she was working to play in the WNBA with teachings from her father.

On January 26, the breaking news started popping up that Kobe Bryant was killed in a helicopter crash, stunning the nation. I myself didn't believe it; it took me a couple of hours to finally accept the news, and in that time it was reported that his daughter Gianna was with him in that crash, which made the news even more devastating.

Bryant and his daughter were among nine people who lost their lives in the helicopter crash in Calabasas, California. Fans have been remembering all those who lost their lives. The O'odham Action News staff asked a few SRPMIC members and employees to express their thoughts about Bryant and how he impacted their lives.

"[Kobe Bryant] was a big influence on my life because he was only 18 and went straight to the NBA. I felt like if he could do it, I could do it at that time in my life. That was the ultimate goal, to skip college and go straight to the pros. The news hit me more because of his daughter; he supported her. I have a bunch of nieces that play basketball and I am right there supporting them, guiding them and helping them, just like he did with his daughter." —Concho Jim Jr.



The Westwood High School Girls basketball teams wanted to pay tribute to the late Kobe and Gianna Bryant, they had shirts made that feature Kobe and Gianna' jersey numbers on the front and back including the words Mamba and Mambacita. Photo submitted by Sarah Achin

Heaven Sepulveda was among the thousands that joined Bryant's family, friends and fans in his and his daughters memorial services at the Staples Center. "The services was beautiful. My heart aches for his wife and daughters," said Sepulveda.

"Even though I'm a Phoenix Suns fan, I was really saddened to hear of [Kobe Bryant's] dying, so suddenly. He was a good opponent. If everyone who played basketball could play that hard, that aggressively, the games would be amazing. ... I enjoyed watching him play." —SRPMIC employee Carlos Valdez

"Kobe has left so much impact on the world. I'm just one of many people who has followed his career, has watched him become a #GirlDad and retire from the court in the most epic way possible. I'm very happy I was able to share some of my favorite Kobe moments with my son. We both idolized Kobe and we grieved with the entire world." —SRPMIC member Jessica Sepulveda

"I'm a longtime Phoenix Suns fan and a longtime 'Laker hater.' [However], I like the individual players [within the Lakers team]. I thought Kobe was amazing on many different levels. He came into the men's basketball league at a super young age. Arguably [he was] almost as good as Michael Jordan ... I was amazed by [Kobe's] basketball talents. It's tragic how [his death] could have easily been prevented." —SRPMIC employee Steve Haydukovich

"I didn't like Kobe when he played basketball, just because I was a Phoenix Suns fan, but then I liked what he did off the court, after his basketball career. Things he was doing with his daughters, grooming them to be just like him. We were at a basketball facility for [our daughter's] tournament when we found out [about the crash]. Hearing later on that day that his daughter was in [the helicopter] with him, it was just sad. It hit close to home because I've got a daughter doing the same thing. It was a weird feeling; I haven't felt like that since Eddie Guerrero died from the WWE. I respect the guy; he was good at what he did, even better with what he was doing after his career, and that's why I started to follow him even more." —SRPMIC member Julio Montoya

"My kids were mostly affected by Kobe's death. I noticed my two sons (ages 10 and 15) would say 'Kobe!' every time they would throw [basketball-like] shots. [Since his death], they don't say it anymore." —SRPMIC member Carmella Ramos





Salt River High School senior Sabin Miguel jumps for the ball as they begin the first game of the CAA Division II State Tournament against the Gila Bend High School.



Diante Anderson runs the ball up the court to his teammates during the game against Gila Bend.



Garrett Walker shoots the ball for a three to help his team raise score.



Isaiah Burns and Diante Anderson try to make room for their teammate to get to the basket.



Daniel Parley gets his shot ready for a free throw.

SRHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL: BA'AG LAND ON CAA DIVISION II STATE TOURNAMENT BRACKET

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The Salt River High School boys' varsity basketball team landed on the CAA High School Boys Basketball Division II State Tournament bracket as the no. 14 seed.

The varsity Eagles played their first game of the bracket against Gila Bend High School at the Skyline-Gila River

Gym. Gila Bend took a strong lead, with a score of 21-4 at the end of the first quarter. The Eagles fought back and drew closer, and by halftime the Eagles were down by 10, with a score of 39-29.

By the end of the third quarter, Gila Bend was up by 8 points.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles had Gila Bend fans on the edge of their seats, as they caught up in the last few minutes of the game. But with fouls

giving Gila Bend the opportunity to take the lead through free-throw shots, Gila Bend won the game by 8 points, with a final score of 78-70.

The crowd of family and friends cheered the team on as they wrapped up their 2019-2020 season.



Jayden Frederick runs the ball up the court as he helps his teammates try to get the win during the first game of the Division I State Tournament.



Kaylen Bonner tries to keep the ball away from his opponent Leo Flores during the game against AZ Compass Prep.



Jacob Smith tries to keep the ball from getting passed him.

SRJH BOYS BASKETBALL: REACH THE CAA STATE PLAYOFFS

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The Salt River Junior High School boys' basketball team advanced to the 2019-2020 Division I State Tournament in early February. The Salt River Eagles participated in the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) Division I state playoffs as the no. 2 seed.

They played their first game against AZ Compass Prep at the Heritage Academy-Gateway on Friday, February

7. The Eagles defeated AZ Compass Prep, 49-23. The Eagles had the opportunity to play against some of their club team teammates in this game.

"It was pretty fun going against people we know. It was easy but a challenge, because they know how we all play and they could shoot good," said SRJH player Ray Angulo after their win against AZ Compass Prep.

The Eagles went on to play Dream City Christian School in the final four of the tournament's bracket. The Eagles

fell short, losing by 18 points (59-41) and ending their season.

But the season was not totally over, as head coach Miyone Roanhorse and players Beau Burns Jr. and Kylen Bonner were invited to participate in the CAA's All-Star Showcase on Saturday, February 15, at Talking Stick Resort Arena. Roanhorse coached the North Team all-stars, which included her two SRJH players.



JT Enos gets ready to hand off the ball to his teammates.



Beau Burns, Jr. guards his opponent from to prevent him from getting the ball to the basket.

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