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SRPMIC Hosts First-Ever Ways and Means Committee Hearing on Indigenous Land

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Even though, when you look at it one way, the United States is technically located entirely on Indigenous land, on May 10, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted the first-ever House Ways and Means Committee hearing to take place on tribal land, at the SRPMIC Council chambers. The hearing's topics included adoption, foster care and child-support issues within Native American and rural communities, in addition to exploring ways to improve access to rural healthcare and discussing pro-growth tax policies.

The Ways and Means Committee is the oldest committee of the U.S. Congress in Washington, first established in 1789.

"This is the first Ways and Means hearing on sovereign tribal land in our committee's 235-year history. It's an honor to be able to make this history in the chamber where this Community exercises its right to self-governance," said Committee



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Mikah Carlos (I) testified to The Ways and Means Committee inside of the SRPMIC Council Chambers on May 10. Joining her were distinguished guests: Elisia Manuel, founder of Three Precious Miracles; Kenneth Kahn, chairman of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; Michael Kupferman, M.D., MBA, senior vice-president of physician enterprise and president of Banner-University Medicine Division; Richard Morello, chief executive officer of CND (Cutaneous NeuroDiagnostics) Life Sciences; and Rachael Lorenzo, executive director of Indigenous Women Rising.

Chairman Jason Smith during his introduction.

According to its website, the committee is currently traveling

outside the halls of Congress to hold hearings around the country so that Americans who can't

afford to make the trip to the

nation's capital have the opportunity to add their voices and

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Lifeguards from the Aquatics team simulated a drowning for the firefighters to respond to.

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As the weather heats up, there is no better time to start thinking about how to prevent accidental drowning. To stay ahead of the risks, the Salt River Fire Department utilized their quarterly training to conduct a drowning simulation in collaboration with the Aquatics team at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF). For this training, the simulation was designed to prepare the team to respond to a pediatric drowning.

On May 4, SRFD staff began the day with a lecture at Fire Station 294. Inside the classroom, EMS Training Captain Casey Kingry highlighted what goes into saving a life when a drowning takes place.

He shared facts and risk factors, such as that drowning is the leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 4 and that, among adults, men are more likely to drown than women. The group discussed specific features in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community that pose a drowning risk, such as the canals, the river, and public or private pools, and the different ways to approach each situation when the call comes in.

For the paramedic team, there is more to combat in a drowning than getting the individual breathing. Once a person has lost enough oxygen, other measures must be taken to get them back to stable condition

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Where Would We Be Without Public Works?



Public Works Week kicked off with an information fair at Round House Cafe on May 20.

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The Public Works Department is tasked with maintaining the infrastructure of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community—meaning the roads, parks, buildings and facilities, along with everything that goes into making them operate smoothly and safely, like water, power and waste collection. Because Public Works covers such a broad array of services, it's easy to take for granted. During National Public Works Week, which took place May 19-25, Community members and employees were invited to learn more about the

many services provided by the Public Works Department to keep the Community safe and clean.

The event kicked off on Monday, May 20, at the Round House Café. Staff from the many divisions within Public Works set up informational displays, sharing insights and details with visitors about how each team serves the Community. The exhibits included irrigation systems, which showed programming set to the specific needs of plants used in landscapes throughout the Community; a diagram that showed how an air conditioning unit

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help shape the policies that impact lives every day.

Smith added, “We are here in Arizona to strengthen our government-to-government relationship and affirm our commitment to helping tribal communities prosper. Whether it’s improving healthcare or making our economy more innovative, the policies we craft must include the voices and perspectives of Native Americans.”

Joining Smith in person from the Ways and Means Committee were representatives Mike Kelly (R-PA), David Schweikert (R-AZ), Blake Moore (R-UT), Judy Chu (D-CA), Gwen Moore (D-WI), Claudia Tenney (R-NY) and Michelle Fischbach (R-MN).

SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos represented the SRPMIC, and joining her at the podium were honorary guest speakers Elisia Manuel, founder of Three Precious Miracles; Kenneth Kahn, chairman of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; Michael Kupferman, M.D., MBA, senior vice-president of physician enterprise and president of Banner–University Medicine Division; Richard Morello, chief executive officer of CND (Cutaneous NeuroDiagnostics) Life Sciences; and Rachael Lorenzo, executive director of Indigenous Women Rising.

SRPMIC Testimony

SRPMIC Council member Carlos testified to the Ways and Means Committee and read a prepared statement which detailed her professional and personal histories and how reconnecting to the O’odham way of life is part of a positive and healthy well-being.

“When I started working directly for my Community, I managed programs that were tasked with reducing youth substance-use rates. I learned more about the factors that contribute to substance-using behavior, but more importantly, I began learning about how to prevent those behaviors before they start,” she said. “I learned about protective factors and how, when youth are connected to their culture and community, we saw lower rates of substance-using behaviors and increased resiliency to adversity.”

Carlos finished her opening statement by further detailing that continuing to introduce culture into Indigenous communities can, in fact, save lives.

“When we intervene with youth and develop protective factors that will reduce certain behaviors, [we can] improve lifelong health and achievement outcomes. This is why it is so important that we keep our future, our children, connected to [our] culture and our Community, because it means a healthy future [for] our people.”

Additional Testimony

Also testifying was Elisia Manuel (Traditional Apache name: Beautiful Sunflower), founder of Three Precious Miracles, a nonprofit that facilitates

training, resources and cultural events for Indigenous children who are displaced. Manuel expressed her appreciation to the SRPMIC and the Ways and Means Committee for allowing her to testify during the historic hearing. During her testimony, Manuel stated that she and her husband Tecumseh support the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). “We are proud parents of three beautiful children who were in the child welfare system. Our family is thankful for ICWA,” she said.

Manuel added, “In January 2023, we became licensed foster parents to two children. The next month, we were contacted [and told] that a baby boy needed a forever home. While we were at the hospital picking up our son, we were told that a baby girl was in need of an ICWA-compliant home. She had been placed into foster care by a non-ICWA case manager and into the home of a non-Native family. That summer, a judge ruled in our favor and placed her with us, upholding ICWA, the way Congress intended,” she said.

Q&A Session

When the floor opened for questions, Rep. Schweikert (R-AZ) asked SRPMIC Council member Carlos several questions pertaining to foster children’s culture remaining at the forefront of their upbringing. “If you were a non-Native family, the ability to build cultural sensitivity, trainings and relationships [with Indigenous tribes]—A. does that exist? And B., considering the scale [of the challenge with Indigenous foster children], is that a possibility?” asked Schweikert.

“Yes, we provide a robust opportunity to come back to the Community,” explained Carlos. “We offer multiple services before a child is placed [in a foster home] to provide them with an understanding of the importance of their culture and who they are,” she said.

Following Rep. Schweikert’s questions, Rep. Chu asked Carlos if she could detail how local and federal agencies work in collaboration with Indigenous tribes, specifically with the SRPMIC.

“Our tribe has a unique relationship with Maricopa County,” Carlos stated. “It allows us to have a greater say in these very life-impacting decisions that are happening to our children. It also allows us to connect with families outside of our reservation for them to be able to receive the services we provide,” Carlos stated.

Committee Chair Smith then concluded the first-ever Ways and Means committee hearing on Indigenous land, thanking the SRPMIC and committee representatives for their participation.

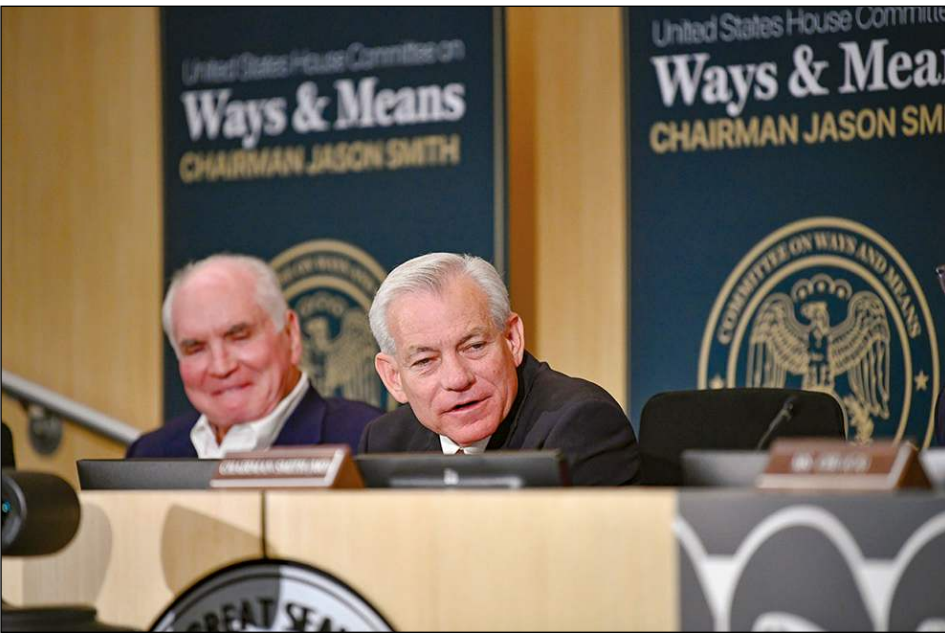
“I want to thank each and every one of you. I appreciate the commitment you all have,” he said as he swung the gavel and officially brought the hearing to an end.

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SRPMIC Council Member Mikah Carlos



SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos delivered a prepared speech to The Ways and Means House Committee which detailed her personal and professional achievements she has experienced as she continues to learn and understand the O’odham way of life. Her testimony helped detail to the Ways and Means Committee how Indigenous children who understand their culture are less likely to suffer or struggle as they mature.



David Schweikert (R-AZ) attended The Ways and Means Committee hearing inside of the SRPMIC Council Chambers.

About the Indian Child Welfare Act

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was enacted in 1978 in response to a crisis affecting American Indian and Alaska Native children, families and tribes. ICWA provides guidance to states regarding the handling of child abuse/neglect and adoption cases involving Native children. The current president of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) is Gil Vigil of Tesuque Pueblo.

About the Ways and Means Committee

Since 1789, the Committee on Ways and Means has facilitated jurisdiction over revenue topics such as tariffs, trade agreements and the debt of the United States. The committee has the responsibility of raising the revenue required to finance the federal government through taxes. The current chairman is Jason Smith (R-Missouri).



During his closing remarks, The Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (4th from left) thanked the SRPMIC and all distinguished guests for their testimonies. He also thanked The Ways and Means Committee for traveling to the SRPMIC to attend the hearing in person, a rare occasion. From l-r: Michelle Fischbach (R-MN), Mike Kelly (R-PA), David Schweikert (R-AZ), Chairman Jason Smith, Judy Chu (D-CA), Gwen Moore (D-WI), Claudia Tenney (R-NY), and Blake Moore (R-UT).

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and prevent further decline.

After the lecture concluded, staff barely had time to stretch their legs before the simulation began just down the road at the WOLF.

A splash, a whistle and another splash, and the Aquatics team was in action saving the “victim” with all hands on deck to get them safely out of the water. Once on dry land, the victim was swapped for a CPR manikin, on which the lifeguards began doing compressions.

Outside, a WOLF staff member waved a large white flag with a red cross to indicate to the incoming fire crew where the emergency was located. The team quickly moved in and took over from the lifeguards, following the steps they were trained on and implementing therapies appropriate for an 8-year-old child. Some of the challenging factors the team had to overcome were communicating compressions and calculating how much medication to give to the victim based on their size and weight. An example discussed in the training was that there are some tools and items that are used based on a person’s age rather than

their size, such as an intubation tube, which should fit any victim in a specified age range regardless of their weight.

After the simulated victim was stabilized, the group gathered to discuss their response and what happened during the incident. For many, the challenge was communicating with one another about what each responder was doing at certain points, but the practice of swiftly taking action and working together revealed that, although it’s difficult, saving someone from drowning is absolutely possible.

The collaboration that went into making the training a success from all angles is exactly the key to saving a life. It starts with one person, but everyone working together can prevent a tragedy. From the lifeguards and the person who identifies the drowning to the dispatchers and the EMTs, it is everyone’s responsibility to keep each other safe around water.



Responding to a drowning can call for additional interventions beyond CPR.



Firefighters and WOLF Aquatics staff collaborated to simulate a drowning and ensure proper response.



After the make-believe victim was stabilized, the group gathered to discuss their response and what happened during the incident.



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Former HR Director Robin Enos Honored with Ash Tree Dedication

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Former Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Human Resources Director Robin Enos was remembered on the morning of May 16 at the Two Waters Courtyard with the planting of an ash tree. Enos, who worked for the Community’s Human Resources Department for 45 years, passed away on July 9, 2023.

Former Health and Human Services Director Violet Mitchell-Enos was instrumental in honoring her colleague and friend with the tree.

“We were told [the ash tree] provides lots of shade and is fast-growing,” said Mitchell-Enos.

Providing shade was a recurring theme when mentioning Enos. The event took place shortly after 8:15 a.m., with a slight breeze ushering in clouds overhead.

“My grandpa used to have a story about when you’re sitting in the shade of a nice old tree, you remember the person who planted it. This is fitting of Robin for us today,” said HR Director Steve Haydukovich, “to show how much shade she’s provided for us, not only through her wisdom and her resilience but also her love and connection to us.”

Then, as SRPMIC President Martin Harvier led the prayer, tiny droplets of rain began to fall serenely onto the ground.

“Just kind of noticing the sprinkles here,” Harvier said at the end of his prayer. He shared that his mother has been in hospice care for a few months. Every time the family visits lately, she talks about the visits that come from those who have already gone to the other side.

“It just testifies to me that [those who have gone to the other side] are actually



Former Health and Human Services Director Violet Mitchell-Enos takes the podium, while SRPMIC President Martin Harvier (right) looks on, to talk about her colleague and friend, former SRPMIC Human Resources Director Robin Enos. Robin Enos was honored with the dedication of an ash tree (pictured right) on May 16.

close by, and I really feel that Robin is here today with us as we dedicate this tree in her remembrance.”

Mitchell-Enos took to the podium to acknowledge Enos’ children, Kim and Daniel (D.A.), as well as other members of the Enos and Grey families in attendance.

“I want to thank [Kim and D.A.] for the time that you gave up when your mom was here in her office,” she said. “I respected her greatly for her commitment to her people. Your mom taught us a lot of good things about your tribe and about how to be in the workplace.”

Kim Enos thanked the Community on behalf of her family for the nice gesture of the tree dedication.

“My mom was really dedicated to HR. She loved HR,” said Kim Enos. “She was always pushing for Community members to be employed [by the Community].”

Mitchell-Enos acknowledged all the people who helped bring the tree

to where it was planted, who included President Harvier, Vickie and Kent An-



The late Robin Enos. Photo courtesy of Human Resources

draws, Shy Santo, Dave Jackson, Robert Riley and Bowie Leonard.

Bowie Leonard ended the event with two gourd songs at the site of the tree planting.

HR Manager Lillia Munoz worked with Enos for over 30 years. When they first worked together, HR was a staff of 5. Now, the department has more than



Violet Mitchell-Enos (left) watches as Robin Enos' daughter Kim talks about her mom.

50 employees. During Enos’s career she experienced the transition of multiple department titles, from Manpower to Personnel and finally Human Resources.

“When you think of ‘HR’ you can’t help but think of Robin Enos because she was HR,” said Munoz. “As a leader, she led by example in everything she did, from her professional work attire to being ready to serve by 8 a.m. sharp every morning and offering the best customer service possible.”

According to Munoz, Enos instilled a good work ethic in her HR staff, which she said is still practiced today.

“[Enos] was not only our HR Director, but she was also our mentor and dear friend. She was a woman full of strength, integrity and kindness. She was one of a kind, a true gem,” said Munoz.

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SRPD Honors Its Fallen With Peace Officers Memorial

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On May 9, during National Police Week, the Salt River Police Department gathered at the Two Waters Courtyard on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to honor the police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Community they served.

Two fallen SRPD officers, Jair Cabrera and Clayton Townsend, and their families, were honored with memorial flower arrangements and plaques.

Sgt. Orlando Calzadillas emceed the event and welcomed guest speakers and attendees. The SRPD Honor Guard posted the colors, and a group of SRPMIC employees sang the national anthem before Commander Alejandro McDaniel recited the Peace Officer's Prayer:

Lord, I ask for courage, courage to face and conquer my own fears, courage to take me where others will not go. I ask for strength, strength of body to protect others and strength in spirit to lead others. I ask for dedication to my job, to do it well, and dedication to my community to keep it safe. Give me, Lord, concern for others who trust me and compassion for those who need me. And please Lord, through it all, be at my side.

After the prayer, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier took the stage to lead the ceremony prayer, asking to bless the families of the fallen and give them the strength to continue on.

SRPD commanders Jonathon Gann and Anthony Sandoval took turns remembering the two fallen SRPD officers and their end-of-watch dates. A performance of "Amazing Grace" by the Salt River Fire Department's Pipes and Drums group followed the calling of their names.

Off. Cabrera was 37 years old and had served with the SRPD for seven years when he was shot and killed while making a traffic stop on the Community. Off. Townsend was 26 years old and had served for almost five years with the SRPD when he was struck and killed by a vehicle while making a traffic stop on the Community.

New SRPD Chief Walter Holloway concluded the event by thanking everyone for attending the memorial.



The Salt River Police Department gathered at the Two Waters Courtyard to honor police officers Jair Cabrera and Clayton Townsend, who both lost their lives serving the Salt River Police Department.



Officer Clayton Townsend, End of Watch 01-08-19.



Officer Jair Cabrera, End of Watch 05-24-14.



SRPD Chief Walter Holloway speaks to the crowd on May 9.

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operates and important factors for maintaining it, such as changing the filter; how electrical systems are safely maintained so that power outages and surges don't cause damage; and more. Other Public Works divisions that presented information at the event included the recycling program, transportation projects, future projects, bulk trash and custodial services.

The following day, Public Works held their second Community Day event at the Salt River Community Building. There, guests and visitors could take in the full array of Public Works services, beyond the internal functioning of the government buildings to the services provided to Community members through facilities, cemeteries and memorial services, parks, waste collection, irrigation, wastewater and other water resources. As informative as it was, there were also fun activities for children and families, including a virtual reality headset where the user got a glimpse of what the day-to-day for Public Works looks like, such as Roads Crews doing landscape work or riding along on one of the grading tractors, and a raffle contest, with winners announced after dinner was served.

Some of the ways guests learned to help maintain systems in their home and at work were as simple as knowing what is and isn't recyclable and what should and shouldn't go down the drain. For example, fats, oils and greases should never go down the sink drain, especially if your home is on a septic tank. Septic tanks in particular can be a challenge for Public Works. A healthy septic system should be able to go five years without needing to be pumped, but flushing items like wipes, diapers, paper towels and other solid items (even if the packaging says it is flushable or septic safe) will lead to backups and more frequent interventions needed.



One of the displays presented information on how the irrigation systems and water timers work to effectively maintain landscaping in the community.

The theme for this year, as announced by the American Public Works Association (APWA), is "Advancing Quality of Life for All." This is an accurate description of the role Public Works plays throughout Salt River and Lehi. All of this was made possible by Public Works, and it is a lot of work, but it's made manageable through maintenance. Together, we can help raise quality of life for everyone in the Community by following their lead.



The Community Day event at the Salt River Community Building provided information on the many resources Public Works has available to Community Members, such as Memorial Services.



Inside, a model tractor offered a close look at some of the equipment used on a day-to-day basis for Public Works.



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Adult Protective Services Creates Awareness of Elder Abuse

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The statistics are alarming: According to the National Center for Elder Abuse, one in every ten elders will experience some form of abuse in their lifetimes. Only one in every 24 cases is reported. Senior Services' Adult Protective Services team is working to change this.



The Senior Services Adult Protective Services team: Support Services Manager Deborah Hammond and Social Workers Avarae John and Alizabeth Philbrick; is seeking to help the community recognize and report elder abuse

as possible so that we can assist with supportive services, referrals and educate the individual and family," said John. When abuse is suspected, APS uses a client- and family-centered approach where the client and family members lead the process. The team works to maintain elderly and vulnerable adults within the family structure and to strengthen capacity by collaborating and coordinating supportive resources to maintain their independence, wellbeing and safety. "Our main priority is the safety and wellbeing of our client, and we want to do it in a way that empowers vulnerable adults to accept support from family or Community programs. This is how we put com-

passion into action—by building relationships and building trust," said John. To create awareness of this critical issue, the Senior Services APS team is hosting an **Elder Abuse Awareness Walk on at Friendship Park on Wednesday, June 26, 8-9:30 a.m. (See ad on page 10).** "The global theme for World Elder Abuse Awareness this year is Be the One, because when our Community is educated in how to recognize signs of abuse, you can Be the One to give a voice to help our most vulnerable. We'd like to see everyone on the 26th. It will be fun and will truly make a difference," said John.



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Five SRPMIC Employees Complete Advanced Standing Social Work Program at ASU

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members who receive services within the SRPMIC Social Services Department will now be receiving services from five new graduates from Arizona State University's Advanced Standing Master of Social Work program.

Eldra Fred, Jade Puicon, Becky Carino, Tiye De Leon and Michelle Bustamante each graduated with a master's degree in social work in May.

The ASU Advanced Standing Program is for students who have earned a bachelor's degree in social work within the last six years while maintaining at least a 3.2 GPA. The one-year accelerated program begins every May. While enrolled in the program, students receive training in clinical social work practice areas including children and families, health, behavioral health and child welfare. Upon completion, students will have the understanding and knowledge to further assess children and families involved in the SRPMIC Social Services Department.

On May 10, Social Services held a celebration luncheon for the five graduates.

"We are so proud of you," said SRPMIC Assistant Social Services Director Kellianne Richards during her welcoming speech. "Thank you for your contributions to our program and for all that you do to help this Community."

Christopher Sharp, MSW, MPA, director of the Office of American Indian Projects within ASU's School of Social Work, attended the luncheon and provided each of the graduates with an official ASU tote bag full of Sun Devil goodies.

"We've had a long-standing partnership with SRPMIC, specifically with [the] Social Services [Department]. I'm really proud to see our graduates here," said Sharp.

He added, "Salt River has a Title IV-E program. [There are] only 12 tribes in the country that have this program. The Navajo Nation was the first one."

Title IV-E is part of the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980. The program provides

federal matching funds for states administering foster care and adoption assistance programs. The purpose of Title IV-E is to strengthen the public child-welfare workforce by strengthening the skills of child-welfare social workers.

"We [ASU] have only had three Title IV-E graduates until this semester. These are the first eight tribal Title IV-E graduates in the entire United States. Congratulations!" Sharp said.



The five employees pictured work within Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Social Services department and graduated with a masters degree in social work this past May.

Top photo (l-r): Michelle Bustamante, Becky Carino, Tiye De Leon, and Jade Puicon.

Right: Eldra Fred.



Senior Services Celebrates Mother's Day with Luncheon

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Senior Services Department held a fun-filled Senior Mother's Day luncheon at the Salt River Community Building on May 10 to celebrate all that moms do for families in the Community.

Senior Services Recreation Coordinator II Camille Tsingine began the luncheon at the podium, thanking the mothers for all they do.

"There's one thing we all have in common here: We all could not have been here without our mothers," Tsingine said. "Celebrate with one another, give each other praise and show that appreciation—not only today, but every day."

Inside the building, the walls were decorated with butterfly crafts and special Mother's Day flowers and oversized balloon arrangements by SRPMIC business Pretty Party Planners AZ.

Mothers, their families and friends enjoyed a photo booth and made the most of opportunities to pose for photos by the balloon arrangements near the stage.

Gift boxes and other prizes were given away to mothers during the raffle portion of the event.

Before being served lunch, guests were treated to two dance performances by the Salt River Senior Steppers dance group.



SRPMIC mothers and their families and friends enjoy the festivities at the Salt River Community Building on May 10 to celebrate Mother's Day.



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Custodial Department Holds March Madness Games

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While many Salt River Pima-Mari-copa Indian Community employees and departments participated in the Human Resources Department's second annual WellPath March Madness Games, SRP-MIC custodial staff just couldn't find the time to get involved in that event.

Night and day shift responsibilities make it so custodial staff cannot attend the WellPath games, such as the Minute to Win It Challenge and a hula hoop relay, so Pedro Gutierrez, training and support custodial manager, came up with an idea to bring the department together for its own interdepartmental March Madness event.

"The games were work related since, especially for the night shift, physical activities were impossible," said Gutierrez.

The games Gutierrez and staff came up with consisted of the following criteria: cleanliness of custodial carts, restroom cleanliness, vacuuming, dusting and window cleaning. Each of the five categories was graded by a point system.

To make the event an even match, custodial staff members on the day shift competed against each other, while workers on the night shift competed against others from the night shift.

"Each of the five criteria was graded by me while they were working," said Gutierrez. "I did my inspection and left when I was done."

The first-place winner was Jessie Fulwilder (Day Shift, WOLF). Other winners included EDU, Night Shift: Tim Olvera (supervisor), Shelbi Joa-



Back row, left to right: Damien Escovedo, Marlayna Butler, Tim Olvera, Maria Gonzales, Alison Porter, Marquis Toney

Front row: Margaret Torres, April Littlecharley, Shelbi Joaquin, Vincent Ramirez

Not pictured: Frank Perez, Serena Perez-Fraijo

quin (lead custodian), Alison Porter, Amy Azule, April Littlecharley, Damien Escovedo, Frank Perez, Margaret Torres, Maria Gonzales, Marlayna Butler, Marquis Toney, Serena Perez-Fraijo and Vincent Ramirez.



Winner - Jessie Fulwilder (Day Shift, WOLF).

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Gilbert Road Bridge Update, May 28, 2024

SUBMITTED BY MARICOPA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) continues on an accelerated schedule on the Gilbert Road Bridge with a goal of reopening two lanes of travel over the Salt River in summer 2024.

Current work includes demolition of the original southbound bridge and laying new asphalt connecting travel from State Route 87 (Beeline Highway) to the new bridge and Thomas Road in Mesa. Following Memorial Day, paving will be underway near the Thomas Road intersection along with installation of a bridge median to separate traffic. In addition, a pedestrian walkway is being installed on the west side of the bridge.

Recent milestones achieved earlier this year include drilling 22 shafts for the bridge piers and pouring the new bridge deck. Enhanced structural protection at both ends of the bridge was added to guard the new structure from future flooding events. The project also includes the installation of a new storm drain and a new 36" waterline as part of SRP's water delivery system.

As with construction projects, weather issues can change construction activities and schedules. MCDOT will continue to monitor storm systems and coordinate with SRP for potential water releases through the completion of the project. The weather in 2024 thus far has allowed construction to continue productively and MCDOT is optimistic that the bridge will have two lanes open for travel in summer 2024.

While the project is close to providing access over Salt River, it is still an active construction zone with heavy moving equipment. The public cannot access or view the project within the construction zone for safety reasons. No unauthorized travel is permitted in the project area. MCDOT is committed to public safety and providing connections to serve the traveling public. The public's patience and cooperation is appreciated while MCDOT completes the Gilbert Road Bridge project.



The original Gilbert Road Bridge is being demolished and removed as part of the project construction. Courtesy of Maricopa Department of Transportation



When compared side-by-side, the width of the new bridge is at least double of the original and will provide for additional lanes of travel. Viewpoint looking south towards Mesa. Courtesy of Maricopa Department of Transportation

An advertisement for Casino Arizona. It features a person dressed as a rockstar, wearing a black top hat with a red band, black face paint around the eyes, and a black jacket. They are sitting at a table with a white tablecloth, holding a menu. The table is set with several wine glasses, salt and pepper shakers, and a brown napkin. The background shows a wall with a large abstract painting. The text "CASINO ARIZONA" is on the left, and "DINE LIKE A ROCKSTAR*" is on the right. Below "CASINO ARIZONA" is the "UNIQUELY ARIZONA" logo. At the bottom, it says "Locally owned and caringly operated by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community." and "Must be 21 years of age or older to participate. Problem gambling? Call 1-800-NEXT-STEP, text NEXTSTEP to 53342 or visit problemgambling.az.gov." The text "* A REAL ONE" is on the right.

SRPMIC Hosts Webinar on Mental Health in the Workplace

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As part of the ongoing educational efforts of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Health and Human Services Department, a webinar discussing mental health in the workplace was held on May 14.

Hosted by SRPMIC HHS Community Health Educator Melanie Nosie, the webinar discussed important topics regarding mental health and protecting our peace. "We can normalize mental health in general by talking about it. We can read online, study and learn how to take time to reduce the stigma [of seeking counseling and mental health services]," said Nosie.

She detailed how discussing mental health shouldn't be viewed as a negative. "Speak up! Empowerment over shame," she said.

More than 100 SRPMIC members and employees attended the webinar. Throughout the presentation, Nosie ensured that all guests felt safe and supported. Some attendees decided to share different methods they utilize to improve their mental well-being, such as drawing, painting and other forms of self-express-

sion. Exercise also is effective for improving mood. "Practice self-care. Make it a point to get active. Go for a walk. Lift weights. Do something that gets the heart rate going. Clear the mind," suggested Nosie.

Nosie then discussed how burnout in the workplace can affect the quality of a person's work. "When we don't take time off to take care of ourselves, that's a hit on us and prevents us

from doing our jobs well," said Nosie. Constantly working and not using sick or annual leave has a negative impact. "We're only hurting ourselves. We are replaceable in terms of work, so we have to take care of ourselves."

As the webinar continued, Nosie provided examples of how the SRPMIC works to improve the mental well-being of Community members and staff throughout the year. "The Community

hosts Employee Appreciation Day, the March Madness Employee Games and [other] celebrations that take us away from our desks for a bit," she said. "These fun events are meant for us to see people, eat some treats and have fun."

The SRPMIC Employee Assistance Program is available to provide individual counseling and resources for employees going through a difficult time. "We also have the Breeze Connections [SRPMIC's Intranet database], which offers help and assistance to those who need it," said Nosie.

When dealing with intense situations at home, depending on their severity, individuals often struggle trying to find a work/life balance. Open and transparent communication with coworkers/management can reduce stress and anxiety in the workplace and at home.

"It's important to have a supportive manager and work with a team that backs you up on all of the hard work you do," said Nosie. She concluded the webinar by adding, "Be kind, because you don't know what the other person is going through."



Improving mental health at the workplace has become an important topic when discussing quality of work. Graphic courtesy of The U.S. Department of Labor



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Heaven Sepulveda Wins Heard Museum's Eagle Spirit Award

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and Arizona State University doctoral candidate Heaven Sepulveda was chosen by the staff of the Heard Museum in Phoenix to receive the Spring 2024 Doctoral Eagle Spirit Award, which is presented to two exceptional Native graduate students fulfilling a course of study at ASU.

One doctoral candidate and one master's candidate are selected, and each receives a \$500 award. The Master's Eagle Spirit Award recipient was Jame-llyn Ebelacker (Santa Clara Pueblo).

Heard Museum Director of Community Engagement Marcus Monenerkit said that the award, which has been offered since 2011 when it was introduced by Jaclyn Roessel, the Heard's education and public programs director at the time, is presented to a person who is involved in the community as a leader, volunteer, educator, advocate and mentor.

"The award is a great opportunity to show people that we can work through and past our differences and challenges," said Monenerkit. "All of the applicants have a compelling story grounded in a heartfelt personal experience, and it is impacting their communities despite the lack of resources and time that many of us face."

Sepulveda is in her third year of earning her doctorate in leadership and innovation from ASU. Her research is focused on language revitalization and cultural preservation within Salt River Schools. As part of her research, she has visited many different tribal villages and



Heard Museum Director of Community Engagement Marcus Monenerkit (left) and Heaven Sepulveda (right) pose for a photo as Sepulveda holds up her Heard Museum's Eagle Spirit Award. Photo courtesy of Heaven Sepulveda

nations to see what they are doing to preserve tribal language and culture and what can be implemented at the SRP-MIC.

"I am honored to be selected for this prestigious award. The Heard Museum is well respected in Indian Country," said Sepulveda. "Everyone who has helped me in any way on my research from different tribal communities [is] well informed [about] what the Heard does to honor and preserve Indigenous cultures. This award belongs to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the work being done in O'odham-Piipaash language revitalization and

cultural preservation."

Sepulveda's strong record of community service and dedication as a servant leader was a big factor in the Heard's decision to present the award to her, according to Monenerkit.

"Her role as vice-chair for the Salt River Schools Education Board illustrates a commitment to education leadership," he said. "Her narrative emphasized the value of relationships and was underscored by her innovative educational language bus tour she proposed to assist in bridging cultural gaps, building allies and promoting richer understanding in education."

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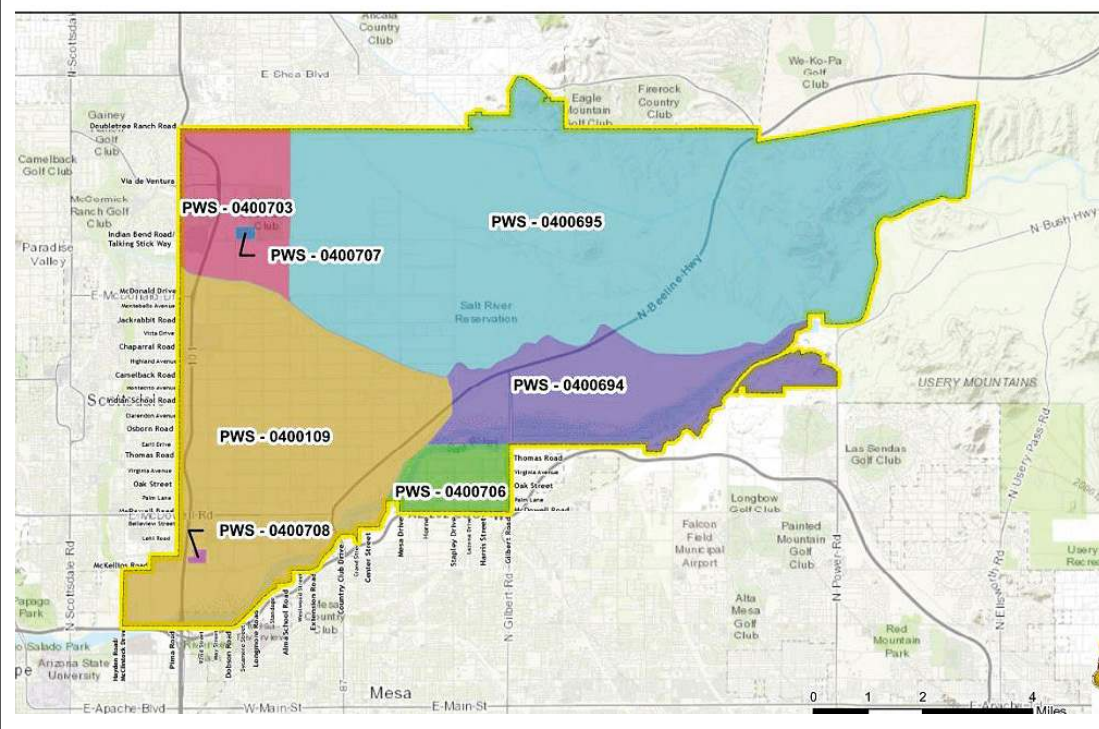
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DEFAULT NOTICES			
R.B. NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0018 Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 28th day of February, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent R.B. shall pay child support to Petitioner, B. P. monthly. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within 30 days of service of this order and once every thirty (30) days thereafter until this order expires or otherwise modified. The Order of support presumptively terminates May 30th, 2039. This order is final for purposes of appeal. Please contact the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court for any questions regarding this matter at 480-362-6315 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.	CARLOS, ANTHONY SVEGI JUDUM DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-1340 To: Anthony Svegi Judum Carlos, 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 2nd of April, 2024 CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT CARLOS, ANTHONY SVEGI JUDUM CV-24-0847 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE TO: Anthony Svegi Judum Carlos,	Respondent YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 10th day of July 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for an Order to Show Cause and Entry of Default Judgment Hearing on May 9th, 2024. FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code of Ordinances. ORDERED this May 9th, 2024 Judge Raymond L. Deer, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT N.S.E. NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT TO RESPONDENT N. S. E. Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0018 Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 4th day of January, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent N. S.E. shall pay child support to Petitioner, B. P. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within 30 days of service of this order and once every thirty (30) days thereafter until this order expires or otherwise modified. The Order of support presumptively terminates May 30th, 2039. This order is final for purposes of appeal. Please contact the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court for any questions regarding this matter at 480-362-6315 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

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By: Bryce McGertt | SRMG Executive

SRMG Donates to Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Awareness Event

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Leading up to this significant day, individuals can be seen wearing red handprints and red attire, participating in marches, and attending rallies, all aimed at raising awareness and providing resources to support those who have been or are affected.

Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) donated t-shirts for over 300 attendees of an MMIP Awareness event hosted by Tribal Council Members Cheryl Doka and Wi-Bwa Grey at the Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA) football field.

The SRMG Team expresses gratitude to the tribal council members for the opportunity to contribute to a meaningful cause.



Thank you, Council Members Cheryl Doka & Wi-Bwa Grey!

Council Members Cheryl Doka & Wi-Bwa Grey pose with t-shirt design for MMIP Awareness.
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ONGOING

TUTORING AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY, Tuesday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 45-minute or 90-minute sessions available. To register please contact Recreation Education at (480) 362-5652 or visit <https://sugeni.us/4D99>

YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION, Mondays 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.

YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION, Fridays 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed. **Last Fridays of Each Month are YOGA BINGO with prizes!

WATER AEROBICS AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY POOL, 45-minute sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No registration required. Questions? Call (480) 362-6310

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP, First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.

NICWA SPONSORED POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING, 8 sessions happening weekly on Wednesdays beginning May 8, 4:30 - 6 p.m. at River People Health Center. For more Info & to Sign Up: Text or Call Glenndalyn Naqua-Hyeoma at (602) 784-0979

WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Wellbriety is a Native American recovery fellowship that blends spiritual practice with the 12-Step pro-

gram. Its approach to recovery focuses on healing and is rooted in the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. Wellbriety emphasizes creating new thought patterns, attitudes, and feelings about sobriety based on traditional concepts and Native American teachings.

TALKING CIRCLE FOLLOWING WELLBRIETY, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Following the Wellbriety session, participants are invited to join the Talking Circle to share insights and experiences related to living in recovery and honoring traditional practices, including fellowship, community, and connection. Talking Circle sessions also take place every Wednesday and Friday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE, 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss general challenges that accompany service in the our military.

CRAFT COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING, Support group for families of loved ones battling substance abuse/addiction/dependence. Fridays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at RPHC Room 3106 (3rd Floor) For More Information please contact Shea Hinton at (480) 362-2739

SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORIENTATION, Bi-weekly on Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Human Resources, Two Waters Building B.

Walk-ins welcomed! Contact (480) 362 2650 for more information.

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7 FIRST FRIDAYS WITH HIGHER ED, 10 a.m. to noon 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! Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts, and feel confident about your higher education goals. Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register for the meeting link or to ask questions!

7 33RD REBURIAL CEREMONY, Procession will begin at sundown at Center St. & Thomas Rd. Open only to SRPMIC CM & other Native Americans. Recording of any kind is prohibited. No alcohol, drugs, or firearms/weapons. No gang activity or attire. Traditional dinner following the Ceremony at the Memorial Hall.

8 MESQUITE PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Saturday, 8 a.m. -11 a.m. 10005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ (Southeast corner of Longmore & Osborn). Learn more about the Miesquite pod, picking season, recipes & more. Join us for this event during Second Saturday at the museum! Free & Open to the Public, see you there! Contact for any questions: (480) 362-6320.

11 ZUMBA PARTY, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building- Raffles- Questions? Lynn Michelle Teno-

rio (480) 362-5606 or lynn.tenorio2@srpmic-nsn.gov

12 BEADING CIRCLE FOR ADULTS, Salt River Tribal Library hosts a Beading Circle for adults, every other Wednesday. Drop in with your beading supplies from 5:30-8 p.m. Join us for some good company to create, laugh and share your knowledge of beading with like-minded people. For more information, please call Salt River Tribal Library at (480) 362-6600

12 QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING – LEHI, 5 p.m. at Lehi Community Building. TRAFFIC REMINDER: Gilbert Road Bridge is CLOSED, use alternate route to reach Lehi Community Building. Questions? Contact Council Secretaries at (480) 362-7466

13 ADULT WIOA PROGRAM, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at the Two Waters Building "B"- Conference Room B102 Cottonwood (X'aa). Learn about WIOA eligibility requirements; program services for enrolled participants; guidance toward obtaining career goals through education & training. For more information contact: (480) 362-7950.

14 SRPMIC DAY COMMUNITY EVENT, Two Waters Complex from 6 pm to 10 pm. Vendors and information booths will be on site, artisans, food, and music by Native Thunder. For more information contact Community Relations Events at (480) 362-7740. See ad on page 14.

14 SRPMIC DAY – SRPMIC GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED, please plan accordingly.

16 FATHER'S DAY, don't forget to wish your dad a great day.

19 JUNETEENTH, – SRPMIC Government Offices will be closed, please plan ac-

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25 ALA CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION, The Accelerated Learning Academy will honor its Class of 2024 graduates on Tuesday, June 25, at noon at the Talking Stick Resort Ballroom. Call the ALA at (480) 362-2130 with any questions.

25 PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Two Waters, Bldg. B. Room 106. Pathway to Homeownership Program. This class is open to SRPMIC Community Members that would like to learn about the program requirements and how to prepare financially to apply for a mortgage loan with SRFSI. To register, email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov or call (480) 362-7833.

26 ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS WALK, 8 a.m. check in and 8:30 a.m. walk begins at Friendship Park. The walk with recognize and bring awareness to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The walk is sponsored by the Senior Services Adult Protective Services. T-shirts for the first 60 walkers! Sizes are limited. For more information contact: (480) 362-6350 and ask for the APS team. See article on page 7 and ad on page 10.