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"To live a healthier lifestyle."



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"Make this year a better year than last year."



GABRIEL PENUNURI
"Having a slim waist and a pretty face."

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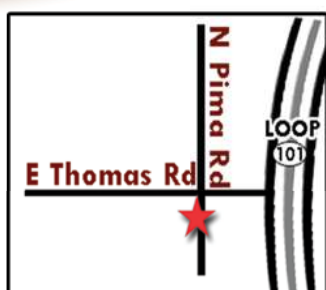
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SRFD Recognizes Excellence with Annual Awards Ceremony

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As the year 2023 wound down to a close, the Salt River Fire Department hosted its annual dinner and awards presentation at the Courtyard Marriott on Saturday, December 16.

Acting Fire Chief Tsosie Wood served as the emcee for the event, which took place in the banquet hall inside the Courtyard Marriott. Dinner was served, and there was also a photo booth for SRFD staff and their loved ones to enjoy during the event.

Chief Wood made sure to recognize the service and commitment that all of the SRFD staff have showcased during 2023. Up on the screen, a video and slideshow honored the brave firefighters who gave their life in the line of duty, highlighted new promotions in the department, and welcomed the new probationary firefighters who have recently joined the ranks of the SRFD.

Before handing out awards, Chief Wood invited SRPMIC President Martin Harvier up to the front to say a few words.

"I want you all to know [that at] every Council meeting we start with a prayer. We [pray that] our first responders, police and fire department are safe when they're doing their job," he said. "We all want you to come home safe, every day."

Near the end of his speech, President Harvier said, "Before I finish, I want to thank Chief Wood for stepping in and stepping up. I think he's done a good job."

SRPMIC Council members Deanna Scabby and Cheryl Doka also said a few words about how blessed they felt to have been in the presence of so many heroes.

"It's an honor to be here. I was recently at the firefighter graduation in Mesa," began Scabby, "and when I first walked into the room, I almost cried. It was so amazing, so intense. I know what you [go] through. You put your lives in danger. Thank you so much for being in our fire department," she said.

Council member Doka then congratulated the new SRFD graduates. "Be sure to take care of yourself. You have so much support in this room, and there's a lot of resources here for you," she said.

Four prestigious awards were presented. The Brendan Bessee Award for Rookie of the Year went to Laurence Tom. The award for Paramedic/EMT of the Year went to Angel Hudgens. Capt. Jack Bellefeuille won the award for Firefighter of the Year. The SRFD Officer of the Year, Capt. Steve Wood, was unavailable due to working his shift.

The 2023 Fire Marshal Frank Molina Prevention Award went to Robert Scabby. During his acceptance speech, Scabby thanked his family and loved ones and shared insights on how he performs his duties day in and day out.

"I'm truly honored to be here, and congratulations to all the firefighters who have just started," he said. Scab-



Robert Scabby (left) received the 2023 Fire Marshal Frank Molina Prevention Award and was congratulated by acting Fire Chief Tsosie Wood.

by expressed his appreciation to the SRFD and spoke about the important work they all do. "The coolest part [for me] this year was working with the at-risk youth and the court-ordered kids. By day three they were asking me how to be a firefighter. If we can change one life, that makes it all better. Thank you."

After the awards ceremony, the SRFD team and their loved ones spent the rest of the evening socializing. Toward the end of the night, Chief Wood and his staff handed out raffle prizes, which included a Yeti thermos, a karaoke machine, an ice chest and a 55-inch television.

Nearly half of the recent graduates from the 2023-2 Heat Seeker class left the award ceremony early, as the following day they would be on shift for the first time as probationary firefighters for the SRFD.

Salt River Fire Department Honors

NEW PROMOTIONS

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Mink

PROMOTION TO ENGINEER

Anthony Garcia
Jimmy Molina

PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN

Ray Cartagena
Chris Hertzog
Jared Miles
Joe Vesely

PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS

Carlos Aguilera
Jessie Alvarado
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Michael Diaz
Daniel Garcia
Shannon Glynn
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Josh Kennedy
Luis Lopez
Liz Otano
Rilee Rhees
Christopher Robison
Adam Ruiz
Nathaniel Saldivar
Adrienne Scabby
Jayden Waterman
Pierce Willcutt
Kalib Zaso



The Brendan Bessee Award for Rookie of the Year went to Laurence Tom.



Fire Marshal Dustin Zamboni speaks a few words about the courage and dedication of the SRFD while acting Fire Chief Tsosie Wood and SRPMIC President Martin Harvier await to congratulate the awardees.



Paramedic/EMT of the Year was awarded to Angel Hudgens.



Jared Miles was congratulated by his fiancée Monica Patino as it was also announced that he was promoted to SRFD Captain.



Ray Cartagena was promoted to Captain and was congratulated by his spouse.

Senior Services' First Service Project Spreads Warmth and Holiday Cheer to Seniors at The Caring House

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Senior Services recently completed its first service project: a field trip to The Caring House in Gila River to deliver handmade blankets and sing holiday carols in O'odham.

More than 30 seniors from the Community joined in the project, making blankets on Monday evenings for four weeks. Eighteen of them delivered the blankets and holiday treats in person to residents of The Caring House on December 7. They also sang carols in O'odham for the residents.

The project was spearheaded by Senior Services Health & Wellness Manager Celinda Joe.

"Health and wellness is about more than exercise and eating right. I am a key believer that giving of yourself promotes emotional, spiritual and psychological wellness," said Joe. "When you are serving others, you are not thinking of yourself. Helping others brings us joy and makes us feel good."

She was aided by Senior Services Cultural Coordinator Kahneena Jones, who worked with the Community seniors so they could sing the carols in O'odham.

"Language and culture are a vital piece of who we are as an O'odham and Piipaash community, and this was a great opportunity to share the beauty of the O'odham language with our relations in The Caring House," said Jones. "This event was really special because we could see the positive impact we were having on the residents, and it meant so much to us to have been there and for them to know how much we love and care for them."

Senior Services Caregiver Coordinator Cheryl Tate also contributed, involving some of the caregivers in the program with the project.

"Involving the caregivers and working seniors added to the success of this project," said Joe.

Pat Jefferson was among the seniors who participated in the project. She was touched by the experience.

"It was humbling to see the residents smiling and singing with us. They were so happy when we introduced ourselves and they wanted to visit," said Jefferson. "It was a wonderful experience, and I am glad I took part in it."

Joe looks forward to creating more service projects in 2024, especially among the sibling communities of Ak-Chin, Gila River and Tohono O'odham.

"Many of our seniors were excited to see and speak O'odham with their distant relatives within the Gila River community. We would like to complete more service projects in the future to continue to keep us all connected," said Joe.



Community seniors spread holiday cheer with gifts and carols sung in O'odham for the residents of The Caring House in Gila River. Photo by Ravenna Curley/Senior Services



SRPMIC seniors sang carols and delivered handmade blankets to the residents of The Caring House in Gila River on December 7. They were part of a larger group that made blankets over a four-week period for Senior Services' first service project. Photo by Ravenna Curley/Senior Services



Senior Services Mascot Toby Toodles made his premiere, adding more fun to the evening at The Caring House. Residents who were unable to attend the gathering were visited in their rooms. Photo by Ravenna Curley/Senior Services



The students nominated by their teacher for the month of December were recognized at the Student of the Month presentation with President Harvier and Vice-President Leonard as special guests.

SRES Recognizes December Students of the Month

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Each month, Salt River Elementary School recognizes students from each grade at the Salt River Rising Student of the Month presentation. The chosen students are honored for their achievement in the classroom.

December's recipients were Kaiser Platero (FACE Preschool), Jayden Spex (Kindergarten), Ryan Kann (Kindergarten), Sky Ludlow (Kindergarten), Pharoah Benally (1st Grade), Royalty Iron-Leggins (1st Grade), Serenity Thomas (1st Grade), Naniba Castanos (1st Grade), Mya Beach (2nd Grade), Lyonia Acosta (2nd Grade), Aiyana Taylor (3rd Grade), Hennellie Blie (3rd Grade), Violet Andrews-Bark (4th Grade), Phoenix Lewis-Craddock (4th Grade), Kaleb Lewis-Garcia (5th Grade), Sa'vik Judum Lewis-Spencer (5th Grade), Maxxos Lewis Calvin (6th Grade) and Vera Antone-Yellowhair (6th Grade).

Special guests SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard shared some words of encouragement for the honored students.

"Keep being strong about getting your education. That's one thing that is truly

a power: getting a good education," said Harvier. "But also, treat each other the way you want to be treated. Treat people nicely."

Each student received a certificate, a gift bag and a voucher for a free pizza from Peter Piper Pizza.



Students Hennellie Blie and Aiyana Taylor hand President Harvier and Vice-President Leonard an "affirmation jar" made by the students.

"I got the award by helping others," said student Lyonia Acosta. "I got the award before, so I wasn't too nervous."

Salt River Elementary School students Royalty Iron-Leggins and Kaleb Lewis-Garcia were voted as the Lower and Upper Elementary Students of the Month and will be recognized next month at the January 16 Education Board Meeting.

Salt River S'gevk and Nyaa Thosh Refine Their Chair Volleyball Talents



Members of Nyaa Thosh and SR S'gevk participated in several chair volleyball scrimmage games during the morning of December 19.

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On December 19, athletes from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community chair volleyball teams SR S'gevk and Nyaa Thosh held an exhibition game at the Way of Life Facility.

The teams had a boombox blasting their favorite music as they battled head-to-head on the gymnasium court. They kept score during each of the matches and everyone made sure all played fair.

Earlier in December, SR S'gevk and Nyaa Thosh, along with four other Community chair volleyball teams, participated in the annual Ak-Chin Masik Tas Chair Volleyball Tournament.



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Living with HIV/AIDS: A Survivor's Story



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Recently, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Health and Human Services Suicide Prevention and Intervention Program hosted an online Microsoft Teams gathering to help eliminate the stigma against HIV/AIDS.

"December 1 was World Aids Day," began Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty as she detailed her department's event last month, which she facilitated, along with Melanie Nosie, at the Round House Café. "I would like to thank you for attending the events and webinars we've featured throughout the year," she said to the online attendees as she introduced guest speaker Josmar Escobar for the last webinar of 2023.

Escobar bared his soul to the attendees as he detailed how he learned to reverse the course of his life for the better while still being HIV positive.

"I was 22 when I found out I was HIV positive," said Escobar. "I got a tip from my friend that my ex was with someone else while I was away. I took a test and found out I had HIV. I freaked

out," admitted Escobar. He eventually broke up with his significant other and shared with the class that his ex's behavior could have resulted in jail time. "I could've put him in jail, but I'm not going to. I [just] wished to be left alone. I thought my world was done," he said.

During this time, Escobar had a suspicious approach toward any medication, especially medications that can treat HIV. "I was very [closed off] about taking medicine. I had never needed medicine in my life. So, I denied it."

He added, "Then my stomach started hurting. My stools were black and not solid. It made me feel like something was really wrong and off. That's what made me go to the doctor." At a crossroads, Escobar had to look deep within himself. "I asked myself, 'Do I want to live, just survive, or live my best life?' I chose to live my best life," he stated.

His doctor prescribed the medication Odefsey, a medication that is used to treat HIV in people who have never taken HIV medications before. It is not a cure for HIV or AIDS.

"I have to take it every day; that's what makes me undetectable. (Undetectable means the amount of HIV virus

is undetectable with a blood test.) The medicine works. It makes me feel like I'm living a full and happy life," said Escobar.

Now happily married, Escobar serves as an ambassador for Positively You, an organization that is trying to eradicate HIV by 2030. "I was out of work for a while and didn't know what to do or how to get my medicine. I didn't have AHCCCS insurance. My doctor recommended me to [Positively You] and they provided me with free medical services, including dental [care]."

Realizing his inner strength and newfound passion for life, Escobar is proud to share his story with others who may be in a similar situation.

"The biggest obstacle was myself. I was holding myself back. I was in my own head," he admitted.

Currently, Escobar is featured on a billboard in downtown Phoenix for Positively You, an accomplishment he is proud of. "If ever you're in Phoenix, you can go see me and say hi," he said with a smile.

More information on resources for HIV/AIDS is available at the Positively You website, <https://positivelyyouaz.com>.



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SRPD Receives K9 Vests From NAGI Foundation and Together Saving Paws

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Two local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, the NAGI Foundation and Together Saving Paws, recently teamed up to provide ballistic vests for the Salt River Police Department.

NAGI founder Sheila Iyengar often partners with the Community to donate goods and provide services to pet owners throughout the year. One of the missions of Together Saving Paws founder Kim Slaughter is to keep police K9s safe by purchasing bulletproof vests for them.

SRPD K9 Sgt. Christopher Morin said that the department initially met with Iyengar and Slaughter in June 2023, when Iyengar told them about her foundation. At the meeting, it was brought up that the department could use ballistic vests for a couple of the K9s.

"Kim, without hesitation, said she wanted to cover the costs for as many ballistic vests as we needed," said Morin.

"The NAGI Foundation has provided a service to the Community for a very long time. We are very grateful that the NAGI Foundation found another way to provide for the Community, using their vast experience and contacts to provide the police department with great equipment," Morin said.

Morin was told about the vests by SRPD Commander Anthony Sandoval. The vests offer both ballistic and sharp-object protection to the K9s' vital organs in the most dangerous police situations.

The vests, called StreetFighter vests, are from a tactical gear company based in Canada called LOF Defence Systems. Since Together Saving Paws is a non-profit, it was able to purchase the vests at a fraction of the price.



SRPD Officer Drew Musacchio stands with his K9 as they show off the new ballistic vests donated to the Salt River Police Department.

The donation caught the attention of local news stations AZ Family, ABC15 and Fox 10, who came out to capture a demonstration of the equipment with the SRPD.

"We decided to meet at the park on 86th and Thomas. It is a quiet park, so that K9s could demonstrate some of their obedience and play without any disturbance from other people or dogs," said Iyengar. "To see all of us working together really made the story special."

Slaughter said that Together Saving Paws currently has 9 K9s on a waitlist across the country for the vests.

Besides the usual monthly animal health clinics in the Community, Iyengar said that NAGI is in the process of working with tribal leadership to develop the "first of its kind (on tribal land)" Animal Enrichment and Community Center.

To learn more about Together Saving Paws, head to their website, www.TogetherSavingPaws.org. More information about the NAGI Foundation can be found at www.NagiFoundation.org.

Salt River Food Bank Spreads Joy at Holiday Ham Giveaway



Food Bank Volunteers helped Community members fill their cart with a ham and box of produce.

Angelina Dallas with her Christmas brunch ham.

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To celebrate the holiday season and assist families with the expense of providing a holiday feast, the Salt River Food Bank hosted its annual Holiday Ham Giveaway on December 19.

The giveaway is sponsored by the St. Mary's Food Bank and provides enrolled members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community with food to create a family holiday meal.

Starting at 10 a.m., the event attracted a long line of Community members, going out the door and wrapping around the food bank building. Within an hour, the hams ran out.

To keep the holiday spirits up, Community youth Zalin Antone handed out handmade candy cane reindeers to those waiting patiently in line.

Inside the building, Christmas cumbia music fueled the busy morning as Community members were checked in by staff and given their choice of a ham or a \$20 voucher good at Bashas' grocery store.

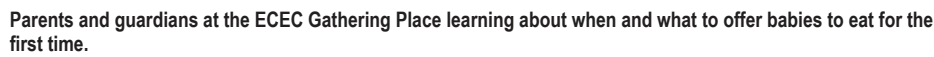
In addition to their ham or gift voucher, Community members were also given boxes of produce consisting of potatoes, eggs and an assortment of fruit.

This year, the event was able to distribute 100 hams and 250 boxes of produce to families in the Community. Attendees left with trunks full of food for their week of cooking ahead.

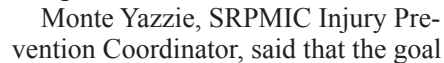
"I'm very fortunate to participate in this giveaway our Community does for us," said Community member Angelina Dallas. "I plan to use the ham for our family's Christmas brunch."

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“Traditional foods are a delicious roadmap to healthy eating,” said Fisher. “Rather than relying on highly processed



In addition to learning how to make baby food using traditional ingredients, parents and guardians learned about safe



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... AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



PAT VILLALPANDO
"To be healthier."



WILFRED CHARLIE
"To retire this year."



SALINA SAMPSON
"To be more financially ready and to be outdoors more."



DESIREE LEWIS
"To live life with no worries."



TRAVIS CUCH
"Save money, travel more, and spend more time with the family."



CARLOS HILLAN
"To get fit and get into my arts and crafts."



The Pharoah's Fury ride was popular among thrill-seekers.



The NYE Celebration had rides from 12pm-12am.



Party hats and accessories for the new year were given out at 7pm to carnival attendees.



The New Year's Eve Carnival provided a fun night of fireworks and carnival rides to families.



Levi Lewis and his friends take on the carnival rides.



Southern Scratch brought everyone out to the dance floor in the gym for cumbias.



The family-friendly rides made the NYE Carnival a joy for all ages.



From the top of the Ferris Wheel, carnival attendees could see the entire event below them.



DJ Reflekshin played popping music to bring in the new year.

A Night to Remember: SRPMIC New Year's Eve Celebration

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Near the corner of Longmore and McDowell roads, fireworks burst across the sky above the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the annual New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31.

The holiday tradition continued this year on the grounds of the Salt River Community Building. Surrounding parking lots near the Salt River baseball fields were full of cars with families out to enjoy an

evening of fun.

"It was a great event!" said SRPMIC events coordinator Adrian Sixkiller. "People enjoyed the live entertainment, local food vendors, fireworks show and carnival rides. It was definitely the place to be for New Year's!"

The celebration began at noon with carnival rides such as the Wacky Bounce, Tiger Slide, Merry Go Round, Zero Gravity, Pharoah's Fury and the large Ferris wheel called the Euro Wheel, among many others. Magic by Robbie

provided entertainment for families arriving during the afternoon.

Wristbands good for unlimited rides were presold before the event for \$5 each. All proceeds benefited the Salt River Community Children's Foundation, which had a booth at the event.

A well-rounded lineup of music genres was heard echoing from the outdoor stage to the Salt River Gym as One Way Sky, Southern Scratch, DJ Reflekshin and DJ Jermatik all supplied music to dance the

night away into 2024.

The Traditional O'odham & Piipaash Social began at 7 p.m. inside the Salt River Community Building, where SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard led traditional gourd songs with other groups.

At 7 p.m., free New Year's Eve party favors were given out, and by 8 p.m. the first fireworks began crackling.

For more photos, go to www.oodhamnews.org



The carnival rides were so popular, the \$5 wristbands ended up selling out.



Alvin Miguel goes down the Fun Slide with his family.



Families celebrated the new year with some cumbias by Southern Scratch.



Thrill-seekers on the Pharoah's Fury ride held on tight as the ride swang from side to side.



Inside the Salt River Recreation Building, O'odham and Piipaash socials took place.



CODY ACHIN
"I want to read more and be more in the moment."



ALYSIA CHASE
"Continue my sobriety, try to be more involved in the Community, become more focused on mental health, and be helpful to our youth. Keep pushing forward, even when there are bad days."



RAINBOE DUARTE
"Whatever the vibe is, and to have more positive energy this year."



JON YAZZIE
"Get more certifications and training for my career."



ERICA SCHURZ
"Work on myself as a mother and to grow as both an individual and a parent."

Youth Services Art Mentorship Program Creates New Mural at VA II Neighborhood



All four sides of the new mural created by the Youth Services Art Mentorship Program at the VA II restrooms. Photos courtesy of Natasha Martinez.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Youth Services Department's Art Mentorship Program is creating new opportunities for youth to become involved in creating art in the Community.

After School Program Youth Development Specialist Natasha Martinez said that the latest art installation at the VA II neighborhood in December ensured that even those who aren't currently enrolled in the program had the opportunity to benefit from the Community's resources.

"We wanted to be inclusive and make these resources available to all, regardless of their participation in our Mentorship Program," said Martinez.

The initial plan by the Mentorship Program was to host an introductory spray-painting mural event open to the Community's youth; however, with the VA II

clubhouse undergoing renovations, the program reached out to supportive contacts at Public Works for another option.

Impressed by past mural projects at the VA II clubhouse and the Salt River Justice building, Public Works extended the group an offer to paint murals on the restrooms at both the VA I and VA II parks.

"Our aim was to showcase elements found in the Salt River region, including saguaro cactuses, a cactus wren, majestic mountains and the breathtaking sunsets that grace the area," said Martinez.

"To infuse a vibrant urban touch, we incorporated graffiti into the mural, featuring the O'odham word *jeved*, meaning land, within the mountain."

Martinez said the project provided a collaborative opportunity for both first-time painters and youth with prior experience to come together. Older participants with more painting experience guided and demonstrated the use

of spray cans to those who were newer to the process throughout the project, she said.

The cans of spray paint had special tips that controlled the size of the paint spray as it was applied on surfaces. Youth were equipped with gloves, masks and stepladders during the activity.

Martinez said that painting murals fosters artistic and creative expression, Community engagement, and a sense of pride—not only for the kids, but also for the Community members who get to pass by the mural every day.

"These murals serve as a visual representation of shared stories, values and culture, and I hope that they have a positive impact on the Community," Martinez said.

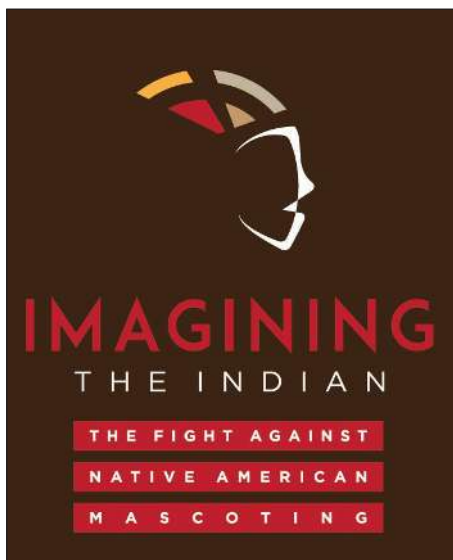
Documentary Explores Impact of Native American Mascots

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The ongoing topic of mascots in the professional sports community is finding new audiences with *Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting*, an award-winning documentary that was recently screened at Scottsdale Community College.

The documentary explores the history of using Native Americans as mascots throughout all levels of sports and entertainment, paying special attention to the harmful stereotypes from which many such images originate. While some may believe the battle was won when the football team in Washington changed their name, much of the documentary is spent exploring the past, present and future of many other troubling (mis) representations in professional sports, films and television.

The call for change is not a consensus among Native populations, however, and the film explores that by asking this question: Does it need to be? The argument made is that matters of opinion



Imagining the Indian held a screening at Scottsdale Community College.

and preference are greatly overshadowed by what research shows to be a harmful practice, particularly impacting Native youth. *Imagining the Indian* is expected to be released on Amazon for rent or purchase in early 2024.



Aman Blackhorse and Professor James Riding in in Phoenix, AZ. Photo Courtesy of *Imagining the Indian* Press Kit.

Christmas Joy and Literacy at Reading All the Way Drive-Thru

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Salt River Elementary School students and their families filled the Accelerated Learning Academy's parking lot in festively decorated cars for the Reading All the Way Drive-Thru event on December 12.

The event's theme was inspired by "The Twelve Days of Christmas in Arizona," a children's book by Jennifer J. Stewart. The book follows a young girl, Isabella, as she learns about Arizona through her cousin Carlos's Christmas gifts.

The book adapts the Christmas carol "The 12 Days of Christmas" for the Sonoran Desert, with 12 Mules a-Hauling, 11 Sleds a-Sliding, 10 Sheep a-Leaping, 9 Cowboys Singing, 8 Planets Whirling, 7 Fish a-Jumping, 6 Handmade Treasures, 5 Golden Horns, 4 Hummingbirds, 3 Hard Hats, 2 Tortoises, and A Cactus Wren in a Palo Verde.

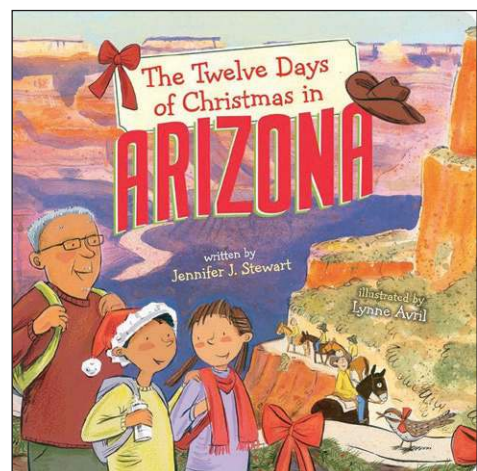
The book was chosen as part of a collaboration between SRES and the Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP) Literacy for All grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Through events like the Reading All the Way Drive-Thru, the grant empowers SRPMIC students and educators with literacy skillsets and opportunities. By inspiring students to embrace reading and writing, the grant hopes to improve career pathways for children later in life.

Families and students could see deco-



Families at the drive-thru event were treated to a special visit from Santa Claus.



"Twelve Days of Christmas in Arizona" by Jennifer J. Stewart was the theme for the festive literacy event.

rated booths and a special visit from Santa Claus as they drove through the course.

Prizes were given to cars with the best holiday spirit and best decorations. Prizes included Legos, puzzles, tote bags and a copy of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" book.

Christmas Raps and Carols Fill ‘A Rapper’s Christmas’ Program



With their Santa Claus hats and sheets of music, the second- and third graders sang "Frosty the Snowman."

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“Kool-Aid on my pickle! Kool-Aid on my gummies! Kool-Aid on my pickle slush, it makes it taste so yummy!” rapped the Kool-Aid Kids. This group of third- and fourth-graders under the musical guidance of Recreation Coordinator I Gabriel Penunuri was one of four groups that performed for the Community Recreation Services “A Rapper’s Christmas” program on December 14 in the Pi-Copa Gym.

The Christmas program’s theme was chosen by the students to share original rap songs and classic Christmas tunes for their families and friends.

While the performances took place, attendees were treated to a hot chocolate bar and dinner of sub sandwiches.

The first group of performers, the students in kindergarten and first grade, danced away to the Reindeer Pokey while wearing fuzzy reindeer ears, silver bells and rosy noses.

The second- and third-graders in red Santa Claus hats then took the stage to sing “Frosty the Snowman.”

Up next was an original performance by the Kool-Aid Kids of their original

song “Kool-Aid” and Penunuri’s version of “Jingle Bell Rock.”

“We sing about what we like,” said Penunuri. “Kool-Aid came up because we were talking about all of the different rez snacks that incorporate Kool-Aid.”

Following the raps, the fifth- and sixth-grade students closed the performances with “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree,” “I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas” and “Last Christmas.”

Penunuri said, “Going into the new year, I am hoping to get our CRS music program up and off the ground so we can continue to make more songs with the kids.”



Mazlynn Howard (right) from the Kool-Aid Kids, solos during a verse in the third- and fourth- graders original song "Kool-Aid".

Santa Claus Visits ECEC During Winter Wonderland Celebration



Top left: Santa Claus visited the ECEC classrooms where the students sang to him in O’odham. Bottom left: The ECEC children enjoyed playing in the snow while others decided to build snowmen with the teachers. Right: Using their bare hands to make snowballs, the children were not timid with the snow.

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In the heart of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, there was snow-fall at the Early Childhood Education Center. To help celebrate the holiday season and spread Christmas cheer, the ECEC staff arranged for snow to be imported to the campus ramada area for the Winter Wonderland celebration on December 21.

The students visited the snow during class breaks, ensuring everyone had enough time to enjoy it. Most of the students made snowmen, some attempted to make snow angels, and others playfully tossed snowballs at each other.

During the Winter Wonderland celebration, Santa Claus made an appearance with students in each of the classrooms. To showcase their talents, the students sang in O’odham to Santa as well as “Jingle Bells.”

“Ho, ho, ho, that was wonderful singing,” said Santa to the children. He then asked each of the students what they would like for Christmas, and the ECEC staff assisted Santa in making sure every student received a gift.

Santa made his way back to the North Pole later that day to check his list twice and make sure he had all of the children’s names on his “nice list” this year.

Christmas Angels Parent Shopping Day Brings Gifts to Families in Need

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During the 2023 holiday season in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, 595 children and 178 families total were served by the Community’s Christmas Angels program, led by Annamari Hogan, LPC, Clinical Quality Assurance at SRPMIC Social Services, and her “Elf Squad” of Christmas Angels Committee members.

Social Services has taken on the task of continuing the program for more than 10 years, seven of which have been under Hogan’s watch.

Between October and the first week of December, the program accepts applications from Community-member families to be sponsored for gifts for the holiday season. The names of people who are accepted have traditionally been put on decorated Christmas trees with ornaments in different departments, to be chosen for sponsorship.

Anyone who missed the application cutoff date is put on a supplemental parent shopping list to come in and pick out leftover gifts for families.

The program connected 32 individual sponsors, departments and agencies with more than 400 children for sponsorship.

On Parent Shopping Day, December 19, those families were able to come into the Social Services office and browse among the gifts displayed on tables in a large room. During the event, presents were provided to 188 children from 59 different families. The gifts were separated into categories from small to large.

“After we get through our families that are scheduled to shop, then we open the gifts up for other families who may not have registered for [Parent Shopping Day], and also for case workers that are work-

ing with families who need extra support,” said Hogan. “We don’t want to turn people away.”

This holiday season, the program received more than \$13,000 in monetary and gift card donations.

Funds from the Battle of the Bosses, bake sales and SRPMIC enterprises and other Community-affiliated businesses that have donated money are used to go shopping.

Many departments and divisions also lent a hand by donating gift cards, toys and other items.

Hogan would like to thank the following groups for their dedication and donations: Marriott/Residence Inn, Summit Automation, Tribal Health, DeRito Partners, the Salt River Day Labor Program, SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department, Salt River Materials Group, Casino Arizona/Talking Stick Resort, the SRPMIC Family Advocacy Center, the River People Health Center, Diabetes Prevention and the Zumba instructors, SRPMIC Department of Corrections, the Salt River Police Department, SRPMIC Legal Services Office, SRPMIC Tribal Prosecutors, SRPMIC Social Services, SRPMIC Human Resources/Employee Relations, Scottsdale Community College, the Salvation Army, the Accelerated Learning Academy, Youth Services, Salt River Education, the Early Childhood Education Center, DEVCO and the LDS Women’s Group.

Thanks for their hard work also go out to Hogan’s fellow Christmas Angels department representatives Katrina Ruiz, William Prichard, Blessing Martinez, Char Johnson, Kaitlyn Schurz, Rena Holloway, Matthew Garza, Francisca Hernandez, Carmen Briones, Stacie Mitchell, Heidi Picard, Rebecca Collins and Jason Seepie.



Small-to-medium-sized gifts stacked on a table at the Social Services office for Parent Shopping Day.



Parents and guardians shop for a variety of gifts at the Social Services office for Parent Shopping Day.

Update Enrollment Address for Upcoming Tax Season

If you receive a quarterly Per Capita payment you will receive a 1099-MISC tax form. The information on the 1099-MISC is reportable on your annual income tax form.

The 1099-MISC tax forms are mailed out by January 31st of each year. To ensure accurate mail delivery, please update your address with the Enrollment Office.

If you have questions regarding your address call the Enrollment Office at (480) 362-7729.

For 1099-MISC questions, please call the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7799.

Savvy Senior

Essential Topics You Need to Discuss with Your Aging Parents

Dear Savvy Senior, My siblings and I don't know much about our elderly parent's financial situation or their wishes if and when something happens to them. They are both in their mid-eighties. What's the best way to handle this and what all should we know? Apprehensive Daughter

Dear Apprehensive, Many adult children don't know much about their elderly parent's financial situation or end-of-life plans, but they need to. Getting up to speed on their finances, insurance policies, long-term care plans and other information is important because some day you might have to help them handle their financial affairs or care, or execute their estate plan after they die. Without this information, your job becomes much more difficult. Here are some tips that can help.

Have the Conversation If you're uncomfortable talking to your parents about this, use this column as a prompt or see TheConversationProject.org, which offers free guides that can help you kick-start these discussions. It's also a good idea to get all your siblings involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your parents will know everyone is concerned.

When you talk with your parents, you'll need to collect some information, find out where they keep key documents and how they want certain things handled when they die or if they become incapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas to focus on.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Contacts: Make a list of names and phone numbers of your parent's doctors, lawyer, accountant, broker, tax preparer, insurance agent, etc.
- Medical information: Make a copy of their medical history and a list of medications they take.
- Personal documents: Find out where they keep their Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.
- Secured places: Make a list of places they keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.
- Digital assets: Make a list of their digital assets – everything from social media accounts to online banking. It should include usernames and passwords.
- Pets: If they have a pet, what are their instructions for the animal's care?
- End of life: What are their wishes for organ or body donation, and their funeral instructions? If they've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home, get a copy of the agreement.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS


- Will: Do they have an updated will or trust, and where is it located?
- Power of attorney: Do they have a power of attorney document that names someone to handle their financial matters if they become incapacitated?
- Advance directives: Do they have a living will and a medical power of attorney that spells out their wishes regarding their end-of-life medical treatment? If they don't have these documents prepared, now's the time to make them.

FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Financial accounts: Make a list of their bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets they have.
- Debts and liabilities: Make a list of any loans, leases or debts they have – mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.
- Company benefits: Make a list of any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from their former employers including the contact information of the benefits administrator.
- Insurance: Make a list of the insurance policies they have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents and phone numbers.
- Property: Make a list of the real estate, vehicles or other properties they own, rent or lease and where they keep the deeds, titles and loan or lease agreements.
- Taxes: Find out where they keep copies of past year's tax returns.

You're probably not going to get all this figured out in one gathering, so it's important to keep the conversation going to ensure your parent's wishes will be accurately executed.


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.



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NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION
Fernando Jesus Muniz



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances voted on November 1, 2023 to permanently excluded Fernando Jesus Muniz from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that Fernando Jesus Muniz is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude Fernando Jesus Muniz from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-4098-2023. Fernando Jesus Muniz is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.

To avoid any doubt, but not to limit the broad permanent exclusion order, Fernando Jesus Muniz shall not be permitted to visit 9990 E. Highland Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85256 or at any other location within the Community.




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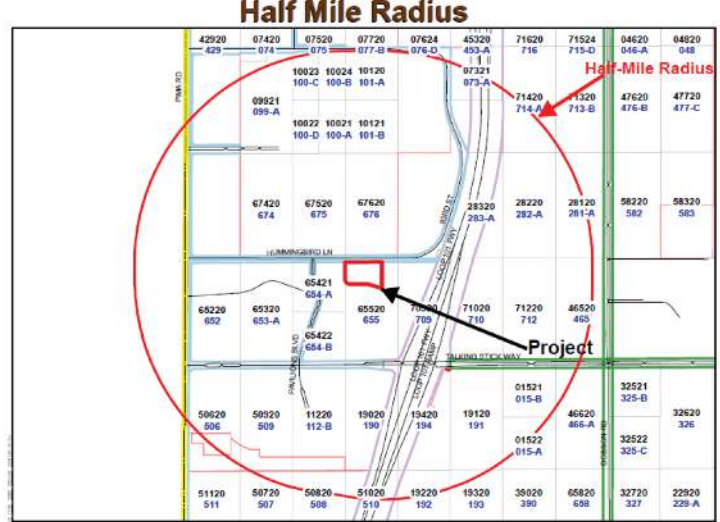
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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

The Land Management Board has scheduled a Community Hearing for a project located on allotted land. We are extending this invitation to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a ½ mile radius to attend this Community Hearing regarding the following:

Staybridge Suites – Architectural Up-lighting
Request for Dimensional Variances (23-DV-01)



Mark Horvath, on behalf of Peerless Hospitality, LLC, is requesting dimensional variances to permit architectural up-lighting on the existing Staybridge Suites hotel within The Pavilions at Talking Stick. The architectural up-lighting will be in three separate locations along the northern elevation of the hotel facing Salt River Fields. The Staybridge Suites hotel is within the C3-PC zoning district, and is located at the southeast corner of Hummingbird Lane and Pavilions Boulevard within The Pavilions at Talking Stick. The dimensional variances to deviate from the SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance (SRO-467-2015) are requested in order to allow the hotel building to be illuminated with lighting.

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: SRPMIC Council Chambers (Longmore & Osborn)

If you have any questions or concerns you may call the Land Management Board Secretary at (480) 362-6865. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Land Management Board Secretary, at 10,005 East Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

NON-LEASE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LIST

Monetary Property
Pursuant to SRO-503-2019, the Finance Department is required to publish a periodic list of individuals for which the Community has unclaimed property. Please note, due to the nature of the property, lease property is handled differently than non-lease property. Please see below for detailed lists and instructions.


Below is the most recent list of NON-LEASE property:
SRPMIC Unclaimed Non-Lease Property List as of 12/18/2023 (see link below)
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/#FinanceUnclaimedProperty>.

To claim unclaimed property (lease and/or non-lease), begin by completing this form and following the directions therein:
Claim for Unclaimed Property (see link below):
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/FIN-2021-UnclaimedPropertyClaimForm.pdf>
For further questions, please contact the Community Unclaimed Property Division at (480) 362-7225. Or visit https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/#FinanceUnclaimedProperty

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ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE	004791A	ENOS	Preston E	044093P
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BARRAZA	Michelle Ann Marie	066219M
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BURKE	Norene Iris	005422N
BURNS	Donna K	078334D
BUTCHER	Kevin W	095286K
BUTLER	Cheryl D	0CH1
BUTLER	Jeffrey Lynn	071586J
BUTLER	Ricky	76528R
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MANUEL	Patricia Elaine	025108P	SAMPSON	Tammy L	034878T
MANUEL	Talon Reaching Skye	076016T	SANCHEZ	Isabella A	089694I
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NAMOKI	Della	046298D	TAYLOR	Delores	082195D
NAPELEE	Betty Jo	066300B	THOMAS	Barrie A	056959B
NAVENMA	Jennifer Lee	048027J	THOMAS	Holyan Ricardo	028967H
NORRIS	Marcus	090530M	THOMAS	Irene J	007420I
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ONTIBEROS	Carol M	081904C	THOMAS	Leigh	52755L
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RAY JR	Jonah F	023762J	WHITE	Elizabeth	001069E
RAYBON	Virginia Louise	050103V	WHITE	Gabriel Siawogi	073226G
RINGLERO	Anthony David	074218A	WHITE	Razmei L	068474R
RIVERS	Zack	044836Z	WHITE	Roxana	044416R
ROBINSON	Christopher	0C	WILLIAMS	Eric Ray	000017E
ROBLEDO JR	Rudolfo	021001R	WILLIAMS	Lucas R	008736L
RODRIGUEZ	Jesse	072052J	WOOD	Dallin Nace	098494D
RODRIGUEZ	Obed	016927O	WOPSOCK	Selene Estelle	080528S
ROMO	Emmaleigh	76424E	WYRICK	Charles Edward	038983C
ROMO	Frank	076374F	YOUNG	Madeline G	0MA
ROY	Rousseau A	013028R	ZAYAS	Cynthia Irene	012288C
RUIZ	Julia Anne Serena	081501J	ZEPEDA	George R	064308G



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE

2024 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2024 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 19, 2024**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729

(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:a.m. to 5 p.m. Arizona time)

The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 11, 2023.

Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 19, 2024. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 11, 2023.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 19, 2024.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

**Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2024.*

LEGAL NOTICES

JUVENILE COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN
COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON
THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS
Agundez III, Raul - Child Support/Request for Child Support Back Payments
Hearing Case: J-15-0155 Court Date: January 24, 2024 at 11 a.m.
Andrews, Dracy Devon - Review Hearing Case: J-23-0040/J-23-
0041/J-23-0042 Court Date: January 8, 2024 at 9 a.m.
Antone, Jordan James - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child
Relationship Hearing Mother: Zakirah Toney (DOB: 11/01/2001) Minors:
C.O.A. (DOB: 06/29/2018) S.A.A. (DOB: 11/14/2019) Case: J-21-
0089/J-21-0090 Court Date: January 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Baptisto, Angelo –Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0007 Court Date:
January 31, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Barraza, Michelle Ann Marie –Review/Status Hearings Case: JV-23-3006
Court Date: January 10, 2024 at 9 a.m.
Burns, Julie Marie Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-24-0016 Court Date:
January 24, 2024 at 2 p.m.
Burns, Christine - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-24-0015 Court Date:
January 25, 2024 at 11 a.m.
Butler, Adam Dustin – Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship
Hearing Mother: Sandra Andrea Lewis (DOB: 02/06/1989) Minor: M.A.B.
(DOB: 08/14/2008) Case: JV-24-0001 Court Date: January 16, 2024 at 9
a.m.
Dawes, Jalyn – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3025/3026
Court Date: January 23, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Enos, Yvette - Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing Case:
J-19-0169/J-21-0060Court Date: January 22, 2024 at 11 a.m.
Francisco, Marissa Martina – Informal Adjustment Agreement Review
Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: January 17, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Francisco, Marissa Martina – Relinquishment of Guardianship Hearing Case:
J-22-0071 Court Date: Case: J-22-0071 Court Date: January 8, 2024 at 1:30
p.m.
Hayes Jr., Kelly - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court Date: February 28,
2024 at 11 a.m.

Lewis, Robi Corey – Mother: Marissa Francisco (DOB: 03/13/1999) Minor:
C.M.L.F. (DOB: 02/08/2020) Informal Adjustment Agreement Review
Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: January 17, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Lewis, Robi Corey – Mother: Marissa Francisco (DOB: 03/13/1999) Minor:
C.M.L.F. (DOB: 02/08/2020) Relinquishment of Guardianship Hearing Case:
J-22-0071 Court Date: January 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Courtroom #3.
Manuel, Morningstar –Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court
Date: January 30, 2024 at 9 a.m.
Paul, Derek Lloyd – Mother: Joanna Marie Alvarez (DOB: 01/28/1974) Minor:
C.N.A. (DOB: 02/27/2009) Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-18-0117
Court Date: January 9, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Ramirez Sr., Gabriel Mark - Mother: Julie Burns (DOB: 01/15/1987) Child:
P.M.R. (DOB: 02/27/2007) Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-24-0016 Court
Date: January 24, 2024 at 2 p.m.
Stacey, Jeffrey Arthur - Mother: Patricia Smith (DOB: 11/23/1981) Child:
A.L.S. (DOB: 05/26/2007), L.S (DOB: 07/12/2008) Review Hearing Case:
J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: January 30, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Swan, Dajuan Anthony - Mother: Anaya Ticer (DOB: 02/22/1996) Child: N.L.T.
(DOB: 10/28/2019) Review Hearing Case: J-22-0127 Court Date: January
25, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Unknown Father/John Doe, – Review/Initial Guardianship Hearings Mother:
Yolanda Thomas (DOB: 02/27/1989) Minor: J.O.T. (DOB: 10/10/2020) Case:
J-23-0021/JV-23-3030 Court Date: January 23, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Unknown Father-Mother: Michelle Barraza, 7/8/1988 Child: Not Named
Barraza Review/Status Hearings Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: January 10,
2024 at 9 a.m.
Valenzuela, Frank Harvier - Review Hearing Mother: Cedagijuk Carpenter
(DOB: 03/24/1987) Minor: C.R.C. (DOB: 05/08/2012) Case: J-19-0055 Court
Date: January 23, 2024 at 9 a.m.
Vest, Jacob –Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date:
January 30, 2024 at 9 a.m.
Wahpeta, April Francine - Permanency Hearing Case: J-23-0027/0028/0029
Court Date: February 26, 2024 at 11 a.m.
Wellington Sr., Spencer - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-24-0015
Court Date: January 25, 2024 at 11 a.m.

CIVIL COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN
COMMUNITY COURT

DEFAULT NOTICES

ANTONE, JORDAN JAMES
SUMMONS
J-21-0089/J-21-0090
I.T.M.O.: C.O.A. (DOB: 06/29/2018)/ S.A.A. (DOB: 11/14/2019)
TO: Jordan James Antone
A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on May 4, 2023 in
this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your
parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of
the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine
whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for
termination of parental rights.
THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Evidentiary Hearing
for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Achin at the
Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale,
Arizona 85256 on January 9, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. in Court Room #3.
Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal
counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the
courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.
NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of
Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good
Cause is Not Shown, the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or
Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for
Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that
the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the
Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in
the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the
Parent may be Terminated.
COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
COURT
CHACA, CHERYL A.
Notice of DECREE of Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce):
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona,
Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number D-23-0013, Romo,
Michael, Petitioner v Chaca, Cheryl A., Respondent.
Notice of DECREE of Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce) is hereby given
ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the grounds for divorce habitual
interperance of either spouse, no minor children, no property acquired
during the marriage and each party is assigned his/her separate property
and debt that is in their name and no spousal maintenance. It is further,
ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the marriage of the parties is dissolved
and the parties are restored to the legal status of single person. This order
is final for purposes of appeal and shall be served on Respondent, Chaca,
Cheryl A. in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of the Dissolution of
Marriage please contact the court at 10040 E. Osborn Rd Scottsdale AZ
85256 and/or call (480) 362-3615.

OCHOA SR., LANO
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-23-3755
To: Lano Ochoa Sr., RESPONDENT
1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your
immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment
entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by
filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other
responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court
called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date
the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise
as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default
judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible
consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered
against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other
responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with
this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must

make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint
demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED this 14th of December, 2023.
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL
COURT

THOMAS SR., DILLON
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-23-3521
To: Dillon Thomas Sr., RESPONDENT
1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your
immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment
entered against you.
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by
filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other
responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court
called for this matter.
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date
the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise
as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default
judgment against you.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible
consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered
against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other
responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with
this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must
make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint
demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
DATED this 15th of November, 2023.
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL
COURT

UNKNOWN FATHER/JOHN DOE
SUMMONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
S.R.P.M.I.C. §§ 10-114 THRU 10-126
JV-23-3030
I.T.M.O.: J.O.T (D.O.B.: 10/10/2020)
TO: Unknown Father/John Doe
On August 11, 2023, a Petition for Permanent Guardianship of Minor Child
was filed in this court in which it is represented that you are a parent or
legal guardian of the child named above. In the Petition, it requests the
Court to appoint a guardian for the child named above.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Petition
for Permanent Guardianship of Minor Child, you must file a written
response. If you refuse to attend the hearing or to defend by filing a written
response, the Court may enter a default guardianship order appointing the
Petitioner(s) as legal guardians and take any other action that is authorized
by law. If you are receiving this Notice by publication, you may obtain
written copies of the guardianship petition, Notice of Hearing, other filed
documents by contacting the Salt River Juvenile Court at (480) 362-6315.
THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Guardianship
Hearing before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn
Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on January 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., in
Court Room #3 before the Honorable Judge Achin.

NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of
Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court
May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to
Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.

COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE
1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS
Andreas, Keisha Ann - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-22-0031 Court
Date: January 4, 2024 at 9 AM
Butler, Wayne Elliot –Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-4239 -Court Date:
January 18, 2024 at 11 a.m.
Casias, Daniel Fernando - Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3001 Court Date:
January 9, 2024 at 1:30 PM
Chiago, Adonia Marie - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-23-4019
Court Date: February 1, 2024 at 10:45 AM
Chiago, Chris Tony - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CF-12-0121/
CFCS-12-0034/CF-23-0076 Court Date: February 5, 2024 at 9 AM
Enos, Nancy Dey - Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3011 Court Date: January
17, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Hill, Indaria Modesty - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-23-3990 Court Date:
February 5, 2024 at 10 AM
Lopez, Robin Lee - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-23-4242
Court Date: January 22, 2024 at 9 AM
Manuel, Roy - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0144 Court Date:
January 25, 2024 at 11 AM
Masawistewa, Moriah - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-3859
Court Date: January 31, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Ochoa, Lano Sr. Entry of Default Judgment Hearing Case: CV-23-3755 -Court
Date: January 30, 2024 at 10 a.m.
Ronquillo, Mark - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-1323 Court Date:
February 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Schurz, Rachel Irene - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-1809 Court
Date: February 1, 2024 at 10:30 AM
Standing Elk, Carla Anne - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-23-0045
Court Date: January 18, 2024 at 9:30 AM
Thomas Sr., Dillon - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-23-3521 Court
Date: January 16, 2024 at 11 AM
Thompson, Franzia Kaye - Evidentiary Hearing Case: CF-23-0090 Court
Date: January 17, 2024 at 11 AM

4th Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

March 31, 2024

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the April 2024 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Thursday, March 28th at 5:00 PM.

This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a “VOIDED” check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2024 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the July 2024 payout.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, April 16th at 5:00PM.

This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member’s Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2024 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of July 2024.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, April 16th at 5:00 PM.

This deadline is for making changes to “Additional” tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions regarding:

-Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms: call Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600

-Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits: call Finance-Per Capita @ (480) 362-7710

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CHURCH LISTING

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1452 E. Oak St.
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Merrill Jones
(480) 234-6091
SERVICES
-Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene.
-Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
-Sun. Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
-Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.
-Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

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

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1342 E. Oak
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
(480) 404-3284
SERVICES
-Sunday Services 10 a.m.
-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
-Youth Devotion/Music (bring your

instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD
2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256
(480) 947-1084
SERVICES
-Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

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

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD
10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(480) 947-5278
saltriveragchurch.com
Rev. WinterElk Valencia
Services
-Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.
-Worship 11 a.m.
-No Evening Service till further notice.
-Thursday Bible Study 6pm

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST
430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com
SERVICES
-Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
-Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
-Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
-Provides transportation services for Community members call phone number

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

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

SOARING EAGLE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL (SEMI)
Marriott Courtyard, 5201 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85250
Apostle Edward Chance
apostleeac@gmail.com
(480) 516-6509
SERVICES
10 AM on Sundays
Visit us on Facebook Live, Wednesdays at 7 PM for Voice of Truth

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

SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

ART & MAX'S LANDSCAPING
Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance.
Max, (480) 667-9403
art&maxlandscaping@gmail.com

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Lawn Maintenance, Shrub/Tree Trimming and Debris/Trash Removal.
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Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257/ (480) 823-2802
Rmgmechanical@gmail.com

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Commercial construction.
Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY
Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photo booths.
Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035
boxingbearsphotography.com
cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

DALIA'S LANDSCAPING
Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service.
Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501/ (623)-282-0902
daliareseendiz0815@icloud.com

DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING
Commercial Painting Company, Licensed, Bonded, Insured, ROC#250102
David Dallas, (623) 337-4070
david@dallaspropainting.com

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Food catering for all your needs
Ernie Lopez (chef and owner)

(480) 907-8945
erniescateringbusiness@yahoo.com

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Healthy cafe offering plant-based juices and smoothies, meal-replacement options and event catering. Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, Sat 11am-3pm. Closed Sundays.
7607 E. McDowell Rd. Ste. 103
goodlife.nutrition@yahoo.com
(480)274-3306

HEAVENLY TOUCH CLEANING
SRPMIC Member Owned and Operated specializing in residential and commercial cleaning services; get a quote by phone or emailing contact information below.
Yesika Saldivar-Zotigh, Owner
(602) 301-9832
Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com

MOQUINO'S BODY & PAINT LLC.
Auto Body Work and Paint LLC. Community Member 15% discount.
Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033
moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com

LB's HAIR SALON
For all your hair needs. Over 30+ years of experience specializing in trending haircuts, color, highlighting, perms, blow dry's and also manicures, pedicures and facial waxing.
Linda Baptisto, (602) 525-9142
hairbylindab@yahoo.com

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Native American themed clothing for babies, kids and adults. Design your own custom shirts
Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685 /(562) 761-9341
nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com

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A Native American coffee company from Salt River.
Winter Wood, (480) 522-8393
www.nativegroundcoffee.com

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Promotional products, silkscreened and embroidered apparel, custom made awards and printing services.
15610 N 35th Ave Ste #7
Phoenix, AZ 85053
www.pimaawards.com
Ron Lee, (623) 271-8311

PIMARA CONSTRUCTION
Civil & structural engineering.
Virginia Loring, (480) 251-6849
vipimara@cox.net

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Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC
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piipash@hotmail.com

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redcactusphotography480@gmail.com

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Please call for appointment.
Lock out available
Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730
rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com

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Concrete & Masonry construction, General contraction ROC#26357.
Angela Willeford, (602) 889-7290
angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com

STAYSHONS CHEVRON
Community Member owned business since 1994.
Boyd Chiago, (480) 990-2004

VMK ENTERPRISES, INC
Janitorial supplies.
Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com

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

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY SENIORS MEETING
01.24.24

Questions? Contact the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7466 OR (480) 362-7469.

OPEN AGENDA MEETING
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Calendar of Events

- ONGOING**
- ONGOING - 1/14/24 - ZOOLIGHTS.** It's the Valley's favorite holiday tradition – ZooLights, 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ! Shining bigger and brighter than ever with nearly four million lights, hundreds of dazzling displays, brand new Wildlife Lanterns and the return of the tallest floating tree in North America showcasing ORIGINAL music and a synchronized light show! For more info. go to <https://www.phoenixzoo.org/events/zoolights/> or call 602-286-3800.
- ONGOING - NATIVE ART MARKET,** every Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Pavilions at Talking Stick. Every weekend this cultural event features Native American artists from various tribes. With over 300 Native performers and vendors registered The Market is ever changing, giving frequent visitors a fun and different experience every time. For more information, go to <https://www.discoveralriver.com/event/native-art-market/>
- JANUARY**
- 'AUPPA HIOSIG MAŞAD XLY'A SHENTHIK**
- 12-13 NEW YEARS CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**
- 12-13 ASIAN FESTIVAL,** 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., W. Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ. Asian Festival includes Asian & Borneo Cultural Villages, this year show case Living National Heritage from Sarawak's Arts, Craft and Music. For more info. go to <https://asianfestivalaz.com/>
- 12-14 THE SOUTHWEST GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL,** at Mesa Arts Center is a 3-Day, 4-Session event featuring the best

- in Christian and Southern Gospel Music! Artists include the Booth Brothers, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Legacy Five, The Inspirations, The Hoppers, Liberty Quartet and more... Value packages including ALL 4 SESSIONS start at just \$99 per person. Single session tickets are also available. Don't miss this MAIN EVENT for the Southwest!
- 13 FREE CONSERVATION EXPO,** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Arizona Boardwalk Courtyard. This FREE outdoor event will feature tons of animal appearances and interactions, pet adoptions, butterfly releases, penguin poop bingo, and 30+ local organizations who are making a difference! Local organizations include OdySea Aquarium, Arizona Humane Society, Center for Native & Urban Wildlife, Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, Liberty Wildlife, Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary, Phoenix Zoo and more! Free Outdoor Event. No Admission Fee Required! For more information, visit <https://www.azboardwalk.com/event/free-conservation-expo-3/>
- 13-14 ROCK 'N ROLL RUNNING SERIES,** Tempe, AZ. Celebrate the 20th Edition of Rock 'n' Roll Arizona in southwestern style! Start your new year on the right foot with a tri-city tour filled with musical miles on smooth and scenic courses that take you through Tempe, Scottsdale, and Phoenix. Rock out to live bands, DJs, and entertainment as you take in the stunning views surrounding you. This tour wouldn't be complete without the red sandstone formations of Papago Park that'll lead you to the Finish Line Festival at Tempe Beach Park. Don't miss out on the ultimate destination as we honor 20 Years Running in the Valley of the Sun!
- 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY,** Tribal Offices closed, please plan accordingly.

- 15 MESA'S MLK PARADE AND FESTIVAL,** will kick-off at 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of MLK Way and the Honorary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street (Center Street), turning east on First Street and end on Hibbert. Our parade includes marching bands, dance troupes, the Buffalo Soldiers, schools, local organizations, community leaders, neighboring towns, elected officials and many, many more. Following the parade we will host our community festival from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Plaza at Mesa City Center. Join us for food, vendors, and entertainment. Questions? Visit mesaevmlk.org to learn more.
- 18 ADULT WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA),** 2nd session, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Two Waters Building B; X'aa (Cottonwood) Conference Room B102 Learn about WIOA eligibility requirements; program services for enrolled participants; guidance toward obtaining career goals through education & training. For more info. call Salt River WIOA Program at (480) 362-7950
- 18 & 20 NAGI FOUNDATION WELLNESS CLINICS,** Doors open at 8 a.m. at Community Building Gymnasium, 1880 N. Longmore Rd. This free monthly pet clinic is available for the pets legal owner, aged 18+. Cats must be in their own carrier and dogs must be on a leash. First come, first served. SRPMIC members, residents, and employees are eligible. Tribal ID or proof of residency/employment required. Email info@nagifoundation.org with questions.
- 19 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACCEPTANCE WALK/RUN,** 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at ALA Track. Join Community Recreational Service's Adaptive Recreation Program for an evening glow-walk to commemo-

- rate International Day of Acceptance. First 100 participants will be given a shirt at registration on the day of. Questions? Contact CRS Adaptive Recreation at crsadaptive@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480)-362-3390.
- 24 SENIOR COMMUNITY MEMBER MEETING,** 5:00 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers - 10091 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. The Seniors Meeting will be hosted by the SRPMIC Tribal Council. This meeting is ONLY for Enrolled SRPMIC Community Member Seniors (55+ years). The Community Members Only "Seniors Meeting" will be held in lieu of the January 24, 2024 SRPMIC Council Regular Session. This is an open agenda meeting. Salt River Tribal IDs will be required upon entry. Light refreshments will be served. Questions, contact the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7466 or (480) 362-7469.
- 25 THRIVING WITH DIABETES,** will be held in the River People Health Center Teaching Kitchen from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month. Sessions include Diabetes A to Z, Healthy Eating, Being Active, Know Your Medications, Know Your Numbers, Finding Solutions, Reducing Risks and Healthy Coping. Please call (480) 362-3355 to register and save your seat.
- 27 BINGO, RAFFLE & FOOD SALE** hosted by the Piipaash Matasheevm Committee, 2 p.m. at the Lehi Community Building. Family friend fun, prizes for all ages. All proceeds will directly benefit the annual Piipaash Matasheevm. For more info. call Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465, Emily King at (480) 362-2626 or Elaina Osife at (480) 635-6692.
- 27 REGIONAL UNITY WALK,** from 4:30 pm

- until 7:00 pm. In celebration of cultural diversity and community, Mesa will join Chandler, Gilbert, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Guadalupe, and host city Tempe for the walk at Tempe Beach Park. It will include refreshments and entertainment. The one-mile candlelight walk will start at 6:00 pm. Families, community organizations, scout groups, school clubs and church groups are all welcome to participate. Mesa walkers are encouraged to wear turquoise or teal-colored shirts. Free t-shirts will be available on a first-come basis. For more information on the Regional Unity Walk and Festival contact City of Mesa Diversity office at diversity.info@mesaaz.gov.
- 27 A TASTE OF AZ FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL,** at Salt River Fields. Join us for Arizona's newest intimate food and drink festival in Scottsdale, Arizona! Mark your calendars for January 27, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and make your way to the Salt River Fields East Lawn where food and drink, live music, and more awaits. Indulge in an array of samples including tacos, burgers, beer, wine, and cocktails! Visit <https://oldtownscottsdaleaz.com/western-week/> for tickets and more information.
- 27-FEBRUARY 4 SCOTTSDALE WESTERN WEEK,** Every year, Western Week Scottsdale invites everyone to experience what can only be described as one "heck of a good time" – parades, the Hashknife Pony Express, Native American festivals, gold mining, live music, and museum exhibits. Visit <https://oldtownscottsdaleaz.com/western-week/> to learn more and plan your visit!