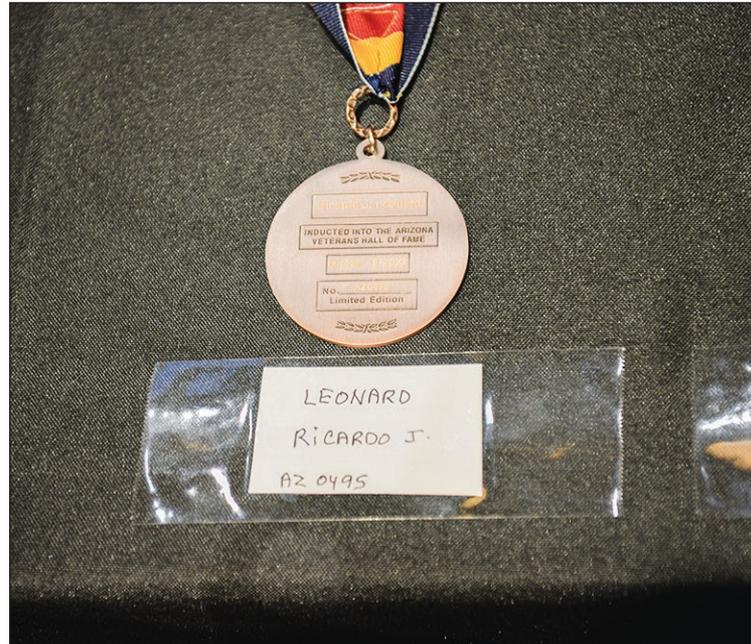




SRPMIC Vice-President Leonard Inducted Into Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard receives his medal from Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes as retired Army Lt. Col. Dana Allmond of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services holds up Leonard's honorary plaque.



Each of the 19 inductees into the Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame received their very own medal which features their name engraved.

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Hall of Fame. Known as "The Voice of Arizona Veterans," the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame is an organization that celebrates all branches of military service and the individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the betterment of their communities.

To date, more than 500 veterans have been inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, including Barry Goldwater, Ira Hayes, Carl Hayden, John McCain and Pat Tillman. This year, the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society invited SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard to be part of the Hall of

Fame Class of 2023. Born in Phoenix in 1955, Leonard served for four years in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 4. In 2018, he was elected Vice-President of the SRPMIC, having previously served as a Council member from 2000 to 2018. Leonard helped establish the American Legion Post

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New Mini Golf Location PopStroke Opens in Community



The new PopStroke location at 9245 E. Hummingbird Lane in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Talking Stick Entertainment District.

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Commerce held a private ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new entertainment destination. "You are standing on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the ancestral lands of the Onk Akimel O'dham and the Xalychidom Piipaash," SRPMIC Assistant Community Manager Doran Dalton told the group of mainly PopStroke employees and stakeholders before the ribbon was cut. "Our elders tell us that as people, we've always welcomed strangers and visitors into our Community to help them out with

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Day School Renovation Project Update



A senior looks at Salt River Day School Memories at a CRD booth during a recent Senior Breakfast at Lehi. CRD is still actively collecting memories of the school to help with the Day School Renovation Project.

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Built in about 1934, the Salt River Day School near Longmore and McDowell roads is an iconic and historic piece of property located on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Although the landscape now may look bare from the outside, the school property is still filled with the stories of students and Community members who remember their time there. The Day School was still in operation until 2007, but it closed when the new Salt River Elementary School was completed, according to Cultural Resources

Department Director Kelly Washington. Now, the school will be restored to its former glory over the course of an upcoming renovation project that could take 18 months or more, with a new purpose to preserve the language, culture and history of the Community. "The renovation project has been ongoing for quite a number of years, and we're finally at the point where construction is going to start in the next month or so," said Washington. "The building hasn't changed, but the landscape and things around it have changed over time. Depend-

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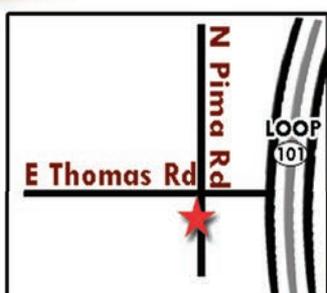
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SRPMIC Air Quality Program Receives High Praise from EPA Director



Matthew Lakin spent the majority of the day on October 11 with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Air Quality Program. While on a guided tour with staff, Lakin continually complimented the SRPMIC AQP for their dedication of monitoring the Community's safety.

From L to R: Environmental Specialist Stephanie Lane, Senior Environmental Engineer Regina Leverette-Mason, Senior Environmental Specialist Mangas Slinkey, Deputy Director of the Air and Radiation Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Matthew Lakin, Environmental Engineer Stan Belone and Environmental Engineer Ben Davis.

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On October 11, 2023 Matthew Lakin, deputy director of the Air and Radiation Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9, met with staff members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Air Quality Program. Region 9 of the EPA has its headquarters in San Francisco, California.

"I wanted to prioritize visiting here because you have a 'shining star' program, and I also wanted to learn more about the Community," said Lakin during the meeting's introduction and welcome. Lakin went on to say that, in his time working for the EPA, the Community's Air Quality Program remains at the top of the class. "It has been impressive for two decades; it really has been amazing," said Lakin.

Lakin met with Environmental Engineer Stan Belone of the Environmen-

tal Protection and Natural Resources (EPNR) Air Quality Program in the Community Development Department (CDD), along with Environmental Engineer Ben Davis, Senior Environmental Specialist Mangas Slinkey, Environmental Specialist Stephanie Lane, Senior Environmental Engineer Regina Leverette-Mason, Assistant Community Development Director Christopher Horan, and Assistant Community Manager Doran Dalton.

Using SRPMIC's interactive map, Lakin was given a firsthand look into the day-to-day operations of how the AQP operates. In the meeting, they discussed the four air quality stations located around the Community and took a tour of each of them. Air quality monitoring stations have been established at the SRPMIC Senior Center, at the SRPMIC High/Middle School, off of the Beeline Hwy near the Salt River Landfill, and in Lehi.

Lakin was amazed to hear that the

AQP covers the entire Community with such a small staff. "There are only four tribal agencies in our region out of the 148 tribes that conduct regulatory [air quality] monitoring, and one of them is Salt River," said Lakin. He then added, "It is a model program. For us [at EPA], that is the highest bar. It's not easy to do, especially for a small agency."

During the meeting, Lakin was also impressed to hear how the flag program is an integral part of the AQP to alert Community members about outdoor air quality. Flags are stationed at the Senior Center, the Two Waters Complex, ALA (former SR High School), the Salt River Community Center and the Lehi Community Center.

The flag program utilizes colors to inform the Community regarding the air quality each day: green, yellow, orange and red. A green flag denotes good air quality with no risk; a yellow flag represents acceptable air quality that may be of concern for unusually

sensitive populations; an orange flag symbolizes unhealthy air quality for sensitive groups; and a red flag signifies unhealthy air quality for everyone. As the air quality changes, the flags are updated frequently.

"In some cases, we will call the school and say it's an orange flag day today, and we suggest keeping the students inside," said Slinkey.

The meeting continued with a guided tour of the air quality monitoring stations in the Community. While at the SRPMIC Senior Center, Lakin and Belone talked at length regarding the upkeep of the monitoring equipment, the program's budget goals, and how the AQP will continue to maintain a high standard for monitoring the Community's air quality.

"I'm very happy to hear what you all have been doing," said Lakin.

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SRPMIC Vice-President Leonard Inducted Into Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame



Following the conclusion of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, SRPMIC VP Leonard was surrounded by family and was all smiles. From L to R: Bowie Leonard, Kent Andrews (back), Annette Leonard, Arianna Leonard (back), SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Vickie Andrews, Helema Andrews (back), Alyssa Rodriguez with Baby Joaquin, and Tom Rodriguez.

114-"Bushmasters," where he served as post commander for three years. Post 114 was the first American Legion post to request a flag that had been flown over the USS Arizona, thus beginning the effort to create the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens At Salt River, which honors the brave U.S. forces aboard the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

As part of the induction ceremony, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier extended his appreciation to the veterans who have served. "In Native tribes, we

always honor our veterans," said Harvier. "While you're here, hopefully you will have an opportunity to learn more about us as a tribe."

Harvier invited those in the audience to visit the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens so they could experience how SRPMIC celebrates and honors veterans. "Thank you to the veterans. We see what's going on around the world, and we're truly blessed to have veterans who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy today," Harvier concluded.

Before he was inducted into the Hall

of Fame, Leonard sang a traditional basket dance song with his nephew as the SRPMIC Traditional Basket Dancers performed inside the Talking Stick Resort Ballroom.

Following the performance, Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes and Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs both expressed how honored they were to help celebrate the veterans and their families.

"We recognize and appreciate the importance of veteran service, training, commitment, sacrifices, leadership and patriotism," said Governor Hobbs, "as well as the dedication of your spouses and family members."

The ceremony continued as the 19 inductees were introduced to the audience. Each received their moment in the spotlight as their biography and years of military service were described.

Leonard stood proudly as Secretary of State Fontes tied the AZVHOF medal around his neck while retired Army Lt. Col. Dana Allmond of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services stood next to Leonard, holding a plaque that detailed his years of military service.

Officially inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Leonard shook hands with Fontes and Allmond and flashed a smile to his family members in attendance as he was given a rousing round of applause.

Following the class of 2023 induction,

Marshall Trimble, Arizona's official state historian, concluded the ceremony with a heartfelt poem about the U.S. flag and how it remains a beacon of hope to so many. "Through thick and thin, we always must raise her with dignity, and lower her with care each time," Trimble said.

After the ceremony concluded, Leonard was surrounded by family, loved ones, colleagues and friends. President Harvier handed Vice-President Leonard the official AZVHOF program and asked him to autograph it, and he happily obliged. "I'm proud of you," said Harvier as the two SRPMIC leaders shared a hug.

The following were inducted into the 2023 class of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame: Franklin William Alger Jr. (Marines), Cyril Ernest Bassett (Army), Sheree Biggie (Army), Stephen Louis Bradford (Army), Marcus Lamar Brown (Marines), Thomas Leonard Day (Army), S. Scott Duke (Air Force), John Francis Farley (Navy), Ricardo Juan Leonard Sr. (Army), Rose Mary Lloyd (Army), Christopher Thomas Maloney Sr. (Army), Ralph Malcolm Milliken Jr. (Army), Sandra Lanter Raynor (Army), Ronnie Dale Smith (Marines), Meredith Ann Stucky (Air Force), Buford Watts Jr. (Marines), Wanda Arlene Wright (Air Force), Lorenza Lopez Wysong (Army) and James Edwin Zawacki (Air Force).

Day School Renovation Project Update



Screen shot from a fly through video rendering of new plans for the Day School renovation. CRD Director Kelly Washington said that the courtyard with the little concrete stage is one of his favorite parts of the school that evokes a lot of memories. This was also the entrance to every classroom. Photo courtesy of CRD/Kelly Washington

ing on when you visited this place, it may look different than someone else's memory [of it]."

Another focus of the project is the renovation of the old teachers' dormitory on the property.

Once construction is completed, CRD staff will relocate to the building from their current offices on Osborn Road.

In addition to new CRD office space, the restored Day School will provide nearly 30,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor space for cultural educational programming.

"Part of our charge to the BIA was to make sure that the building was

preserved for future generations," said Washington. "How it might be used is something that we were also tasked with. In going through that process, we had a number of goals. The overarching goal was to maximize the cultural program services to serve the highest number of Community members."

Washington said that there were plans for a cultural center in the 1990s, but it never happened. Because those plans were already well documented, the CRD tried to incorporate as many of those ideas as possible into this project.

Over the past few years, the Community went through a lot of work to



Actual archival photo of the Day School, from the same angle as the rendering, before the school was gutted. Photo courtesy of CRD/Kelly Washington

transfer the property from the Bureau of Indian Affairs back to the tribe, Wash-

ington noted. He said that the transfer of the building to the tribe couldn't happen until the building was environmentally safe.

Due to lead paint and asbestos, the building had to be gutted. However, the exterior footprint of the Day School is being kept as close to the original as possible.

"What we were left with were the walls and the roof. Not much else inside," said Washington. "The walls are very important, because we know that Community members helped to put up these walls. Community-member students at the Phoenix Indian School, as part of their vocational training, were sent here and paid a salary to build the walls of the structure, so there is relevance to the facility being here."

The impact of the Day School is still felt today, as the Community Garden adjacent to the property was built by students of the school.

The Cultural Resources Department continues to collect memories from Community members who are either former students or former employees of the school to help aid the renovation project.

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New Mini Golf Location PopStroke Opens in Community



SRPMIC Assistant Community Manager Doran Dalton (middle left) stands with PopStroke employees, stakeholders and Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce members, at the ribbon cutting event on October 6 for the new PopStroke location at the SRPMIC.



SRPMIC Assistant Community Manager Doran Dalton (left) stands with former SRPMIC President Ivan Makil.



A quote from Tiger Woods talking about his memories putting with his father, and the TGR Design courses at PopStroke.

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The new PopStroke location is the eighth for the company and the second in Arizona. PopStroke has 36 holes of miniature golf split into two courses designed by Woods complete with sand traps, bunkers and synthetic turf.

Over the 4 acres, each course is designed for a different skill level. One of the courses is ADA accessible for play-

ers with disabilities.

There is also an outdoor beer garden and lounge area, an outdoor playground for kids, complimentary ping-pong and foosball, a full-service bar and restaurant, and an ice cream parlor featuring 22 flavors of ice cream.

PopStroke Director of Operations Timothy Glita said that PopStroke is excited to become part of the Community.

"Whether you're 3 or 83, everyone can have a great time here at PopStroke," said Glita. "We are so excited to be here in the SRPMIC and a part of Scottsdale. The Community and everyone involved has been warm and welcoming, and we already feel like we've been here a very

long time. We're excited to be another option for the residents and visitors to come and hang out."

Glita said that some of the special promotions include senior discounts on Monday, Tuesday Kids Day and Wednesday College Day. The Scottsdale PopStroke is located at 9245 E. Hummingbird Lane. Hours are 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 10 a.m.-midnight on Friday and Saturday. For information call (480) 903-8690.

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Underfill Program Continues to Provide Employment Opportunities For Community Members

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If you are interested in the underfill program, please call (480) 362-7907

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Human Resources Department's Underfill Program continues to successfully help Community members gain employment and get the necessary education and training they need to meet the minimum requirements of the positions they were hired for.

Since the SRPMIC Underfill Program Policy 2-19 was drafted and approved in 2001 to promote the Community's hiring preferences, an Underfill Coordinator position was approved and 186 Community members have come through the program.

"Our goal is to make sure our participants are successful in their roles, not just to help them grow in their current positions, but also to continue to motivate them in their future endeavors and move them on to the next level of their career," said Community Jobs and Underfill Program Coordinator Juanita Jauregui. "This has included all areas of the government, from positions requiring a GED all the way up to managers who may have needed work experience or to complete their degree."

Underfill Program participants can remain in the program for one to five years, depending on educational and training goals, experience and job requirements. Participants will receive a training plan that is adapted to meet

their educational or training needs, and they will be monitored and assisted by mentors, supervisors/managers and the Underfill Program Coordinator as they work toward completing their goals.



Discover Salt River Division Manager Maleena Deer.

Two Underfill Program participants with success stories to share are Maleena Deer, Discover Salt River Division Manager; and Raymond Garcia, worker with SRPMIC Roads and Landscape Maintenance.

"During my experience in the Underfill

Program, I was able to attend different trainings and receive guidance from a handful of mentors along the way," said Deer. "I regularly met with HR and my leadership for feedback and support. Overall, it was a good opportunity for my professional and personal development, and I really enjoyed it."

Deer said that while she learned a great deal during her time in the program, the most important thing was learning how to balance her increased workload with her school work and personal life.

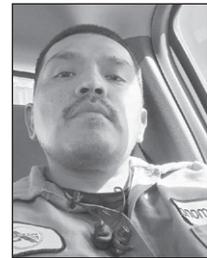
"I think it's great that SRPMIC offers this program because it empowers our membership to grow in their careers to better serve the Community," said Deer. "I feel grateful for the chance to be part of it and for the encouragement I received to finish."

Garcia, who was a participant in the program for the Roads Maintenance division of SRPMIC Public Works, said that he always wanted to work for his tribe and be helpful to the Community.

"But I was held back by not having my GED," said Garcia. "This program helped me with a job while getting my GED, which was a motivation to push forward."

Garcia said that he was given a laptop and a year to work toward completing his GED.

"I now feel like I'm able to keep going with other classes and new goals due to achieving my GED, since it's a big obstacle that's been moved out of my



Raymond Garcia, worker with SRPMIC Roads and Landscape Maintenance

life. I thank you all for this blessing, and I will continue to work and help our Community. God bless you all!"

As far as the future of the program, Jauregui said that the program will continue to promote growth and help Community members successfully

reach their goals.

"[The Underfill Program hopes to] continue to educate departments and the Community on the program, and the impacts the program has on our growth both personally, and as a community, for our future generations."

When You Need an Electrician, A License Matters

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Electrician supervisor Patrick Tapaha and electrician Blas Rey are concerned. They and the Residential Services electrician crew of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are being called out more often these days to correct wiring work done by non-qualified individuals. Most recently, they came out after faulty wiring caused a fire within the walls of a client's home.

"Unfortunately we are seeing this situation more often, and it is a dangerous one," said Tapaha. "People hire non-qualified electricians or well-meaning family members to do work, and this can lead to problems when it is done improperly, like this fire."

Tapaha is referring to a fire that started because wiring requiring 30 amps was connected to a 20-amp circuit box. The box overheated and caught fire.

"Fortunately, the people were home when this happened and quickly called the fire department when they noticed the smell. But if they had been away or sleeping, it could have been more devastating," said Rey.

Tapaha warns that there are many handymen and even "electricians" who advertise work that they are not qualified to do. "Using an unlicensed or unqualified electrician is risky. Improper installations, wiring and repairs can cause short circuits, electrocution or, as in this



Residential Services electricians Blas Rey (L) and Patrick Tapaha display the circuit box that caught fire due to improper wiring completed by an unqualified electrician. Photo courtesy of SRPMIC SHRRP Program.

case, fire."

Tapaha and Rey stress the importance of checking credentials when hiring an electrician; ideally, people should be using a licensed electrician.

"When you hire a qualified electrician, you ensure that the work is done correctly and that you and your home and family are safe," said Rey.

The Arizona Registrar of Contractors website (<https://roc.az.gov>) offers a search function where users can search people by name to find out whether they are licensed, which license(s) they have, and whether or not the licenses have

expired. There are different licenses for different disciplines; for example, you wouldn't want to hire a licensed plumber to tackle an electrical wiring problem. Also, there are separate classifications for residential and commercial work.

Tapaha offered a final bit of advice: "If you cannot wait for us to come out, make sure the person you use is qualified and does the work properly. You don't want something that works in the moment but is unsafe and will cause more costly problems in the future."

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Proposed Election Law Changes to the SRPMIC Constitution

Why are these Amendments to the SRPMIC Constitution Being Proposed?

Many of these changes are based on the input of or requests from Community member voters. The amendments are largely technical and help update the election process that has completely changed since the Community instituted the 1970 Constitution.

What is the Purpose of November 2023 Open House?

To have the Election Board and staff engage one-on-one, and in smaller groups, with Community members to provide information about the proposed changes.

What are some of the Changes being Proposed?

- Moving the General Election from September to November, largely to avoid the heat of the summer;
- Requiring that any new elected official be felony free in the ten (10) years preceding the election;
- Removing the requirements for a formal "registration to vote process";
- Ensuring that the inauguration is always on the 3rd Saturday in December;
- Establishing a standard for incompetent, or intoxicated individuals to vote or not vote on election day;
- Making it easier for Community members to vote by absentee ballot; and,
- Other technical changes.

How would these proposed amendments be made to the SRPMIC Constitution?

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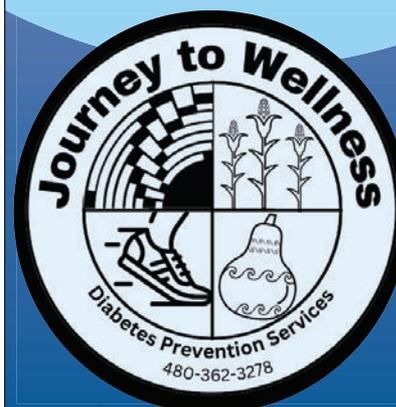
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Community Member Represented in Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program

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On Saturday, October 14, at the Chandler Center for the Arts, Mandaree Jose, an enrolled member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, competed in the 62nd Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program.

Jose competed against six other contestants: Tonana Ben (Navajo Nation), Laney Maria Lupe (White Mountain Apache Tribe), Natiana King (Navajo Nation), Kelsey Ann Martinez (Gila River Indian Community), Stacia Collen Scott (Colorado River Indian Tribes) and Samantha Stouffer (San Carlos Apache Tribe).

Contestants were judged in five categories: talent (contemporary or traditional), evening gown, traditional dress, personal interview and oral presentation.

During her oral presentation, Jose vividly described scenes one would experience at traditional social gatherings. She made the audience laugh as she told her story.

“It [a social gathering] is laughter and thick accents. It is smelling the burning firewood, willow and arrowweed. It is the red chili and beans stains on the shirts of children with a piece of ce:mait in their pocket for later.”

Within the humor and reminiscence, Jose explained the importance of traditional song and dance in bringing people together.

“Traditional gatherings are a celebration of our long-standing culture, our him:dag, our way of life. But [they are] also a celebration of our people—future, present and past.”

The evening’s program marked the end of Community member Sistine Lewis’s reign as Miss Indian Arizona 2022-23. During her farewell, Lewis thanked the large audience for supporting the young women in the 2023 program and expressed her gratitude for serving throughout the past year as the titleholder.

“If you didn’t know, the last time a woman from our Community got crowned [as Miss Indian

Arizona] was in 1993,” explained Lewis. “So, because of that, I really wanted to highlight my journey as a dancer and [represent] both tribes from our community, the Onk Akimel O’odham and the Xalychidom Piipaash.”

Lewis invited both dance groups from the Community, the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group and the Bird Dancing and Singing by the River to the stage as she shared her last dance as the outgoing Miss Indian Arizona.

The night of culture and grace then came to a close. The knowledgeable young women from across the state made it a tough decision for the judges. Ultimately, the title of Miss Indian Arizona 2023-24 was awarded to Laney Lupe from the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Lupe will serve and represent all 22 federally recognized Arizona tribes for the year alongside 1st Attendant Natiana King (Navajo) and 2nd Attendant Tonana Ben (Navajo).

“I would absolutely encourage other young ladies to participate. In



(Left): Mandaree Jose models her traditional clothing during her Oral Presentation. (Center): Sistine Lewis crowning the new Miss Indian Arizona 2023-24 Laney Lupe. (Right): Sistine Lewis smiles during her Farewell speech.

my experience pageantry isn’t just for a title, it is to learn about other cultures, meet new people, and step outside of your comfort zone. It is true, pageants are a sisterhood, I still keep in contact with all of the wonderful women I’ve met through pageants I’ve participated in.” said Jose.



The contestants of the 2023 Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program wait on stage for the results. (L-R): Laney Maria Lupe, Tonana Ben, Kelsey Ann Martinez, Stacia Collen Scott, Mandaree Jose, Natiana King and Samantha Stauffer.



Outgoing Miss Indian Arizona 2022-23 Sistine Lewis performs *What Kind of Flower* with the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group as a part of her Farewell.

Community Members Celebrate O’odham Piipaash Day



Gourd singers of the Bird Singing and dancing by the River Group.



Music provided by Two Waters made Community members dance the night away.



SRPMIC Day Labor workers assisted in handing out O’odham Piipaash Day shirts.



L-R: Kerstin Johnson, Tylicia Romero, Kylie Manuel, and Teegan Smith share smiles and laughs during the night of festivities.

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As the sun set on Friday, October 6, hundreds of folks gathered on the Accelerated Learning Academy football field to celebrate O’odham and Piipaash Day.

The Events Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Community Relations Office hosted the event to bring the Community together and celebrate the resiliency of the two tribes.

Attendees could visit tables featuring work by local artists and information booths from different departments in the Community.

The CRO created T-shirts for the first 700 people through the gate. The shirts were a hit, with a line of people waiting to grab one in their size.

Community members of all ages came to participate in the traditional games hosted by the Cultural Resources Department. The games included gins (male oriented), *o-omai* (female oriented), *songivul* (male oriented) and

olla races (female oriented). For the last event, the field was filled with youth concentrating on not spilling the water inside their *ollas* as they raced to the end of the finish line. Other departments provided field games.

Families lined up for dinner provided by the Round House Café. Plates were filled with red chili, squash, beans and a warm piece of ce:mait.

While everyone enjoyed their meal, the leaders of the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group and Bird Singing and Dancing by the River provided traditional singing and dancing and asked everyone to join in. The socials ended with a traditional giveaway, and attendees danced alongside dance group members to earn a gift.

After the traditional dancing concluded, Two Waters, a waila band from the Gila River Indian Community, closed the evening with dancing.



Singers and dancers of the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group share O’odham socials.



Kent Andrews kicks the *songivul* ball across the ALA field.



Bird dancers of every age danced during the Piipaash socials.



Maddie Kameroff carefully walks across the field during the *olla* race.



An Explosive and Fun-Filled Safety Day at ALA



During Safety Day at ALA campus, children were able to get inside of one of the SRPMIC Fire Department trucks.

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All of the bells, whistles, uniforms and lights were on display at this year's Safety Day presentation, held at the Accelerated Learning Academy football field on October 13.

The family-friendly event took place from 6 to 9 p.m. and featured several departments, including the Salt River Fire and Police departments, handing out prizes, goodies and healthy snacks to everyone in attendance. Salt River Fire Department Capt. Robert Scabby was the emcee for the event.

Many of the SRFD fire recruits currently undergoing training in Mesa were in attendance as well. The "red shirts" made sure to introduce themselves to the families as they prepare for their fire cadet graduation later this year.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Deanna Scabby provided the welcome and blessing. She gave praise to the public safety professionals who serve the Community and wished them all a safe return home. SRFD Fire Chief Tsosie Wood and SRPD Police Chief Karl G. Auerbach also greeted the guests as they made appearances at every vendor booth.

The event featured live demonstrations from both the fire and police departments. Little ones had the opportunity to visit the SRPD evidence booth, take home a toy police

chief helmet, check out the inside of a fire truck and suit up in official riot gear, which included a helmet and bulletproof vest.

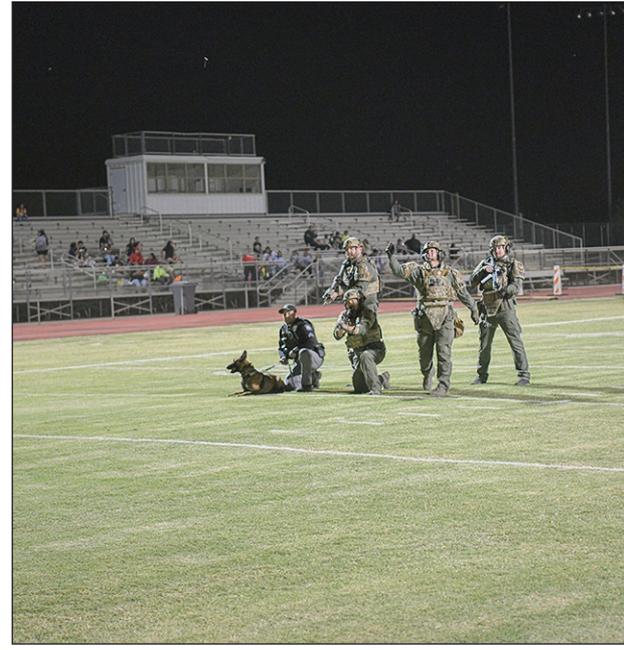
Vendor booths were positioned along the ALA track, giving away snacks, prizes, medication disposal bags and much more. Retired SRFD members cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for all.

Later on, SRFD Capt. Scabby asked families to step aside and prepare for a live demonstration on the football field. After that, SRPD Sgt. Dustin Massey got into position by the south endzone of the football field and placed his hoodie over his head to portray a bad guy. After members of the SRPD K9 unit shouted a few warnings at Sgt. Massey, they then tossed a flash-bang grenade into the night sky to generate bright lights and a piercing explosion as a diversion. Within moments, the SRPD rushed Sgt. Massey and apprehended him. The K9 team escorted him off the football field to applause as the impressive live mock demonstration came to a close.

Each year the SRPMIC fire and police departments host Safety Day to showcase the many ways they help keep the Community safe. Allowing families and children to get a firsthand look into their day-to-day operations also helps interested youth to consider one day joining their ranks and becoming police officers or firefighters themselves.



The SRPMIC Police Department had their uniforms on full display for children and their families to try on for themselves.



The SRPMIC Police Department K9 Division held a live demonstration which involved the apprehension of a suspect and a live detonation of a flashbang canister.



LEFT: As part of the live demonstration, Sgt. Massey from the SRPMIC Police Department volunteered to play the role of a suspect getting detained by the SRPMIC K9 Division.



LEFT: SRPMIC Police had their crime scene information booth set up which featured toy-hats, candy, school supplies, and more.



On campus during Safety Day at ALA, children and families were able to stand in line and receive their own balloon animal.



The SRPMIC Diabetes Prevention and Intervention Program gave out free healthy snacks for students and families to take home.



The empty flash-bang canister used in the SRPMIC K9 live demonstration.

A Conversation with Outgoing Miss Indian Arizona 2022-23 Sistine Lewis

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portion of the program, where she performed the O’odham Swing Dance. Now, she feels a connection to the dance and is even learning to sing the song.

As Miss Indian Arizona, Lewis was more than happy to represent her home, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, on all of her travels across the state. Because the Community is composed of two tribes, the Onk Akimel O’odham and the Xalychidom Piipaash, Lewis wanted to showcase both tribes thoroughly.

“I don’t have any younger siblings, so I really wanted to bring a positive light to culture and be a role model to the youth,” said Lewis.

For her platform event, hosted at the SRPMIC Accelerated Learning Academy on September 30, Lewis invited youth from all 22 tribes in Arizona to showcase their cultural knowledge through song or dance.

The evening of October 8, 2022, was a surreal one for Sistine Lewis. She stood onstage with seven other young women from tribal nations across Arizona as they anticipated the results of the 2022-23 Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program.

“The way they [Miss Indian Arizona Committee] lined us up, they switched our order on stage, so when they announced Participant Number One, I was like, ‘Oh my God, they won!’, but then I realized it was me,” said Lewis. “I was there for the fun of it, just to be able to say I had tried, so when they announced [my name], I was surprised.”

On that evening in 2022, Lewis became the first woman from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to earn the title since 1993, when April Gutierrez held the title of Miss Indian Arizona.

“It was a historic moment, looking back on it, because there was a whole 30-year gap since the last time we had it [the Miss Indian Arizona title],” Lewis said. “It was nice to have Salt River represented again.”

Lewis’ journey to Miss Indian Arizona didn’t happen overnight. She started competing in pageants in 2017. She held the title of Jr. Miss Salt River in 2017, Miss Salt River in 2021, and her final title, Miss Indian Arizona, in 2022.

The appeal of pageants first came to Lewis when she was a young girl dancing with the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group.

“[The members of] my dance group all used to be titleholders, like Jr. Miss or Miss Salt River. I thought it’d be cool to give it a try and to follow in their footsteps,” said Lewis.

With the encouragement of elders in the Community, guidance from the Miss Salt River Committee and support from her family, Lewis decided to compete in the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program in 2022.

She brought her love of traditional dance to the stage during the talent



Sistine Lewis dances with students of Salt River Elementary during an O’odham social.

“When Salt River is represented, it’s more O’odham dominated, so I really wanted to highlight the Piipaash through the dresses I wore,” said Lewis. “I feel like a lot of people have different interpretations of Salt River or who

“They’re so young, but they know so much,” said Lewis. “It’s nice to see they have a strong support system to teach them. Cultural teachings being passed down makes me so proud of our next generation of leaders.”

“Without dancing, I really would not have been where I am today. Now that I am coming full circle in completing this journey and my pageant journey, it feels so heart-warming to leave with a dance,” said 2022-23 Miss Indian Arizona Sistine Lewis.

we are. I wanted to get us out there.”

While Lewis shared her culture, she also enjoyed learning from others. Throughout her reign, Lewis promoted her platform: “Promoting Culture Amongst Our Youth.”

As an ambassador, Lewis was busy with different events across the state every week. Because she was also a student at Scottsdale Community College, she learned how to manage her time between the two.

“I had to do online classes for the majority of the reign. It was hard,” said Lewis. “I would try to get homework done early if I knew I had a big weekend or an event ahead.”

Pursuing higher education is important to Lewis as a first-generation college student. She is working toward a nursing degree.

“It’s a lot of pressure, but having the opportunities to achieve higher education from the tribe and the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship has made it easier,” said Lewis.

As her 2022-23 reign came to an end on October 14 at the 2023 Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, Lewis decided to complete her journey as an ambassador with the very thing that helped her win the crown in the first place: dance.

“Without dancing, I really would not have been where I am today. Now that I am coming full circle in completing this journey, and my pageant journey, it feels so heartwarming to leave with a dance.”

Like she did throughout her reign, Lewis made sure to represent both of the Community’s tribes during her farewell dance. She invited the two dance groups from the Community up on stage: the SRPMIC Traditional Dance group and the Bird Dancing and Singing by the River group.

With grace and gratitude, Lewis closed her Miss Indian Arizona journey dancing to the songs that started it all.



Lewis poses in front of the flags of all 22 federally recognized Arizona tribes.

Lewis poses with Diamondbacks mascot Baxter after throwing the First Pitch for Native American Recognition Day.



Lewis basket dances with the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group.



Lewis meeting United States Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland.



Lewis at the Arizona State Capital in Phoenix, Arizona

Young Child Celebration Helps Caregivers Raise Healthy Children

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On October 17, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community WIC program held a special Young Child Health Celebration event at the Accelerated Learning Academy gymnasium. The event was aimed at providing caregivers of children age 5 years and younger with the tools necessary to help raise healthy children.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) is part of the Health and Human Services public health sector, which includes Diabetes Prevention Services, Environmental Health, Injury Prevention, Nursing and Public Health Services. Information on these services and more was presented.

WIC Community Health and Nutrition Supervisor Maggie Fisher said that she hopes the Young Child Health Celebration creates a new tradition. The format was a talking circle-style gathering space surrounded by information booths.

“We want families to get to know each other and trade [tips] with each other about how to raise healthy children in a healthy circle,” said Fisher, who believes that an event like this can provide supplemental information to families who use WIC services and have specific needs. “[W]e focus on nutritional education and providing food to families; but even if we don’t provide [a particular] service, we connect families to those services. For example, I can teach caregivers about when to start solid baby foods, but as far as speech development and other needs, [we don’t



The Diabetes Prevention Services staff had a booth set up at the Young Child Health Celebration promoting healthy eating.



A Community member family stops for a photo at the Young Child Health Celebration.

provide that specific service but WIC] can connect you with it.”

One of the information booths at the event was sponsored by Child Find, a free developmental screening program that helps to identify whether infants, toddlers and children up to age 5 are meeting the milestones regarding social and emotional development.

Children and caregivers also enjoyed food served by Panera, raffle prizes and balloon animals.

“We want to thank Salt River Schools, the Early Childhood Education Center, and everyone involved in making this event happen,” said Fisher. “The event wouldn’t be possible without Child Find, the River People Health Center and the pediatricians there, Na-



Books available for families and young children at the NYCP Literacy for All booth at the Young Child Health Celebration event.



A family visits a booth to learn more about the services provided at the Young Child Health Celebration event.

tive Youth Community Projects (NYCP) Literacy for All, Southwest Human Development’s Birth to Five Helpline, and everyone else.”



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River People Health Center Sponsors Domestic Violence Seminar

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On October 19, the River People Health Center hosted the "You Are Not Alone" domestic violence seminar at the Way of Life Facility.

The emphasis was on increasing awareness about the resources and support available in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for those who find themselves in a situation that involves domestic violence. The seminar featured informational booths, dinner and an opening blessing from SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos. In her welcome, Carlos stated that the seminar

was important for the Community to become more aware of the support that is around. "Thank you to our departments that are here providing information to us," said Carlos.

Wade Hayes served as the emcee of the event. His passionate words to the Community in between speakers detailed his own struggle with domestic violence and how it has impacted his life. Hayes talked about his incarcerations, drug and alcohol addictions, and other personal struggles. "Our Community is bleeding. Literally. It has to stop," he said.

Discussing domestic violence openly was a common theme during the seminar. Families from across the Com-

munity attended, some of them bringing children.

During the victim advocate presentation, Rosa Cruz and Shanna Stewart from the River People Health Center's Behavioral Health Center educated the audience about how abusers exercise power, control and manipulation in a domestic violence environment. Blaming the victim, minimizing the situation, isolation, extreme jealousy, sexual coercion and using children were some of the many topics they discussed. "We're here to help because we want everyone in the Community to feel safe," said Cruz.

A discussion came about when the attendees were informed that domestic violence

cases involving men as the victims are severely underreported. "It has happened, unfortunately," said Stewart. "It's why we hold these kinds of gatherings, to help increase awareness and educate the Community."

Nagisa Kondo from the Family Advocacy Center, Elayne Lucero from the Prosecutor's Office, and Melanie Nosie from the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department were featured guest speakers during the seminar.

Kondo educated the audience regarding the services available through the Family Advocacy Center. Her presentation discussed several tragedies that occurred in the Community years ago which resulted

in the upgraded and improved services now available to the Community.

Unfortunately, domestic violence affects many, and it can be fatal in some instances. Thankfully, a dedicated support system and resources are available in the Community. The SRPMIC has several outlets for children, adults, employees and Community members who find themselves in a situation where domestic violence has occurred or is occurring.

"We have to do something about this," said Hayes. "We can't have this happen to our families. No more," he finished.



Wade Hayes from the Health and Human Services Program wore his heart on his sleeve as he detailed his personal struggles with addiction and his path towards recovery.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Mikah Carlos welcomed all in attendance for the Domestic Violence Seminar. They thanked the River People's Behavioral Health Team for organizing the event.



Informational vendor booths were hosted inside of the Way of Life Facility as a way to promote upcoming program events and services in the Community.

Community Caregivers Complete Their Ribbon Skirts

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For the past two months in September and October, caregivers in the Community have been sewing skirts for those they provide services to. The caregivers continually gathered together over the last few months to work on their creations for a few hours at a time.

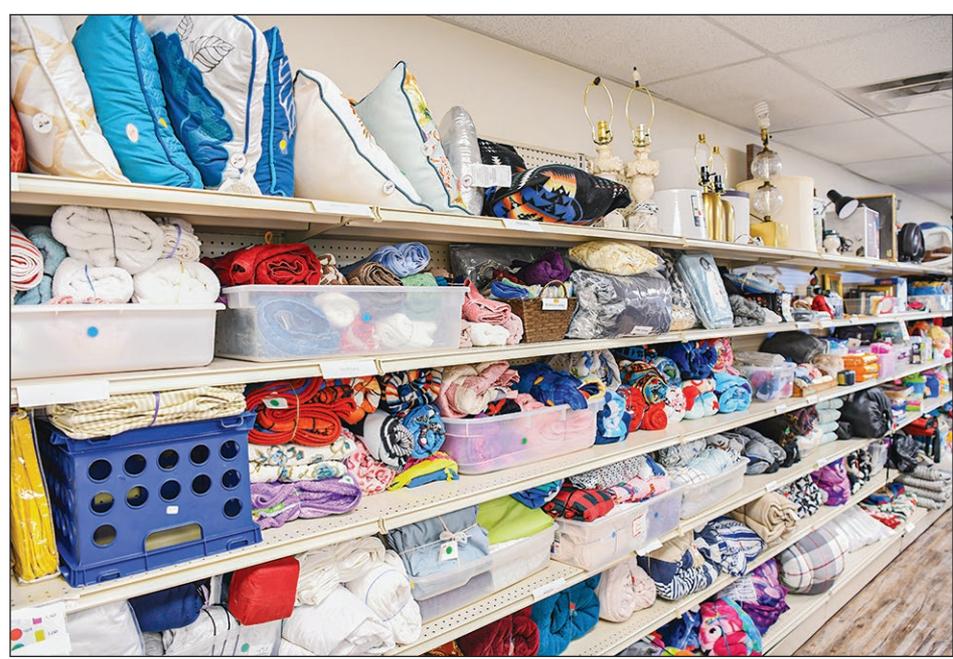
On October 4, the Community caregivers finished the skirts in the North Annex building and proudly showed them off to Caregiver Coordinator Cheryl Tate. The skirts will go to the client's receiving services in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Social Services program.

Top Row (L-R): Geraldine King, Juanita Pablo, Sandra Jones, Leona Andreas, and Karen James.

Bottom Row (L-R): Susan Yazzie, Andrew Lucero, Serena Padilla and Leticia Dalton.



Helping Hands Thrift Store Celebrates New Location



Inside of the new Helping Hands Thrift Store, many items are for now sale at affordable prices. The store features clothing in all sizes which include newborns, boys, girls, adults and much more.

Blankets, pillows, appliances, lighting, bath towels are all for sale in the now open Helping Hands Thrift Store.

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The open house was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and included shoe and clothing giveaways for adults and children.

The opening began with SRPMIC Social Services Manager WinterElk Valencia welcoming and blessing all in attendance. "We hope that with this store, we are able to help those in need," said Valencia.

At the grand opening, shoppers filled the store right as it opened. The outside wall was lined with free shoes and T-shirts for adults and children. Many shoppers made sure to grab their free pair of shoes before entering the store. To help celebrate the opening, Helping Hands staff offered cookies, cupcakes and other goodies to shoppers.

The aisles inside the store are fully stocked with clothing ranging from newborn to plus size. The store also features kitchen appliances, linens and blankets, and toys for newborns and toddlers.

Several name-brand items were on display: Nike baseball hoodies, Phoenix Suns sweaters, kitchen appliances, Van's sneakers and more. Depending on the item, most prices were under \$5. Items that were priced a bit higher

On Friday, October 13, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Helping Hands Thrift Store celebrated the opening of a brand-new location in the Community, west of the Cultural Resources Department building. The store is operated under the Life Enhancement and Resource Network (L.E.A.R.N.), a division of SRPMIC's Social Services Department.



WinterElk Valencia, SRPMIC Social Services Manager welcoming shoppers to the Helping Hands Thrift Store.



Outside view of the Helping Hands Thrift Store.

were also available, as was the store's layaway program.

Shoppers can now place one item on layaway with zero money down. However, there is a two-week hold on all items, and shoppers are only allowed one layaway item at a time. Once payment has been received in full, shoppers can then take their item home. The Helping Hands store promotes a "no exceptions" rule and suggests shoppers talk with store staff if they have specific questions regarding the layaway program.

The store also offers the Helping Hands Clothing Referral program three times a year to receive shirts, bottoms, undergarments, socks and shoes.

The new Helping Hands Thrift Store is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Currently the store accepts cash only. If you are interested in donating to the store, there are donation bins in the front of the building in the parking lot.

In a separate interview, Valencia thanked Salt River Community members for their support laying the foundation for its continued existence.

"We would like you to know that we will continue the mission: To heal and strengthen families," said Valencia.

For more information, call the store at (480) 362-5625.

Salt River Represented at 39th Annual Native American Connections Parade



The 39th Annual Native American Connections Parade took place on October 14 in downtown Phoenix, beginning on 3rd Street and Oak Street and ending at Steele Indian School Park. The theme of this year's parade was "The Beauty of Native Art." Participants were encouraged to showcase their art. This year saw a lower turnout than previous years due to the eclipse.



The Phoenix Suns Visit the Way of Life Facility



After handing out free foam fingers, Phoenix Suns Originativ bags, and more freebies to the children, the Phoenix Suns Gorilla and DJ Tribal Touch happily posed for the camera on the bleachers inside of the Way of Life Facility.



The Community children cheered when the Phoenix Suns Gorilla made his grand entrance into the Way of Life gymnasium carrying a the official turquoise Originativ Phoenix Suns flag.

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On October 18, inside of the Way of Life Facility gymnasium, members of the Phoenix Suns Charities team visited the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to deliver a donation check in the amount of \$10,000.

Children from the Community waited inside the gym for the Phoenix Suns Gorilla to make his appearance. Phoenix Suns DJ and Senior Director of Live Presentation Shawn Martinez (a.k.a. DJ Tribal Touch) greeted the kids inside the gym along with members of the Phoenix Suns Charities team.

A native of Window Rock, Arizona, Martinez said he was amazed at the facility. He recalled Salt River being one of his previous stomping grounds when

played basketball in his youth. "Wow, this [facility] is nice," said Martinez. "It looks a lot different from when I used to play ball around here back in the day," he added with a laugh.

For the check presentation, the Gorilla entered the gym carrying a massive turquoise Phoenix Suns flag, similar to the one he swings around at half-court during Suns home games. The flag nearly reached the gym's ceiling as the Gorilla swung it from side to side while the children applauded and cheered.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard and Council members Jacob Butler, Mikah Carlos, Cheryl Doka and Michael Dallas Sr. all joined DJ Tribal Touch, the Phoenix Suns Gorilla and members of the Phoenix Suns Charities team for the check presentation. The \$10,000 donation from Phoenix Suns Charities will be distributed to the SRPMIC Athletics Program.

Following the presentation, the Gorilla dove into the crowd of children for high-fives, selfies and hugs. The Gorilla also handed out official Phoenix Suns foam fingers, Phoenix Suns Originativ tote bags, and a handout that lists his position with the Phoenix Suns as "Dunk Expert."

Originativ is a Suns initiative designed to increase recognition of Arizona's Native American tribes and celebrate their rich culture.

Phoenix Suns players were not available for the check presentation, as they were on the road finishing up the 2023-2024 NBA preseason and preparing to begin the regular season against the Golden State Warriors on October 24.

SRPMIC Public Health

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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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:

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(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm 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.

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- Go Online to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRPMICChristmas-AngelTreeProgram2023>
- Call: 480-362-7460 (Leave a message-this is a VOICEMAIL ONLY line)
- Email: ChristmasAngels@srpmic-nsn.gov
- In Person: Social Services Office at 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Building 32 (N. Side of building)

*Kinship and foster care placements do not qualify for sponsorship at this time, but may be eligible for other resources

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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

Antone, James Sheldon - Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Child: A.W.S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Permanency/Review Hearings Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Antone, Jordan James - Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Child: A.W.S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Disposition Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: November 9, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Baptisto, Nathaniel – Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: November 2, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Burns, Christine – Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0054 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Butler, Adam Dustin – Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Mother: Saundra Andrea Lewis (DOB: 02/06/1989) Minors: M.A.B. (DOB: 08/14/2008) Case: JV-24-0001 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Chiago Sr., Vincent Vernon Lee - Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: October 30, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Curtis, Lila Star - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3032/3033/3034 Court Date: October 18, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Doe, Manuel – Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: November 15, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Enos, Yvette Marie – Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship/Review Hearings Case: J-19-0169/J-21-0060/J-22-0087/J-22-0088 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hernandez, Dion Jvon - Mother: Maria Arteaga (DOB: 03/22/1997), Minors: C.M.H – (DOB: 01/30/2015), J.H – (DOB: 08/22/2017), Z.S.C – (DOB: 04/15/2021)- Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-23-0018/0019/0020 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Kavoka, Jessica Ann - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: October 23, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Lewis, Calvin - Mother: Renae Loring (DOB: 02/18/1994) Minor: M.A.L. (DOB: 07/09/2022) Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-23-3038 Court Date: October 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Lopez, Alejandra - Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Manuel, Ashlee Noreen - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: December 5, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Manuel, Ian - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3032/3033/3034 Court Date: October 18, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Osif, Angel John - Mother: Erica Spex (DOB: 01/25/1988) Child: L.M.O (DOB: 07/25/2008) Relinquishment Hearing Case: J-13-0259/J-16-0235 Court Date: October 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Osif, Angel - Motion Hearing Case: J-14-0115/J-13-0259/J-16-0235 Court Date: October 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Unknown Father/John Doe, - Mother: Renae Loring (DOB: 02/18/1994) Minor: M.A.L. (DOB: 07/09/2022) Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-23-3038 Court Date: October 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Salazar Jr., Jose Ben – Evidentiary Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/0129 Court Date: November 27, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Silversmith IV, James – Mother: Yvette Marie Enos (DOB: 03/09/1989) MINORS: J.E. (DOB: 06/06/2019) and J.E. (DOB: 04/01/2021) Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship/Review Hearings Case: J-19-0169/J-21-0060/J-22-0087/J-22-0088 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Spex, Brittany Arless – Permanency and Review Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Valencia, Victor – Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: November 2, 2023 at 11 a.m.

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

Andreas, Keisha Ann - Review Hearing Case: CF-22-0031 Court Date: November 9, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Butler, Adam Dustin - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-23-3089 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Butler, Wayne Elliot - Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-4239 Court Date: December 4, 2023 at 10 AM

Casias Sr., Daniel Fernando - Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3001 Court Date: November 15, 2023 at 9 AM

Chaca, Cheryl Ann - Default Notice Hearing Case: D-23-0013 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

BUTLER, ADAM DUSTIN DEFAULT NOTICE CV-23-3089 TANIA L. PHILLIPS V. ADAM DUSTIN BUTLER, TO: Adam Dustin Butler, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 25th of May, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

BUTLER, ADAM DUSTIN SUMMONS JV-24-0001

I.T.M.O.: M. A. BUTLER, DOB: 08/14/2008

TO: Adam Dustin Butler

SUMMONS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IT IS ORDERED that Summons shall be issued to Adam Dustin Butler that an Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing is set on December 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following admonition:

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court against you which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the minor: M.

A. Butler, DOB: 08/14/2008, Mother: Saundra Lewis, DOB:02/06/1989

Judge D. Achin shall be the presiding Judge.

“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 Parental Rights of the Parent May be Terminated.”

Adam Dustin Butler shall be noticed by publication.

COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

CHACA, CHERYL ANN DEFAULT NOTICE D-23-0013 ROMO, MICHAEL V. CHACA, CHERYL ANN TO: Chaca, Cheryl Ann, RESPONDENT

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Judgment by Default)

DATED this 12th of September, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

LEWIS, CALVIN SUMMONS JV-23-3038

I.T.M.O.: M.A.L. (DOB: 7/9/2022)

TO: Calvin Lewis

On September 7, 2023, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the child named above has been neglected or abused, or is otherwise a dependent child.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Court Room # 3 before Judge Darmody.

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

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

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COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

SCOTT, COBY

Notice of Default Judgment:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-23-0043

Chiago, Chris Tony –Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-12-0034/CF-12-0121/CF-23-0076 -Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Clapp, Monica - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: November 6, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Conger, Sierra Pequena - Custody Hearing Case: CV-23-3363 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Gallegos, Erica Olivia – Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-3370 -Court Date: October 24, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Hayes, Maria Felicia - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0075 Court Date: November 14, 2023 at 9 AM

Jackson, Stephanie Alana –Motion Hearing Case: P-23-0034 -Court Date: November 15, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Jauregui, Alicia Sandra - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0021 Court Date: November 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Martinez, Ambria Jean - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: November 6, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Masawistewa, Moriah - Evidentiary Hearing Case: CV-23-3859 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 11 AM

Ochoa Sr., Lano - Visitation Hearing Case: CV-23-3755 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 9 AM

Thomas Sr., Dillon - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-23-3521 Court Date: November 15, 2023 at 11 AM

Thompson, Franzia Kaye - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CF-23-0090 Court Date: November 16, 2023 at 11 AM

Zepeda Jr., Hector Jose - Review Hearing Case: CF-22-0071 Court Date: November 8, 2023 at 9 AM

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Coby Scott, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Coby Scott, shall pay \$9,138.93 to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

UNKNOWN FATHER/JOHN DOE SUMMONS JV-23-3038

I.T.M.O.: M.A.L. (DOB: 7/9/2022)

TO: Unknown Father/John Doe

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COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

4th Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE December 31, 2023

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the December 2023 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Thursday, December 28, at 5 p.m. 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 **January 2024** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **April 2024** payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Thursday, December 28 at 5 p.m. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

***Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 16 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member’s Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the Janu-

ary 2024 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of April 2024.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, January 16 at 5 p.m. 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

SRPMIC Employees “Working Together For a Brighter Future” at Fall Overhaul 2023



CDD-EPNR ambassadors and Youth Services staff work on a stretch of brownfield-turned-greenfield land across from the Salt River Landfill called the Environmental Education Garden, for their Fall Overhaul project.



HHS department participants stand in front of their “new nurse” to advertise the new vaccine roll-out at the Fall Overhaul event.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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On October 20, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community employees came together for the annual Fall Overhaul cleanup event held throughout the boundaries of the Community.

The Community Development Department (CDD) and Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Department (EPNR) put the event together with the assistance of many different SRPMIC government departments.

This year’s theme was “Working Together For a Brighter Future.” In total, around 1200 employees participated in the cleanup.

Before the event, employees gathered in the Two Waters Courtyard for a prayer by Amy Miguel, a welcome by SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, and a full body warm-up exercise demonstrated by HHS Injury Prevention Coordinator Monte Yazzie to get everybody stretched out and ready to work. The warm-up was intended to loosen the shoulders, neck, back, chest, knees, feet and legs.

“Warming up the muscles by doing stretches and increasing the blood flow by getting your body moving is a great strategy to decrease injuries before activity,” said Yazzie. “Fall Overhaul is such a great event; taking the time to give back to the Community with projects, increase team building with co-workers, and meeting new people in the process is a wonderful opportunity.”

Fall Overhaul service projects included clean-ups at the Cottonwood and Lehi wetlands, cleaning standpipes, making garden boxes for seniors, working in the Community Garden, and cleaning up a piece of brownfield-turned-greenfield land across from the Salt River Landfill called the Environmental Education Garden, that will hopefully become a new garden and gathering place for the Community.

CDD-EPNR ambassadors and Youth Services staff helped with the greenfield project.

“Today we’re working on creating a path and lining it with rocks, trimming trees and doing landscaping,” said Tribal Brownfields Senior Environmental Specialist Lily Bermejo. “The vision is that one day, this is going to be a place where we can do some environmental outreach.”

Limited-mobility projects were available for those who were unable to participate in the more physical service projects.

Household Hazardous Waste/Paper Shredding

On October 21, the Household Hazardous Waste/Paper Shredding event was held across the street at the Two Waters Complex north parking lot. Community members and employees had the opportunity to dispose of hazardous materials in a safe manner at a variety of stations that were set up.

A total of 7,552 lbs of household hazardous waste were prevented from entering the landfill, more than double the weight collected during the most recent Earth Day Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

Senior Environmental Engineer Jeremy Phillips said that Community members were excited and happy that the event was hosted again.

“We had a great turn out. We had over 40 cars dropping off papers for shredding,” said Phillips.

Approximately 4,000 lbs of paper was shredded by the truck on-site.

Emergency response contractor Emergency Environmental Services donated two cubic yard boxes of pumpkins to give away, and emergency response contractor Environmental

Response, Inc. donated a pallet of water to get volunteers through Fall Overhaul and the HHW/Shredding events. The Salt River Landfill also donated 30 cases of water.



Above: Fall Overhaul participants clean up trash along Osborn and Dobson.

Below: A Fall Overhaul participant paints a drum.



SRPMIC Staff pick up trash along Dobson Road.



Hazardous Waste Collected

- 2 fire extinguishers
- 36 waste tires
- 20 lbs propane cylinders
- 500 lbs e-waste
- 3,200 lbs latex paint
- 21 lbs fluorescent bulbs
- 8 lbs Li-ion batteries
- 3 lbs ni-cad batteries
- 75 lbs medical sharps
- 120 lbs non-DEA
- 930 lbs flammable liquids
- 360 lbs aerosols
- 1,900 lbs used oil
- 130 lbs used antifreeze
- 190 lbs pesticides
- 95 lbs corrosives

Above left: The Salt River Police Department poses for a photo before heading out for their Fall Overhaul assignment.

Left: HHS Injury Prevention Coordinator Monte Yazzie demonstrates a full body warm-up before the Fall Overhaul event.

SAFE SCHOOLS & SECURITY TEAM PRESENTS: SPOOKTACULAR

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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On October 26, the Safe Schools & Security team at Salt River Schools held a Spooktacular event at the Accelerated Learning Academy Gym.

Students and families dressed up in spooky costumes and participated in Trick-or-Treating at different booths.

The Woodenhead Collective showcased their "Haunted Hallway" and the Jr. Miss Salt River Court and Miss Salt River judged the costume contest.



FALL FESTIVAL

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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On October 28, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held the Fall Festival at the ALA Football Field.

The festival featured a Trunk-or-Treat event in the parking lot, costume contests, an outdoor movie screening and plenty of vendors, delicious treats and more!



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 -Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.
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 -Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

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-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.
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 -Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

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 (480) 947-5278
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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

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 Pastor Charlotte Fafard
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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.

EXCLUSION NOTICE

Vincent Edward Rodriguez




EXCLUSION INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

FOR ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS AND/OR LANDOWNERS ONLY



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

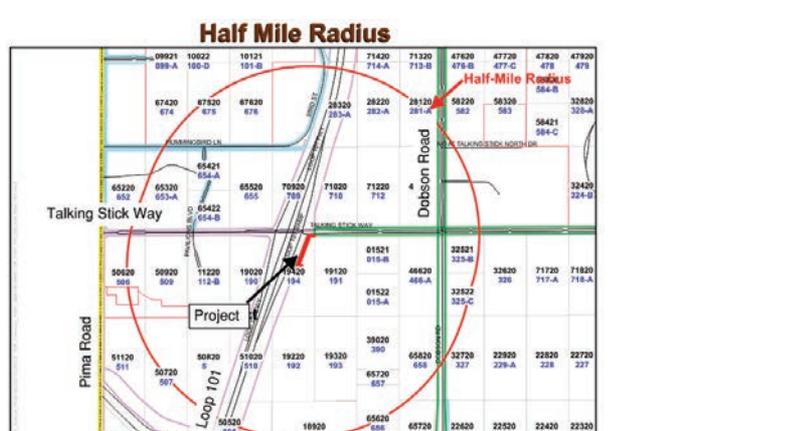
Community Development Department

Two Waters Building B, Third Floor, 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 Phone (480) 362-7600 Email: Planning@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

The Community Council 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:

Talking Stick Resort – Replacement Freeway Pylon Request for Dimensional Variances (22-DV-01)



Kimberly Euers with YESCO, on behalf of Talking Stick Resort, is requesting dimensional variances to replace the existing freeway pylon adjacent to the Loop 101 Freeway with a larger freeway pylon sign. The larger freeway pylon sign will be 105 feet tall with a three-sided electronic message center (EMC). The larger freeway pylon sign is within the C3-PC zoning district, and is located at the southeast corner of Talking Stick Way and the Loop 101 Freeway. The dimensional variances to deviate from the SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance (SRO-467-2015) are requested in order for the freeway pylon to be constructed.

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Location: SRPMIC Council Chambers (Longmore & Osborn)

If you have any questions or concerns you may call Rick McAllister, Principal Planner at (480) 362-7655. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Community Development Department, at 10,005 East Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

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November 16	November 3
December 7	November 17

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Calendar of Events

ONGOING

FREE MICROCHIPS FOR DOGS, Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Free microchips will be available at both locations: West Shelter 2500 S. 27th Avenue in Phoenix, or East Shelter 2630 W. Rio Salado Parkway in Mesa. Please register online at <https://mcaccappointments.as.me/microchip> Questions? Call 602-997-7585 extension 3800

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CAROL & CARE, Mondays at North Annex from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Participants will make blankets, learn an O'odham Christmas Carol, and deliver the blankets to the Caring House in Gila River on Thursday December 7. Sign up by contacting Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180

ONK AKIMEL TAI CHI, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Senior Room in WOLF. Questions? Call (480) 362-6350

SENIOR WALKING CLUB, Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. meeting in WOLF lobby. Poles can be checked out at the WOLF and transportation is available. Contact Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180

the speakers and presenters focus on the concerns that are forefront in the minds of women, especially Native Women. REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTP://WWW.NAWC-AZ.COM/REGISTRATION.HTML](http://WWW.NAWC-AZ.COM/REGISTRATION.HTML)

3-5 10TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER RUN, Keli Akimel, Gila River Indian Community. Locations for the running sites will be held at three locations throughout the 3-day event. All Indigenous & BIPOC women, femme, transwomen are welcome and invited. Donations and volunteers are needed and appreciated. For more info., email womensprayerrun@gmail.com or contact Renee Jackson (480) 404-2543; Pam Thompson (480) 721-0939 or June Shorthair (480) 851-2569.

4-5 RED MOUNTAIN EAGLE POW-WOW, At Salt River Baseball Field. Public Event! Everyone Welcome! Free Admission! GRAND ENTRY SCHEDULE: Saturday: 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. GOURD DANCING: Saturday: 10 a.m. & 5 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m., Contacts: Victorialyn McCarthy, Phone: (480) 234-1432, Email: victorialyn@onaukmor.com David Montiel, Phone: (602) 882-5553, Email: David@onaukmor.com.

4 HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM'S 36TH ANNIVERSARY, begins at 8 a.m. with mesquite pancake breakfast as well as tortilla making and hammer milling mesquite pods into flour. At 10 a.m. the new exhibit "Coming Home" will open. The museum is also holding a sale of 36% off all items NOT marked with a red dot. Questions? Contact the museum at (480)362-6320

4 ARTIE PALOOZA: SCC OPEN HOUSE, 2-5 p.m. Discover Scottsdale Community College's amazing academic programs and student services in a fun, festive environment. Dubbed "Artie Palooza" in honor of SCC's Artie the Artichoke mascot, this free outdoor event lets you experience campus life and our caring college community. For complete details, please visit: bit.ly/artie-palooza-f23

6 SENIOR SERVICES FRUITS AND VEGGIES CHARCUTERIE BOARD CREATION, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at WOLF room 56. Be the star of any party when you learn how to create a charcuterie

board. Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180

7 BACK TO BASICS COOKING AND NUTRITION, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at River People Health Center. Participants get to learn basic cooking skills through hands-on recipe preparation. This session will cover Food safety and fresh, frozen or canned produce and making spinach dip and mac 'n' veggies. Call (480) 362-3355 to reserve your space today!

8 DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH HEALTH FAIR, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at River People Health Center. Join us for some health, wellness, fitness, and family fun! Featuring raffle prizes every fifteen minutes, gift bags for the first 50 people, fun booths and photo ops, and free screenings from the Healthcare Team! For more information, call Karina J Watson (480) 362-3278

9 DISTRICT A & DISTRICT E CM BUTLER AND CM CARLOS COMBINED MEETING, 6 p.m. at Council Chambers. Topics to be determined. Please contact council secretaries at (480) 362-7469 to confirm schedule and agenda.

10 VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED, tribal offices closed. Please plan accordingly.

11 VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM, Details to be announced. Contact SRPMIC veteran's services for information at (480) 362-7884

14 BACK TO BASICS COOKING AND NUTRITION, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at River People Health Center. Participants get to learn basic cooking skills through hands-on recipe preparation. This session will cover Healthy fats and make baked beans and broccoli salad. Call (480) 362-3355 to reserve your space today!

14 SCR PARENT NIGHT, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Accelerated Learning Academy. This informational meeting is open to all parents/guardians of school-aged Community members. Light refreshments will be available while supplies last. We'll discuss: annual school calendars, parent issues/concerns, attendance, student incentive programs, self-care, culture, resources, and more! There will be special prize drawings throughout the event. Join

us for your chance to win! Call 480-362-2534 with any questions.

15 READ TO GROW, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. At SRES education board room 4836 N. Center St. The NYCP Literacy For All team invites you to join this fun and FREE program for parents and their children ages 3-5. The registration deadline is Nov. 9. All materials are provided. Space is limited - register today! This will ensure we have enough materials and food for participants. RSVP by calling/texting (480) 878-8604 or emailing Wendy.Jefferson@saltriversschools.org.

15 SHOOTING STARS ADAPTIVE BASKETBALL, 6:15 p.m. at WOLF. Join Super Kids Shooting Stars for sensory friendly basketball skills, social skills, and team building exercises. For more information, contact adaptive recreation at (480) 362-3267

16 CROCHETING WITH KORIN, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Tribal Library. This hands-on workshop is designed for teens, and participants will learn to crochet and create their own wavy bucket hat. Register now by visiting <https://sugeni.us/4QW6> Questions? Call (480) 362-6600

17 FREE MONTHLY GOLF CLINIC AT TALKING STICK GOLF CLUB, 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Mini Lessons followed by driving range practice and one on one instruction. This sessions focus will be mid-irons and fairway woods. Pre-register and reserve your spot by emailing rsmith@talkingstickgolfclub.com or texting 801-722-9805.

18 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING, Save the date! More information to come!

18 FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come out and earn your American Red Cross training. Get Certified in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Register at: <https://sugeni.us/4Uu8>

21 BACK TO BASICS COOKING AND NUTRITION, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at River People Health Center. Participants get to learn basic cooking skills through hands-on recipe preparation. This session will cover Nutrition Labels and Dried Beans and making crunchy potatoes with carrots and chuck roast. Call (480) 362-3355 to

reserve your space today!

24 & 25 SALT RIVER PI-COPA MEN & WOMEN'S ALL INDIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, registration closes November 10. For information or team entry contact CRS - Athletics Division's Kim Whitelock at (480) 362-5790 or visit <https://sugeni.us/4jvy>

28 BACK TO BASICS COOKING AND NUTRITION, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at River People Health Center. Participants get to learn basic cooking skills through hands-on recipe preparation. This session will cover Meal planning and making Pozole and breakfast sandwiches. Call (480) 362-3355 to reserve your space today!

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30 THRIVING WITH DIABETES, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at River People Health Center's Teaching Kitchen. Every fourth Thursday of the month, providers will go over major topics of diabetes care including food, medication, physical activity, and stress management. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Call (480) 362-3355 for information and to reserve a spot.

30 SODA WITH SECURITY, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Accelerated Learning Academy. Join the Safe Schools & Security team for their free monthly public event: Soda With Security! In November, the SRPD Gang Unit will be discussing gang awareness and prevention. Questions? Call (480) 362-2010 or email Esteban.Lopez@saltriversschools.org. Learn more at https://www.saltriversschools.org/news/what_s_new/sws2023