

7th Annual Piipaash Matasheevm Held at Lehi Gathering Area



Ruthella Washington (seated, fifth from left) was one of the Elder Honorees acknowledged at this year's Piipaash Matasheevm. She is pictured with her family.

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Boys & Girls Club Red Mountain Branch Youth of the Year Inspires Hope



L-R: Council member Mikah Carlos, Boys & Girls Club Youth Development Specialist Samantha Harris, Red Mountain Branch Youth of the Year Jordan French, Council member Jacob Butler, and former Red Mountain Branch Youth of the Year 2021 Kennise McGertt support French on stage at the Celebrate Youth Gala after he receives his scholarship award. Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale.

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Standing in front of more than 600 attendees at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's annual Celebrate Youth Gala fundraiser on Saturday, March 23 was 15-year-old Jordan French, representing the Red Mountain branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

French is a freshman at Mountain View High School and

has been a member of the Red Mountain branch since he was in the third grade. He's also a lover of instruments, boasting that the guitar, piano, viola and "a few other thingamabobs" are on his list of musical skills.

A couple of months earlier, French had applied for the Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year award for the Red Mountain branch. Each chapter recognizes an exceptional Club member who demonstrates the values of the organization, such as community service, personal

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Helping Hands Thrift Store Reopens with New Merchandise and Sale



Now that Helping Hands has completed their renovations, they are able to showcase their brand new merchandise on their sales room floor.

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During the month of April, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's thrift store, Helping Hands, will be hosting a massive 50% off sale. "We're hoping the community comes out to see our new items," said Helping Hands store manager Francis Edwards.

"Our sale is a few days in April," said Edwards. The official dates for the April 2024 Helping Hands 50% off sale will be April 25th and 26th. "We do this for the Community. We'd love it if

people were to come out and see what we have," Edwards stated.

In February, Helping Hands temporarily closed its doors in order to upgrade the merchandise sales floor. Currently, two brand-new shoe racks line the walls, showing off the new shoes that have been donated for the Community. The store works to maintain a high standard for all of its inventory, with goods from such top-selling brands as Calvin Klein, Nike, Adidas, Polo Ralph Lauren and many more.

Helping Hands has also upgraded the "free item" table, which is available for all Com-

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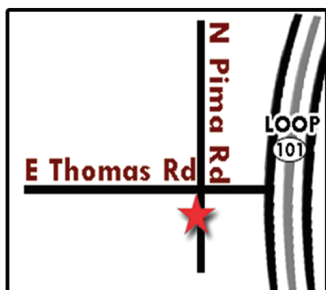
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Boys & Girls Club Red Mountain Branch Youth of the Year Inspires Hope

achievement and academic excellence.

French won the Youth of the Year award for the Red Mountain branch, which means at the March 23 gala he competed with the winners from other branches in hopes of being named the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Youth of the Year.

French's speech emphasized hope and described his experience of navigating through personal hardships as a young person.

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During difficult periods of his life, French said, he found community in the Red Mountain branch at the Way of Life Facility. "I started coming here a lot and it was like a home to me," said French. "I started to open up, and they would make sure I was well fed."

French also credits his friends and mentors he met through the Club as a strong support system to him. "During hard times, my friends really helped me out. They experienced what I had experienced, so when I comfort people, I try to be in their shoes," said French.

French said he was not yet fully comfortable speaking in public. "It was

really terrifying to speak in front of just 28 people, [so] 600 people was a stretch. But I still did it, and I had some fun with it," he said.

In the future, he hopes to become a musician or therapist. With the scholarship he earned at the gala, he can choose to fulfill either of these dreams when the time comes.

"Change is scary. I know that because I have been through a lot," French said. "In a way, I find it beauti-

ful. I imagine caterpillars or butterflies changing. If a caterpillar stays a caterpillar, it's just a caterpillar. But when it changes, it becomes something even more beautiful: a butterfly. I see life as beautiful; I don't like to see it as dark, letting it get me down. If you do that, it's not going to help you—it'll make things worse for you. I've been there, but now I'm here, happy as I can be. Even though I didn't win, it's all right because I can always try again."

French hopes to reapply for the Youth of the Year award during his junior or senior year of high school so he can move on to further Boys & Girls Club competitions.



Boys & Girls Club Red Mountain Branch Youth of the Year Jordan French represented the Community and his branch at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale's Celebrate Youth Gala on March 23. Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale.

Labriola Holds Grand Opening, Provides Safe Space For Native Students



Tohono O'odham member, SRPMIC resident, muralist and artist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus talks about the new mural located at the Labriola National American Indian Data Center that he created with SRPMIC member and artist Dwayne Manuel.

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As you enter the Labriola National American Indian Data Center at Arizona State University's Hayden Library, a small orange sign sits atop a desk to the left that says, "WARNING: O'odham HIMDAG enforced INDIGENOUS ZONE."

Labriola Director Alex Soto (Tohono O'odham) set the tone for the space, letting O'odham and other Native students know that they are especially welcome and safe there.

In fact, the Labriola Center's staff is entirely Native. Librarian Vina Begay is Diné, a member of the Navajo Nation, and so is the senior program coordinator, Eric Hardy, and program coordinator Yitazba Largo-Anderson. SRPMIC member Penrose Fulwilder is also now a part of the Labriola team as an O'odham language specialist

helping the library properly describe O'odham archival material, thanks to a \$1M grant from the Mellon Foundation.

The new 6,000-plus-square-foot facility provides Indigenous students, researchers, faculty and community members a culturally safe space for individual and collaborative study, access to Indigenous research services, and access to the library and archival collections, according to Soto.

"What we hope to achieve here at the bare minimum is to show that Native students—O'odham students in particular, because this is their land too—can see that this is their space and they can see themselves in that space," said Soto.

"Whether that's books by O'odham authors and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members, or something as simple as a welcome sign, those little things help a student [feel accepted]. Especially when you're a

first-generation undergrad and you come to a [school] as big as ASU, you can be overwhelmed or feel like you don't fit in. So, when you see something like that, it can be the spark that makes you say, 'Maybe I do [fit in].'"

The weekend before the grand opening, the Labriola Center sponsored a prayer run to bless the new space, which began in the SRPMIC at Red Mountain (*Svegi Do'ag* in O'odham) and ended at South Mountain (*Moah-dak Do'ag* in O'odham).

At the grand opening, SRPMIC member Jonathon Curry and Andrew Pedro from the Gila River Indian Community began the event with a gourd song. Among the guests at the event was Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis.

Tohono O'odham member, SRPMIC resident, muralist and artist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus talked about his mural collaboration with SRPMIC member and artist Dwayne Manuel, who couldn't attend the event. Their mural is located on the wall to the right of the Labriola Center entrance.

"Alex Soto asked the both of us to come up with a design, and we based our design and plan off of A Mountain (*Oidbad Do'ag* in O'odham). We wanted to show the past into the present and how the land used to look before development, when the river

was still flowing," said Marcus. "The mural depicts that and a calendar stick that recorded events. The second half of the mural transitions into a book, signifying how knowledge is shared."

Food was provided by Café Gozhóó, a Western Apache café that integrates Apache foodways infused with ancestral knowledge. Their team of chefs included Nephi Craig (White Mountain Apache/Diné).

On the menu were the Three Sisters, a piñon shooter and wild spinach by Indigenous food expert Twila Casadore, sumac and achote grilled quail, carved bison ribeye, and blue corn mush with berries, amaranth and piñon.

The entertainment for the event included a set by DJ Reflekshin and a concert by One Way Sky. Soto himself kept the party going, rapping along to some beats.



Andrew Pedro and Jonathon Curry perform a gourd song at the grand opening of the Labriola National American Indian Data Center.

Background: Mural created by Thomas "Breeze" Marcus and Dwayne Manuel, located at Labriola Center.

Lehi Boys & Girls Club Unveils Upgraded Amenities at Open House



Council members Deanna Scabby and Michael Dallas were joined by Boys & Girls Club youth for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth and their neighbors in Lehi have a new space to spend their time outside of the classroom. The Boys & Girls Club's Lehi Branch held an open house on March 28, where they showcased fully renovated areas where club members can engage in a variety of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM)-related activities.

The evening opened with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, after which guests gathered in the multipurpose room for a welcome message and some words on the history of the branch. Brian Yazzie, the assistant youth director, discussed

the Community's relationship with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, along with Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale President and CEO Ivan Gilreath and SRPMIC Council members Deanna Scabby and Michael Dallas. Afterward, a light meal was served.

The open house provided an opportunity for guests to see the full extent of the branch's renovations, starting with an updated Makerspace Studio where youth can learn exciting skills like 3D printing, using drones, coding and constructing in a safe environment. Next, the dedicated Learning Center hosts structured tutoring from ASU students in an open and collaborative environment. The tour continued into the Art Room, where students have brand-new

tabletops and furniture to work on plus an upgraded cleaning station with a sink that simplifies cleaning up by separating the paint from the liquid as they wash up their supplies. This allows the kids to take pride and ownership in their space. Around the corner is the Dance Room, which is an open space with large mirrors so the youth have a space to move how they choose, whether it's a cultural dance program or a yoga session.

Last is the updated Teen Center, which was a point of pride for the Boys & Girls Club. The newly renovated space now includes an e-sports room, a kitchen that the teens maintain and their own 3D printers.

The upgrades made to the Boys & Girls Club Lehi Branch will enhance opportunities for the youth in the program. Now they have spaces of their own where they can safely learn and create using the latest technology.

Those interested in getting involved with the Boys & Girls Club's Lehi Branch as members, volunteers or donors can learn more at <https://bgcs.org/lehi-branch/>.



Boys & Girls Club Member Maya was excited to share her most recent work, some of which also decorates the main hall of the Boys & Girls Club Lehi Branch.



A group of teens were very excited to see the new e-sports room at the teen center.

Seniors Hop to the Annual Senior Easter Luncheon



The annual Senior Easter Luncheon on March 29 brought together a full house at the Salt River Community Building.

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Dressed in their pastels and spring attire, seniors of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hopped into the Salt River Community Building for the annual Senior Easter Luncheon on March 29. Hosted by Senior Services, the event brought together senior friends and relatives for an afternoon of food, prizes and laughs. Also joining in the fun was the Easter Bunny himself, spreading joy to all those in attendance.

Before lunch was served, games like "toss the bunny" had every-bunny excitedly passing around the plush bunny, hoping to be the lucky winner. Those in luck received Easter baskets filled with goodies and prizes.

In one corner, attendees could be heard giggling away as they put on fluffy bunny ears and held props like carrots and rabbits for complimentary Easter photocards.

Then, almost like a flash mob, members of the audience gathered at the front to perform classics like the chicken dance.

Approaching lunchtime, the seniors were treated to a plate of warm chicken and mini bundt cakes. Good eats and conversation filled the rest of the hour.

With stomachs full and raffles won, the seniors at the Easter Luncheon headed out to enjoy their upcoming Easter weekend with family and friends.



For some entertainment, seniors participated in a synchronized dance for their peers.



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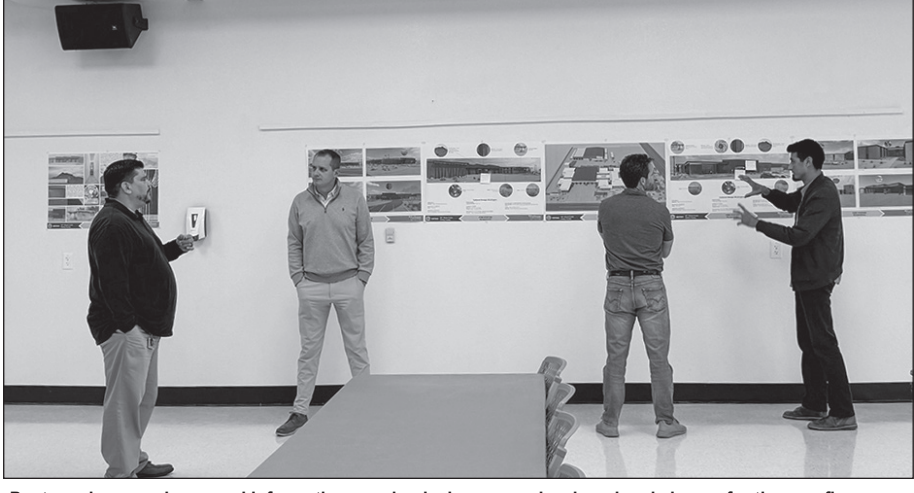
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SRPMIC Plans New Fire Station Opening in 2027



Posters show mock ups and information on why designs were developed and chosen for the new fire station. Photo courtesy of Daniel Angulo, ECS.

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The corner of 92nd Street and McK-ellips Road is going to get a massive upgrade in the coming years from the Salt River Fire Department. A new fire station, Station 295, is scheduled to open there in early 2027. The station will measure more than 40,000 square feet and house sleeping and living areas for up to 16 firefighters.

"The biggest improvement will be in reducing the response time," said Daniel Angulo, senior project manager

for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Engineering & Construction Services Department. "The casino and homes across the street [in the area] receive a lot of calls, so we're looking to reduce that [response] time," said Angulo.

The goal will be to reduce response time by 50%.

"When someone experiences an emergency, every second counts," said Angulo. "The driver behind [Fire Station] 295 is definitely to help people in the Community quickly and effectively," he added.

The new station will house six truck bays, two more than the largest fire station in the Community has now. In addition to the firefighters' living quarters, it will feature staff offices for SRPMIC Emergency Management, covered patios, and a storage and resource building which will allow for small repairs on fire equipment.

On April 2 at the SRPMIC Community Building, the Salt River Fire Department held an open house for Community members. Members were given a sneak peek at the plans for Station 295, which will be designed in a desert theme featuring hues of red and black.

Perlman Architects of Arizona has been working closely with the SRFD on the design and planning of the facility. In a series of meetings, the firm has worked to gain a better understanding of the needs of the SRFD and the Community at large.

To meet the goal of opening the new station in early 2027, SRFD and Perlman hope to finalize the architectural design by the end of this year.

"We hope to break ground and start construction in the early part of next year," Angulo stated.



Information was presented to attendees on design elements and expectations for the new fire station. Photo courtesy of Daniel Angulo, ECS.



The posters showed cultural and practical reasons for elements of the new fire station's design. Photo courtesy of Daniel Angulo, ECS.

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Representatives From Osage Nation Visit SRPMIC



Representatives from Osage Nation government offices visit the SRPMIC and stop for a photo on the Two Waters patio with President Martin Harvier (5th from right) and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard (2nd from right).

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Representatives from a variety of government offices at the Osage Nation made a two-day peer-to-peer visit to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on April 4 and 5 to learn more about the ins and outs of how the SRPMIC functions. The group included Osage Nation staff in the areas of social services, behavioral health, financial services and public safety.

The group began their visit at the Family Advocacy Center, where Child Protective Services manager Landon Goodwell gave them a tour.

After that, Joseph Remitera, director of Health and Human Services, led a tour of the medical facilities at the River People Health Center. The final stop of the day was the SRPMIC Tribal Court.

The next day, the group sat down with SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard and Assistant Community Manager Lena Jackson-Eckert. Harvier and Leonard took turns telling the group about the history and customs of the Community and answered questions from the visitors. One of the issues discussed was how tribes obtain funding for certain medical services and ambulatory care facilities.

Amy Shackelford, Indian Child Welfare specialist for the Osage Nation Social Services Agency, said that she

and her fellow representatives appreciated the opportunity to get to know the Community better.

Shackelford noted that Casey Family Programs, the nation's largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care in the United States, according to their website, works closely with both the SRPMIC and the Osage Nation.

"[Casey Family Programs] felt that the model of how [the SRPMIC] has set up the Social Services program, as well as the legal system and behavioral health program ... everything's tied together to make the experience and the outcome better for their members," said Shackelford.

"We really would like to take that model home and implement that," she continued. "Our system now is very siloed, and what we're wanting to do is break that down and make it easier for a family to get through our system. What I've noticed is at the SRPMIC, everything is member centered."

After the meet-and-greet, Harvier and Leonard handed out commemorative bags to the group with items that represent the Community.

To round out the day, the group visited the Way of Life Facility to see what services it offers to Community members of all ages to help them stay active.

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Another Sisterhood Formed as Jr. Miss Salt River Court Closes in on Successful 2023-24 Year



The 2023-24 Miss Salt River Court: (L-R) Jr Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan, Jr Miss Salt River Patricia Woody and Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt. Photo Courtesy of the Miss Salt River Committee.

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With the Jr. Miss and Miss Salt River pageants around the corner, Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan and Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Patricia Woody are nearing the end of their 2023-24 year of ambassadorship to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

As titleholders, the two poised young women have served as positive role models at local Community events and throughout the state of Arizona, representing both tribes of the SRPMIC, the Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash.

The Miss Salt River Committee has a long history, dating back to the early 1960's for Miss Salt River and the early 1990's for Jr. Miss Salt River, of promoting culture, traditions, values and education. Both Juan and Woody live in line with these values, managing bustling schedules of school, family and their title. Juan is an 11th-grader at Mountain View High School, a medical student at the East Valley Institute of Technology and Vice-President of the Young River People's Council. Woody is also a junior, but she attends the New School for Arts and Academics in Tempe and serves as the school's National Honor Society Cabinet Leader.

In addition to being "sash sisters," Juan and Woody are also "sash cousins." Twenty years ago, relatives of all three young women of the 2023-24 Miss Salt River court served on the Miss Salt River 2005-06 court together. Miss Salt River 2023-24 Kennise McGertt's sister was Miss Salt River Rebecca Thomas (née Nelson), Jr. Miss Salt River 2023-24 Jizelle Juan's mother was Miss Salt River 2nd Attendant Angelica Valadez, and Jr. Miss Salt River Patricia Woody's mother was Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Laina Easchief.



Miss Salt River 2nd Attendant Angelica Valadez (left) and Miss Salt River Rebecca Thomas (née Nelson) in 2005. Valadez is Juan's mother and Thomas is McGertt's sister. Woody's mother, Laina Easchief, served on the court too as Miss Salt River 1st Attendant, but a photo of the three was not found. Photo Courtesy of Community Relations Office.

"She would always tell me about the great memories she shared with Jizelle's mom and Kennise's older sister. She said the program continues to help her in her daily life, so I wanted to give it a try too," said Woody.

"We thought it was really cool that all three of us were on the court all those years ago, and now our daughters and sister are together. Two generations of court sisterhood created," said former Miss Salt River 1st Attendant 2005-06 and Woody's mother Laina Easchief. "I've always kept Rebecca and Angelica close to my heart because it was such an amazing time of growth, both personally and as a group. We created a lot of really great memories together while on the Miss Salt River Committee. Honestly, I could go on and on," reflected Easchief.

Throughout the year, Juan and Woody complemented each other's knowledge of O'odham and Piipaash culture. "When I first joined, I only knew my Piipaash side. Once I joined the court, I learned so much about O'odham songs, dances and language," said Woody. On the other hand, Juan was more familiar with O'odham culture, saying that she found dance as a way to connect the two distinct tribes, participating in both O'odham socials and Piipaash bird dancing. "If I didn't know something, she would tell me. We learned from one another," said Juan.



In addition to representing within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Miss Salt River Court also attend events like the Miss Arizona Pageant held on June 25. Photo Courtesy of the Miss Salt River Committee.

As the young women both have a strong affinity for traditional dance, they highlighted O'odham and Piipaash dancing during their platform events. Juan's platform brought Community members together to learn O'odham social songs through a series of classes, and Woody's platform shared O'odham and Piipaash culture with her peers at NSAA in Tempe.

"I want to keep the culture and traditions alive but also focus on the togetherness of the Community, because at the end of the day, we will always have each other," said Juan.

Reflecting back on their past selves, the two young women have seen improvement in their speaking abilities. "Growing up, I had speech problems, but while being on the court, I speak more clearly and don't have much of a tic," said Woody. "I still get nervous, but hearing other people tell me they still get nerves lets me know it is normal and okay to feel like that," said Juan.

Though their year comes to a close soon, the future for these two young women looks bright. "I plan to finish school to work in the medical field, so I can serve in the Community and help the people in it," shared Juan. "It's a big dream, but I want to work for Disney Studios to [promote] better representation for Native Americans," said Woody.

The young women expressed much gratitude for the support of the Community during their reign. "I truly love the Community and the people in it. Thank you to anyone who has offered us help with anything, who has taught us, and who has supported us throughout the year. If you see us around, please don't be afraid to say hi," said Juan.

Juan and Woody encourage other young women to take a chance and participate in this year's upcoming Jr. Miss Salt River program. "It's important we stay involved with the Community. You get to learn so much, meet new people and have so many opportunities. Plus, it's fun," said Juan.

The Jr. Miss Salt River Pageant will be held on June 21 and the Miss Salt River Pageant will follow on June 22. Young women interested in entering can fill out an application before the deadline on May 3. For application and more information, visit www.srpmic-nsn.gov/community/msr/registration/.



The Miss Salt River Court represented the Community at the Native American Recognition Day held at the Chase Field Stadium on July 9. Go D-Backs! Photo Courtesy of the Miss Salt River Committee.

Community Development Department and Legal Services Host Will and Probate Event



Valerie Lewis provided detailed information about memorial services available.

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each station, they received a stamp from SRPMIC staff; at the end they exchanged their card to receive a brand-new T-shirt designed by SRPMIC artist Dwayne Manuel.

Several different presentations were held during the event. They covered a wide range of topics including memorial services, tribal court probate, federal probate, and last will and testament.

Valerie Lewis from the SRPMIC Public Works Memorial Services/Cemeteries Division presented detailed information about memorial services, such as the kitchen/bathroom paper products that the division provides to families and the several nearby funeral homes that the program works closely with: Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home, Meldrum Mortuary & Crematory, and Bunker Family Funerals & Cremation.

"Whitney & Murphy and Meldrum Mortuary are the same distance from the Community," said Lewis.

She added that families are eligible to meet inside the SRPMIC Memorial Services/Cemeteries Division building to further plan the family's services. "It is a one-time opportunity where the families can use our building to meet and plan their services, as long as we don't have any services going on at the moment," said Lewis.

For traditional funerals, Lewis said that the building can be utilized for dressmaking and other traditional funeral preparations. "Sometimes planning a traditional service requires a little bit more family planning, so just let us know," said Lewis.

The goal of the will and probate event was to ensure that SRPMIC members feel at ease with the process and understand the many resources that are available to them and their families.

If you or a loved one has any questions regarding wills or probate, contact the CDD Probate Division at (480) 362-7370 or email cddprobate@srpmic-nsn.gov.



It was a packed house inside of the WOLF during the Legal Services Offices presentation.

Planning and organizing funeral arrangements for loved ones can be a challenging time for families. The lengthy process has many steps and contains many factors. A will is a legal declaration of one's wishes regarding the disposal of one's property or estate after death. Probate is a court-supervised proceeding that authenticates your will (if you have one) and approves your named executor so he/she/they can distribute your property and belongings.

To ensure the membership is well aware of the resources available to them, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted its annual will and probate event at the Way of Life Facility on April 13. The event began at 10 a.m., but the line to enter started to form at 7 a.m.

The event was a collaboration between the SRPMIC Community Development Department and the SRPMIC Legal Services Office.

The Way of Life Facility gym was transformed into a gathering place where staff members from various SRPMIC departments and enterprises had set up booths to hand out information to Community members. The SRPMIC Tribal Court, Senior Services, Public Works, CDD Membership, CDD Realty, CDD Probate and the Legal Services Office all were on hand to offer information and resources. Once Community members visited



Christi Andrews ensured SRPMIC membership received all of the answers to their questions during the Will and Probate event at the WOLF.

Self-Care Tools Crafted by Caregivers

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When you're an unpaid caregiver for others, it's often caring for yourself that becomes the lowest priority. For caregivers in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the balancing act that is self-care just got easier to manage thanks to a sewing session held at the Two Waters complex on March 27. Under the direction of Esther Nystrom, participants in the Caregiver Program used sewing machines to create hot-cold compresses infused with essential oils.

Students selected fabric and stitched the sleeves before filling them with rice and few drops of either lavender, eucalyptus or citrus essential oils, depending on their needs.

Sewing classes are just one of the many resources available for those in the Caregiver Program. Participants meet monthly for social outings, self-care classes, support groups and much more. The emphasis for the program is to provide resources and education to those in the Community who are not paid for their services as caregivers.

The Caregiver Program falls under Senior Services, but the program is open to three categories of caregivers living in the Community: adults caring for another adult who has a disability, adults caring for elders 55 and over, and elders raising grandchildren.

To join, caregivers must complete an intake with Senior Services. Interested participants can learn more and verify eligibility by calling Cheryl Tate, coordinator of the Caregiver Program, at (480) 362-7687.



Geraldine King proudly shows off her finished hot-cold compress.



Above: Deborah Antone shows the beginnings of her compress.

Below: Leona Andreas begins filling her compress with rice and essential oils.



Susan Yazzie adjusts the edge of her hot-cold compress.



Karen James made sure her compress sat comfortably once she was finished.

Helping Hands Thrift Store Reopens with New Merchandise and Sale



The new shoe-rack inside of the Helping Hands store which now displays the new to gently-used donations the store receives and inspects before putting out onto the sales floor.

munity members. “We moved the free table indoors due to the warm weather. It’s been great,” said Edwards.

As the spring and summer months approach, Helping Hands has ensured their inventory matches the upcoming seasons. Currently, shoppers can find many low-priced items perfect for warm weather, such as children’s tops, men’s and women’s shirts, pants and jeans, as well as kitchen, bedroom and home items.

“We take pride in working here,” said Edwards. “We inspect every item we get

and make sure what we put out is the very best.”

Helping Hands welcomes your donations of gently used items. People can drop off donations during store hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at 10213 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Outside of regular business hours, Helping Hands features three metal donation bins on the west side of the parking lot for easy drop-offs.

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Salt River Schools Education Fair Teaches Family and Students



Great Wolf Lodge’s mascot, Wiley the Wolf spread positivity at the Salt River Schools Education Fair on April 4.

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Salt River Schools held the 2024 Education Fair on April 4 at the Accelerated Learning Academy. The goal of the event is to share education-related knowledge and resources for Community families and their students.

In O’odham, *sgevkam ‘i gegikuan kam o ‘i ‘e ‘u:gakaj* means “standing tall and going higher.” In Piipaash, *va sshly ‘aysh xotk vdiik* means “Salt River village is getting better.” This goes along with the Education Division’s theme for the 2024 fair, “Salt River Rising,” emphasizing transitions, leveling up and self-affirmation. According to Salt River Schools, the theme encourages attendees to “rise to the occasion” and work to achieve their educational goals as far and high as possible.

More than 60 education, community and business booths were set up inside the ALA gym. Some of the booths included the Miss Salt River Royalty, the Salt River

Fire Department, the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, and Providence Trust.

Third-grader Mateo Carmona shared, “I learned about different Community stuff, and a lot of math for school.”

Mascots from various Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community enterprises, like Great Wolf Lodge’s Wiley the Wolf, and Scottsdale Community College’s Artie the Artichoke were seen high-fiving attendees.

Outside in the courtyard, artist Natasha “Rezmo-ski” Martinez hosted a live graffiti art demonstration and invited people to participate. With the colorful array of spray cans at their fingertips, attendees could get in touch with their creative side.

The Education Fair experienced their highest turnout this year with over 700 attendees gathering for an evening of knowledge sharing. As the school theme says, “Together We Rise!”



In addition to the educational booths, a line for fun balloon creations attracted students.



With all the tools at their fingertips, students had a blast experimenting with spray paint to create a colorful landscape.

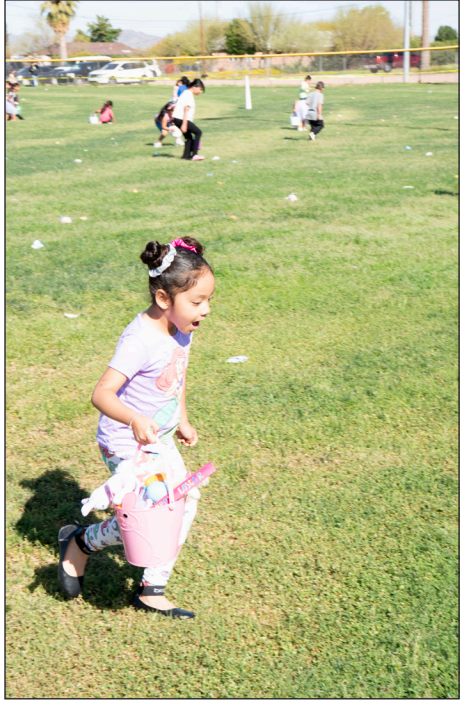
Community Celebrates with Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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The Salt River baseball fields were once again covered in plastic eggs and eager youth on March 29 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Families from across the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community came with baskets ready, hoping to find a coveted golden egg among the approximately 8,500 eggs scattered across four fields. Once the buzzer went off, the hunt began! Children found a variety of prizes, from eggs with treasures and candies inside to stuffed animals and other small toys. For the winners with the golden eggs, though, a simple note led them to a prize that was too big to fit in the egg.

Following the hunt, families played field games hosted by SRPMIC's Recreation Division including sack races, an obstacle course, a carrot relay race, egg carrying and more. Other fun activities available were face painting, caricatures, photo booths and visits with the Easter Bunny while vendors sold their baked goods, handcrafted jewelry and other wares.

The coveted titles in the Easter pageant went to Jasmine Burns and Josziah Munoz Medina for the 0-1 age group and Nyla Verdugo and Liam Valenzuela for the 2-3 age group. The event closed out with an egg-eating contest, in which Derrick Osif became the back-to-back champion after his victory last year.



Community youth eagerly ran to collect as many eggs as their baskets could hold.



A few children in each age group were lucky enough to find a golden egg.



Once the sound went off, the children flooded to the fields.



Photo booths were available so families could take memories home with them.



The Easter Bunny visited with children who were huge fans and showed they had stuffed toy Easter Bunnies of their own!



There were plenty of opportunities for great photos ops with the Easter Bunny.



Families waited patiently by the fences for the easter egg hunt to begin.



Veterans Welcomed Home at National Vietnam Veterans Day Dinner



Rezny Nash (Camelback High School JROTC) conducted a POW/MIA remembrance ceremony during the National Vietnam Veterans Day Dinner.

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Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham dancers performed a quail dance, among other dances, and told stories about the dances. Robert Chiago and Thomas Jones were the keynote speakers for the event.

"One of the most painful chapters in the country's history was the Vietnam War. Most of us who had served in Vietnam came back and we were not very welcome, it seemed," said Chiago.

"While in Vietnam, some of us were exposed to Agent Orange and [developed] various kinds of ailments, such as prostate cancer. It's still affecting those of us who may have served in Vietnam."

Jones also talked about what it was like when he came home from Vietnam.

"When I came home, the war didn't stop for me. I got elected to the Council. They were trying to build a dam on our reservation, and so I had to go fight to save our land," said Jones.

"We still have veterans that serve and deserve a better way of life. You can't stop fighting just because you're doing good now. Because that fight is still going to come our way again."

To round out the event, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier presented challenge coins and read aloud a proclamation passed by the SRPMIC Council that observes National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29 every year.

member Tom Largo opened the event with a prayer to recognize the men and women who have served in the different military branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Former Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty sang the national anthem in O'odham while members of American Legion Post #84 posted the colors.

Later, two members of the SRPMIC Young Warriors group, Aiyanah Lerma and Rezny Nash, conducted a POW/MIA remembrance ceremony.

"As you entered the banquet hall this evening, you may have noticed a small table, in a place of honor," said Lerma, pointing to a table that Nash stood next to.

"It is set for one. This table is a way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession are missing from our midst. They are unable to be with us this evening, and so we remember them."

While everyone ate dinner, the



American Legion Post #84 members post the colors.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Services department welcomed home Native Vietnam veterans for the National Vietnam War Veterans Day dinner on March 22 at the Courtyard by Marriott Scottsdale Salt River.

"We gather here to honor and show our gratitude to the brave warriors who served in the Vietnam War and during the Vietnam era," said SRPMIC Veterans Representative Amanda White, who was grateful that the dinner event was being held in the Community.

"It is rare to have such an opportunity to honor all our [sister tribes] and neighboring tribes of Native Vietnam veterans who have traveled to be here with us today."

White and fellow Veterans Representative Troy Truax Jr. were the hosts for the event.

"Young Native Americans saw the Vietnam War as their chance to prove their mettle and win the respect of their elders and peers," said Truax. "They had undoubtedly heard tales from their fathers and grandfathers about their participation in the Korean War and other global conflicts."

Army veteran and former SRPMIC Council

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7th Annual Piipaash Matasheevm Held at Lehi Gathering Area

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The 7th annual Piipaash Matasheevm (People's Gathering) was held over two days on April 5 and 6 at the Lehi Gathering Area to honor the culture of the Piipaash. The event was put on by the Piipaash Matasheevm Committee (PMC).

On the first day of Piipaash Matasheevm, the grounds of the Lehi Gathering Area were blessed at sunrise by master of ceremonies Garfield Nish. The flags were presented by PMC veterans, accompanied by a song performed by Nish and Jeremiah Shaw. Stew and bread were served to the first 200 people in attendance.

On the second day of the event, participants took a morning walk that was sponsored by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Young River People's Council (YRPC), heading down East Oak Street and ending at the intersection with North Stapley Drive. YRPC members handed out fruit and water to the walkers as they crossed the finish line.

Beginning at the west end of the grounds, PMC veterans posted the colors to the east while Nish and Shaw performed a song.

The other master of ceremonies, Pacer Reina, kept his signature jokes going throughout the day as he announced an overview of the day's events.

Deanna Scabby, SRPMIC Council representative from Lehi, gave a welcoming address. (SRPMIC Council representative Michael

Dallas Sr. wasn't available to participate in the welcoming address.)

After that, it was time for the young Community members to come up and dance in the grass for the Tiny Tot Special. There were also O'odham dance demonstrations featuring members of Salt River Royalty and sponsored by the Miss Salt River Committee. Jonathon Curry and Bowie Leonard sang for the Jr. Miss Salt River Court.

In recognition of their contributions to the SRPMIC, and for continuing the Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash traditions, the PMC recognized Ruthella Washington and Hollis Chough as their 2024 Elder Honorees.

There was also a special ceremony recognizing veterans for their service to the Community and the country. The PMC recognized and thanked Clarence Chiago (Army), Charles Chough (Army), Alfred Ferguson (Army/KIA) and Josiah Ferguson (Marines).

Following the recognition ceremonies, Bird Singers and Dancers performed every 20 minutes or so while attendees could visit a variety of food tents, information booths and other businesses selling their goods.

In a statement, the PMC thanked everyone who made the event a success. They said, "We truly appreciate you. A special thank-you to the singers/groups and to the beautiful dancers; we appreciate you for traveling from far and near to spend the day with us. Thank you to PMC 'worker bee' RainStar Bear for her awesome photos and videos."

The committee also thanks the following participants and contributors to this year's event:

- Guests who traveled from near and far
- SRPMIC Council
- Public Works: Crystal, Rocky, Fausto and team
- Salt River Veterans Office staff: Troy, Amanda and Sierra
- A/V staff: Robb, Darren and the PA staff
- Community Relations: Amy and Chris
- Community Development Department
- Fleet Department
- Cultural Resources Department
- Miss Salt River and Court
- Young River People's Council
- Lehi Boys & Girls Club
- The Salt River Community Children's Foundation
- The Salt River police and fire departments
- Day workers
- Salt River Materials Group
- Salt River Gaming Enterprise
- Vendors
- Our spouses, kids and grandkids!



Gourd singers perform during Piipaash Matasheevm on April 6 at the Lehi Gathering Area.



Veterans recognition awards and gifts from the Piipaash Matasheevm Committee that were handed out to veterans Clarence Chiago (Army), Charles Chough (Army), Alfred Ferguson (Army/KIA) and Josiah Ferguson (Marines), and their families.



Junior Miss Salt River Court perform a basket dance in the grass at the Lehi Gathering Grounds.



Piipaash Matasheevm participants take a stroll on the morning of April 6 for the Piipaash Matasheevm walk.



Council member Deanna Scabby (Lehi) delivered the welcoming address to the crowd.

SRPMIC Embarks on Massive Archival Project with the Community Relations Office



The March 2024 collection of photos from the Community Relations Office were handed-off to the SRPMIC Cultural Repository.

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"I came to work for the Community in November of 1982," said Janet Johnson, who recently retired from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as director of the Community Relations Office (CRO). "We created [CRO] in July of 1982 and there were two staff hired, Ivan Makil and myself."

In those times, the entire CRO shared space with the Human Resources Department. Johnson and Makil collaborated as a team and brought their artistic skills to the CRO. "Community Relations was the first public relations department in Indian Country. In creating it, we developed a template for other tribes to follow," said Johnson.

Makil and Johnson attended events throughout the Community equipped with photography and video cameras. "I was just handed a Nikon camera. We had to process the film and use different types of lenses," she said. "Ivan is a musician, so he understood how sound works and filmed video too."

While attending classes at Scottsdale Community College, Johnson realized she had learned plenty of the camera basics and began covering events, applying her classroom knowledge to her work for the Community.

"[Photography] just became a passion for me," said Johnson. "We didn't have any pictures of what the [SRPMIC] government looked like in the [19]50s or '60s. I wanted to make sure we had something tangible so people could look upon the photos and say, 'This is how our government looked in the '80s and



Boxes of past issues of what is now called O'odham Action News, part of the repository's historic collection.

'90s.' That became my core project."

Johnson would be heavily involved in the CRO's ascension with her Nikon camera still in hand. "At the events, I'd go behind the scenes. During a Thanksgiving event, I'd go in the back and take photos of the cooks," she said. "An event might be different the following year, so I'd always document everything with my camera."

When Johnson announced in November of 2023 that she would be retiring to spend more time with her family, her work with the CRO spanned over four decades. Before retiring, Johnson wanted to ensure that the Community had access to the CRO media collection she helped build. Thus, before she retired, she began creating a plan to archive the many photos, images, DVDs, videotapes and negatives.

Johnson and management from the CRO at the time met with management in SRPMIC's Cultural Resources Department, and they came to an agreement that the SRPMIC's Cultural Repository should house the collection. "One of the stipulations CRO has with the Cultural Resources Department and the [SRPMIC] Repository is that the CRO/O'odham Action News collection—everything we turned in [to the Repository]—must be available to the public, especially our Community members," said Johnson.

On March 7, the CRO successfully hand-delivered 65,000+ photographs, 1,000+ slides, 20+ DVDs, several videotapes and 10,000+ negatives to the SRPMIC Cultural Repository for proper archiving.

The collection is only part of the CRO's entire database of photographs, videos and audio. The collection spans decades and includes Day School photos, graduation events on 35mm negatives and more.

"We have a huge collection of photos that are still not in the Repository col-



Steven Hoza, SRPMIC Museum Archivist, shows properly archived editions of O'odham Action News which date back to the late 1960's.

lection," she added. "Not just photos, but audio, videos and podcasts as well." These images are an important document of the growth of the SRPMIC and its people over the last 40+ years.

"The whole purpose of taking all of these photos is to preserve them for future generations," said Johnson. "That's the whole goal, making the collection available to the membership so they can see how the Community was/is and the growth of Salt River."

The SRPMIC Cultural Repository is currently creating the process for Community members and the public to follow when they want to visit and view the collection.

Currently enjoying her retirement, Johnson was pleased to hear that the collection has been delivered to the Cultural Repository. "I'm amazed at the number of photos. I'm excited," she said. "My job was just to document the Community, and it became my passion. I never thought of the number counts, I just knew we always needed to protect and preserve [the photographs and other media]."

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Barraza, Michelle Annmarie - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: May 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Barraza, Michelle Annmarie – Review Hearing Minor: N.N.B. (DOB: 01/01/2023) Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: May 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Doe, Manuel – Review/Permanency Hearings Mother: Stephanie Alana Jackson (DOB: 05/17/1990) Minor: E.C.J. (DOB: 11/04/2007) Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: May 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Jackson, Stephanie Alana – Review/Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: May 28, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Lewis, Robi - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: May 13, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Manuel, Ashlee Noreen – Permanency Hearing Cases: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: April 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Martinez, Marissa - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: May 13, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Spex, Brittany - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: April 30, 2024 at 11 a.m.

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Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-11-0186 Court Date: May 13, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Paul, Derek Lloyd – Mother: Joanna Alvarez (DOB: 01/28/1974) Minors: C.N.P.A. (DOB: 02/27/2009) Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: May 23, 2024 11 a.m.

Unknown Father, Minor: John Doe (01/01/2023) Mother: Michelle Annmarie Barraza (DOB: 07/08/1988) Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: May 21, 2024, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Unknown Father – Review Hearing, Mother: Michelle Annmarie Barraza (DOB: 07/08/1988) Minor: N.N.B. (DOB: 01/01/2023) Case: JV-23-3006 Court Date: May 21, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wellington Sr., Spencer - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-24-0015 Court Date: May 6, 2024 at 9 a.m.

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Chiago, Janette Pauline - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-24-0851 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Gutierrez, Angela Lynn-Child Support Hearing- Case: CV-23-3671-April 25, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Hayah, Godfrey Jr. - Motion Hearing Case: CF-18-0059/CF-18-0060 Court Date: May 15, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Lewis Sr., Dustin Blake - Motion Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0033/CF-22-0095/CF-22-0096 Court Date: May 6, 2024 at 11 AM

Makil, Josephine - Order to Show Cause/Entry of Default Judgment hearings Case: CV-24-0844 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 9 AM

Martinez, Molly Marie - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-24-0649 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 11 AM

Talamantez, Rachele Rae - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-2773 Court Date: May 9, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Wesley-Howard, Aristen Jared - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Hearings Case: CV-24-0864 Court Date: May 20, 2024 at 11 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

BELTRAN, ALLAN J. DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0649

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HAYAH, GODFREY DEFAULT NOTICE CV-18-0059/CF-18-0060

To: Godfrey Hayah, RESPONDENT

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

DATED this 13th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

LENO, JONATHAN NOTICE OF JUDGMENT & ORDER OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION 3/6/24 CV-23-3755

To: Jonathan Leno, RESPONDENT

Notice of Judgment and Order of Final Distribution 3/6/24

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community

Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-2441, In the Matter of the Estate of: Cynthia Silas, DOD: 12/09/2016

Notice of Judgment and Order of Final Distribution 03/6/24 is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that decedent died intestate leaving the persons whose names, relationship to the decedent as the only heirs at law: Christine Gomez, Alexis Leno, Olivia Leno and Jonathan Leno. The property is distributed to each heir, specifically Jonathan Leno as follows: shared and equal interest in 25% of Decedent's possessed personal property. The Administrator shall collect financial assets of the estate and distribute to the heirs. Jonathan Leno's portion shall be distributed to other heirs if portion is not recovered within 60 days. Matter is now CLOSED.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

LORING , XIA RAE AKA XIA RAE HERRERA NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT: CV-23-4290

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-4290

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Xia Rae Loring aka Xia Rae Herrera, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Xia Rae Loring aka Xia Rae Herrera, shall pay 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). For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

MAKIL, JOSEPHINE DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0844

To: Josephine Makil, 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 March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

MAKIL, JOSEPHINE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-24-0844

TO: Josephine Makil, Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 20th day of May, 2024 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing on March 19, 2024 at 9AM.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2024.

Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

MARTINEZ, MOLLY M. DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0649

To: Molly M. Martinez, 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 March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

NAHSONHOYA, DAMIEN RESTRAINING ORDER CV-24-2148

A Restraining Order was issued to Damien Nahsonhoya on March 8, 2024 ordering that you are to have no contact with Darayne Achin and are prohibited to be on the property at 2929 N. Horne Rd., Mesa, AZ 85203. Any questions can be referred to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court at (480)263-6315

NAHSONHOYA, MERWIN RESTRAINING ORDER CV-24-2146

A Restraining Order was issued to Merwin Nahsonhoya on March 8, 2024 ordering that you are to have no contact with Darayne Achin and are prohibited to be on the property at 2929 N. Horne Rd., Mesa, AZ 85203. Any questions can be referred to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court at (480)263-6315

PAUL, DEREK LLOYD SUMMONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN TO: DEREK LLOYD PAUL

RE: C.N.P.A. (D.O.B.: 4/6/2016)

A Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor has been filed in this Court in which it is represented that you are a parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) named above. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. In the Petition, it requests the Court to appoint a guardian for the child(ren) named above.

Within 30 calendar days after receiving this Summons and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor, 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.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Guardianship Hearing before the AchinSalt River Juvenile Court on May 23, 2024, at 11 am, in Court Room #32.

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.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

PRIETO, MARIA ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGEMENT- CV-23-3755

To: Maria Prieto, RESPONDENT

Entry of Default Judgement-

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-3755

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Maria Prieto, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Petitioner, Luann Chough is awarded reasonable visitation rights with A.O. and A.C.O. Respondent, Maria Prieto has ten (10) business days from completion of service to file a responsive pleading, but it is too late to request and extension of time

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

R.B. CFCS-23-0018

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0018

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 28th day of February, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent R.B. shall pay child support in the amount of \$594.04 to Petitioner, B.P monthly. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2039.

THIS ORDER IS FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL.

WESLEY-HOWARD, ARISTEN DEFAULT NOTICE CV-24-0864

To: Aristen Wesley-Howard, 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

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on Proposed Amendments to the Guardianship Ordinance

Comment Period: January 28, 2024 – June 25, 2024

On Wednesday, March 27, 2024, the SRPMIC Council authorized a ninety (90) day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Guardianship Ordinance. The draft ordinance does the following:

These amendments are fairly minor and they attempt to allow additional family members to become guardians of children through slightly less strict requirements. The amendments are as follows:

- Adds definitions to **Section 10-114** of the Code of Ordinances for the terms "dangerous instrument" and "deadly weapon" in order to provide clarification for what these terms mean.
- Dangerous instrument will mean "anything that under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury."
- Deadly weapon will mean "anything designed for lethal use, including a firearm."
- In **Section 10-118(3)(d)** changes the word "weapon" to "dangerous instrument or deadly weapon." Along with the added definitions in 10-114, this provides more clarity to the Court on what would constitute a "felony involving the use of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon."
- In **Section 10-118(4)**, language "within the last ten (10) years" was added so that the Court can only look back ten (10) years when looking at someone's criminal convictions when deciding on their suitability to be a guardian.

You can find the full text of the proposed ordinance amendment at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community's "Ordinance Public Comment" page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
 The Office of the General Counsel
 10,005 East Osborn Road
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
 OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov
 or
 Jeff.Harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov

life and/or child's estate, if applicable, unless the parent has joint guardianship with another person.

- *Guardianship of property* shall have the same meaning as conservator.
- *Incapacitated* means an impairment by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, mental disorder, physical illness or disability, advanced age, chronic use of drugs, chronic intoxication or other cause to the extent that the person lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning his or her person.
- *Party* means the parent, guardian, child, Community to whom certain rights accrue, including, but not limited to, with certain restrictions and limitations: (1) The right to be notified of proceedings; (2) To retain counsel; (3) To appear and present evidence; (4) To call, examine and cross examine witnesses; (5) The unlimited or restricted right to discovery and the inspection of records; and (6) The right to request a hearing or appeal a final order.
- *Permanent guardianship* means a legal relationship created by the court when an individual, who is not the minor child's parent, is ordered by the court to assume the responsibilities of care and control of a minor child. A guardianship of a minor takes away the parents' right to make decisions about their child's life and/or child's estate, if applicable, unless the parent has joint guardianship with another person. There shall be a presumption of continued permanent guardianship in order to provide stability of the child. Permanent guardianship shall only be terminated based upon the unsuitability of the permanent guardians rather than the competency or suitability of the parents. The court may appoint a permanent guardian pursuant to chapter 11.
- *Property* means something of value that is owned.
- *Public fiduciary* means the appointment by the Community court of the office of the public fiduciary-conservator division to act in the capacity of conservator for a minor.
- *Temporary guardianship* means a person who is appointed on a temporary basis for a specific period not to exceed six months, if the child has no guardian and an emergency exists.

report, which shall be based on fingerprints of the applicant and all adults residing in the applicant home for at least six months or more; and a home study report for appointment of guardians of minors. A home study shall not be required for the appointment of guardianship of property. The public fiduciary is not subject to these requirements but shall update their criminal background with the Community subject to human resources' policies pursuant to their employment with the Community. Social services division shall be available to assist prospective guardian(s) in obtaining criminal background report(s) and home study as requested. The applicant shall bear the cost, if any, of obtaining the criminal background information. The cost shall not exceed the actual cost of obtaining the applicant's criminal background information.

(2) Each prospective guardian shall submit a full set of fingerprints, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to the department of social services or any public safety department for the Community for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal records check. These fingerprints shall then be submitted to the state department of public safety which may exchange the fingerprint data with the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1750 and Public Law 92544.

(3) The applicant shall not be eligible to serve as guardian of the minor child, or the child's estate, or both, if the applicant has any criminal conviction in any state or federal jurisdiction or the Community for:

- Child abuse or neglect;
- Homicide;
- Kidnapping;
- Any felony involving the use of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon;
- Any registrable sexual offense as indicated in chapter 6.5.

(4) Criminal convictions within the last ten (10) years other than those listed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section may also be considered by the court when determining appropriateness of the applicant.

(5) The court shall require a home study report be provided by the social services department or a licensed child welfare services agency that has satisfied the standards of the Community social services department, provided that the agency is able to produce a report as required by this section. The report shall address the suitability and character of the legal guardian, including, but not limited to, the financial, physical, the criminal background, as described in subsection (3) of this section, and general background of the legal guardian and their home. The report shall include a summary of the criminal background report and reflect contact with all appropriate agencies and individuals who have relevant knowledge and information. The report shall contain recommendations regarding the legal guardianship, and whether social services department or a licensed child welfare services agency believes that such legal guardianship will be in the best interest of the child.

Sec. 10-118. Guardianship report and background study. (Underlined indicates changes) In order to determine the applicant's suitability as a guardian:

- (1) The prospective guardian(s) shall provide the completed criminal background

Sec. 10-114. Definitions. (Underlined indicates changes)

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- *Abuse registry* means any registry maintained in any jurisdiction that contains information based on substantiated reports of abused, neglected or exploited vulnerable adult or minor child.
- *Child* means a person who is less than 18 years old who has not been emancipated by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by legal marriage.
- *Conservator* means the office of the public fiduciary, a person or a financial institution appointed by the Community court to manage real property and/or financial assets of a minor.
- *Court* means the Community court of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation.
- *Dangerous instrument* means

anything that under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

- *Deadly weapon* means anything designed for lethal use, including a firearm.
- *Estate* shall have the same meaning as the term "property."
- *Guardian* means a person appointed to take care of a person or the person's property.
- *Guardian's acknowledgment* is a form which the appointed guardian acknowledges the terms of the legal guardianship and the guardian agrees to assume responsibilities in accordance to the applicable terms.
- *Guardianship of a minor* means a legal relationship created by the court when an individual, who is not the minor child's parent, is ordered by the court to assume the responsibilities of care and control of a minor child. A guardianship of a minor takes away the parents' right to make decisions about their child's

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING: CAMBRIA HOTEL & SUITES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT



The Land Management Board has scheduled a Community Hearing. You may or may not be a landowner in this area; however this special invitation is extended to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a 1/2 mile radius.

Trevor McDowell with Calendar Stick Lot III, LLC, has applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for the development of a Cambria Hotel & Suites branded hotel. The proposed 5 story, 93 room hotel will be located on Lot 3 within the Calendar Stick Business Park. This property is zoned C3 (General Commercial) and a CUP is required for a hotel per the SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance.

This notice is made under Article I., Section 17-4, Sections 17-95(d), 17-97(a) and 17-97(e) along with the SRPMIC Code Ordinance.

Date: Monday April 22, 2024
 Time: 6 p.m.
 Location: SRPMIC Council Chambers (Longmore & Osborn)

You may also view the pre-recorded video and audio presentation of the Community Hearing starting Tuesday, April 23, 2024. To view the video, please visit: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/1879-phc/>
 Public comments can be made via email at public_hearing_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov, by phone at (480) 362-7470, by text at (623)282-5757 or by mail to CDD, Attn: Public Comments, 10005 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256.
 For more information about the project, please contact Rick McAllister, CDD Principal Planner (480) 362-7655

Salt River Firefighters Throw Out First Pitch at Spring Training Game



SRFD Firefighters Chris Gannon (left) and Tyler Packer (right) toss a pair of baseballs from the mound. Photo courtesy of CRO, Communications Division.

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
O'odham Action News
chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

Two Salt River firefighters, Chris Gannon and Tyler Packer, had the honor of throwing out the first pitch on March 26 for the Colorado Rockies vs. Milwaukee Brewers spring training game at Salt River Fields.

Both firefighters were in a tragic accident in the line of duty in 2022, when Gannon saved Packer's life. Packer recovered from the accident and returned to the fire department.

Gannon, who in 2023 won

the Firefighter of the Year Award presented by the United Fire Equipment Company, said that it was very nerve-wracking being out on the mound.

"I have family who are into sports. My brother's like, 'Man, you'd better not come up short at the plate!'" said Gannon.

"We were out there being recognized for a great cause, so I was pretty excited about that. I felt honored and privileged to be out there."

And the pitch?

"Could have been better," said Gannon. "It gave me a whole

new level of respect for those guys who actually [pitch for a living]. I thought, 'You know, I played little league. I made the all-stars. 40 years ago!' It was a humbling moment."

Packer, who said he was just honored to be recognized out on the field with Gannon, pitched a ball and was just glad it didn't hit the dirt.

"I pitched like a Los Angeles Dodger!" Packer joked.

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DEFAULT NOTICES

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.

AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing on March 19, 2024 at 10:30AM.

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.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2024.

Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

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

WILLIAMS, CRAIG RESTRAINING ORDER CV-24-2150

A Restraining Order was issued to Craig Williams on March 8, 2024 ordering that you are to have no contact with Darayne Achin and are prohibited to be on the property at 2929 N. Home Rd., Mesa, AZ 85203 without permission from Darayne Achin. Any questions can be referred to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court at (480)263-6315

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 March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

WESLEY-HOWARD, ARISTEN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-24-0864

TO: Aristen Wesley-Howard;
Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 20th day of May, 2024 at 10:00

2024

SRPMIC MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY | MAY 27
AT 7AM
ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM, T-SHIRTS AND BREAKFAST WILL BE AVAILABLE (FIRST 200) AT THE ROUND HOUSE CAFE

LET US NEVER FORGET

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US AT
(480) 362-7884 OR
VETERANSERVICES@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV

LAW Day

MAY 1, 2024
4PM - 6PM
SRPMIC JUSTICE CENTER

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DEPARTMENT INFORMATION BOOTHS AND BREAK OUT SESSIONS:

- DEFENSE ADVOCATES OFFICE
- LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE
- HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
- MMIP INFORMATION AND MORE!

SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY APRIL 30 6:30-8PM
ALA LECTURE HALL

More details at SaltRiverSchools.org.
#SaltRiverRising

SALT RIVER SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATE FORUM

The public is invited to meet the finalists in the search for the next Superintendent / Director of Education at Salt River Schools. This event is open to the public.

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

Staying Prepared: Calling 9-1-1



Dispatcher Chaela Jacquez assists callers. Photo courtesy of SRPD.

training to give you instructions on how to control bleeding, how to do CPR, etc. They may even remind you to turn on your porchlight and unlock the front door.

The 911 dispatcher will want to know if the subject is still located at the scene, or if they left. If they left in a vehicle, it is important to get a detailed description so the officers can look for it while they are responding to the location. Some of the descriptions for the car will include the color, year, make, model and the license plate number and state. You will also be asked if you know the subject, their name and date of birth. To help provide a detailed description to the officers that are responding the 911 dispatcher asks for the race, sex, age, height, weight and hair color and description. Then you will be asked to describe the clothing of the subject from their head to their feet. If you are not sure of the answers to these questions, just do your best.

For the safety of everyone at the location and officers responding, the 911 dispatcher asks if there are any drugs or alcohol involved. They also ask you for your name and location, because sometimes callers are not at the same location and they want to be sure to get it right for the responders. You will be asked for your phone number so they can call you back if more information is needed, or if you want to be contacted by an officer.

These questions sometimes seem like a lot of information. They are specifically designed and ordered to the help you tell your important story. The questions do not delay response. The answers you provide help the first responders better understand what is happening and start working on your call while they are still responding to your call.

SPECIAL SUBMISSION FROM THE SALT RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Have you ever been curious about what happens when you dial 911 or call Salt River Police non-emergency phone number? Calls are answered by the SRPD Communications Bureau dispatch team 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Salt River dispatch team, including a 911 dispatcher, police dispatcher and fire dispatcher, handles over 77,000 telephone calls each year. Their mission is to quickly collect information and dispatch fire and police first responders to the call location. This is done by asking questions specifically designed and ordered to the help you tell your story and get the assistance needed.

The 911 dispatcher answers the call, asks questions and enters a call for service, while the police and fire dispatchers broadcast the call details to first responders. This two-stage process results in calls being answered and dispatched quickly and enables the 911 dispatcher to keep you on the line continuing to collect key details, while the other dispatchers transmit updates over the radio to fire and police units as they are responding.

The first thing you will be asked is, "What is the location of the emergency?" See Step 1 in the Emergency Checklist. If you are calling from a cell phone, the dispatcher

may not immediately receive your location. So, it is important to know your location and say it clearly so the dispatchers can send help to the right location. If you don't know your location, you don't need to worry. Salt River dispatchers receive training on how to help figure out where you are located by asking additional questions, being familiar with the Community and using technology resources.

Once the location of emergency is determined, you will be asked what happened. Your answer helps determine if the emergency is police, fire, medical or combination of emergencies. Dispatchers strive to dispatch help within 30 seconds of learning the location and type of emergency. You will be asked for specific details to help you tell your story as quickly, and thoroughly as possible. These questions do not delay response. In fact, the additional information helps fire and police units to respond quickly and prepare for what is occurring.

While help is on the way, you will be asked if there are any weapons or injuries. If the call is medical in nature the 911 dispatchers will ask the age and sex of the patient and specific questions about the medical issue. Your answers allow the dispatchers to assist you until help arrives. SRPD dispatchers have the

EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

STEP 1

WHERE?
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHEN?
WEAPON?
INJURIES?

STEP 2

INVOLVED PARTIES PRESENT? WHERE?
IF LEFT, ON FOOT OR IN VEHICLE?
DIRECTION?
DESCRIPTION?
LICENSE PLATE?

EMD 3

IS THE INJURED:
CONSCIOUS?
ALERT?
BREATHING?
BLEEDING?

STEP 4

WHO? INVOLVEMENT?
LOCATION/DESCRIPTION
RACE/AGE/SEX
HEIGHT/WEIGHT/
HAIR
CLOTHING -
TOP TO BOTTOM

STEP 5

KNOWN? NAME &
DATE OF BIRTH
DRINKING?
DRUGS INVOLVED?
IF SO WHAT?

STEP 6

CALLER INFORMATION
NAME
LOCATION
PHONE NUMBER
WANT CONTACT?

Board Vacancies

Kui Hiosig Maşad | Xly'a Chmpap | April

APPLICATION DEADLINE **APRIL 30, 2024**

- GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD
- SR SCHOOLS EDUCATION BOARD
- SR GOLF ENTERPRISE BOARD
- SR COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
- SR LANDFILL REPRESENTATIVE
- SR FINANCIAL INSTITUTE (SRFSI)
- SR DEVCO



DETAILED INFORMATION HERE:
<https://tinyurl.com/BVAPRIL>

SCAN HERE

Any questions, contact the Council Secretary: 480-362-7466 | 480-362-7465 | 480-362-7400

APR DISTRICT MEETINGS

- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:
Wednesdays @ 3pm
- REGULAR SESSIONS:
Wednesdays @ 5pm
- WORK SESSIONS:
Thursdays @ 10am

- 25 THU** **CM BUTLER**
District A, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
- 19 FRI** **CM ANTONE**
District B, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | Salt River Community Building
1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
- 15 MON** **CM DOKA**
District C, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
- 18 THU** **CM GREY**
District D, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | ALA Auditorium
4827 N. Country Club Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
- 23 TUES** **CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS**
District F & G, District II (Lehi)
6:00 pm | Lehi Community Center
1231 E. Oak Street, Mesa, AZ 85203

SRPMIC Council District Meeting website: <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMs>
Council Secretaries Office: (480) 362-7469 | <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICCouncil>
District Meeting dates, times, locations and agenda items are subject to change or cancellations.

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

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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
saltriveragchurh.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. Suite 105
Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171, Josh Austin
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com
SERVICES
-Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
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-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
-Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
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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

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AZ85256
(602) 292-4466 (cell)
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Parish President: Cindy Thomas
Father Peter McConnell and
Father Antony Tinker
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-Holy Hours 1 p.m.

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Apostle Edward Chance
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(480) 516-6509
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Senior Pastor Danny Cruz
480-427-4678
SERVICES
First and Third Tuesday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m.
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Senior Pastor Danny Cruz
SERVICES
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Nights Tuesday at 7 p.m.
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Follow us @vomesachurch on instagram

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information.
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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

Salt River Public Works Department Memorial Services & Cemeteries

"Providing a hospitable place to honor loved ones at the end of life's journey."

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00AM – 5:00PM

Main Office Located at:
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9849 East Earll Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

For Any Questions Call:
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Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) employee Helaina Houston, accompanied by her family, proudly represented SRMG at the Pinal County Fair Youth Livestock auction on Saturday, March 16th. This event marked a meaningful occasion of community engagement and backing for agricultural education. Witnessing the dedication and enthusiasm of the young participants, especially those from 4-H and FFA, was an inspiring firsthand experience for them.



Pictured L to R: Jayde Houston, Julie Houston, Chloe Houston, Frida Diaz and Remi Houston

Among the livestock displays, a special moment came when a first-time FFA member, Frida Diaz, proudly presented her pig. Impressed by her hard work raising the animal, the Houston family decided to show their support for young farmers and the future of agriculture by purchasing her animal on behalf of SRMG.

Beyond the transactional aspect, their purchase exemplified the importance of mentorship and communal backing in nurturing the next generation of agricultural leaders. The participation in the auction provided

invaluable educational experiences for Helaina's daughters, offering insights into the interconnectedness of agriculture, responsibility, and community stewardship.



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Calendar of Events

ONGOING

- TUTORING AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY,** Tuesday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 45-minute or 90-minute sessions available. To register please contact Recreation Education at (480) 362-5652 or visit <https://sugeni.us/4D99>
- YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION,** Mondays 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.
- YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION,** Fridays 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed. **Last Fridays of Each Month are YOGA BINGO with prizes!
- WATER AEROBICS AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY POOL,** 45-minute sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No registration required. Questions? Call (480) 362-6310
- NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP,** First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.
- WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL,** Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Wellbriety is a Native American recovery fellowship that blends spiritual practice with the 12-Step program. Its approach to recovery focuses on healing and is rooted in the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. Wellbriety emphasizes creating new thought patterns, attitudes, and feelings about sobriety based on traditional concepts and Native American teachings.
- TALKING CIRCLE FOLLOWING WELLBRIETY,** Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Following the Wellbriety session, participants are invited to join the Talking Circle to share insights and

- experiences related to living in recovery and honoring traditional practices, including fellowship, community, and connection. Talking Circle sessions also take place every Wednesday and Friday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE,** 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss general challenges that accompany service in the our military.
- CRAFT COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING,** Support group for families of loved ones battling substance abuse/addiction/dependence. Fridays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at RPHC Room 3106 (3rd Floor) For More Information please contact Shea Hinton at (480) 362-2739
- SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORIENTATION,** Bi-weekly on Tuesdays (April 16th and 30th) 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Human Resources, Two Waters Building B. Walk-ins welcomed! Contact 480 362 2650 for more information.
- KUI HIOSIG MAŞAD XLY'A CHMPAP APRIL**
- 19 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING,** 6 p.m. at Salt River Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. Topics TBD and Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries office to confirm meeting and agenda at (480) 362-7469.
- 20 EARTH DAY,** Join us at Two Waters Complex for some wonderful earth day

- activities including household hazardous waste collection, service projects, and an environmental fair.
- 20 SRPMIC VEHICLE AUCTION - FINAL CALL FOR BIDS,** 8.am. – 12 p.m. Final bids must be submitted by 12 p.m., contact department of transportation at (480) 362-7315 for more information.
- 22 LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD HEARING,** 6 p.m. at Council Chambers to discuss Conditionaln Use Permit for Cambria Hotel & Suites. See page 16 for full details.
- 23 SALT RIVER REVIVAL NIGHT OF MIRACLES,** 6 p.m. at 4827 N Country Club Dr. with Evangelist Tim Rabara. Join Salt River Victory Center for this exciting event! See ad on page 6 for more information.
- 23 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS DISTRICT F & G MEETING,** 6 pm at Lehi Community Center 1231 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203. Topics TBD and Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries office to confirm meeting and agenda at (480) 362-7469.
- 23 PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP,** 5:30 p.m. at Two Waters Building B Room B-106. This class is open to SRPMIC Community Members who would like to learn about the program requirements and how to prepare financially to apply for a mortgage loan with SRFSL. To register, Email Gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 24 K-POP DAEBAK KLUB,** Way of Life Facility, Room 56. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us to celebrate, connect, and embrace the vibrant world of K-Pop, no matter your age or ability. Please contact the Tribal Library at (480)362-6600 or Tribal-Library@srpmic-nsn.gov.
- 25 ALL IN ART SHOW AT DANELLE PLAZA IN TEMPE,** 50 artists will be in attendance including some familiar faces from Salt River! Event begins at 6 p.m. ending at 10 p.m. at 3400 S. Mill Ave. Tempe, AZ 85282

- 25 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING,** 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E Osborn Rd Scottsdale, 85256. Topics TBD and Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries office to confirm meeting and agenda at (480) 362-7469.
- 25 SENIOR COMPUTER CLASSES,** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Two Waters Building A Room A117 (Red Mountain Computer Lab). In this session, participants will learn to create a flyer or card using Microsoft Publisher. Contact Senior Services for transportation at (480) 362-6350 or see ad on page 6 for more information!
- 25 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.
- 25 - 27 SENIOR CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT,** to be held at Salt River Community Building. Brackets, Bingo, Dance, and more! See ad on page 13 for more information!
- 30 SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUM,** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at ALA lecture hall. See ad on page 18 for more information!

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- 1 SRPMIC LAW DAY,** 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at SRPMIC Justice Center. Featuring carnival games, food and treats, informational booths and videos and a marijuana expungement clinic with information for MMIP. See ad on page 17 for more information!
- 2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
- 3 MMIP WALK AT ALA,** 5:30 - 8 p.m. join Council Members Cheryl Doka and Wi-Bwa Grey in this community walk to bring MMIP awareness and healing.
- 5 MMIP DAY OF AWARENESS**
- 12 MOTHER'S DAY**
- 14 WIC & PARTNERS SPECIAL EVENT AT SRPMIC FOOD BANK,** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 1952 N. Longmore Rd. Enjoy Indigenous Ingredients & Take Home A Tribal Food Box. Quantity is Limited and Indigenous Ingredients may vary. Contact us at: 480-362-7300 or Email: wic@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 18 COMMUNITY YARD SALE,** Save the date! Community-wide yard sale to be held on May 18. Contact Toni.Harvier@srpmic-nsn.gov or see ad on page 14 for more information.
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY,** government offices closed, please plan accordingly.
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM,** 7 a.m. at St. Francis Cemetery. T-shirts and breakfast provided to first 200 o attend. See ad on page 17 for more information!
- 31 DEADLINE FOR GRADUATION SUBMISSIONS TO O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS,** Send a message to congratulate your graduate in our June 6 graduation insert! Send photo and 30-word message to oodhamactionnews@srpmic-nsn.gov by 4 p.m. on Friday May 31!