



2018 SRPMIC Annual Christmas Program and Light Parade



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Holiday cheer was plentiful all day on Saturday, December 8, at the 2018 annual Christmas Program and Light Parade in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Festivities began at the Two Waters Complex, where holiday music played in the area. Many Community members and guests arrived for a fun-filled day at the Christmas program. Everyone gathered at the center of the complex to hear a holiday welcome message by SRPMIC Vice-President Martin Harvier that began the program. The day was full of fun activities for the whole family, including cookie decorating, holiday crafts and an appearance by the man himself, Santa Claus, who set up shop at his photo booth to take photos with the children. In the afternoon, families received a holiday candy bag full of goodies for a quick snack. Meanwhile, Southern Scratch Band from T.O.



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Louise Shaw along with Rick Nelson expresses her opinions on the information sharing with external agencies idea during the Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign meeting on November 27, 2018.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held another series of Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign meetings at the end of November. During the November 27 meeting at the Community Building, Council and staff joined Community members to discuss the idea of information sharing with external agencies. The day before, Council held the same meeting in Lehi.

The meeting agenda included an opening prayer by Councilman Thomas Largo, Sr., a welcome by Vice-President Martin Harvier, a presentation on information sharing by attorney Marnie Hodahkwen, and then an open mic for questions and comments.

"This is just for discussion; Council has not [yet] made any decisions on the sharing of information with external agencies," Harvier clarified.

The purpose of sharing information

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SRPD Presents Lifesaving Award to Public Safety Dispatcher Idalas Hargis

BY DET. JOSEPH OROZCO
Salt River Police Department

Salt River Police Department (SRPD) Public Safety Dispatcher Idalas Hargis received the prestigious Lifesaving Award from SRPD Chief Karl G. Auerbach during the regular Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council meeting on November 28.

Chief Auerbach read the following description of the incident: "On Wednesday, November 14, at about 11:53 p.m., the SRPD Communications Center received a 9-1-1 telephone call from a family member reporting an adult Community member who was choking and not breathing normally.

"SRPD Dispatcher Idalas Hargis obtained details from the caller about the patient, simultaneously entering a Salt River Fire Department (SRFD) EMS call for service and coordinating police and fire units dispatched, all within 30 seconds of learning this critical patient information.

"Hargis communicated and coordinated with our other dispatchers seated next to her to immediately enter



Lifesaving Award Ceremony for Public Safety Dispatcher Idalas Hargis (R) and SRPD Chief of Police Karl Auerbach held at the SRPMIC Council Chambers in November.

a SRPD call for service, and other dispatchers coordinated police response by hot tone response concurrent to the SRFD dispatch actions and ensured SRFD units were on the way to the location of the caller and patient.

"Hargis remained on the phone with the caller while police and fire units were en route, providing continuous CPR instructions to the caller [and] encouraging the family all the while to

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It's been four great years!

As I step away from the seat of SRPMIC president, I wanted you to know that overseeing the Community every day has been both an awesome responsibility and an absolute pleasure.

Every day I would come in and stand in three areas in my office and pray for our Community. I prayed to find solutions for difficult issues affecting our Community, such as substance abuse, suicide and aging-related diseases like dementia and Alzheimer's. I would pray that our people would find it in themselves to be healed or be a source of help and comfort to others.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you all. I am grateful to know that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is one of the best tribes in Arizona, with strong economic stability. But I've learned that money won't solve family issues, but a Community gathering together can help solve them. Thank you to all who have contributed to making us a better Community.

I would like to wholeheartedly thank my wife and my family, and all those who prayed for me daily. Without their support, it wouldn't have been possible for me to do my job as president

of the Community.

I have experienced many situations as president. I made strong efforts to maintain political relationships with not only other tribal nations, but also federal, state and local city governments, because you never know when you will need their legislative support on an issue.

Four years ago when I went around and introduced myself to the staff of the Community, I said I would be only a one-term president. With the initiatives I shared, I said "Thth vem aboju." In the world of politics, it is impossible to please everyone.

I may have changed my mind about some things amidst the realizations of the job as four years sped by. But as I leave, it is truly in the hands of the Lord, for He knew I was only a one-term president.

I leave with great optimism that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will continue to be a leader among tribal communities in the United States—as long as we take care of our people first, because they are the foundation of our sovereignty.

Life has taught me that there are various types of leadership. One type is formal leadership, bearing a title and restrictions imposed by rule, law and political expectations. There is

also informal leadership, which bears no title and is bound only by the rule of mutual respect. When we all pitch in and become informal leaders, we become COMMUNITY. *Thth Vem Aboju.*



Tribal leaders from the Four Sister Tribes (Gila River, Ak-Chin, Tohono O'odham and Salt River) met. (L-R) Ak-Chin Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Gila River Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, SRPMIC President Delbert W. Ray, Sr., Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward D. Manuel, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Gila River Lt. Governor Robert Stone, SRPMIC Vice-President Martin Harvier.



U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke (center) held a press briefing in the new Way of Life Facility. (L-R) Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Tohono O'odham Chairman Edward D. Manuel, SRPMIC President Delbert W. Ray, Sr., and Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel.



SRPMIC Presidents Day roundtable discussion took place, in attendance were past Community Presidents (L-R): Diane Enos, Joni Ramos, Filmore Carlos, Delbert W. Ray, Sr., Herschel Andrews and Ivan Makil.



SRPMIC Community and other Arizona Tribes join Arizona Governor Doug Ducey in amending the tribal gaming compact.



U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell kicks-off Native Youth Listening Tour at Salt River Elementary School



Groundbreaking for the new Judicial Court Center.



During the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Tribal leaders from across the U.S. supported the efforts to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline.



President Delbert W. Ray, Sr., with the late Senator John McCain.



2014 Inauguration, President Delbert W. Ray, Sr., with his wife June.



SRPMIC members testified in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., urging the committee to reauthorize the federal Special Diabetes Program for Indians.



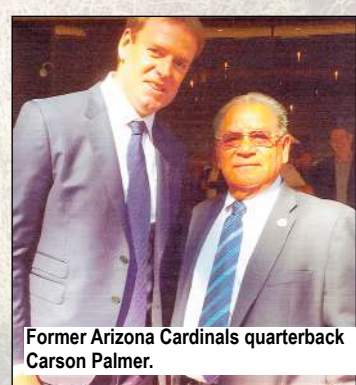
President Delbert W. Ray, Sr. hosts East Valley Mayors and Ft. McDowell Yavapai Apache Nation at Salt River.



SRPMIC receives Land Titles and Records Office documents from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



Congressman Joe Kennedy III.



Former Arizona Cardinals quarterback Carson Palmer.

Thank You From David Antone



I would like to offer a heartfelt thank-you to all those Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members who voted in the 2014 election that allowed me the privilege of being elected as a Council member. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve all of you and the Community.

The experience of serving as a Council member has taught me patience and a main focus of always doing all you can for the good of the people and the Community.

I will always carry the honor bestowed on me for the years I've served you and am forever grateful.

Thank You,
A. David Antone

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Anti-Drug Campaign Proposes Information Sharing to Prevent Criminal Activity

on substance-abuse criminal offenders with outside law enforcement agencies and jurisdictions is to encourage respect for the Community's laws, court orders and processes. With substance abuse the leading cause of criminal activity, sharing offender information can potentially lead to faster apprehension of suspects, reducing the chance that the suspects will again offend, use or sell drugs in the Community. The external agencies would uphold tribal court orders and warrants.

Hodahkwen explained that sharing information would enhance public safety and benefit Community members who are victims of drug-related crimes, domestic violence, gun violence and drunk drivers. It protects the Community by making sure prohibited possessors of firearms are listed in the national database so they cannot purchase firearms. It also protects Community members and residents who obtain Community court-issued orders of protection by putting those orders in national databases so that they are enforced everywhere. It will also improve accuracy of background checks for employment or military service.

Recommended items for sharing include information on:

- Drug convictions
- DUI convictions
- Firearms-related convictions
- Domestic violence-related convictions
- Orders of protection and restraining orders based on allegations of domestic violence
- Probation terms for Community residents
- Criminal traffic convictions

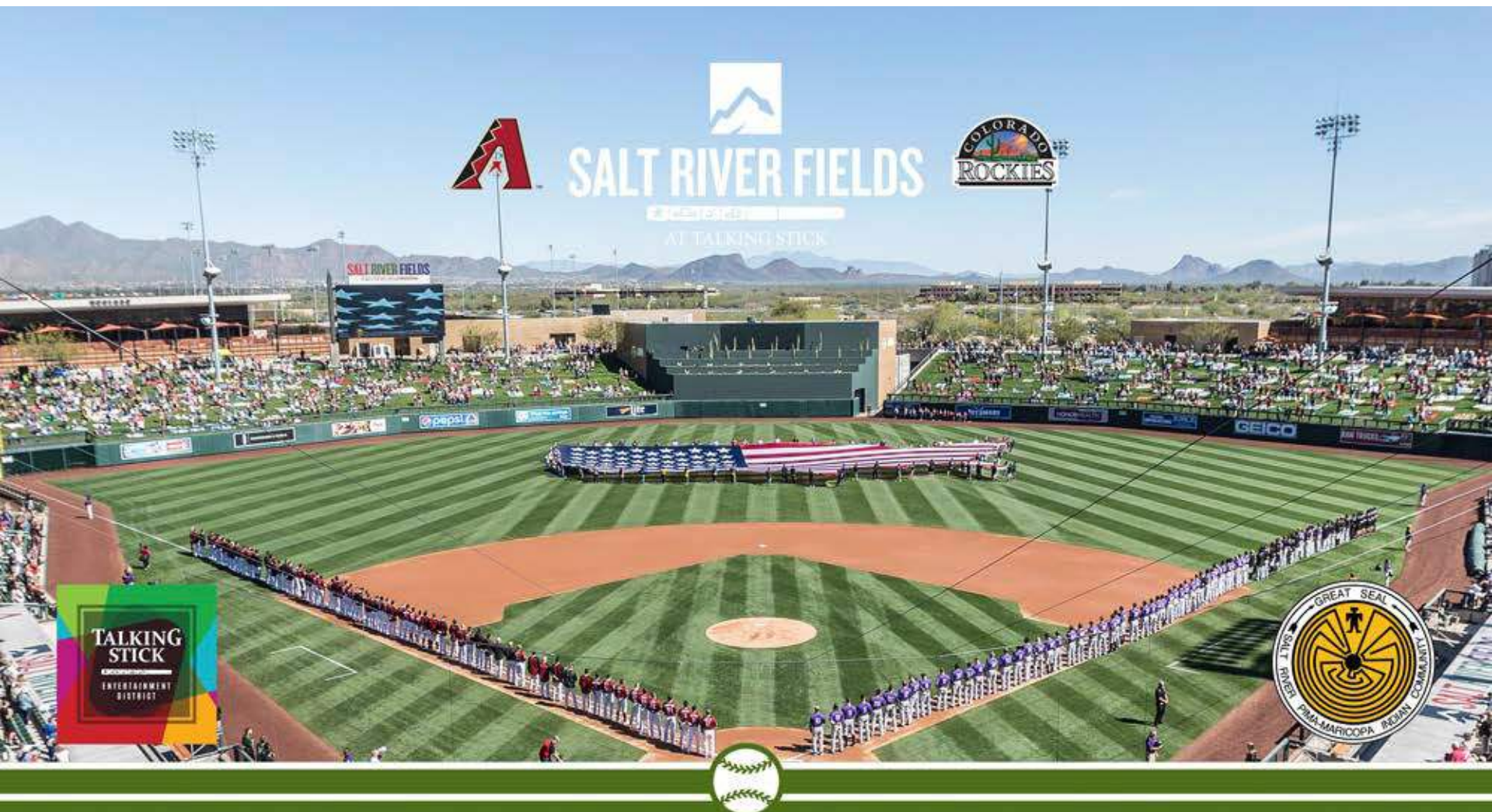
During the comment period, Community member Kim Manuel asked Salt River Police Department Chief Karl Auerbach's opinion of the information-sharing proposal and whether information already has been entered into databases outside the Community.

Auerbach explained that he supports sharing information, but ultimately whatever Council decides, the SRPD is going to enforce that decision.

Auerbach cited one example in which information sharing would help the Community. "[A] Community member who was a victim of domestic violence [received] an order of protection that was issued by the Community Court. There is a principle [in the U.S. Constitution] called 'Full Faith and Credit,' which means that any jurisdiction would accept that court order just like it was their own.

"However, in this particular case, because we are not able to enter that into a national database, that was not something that the other police department had access to. That order of protection is there to protect someone from domestic violence; even if the victim had the paperwork in their hands, it [still] has to be in the database in order to validate it. That is something we're not able to do right now."

A number of Community members expressed their concerns and comments on the idea of sharing information with outside agencies. Council and staff are going to continue to discuss this idea and seek additional Community input; more information will come in the new year, January 2018.



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Senior Services Recreation Activity Calendar

***** DECEMBER *****

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Friday, Dec. 21
CRAFT: Christmas
Mason Jar
(10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) –
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Thursday, Dec. 27
CRAFT: New Year’s
Centerpiece
(10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) –
SR/ Lehi/ WOLF

Saturday, Dec. 29
ACTIVITY: Sun’s Game
(6:30 p.m.-10 p.m.) –
Offsite, limit 12

Wednesday Dec. 26
ACTIVITY: Men’s Group
Bowling
(10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) –
Offsite, Limit 8

Friday, Dec. 28
ACTIVITY: Billiards Pool
Play
(10:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.) –
Offsite, limit 15

Monday, Dec. 31
ACTIVITY: New Year’s
Bingo
(9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) –
Lehi Community Bldg.

TRIPS & EVENTS SIGN-UP

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

Beware of Credit Card Skimmers at Gas Pumps

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When you go to fill up your car, you may feel thankful that you made it before your car ran out of gas, or you might be somewhat annoyed that you have to fill the vehicle again. But have you ever had to worry about someone stealing your credit card information at the gas station?

Unfortunately, criminals use small devices called card skimmers, which are fraudulent card readers attached to gas pumps, ATMs and similar machines. With just one swipe, criminals gain information from your debit or credit card when you are paying at the pump. When skimmers get your information, they then start making fraudulent transactions.

Many banks often catch the irregular spending that doesn’t match your normal spending patterns; banks will notify you about it. But banks don’t always catch it in time, and some customers find out too late.

According to the Arizona Weights & Measures Services Division, as of November, about 129 illegal card skimmers had been found at Arizona fuel dispensers—many at Circle K pumps, which make up most of the gas stations around the state.

So how can you defend yourself against the skimmers? Here are some helpful tips.

10 Card Skimmer Tips

1. Inspect the fuel dispenser before you use it. Be suspicious of loose or damaged equipment or access panels on the dispenser, as this may indicate signs of forced entry. If a retailer uses adhesive security seals, make sure that they are not voided or broken.
2. Wiggle the exterior of the credit card reader slot before you insert your card into the machine (this also applies to ATMs). If any part of the card reader comes loose, do not use the fuel dispenser and notify site employees and Weights and Measures immediately.

3. Ask site employees about security measures that they have in place to protect against skimmers.
 4. If you use a debit card at a fuel dispenser, run the purchase as credit to prevent having to enter your PIN number. Some skimmers have the ability to capture PIN numbers, which could allow a criminal to withdraw funds from your bank account.
 5. Make fuel purchases at the register inside the convenience store instead of outside at the dispenser. If possible, pay with cash instead of a credit or debit card. If you wish to pay at the dispenser, use a card with a low credit limit solely for fuel purchases.
 6. Use dispensers in well-lit areas that are positioned in view of site employees.
 7. Watch out for large vehicles such as SUVs, trucks and vans that park in front of fuel dispensers for long periods of time. Criminals have been known to use large vehicles to block the view of the dispenser from site employees while they install a skimming device.
 8. Watch out for people using electronic devices such as computers or tablets that may be sitting in vehicles near a fuel-dispensing site. Some skimmers have been known to have Bluetooth capability, which allows criminals to download information from a skimming device when they are in range of the Bluetooth signal.
 9. Trust your instincts. If something does not seem right, do not use the dispenser and report your concerns to site employees, law enforcement and/or Arizona Weights and Measures.
 10. Consumers should frequently monitor bank and credit card statements to ensure all transactions are correct. If someone accesses or uses your account information without your permission, contact your financial institution and alert your local police department.
- For more information on skimmers and stolen cards, go to www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0213-lost-or-stolen-credit-atm-and-debit-cards.

Native American Recognition Days at Salt River Schools

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Salt River Elementary School not only gives its students the fundamentals of traditional academic subjects such as math, science, reading and writing, but the school also teaches its students the O’odham and Piipaash culture. With November being Native American Recognition Month, the school treated its students and staff to numerous presentations during Native American Recognition Days, November 13-16. The school celebrated Native American culture of every aspect possible, from tribal Creation stories to traditional foods and successful Native American athletes and politicians. The week started off with a song-and-dance presentation. “We started our week with an assembly to share traditional songs and dances from our own O’odham and Piipaash cultures,” said Ipa Dutchover, language culture specialist at Salt River Elementary School. “This led the way for many of our Native American teachers and staff to share where they are from and who they are with our students throughout the week. This was a great opportunity for our students to see our staff from a different perspective.” Every day the students see school staff going about their daily routines

and may not realize that many of them are very rich in their cultural beliefs and practices. Staff members talked to students about where they are from and how they maintain balance between their modern lifestyles and traditional beliefs and practices. Dutchover explained that sharing this information with students is a great way to exemplify what a Native American role model looks like in today’s world. “We hope [that], by showcasing our staff in this way, students will begin to understand it’s possible to know their language and culture and identify as Native American and still be able to further their education to benefit their Native communities,” said Dutchover. On the last day, the elementary school held an assembly that featured dance performances from many different tribes, including Hopi, Ho-Chunk and Cheyenne, to name a few. “Throughout the year we primarily focus on our own O’odham and Piipaash cultures; NARD is a chance to show the diversity of Native cultures,” Dutchover said.



Youth perform in front of their peers during the NARD Days.

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Guest performances were given by Community members as well as staff during NARD Days.



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News and Events In and Around Indian Country

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U.S. Joins Four Tribes Defending Indian Child Welfare Act

In a major announcement made on November 30, the United States will join the Cherokee Nation, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Oneida Nation and the Quinault Indian Nation in defending the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) against a district court ruling in Texas.

The Department of Justice and other federal departments filed a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

The move was applauded in a joint statement from the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the Native American Rights Fund and the Association of American Indian Affairs.

For the latest ICWA-related news, visit www.nicwa.org.

Native American Soldiers Coordinate Powwow in Kuwait

A group of U.S. soldiers shared some of their Native American culture thousands of miles away from home.

In November, Native American soldiers sang and danced at Camp Buehring in Kuwait, according to Stars and Stripes, a military newspaper focused on U.S. armed forces.

Some wore traditional regalia while others sang on a drum donated by Oklahoma City University's Native American Society, according to the report.

For more and to see photos and a video of the powwow, visit www.stripes.com and search "powwow."

Marvel Superheroes Through Native American Eyes on Display at Smithsonian

Hulk, Black Panther, Black Widow

and their Marvel friends are on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in New York City.

Marvel's mightiest heroes have been re-envisioned through a Native American lens by Native artist Jeffrey Veregge (Salish). The exhibition, done in Northwest Coast formline art, shows a battle between the Marvel characters and aliens invading New York City.

Veregge's "Of Gods and Heroes" is on view at the museum through October 2019.

For details, visit www.americanindian.si.edu.

Taboo of the Black Eyed Peas Performs at NBA Game

Native American artist and Nike N7 Ambassador Taboo of the Black Eyed Peas recently performed at halftime of an Oklahoma City Thunder basketball game.

His November 30 performance was part of Native American Heritage Month and included Native American dancers. One of the Thunder's jerseys has a Native American-themed design.

The Black Eyed Peas are an award-winning musical group that has performed all over the world, including a Super Bowl halftime show.

UNITY Mid-Year Conference Set for February in Scottsdale

The United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for February 15-18 in Scottsdale.

Dozens of youth from across Arizona and Indian Country are expected to attend the popular event. UNITY's mission is to build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through youth involvement.

For more information, visit www.unityinc.org; to register, call (480) 718-9793. Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort is the host hotel.

LANGUAGE CORNER

Highlighting O'odham & Piipaash Letters and Sounds

In this issue, we will highlight two Piipaash letter combinations that represent additional k-type sounds. Both letter combinations represent single sounds even though they are written with two separate letters.

kw

Piipaash

Sound	O'odham	Milga:n
like the /qu/ in queen	kwnxo	basket

ky

Piipaash

Sound	Piipaash	Marikyan
like the /cu/ in cute	mathkyaaly	ramada

You can read more about consonants and access the orthographies online at saltrivercrd.org or scan the QR codes below for direct access to each orthography.

O'odham



Piipaash



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Special Election Nomination Meeting Sparks Interest From Six Community Members



Vernice Sampson takes the floor as she nominates former Council Representative Jenelle Howard for the vacant seat for Council Representative in District I (Salt River) at the nomination meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018.

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Council nominations for District I (Salt River) were held on Monday, December 17, and there were six nominees: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members A. David Antone, Jenelle Howard, Kim Anton, Marissa Johnson, Wi-Bwa Grey and Janet Johnson. These six nominees are running to fill the vacated seat of former Council member Ricardo Leonard, who was recently elected SRPMIC Vice-President. The special election will take place on January 14, 2019, and is open to District I (Salt River) voters only. Nominees must be enrolled Commu-

nity members living within the SRPMIC for at least one year and in District I for at least six months; they also must be at least 25 years old. Nominees were given information on accepting or declining their nominations and were informed that they had two days to decide. Once the nominees are verified as eligible, they will be certified on Wednesday, December 19, at 5 p.m. at Two Waters Building A on the third floor. A candidate forum is set for 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Salt River Community Building. For more information on the Candidate Forum call Community Relations at (480) 362-7740. The January 3, O’odham Action News will include statements from the candi-

CANDIDATE FORUM FOR SR COUNCIL SEAT

Thursday, January 10, 2018
Salt River Community Building
6– 8 p.m.

FORUM GUIDELINES:

- * Each candidate will be given two (2) minutes for an opening statement.
- * Community members will be encouraged to ask questions of the candidates.
- * Questions should relate to issues and not be of a malicious (attacking) nature.
- * Community members may direct a question to an individual candidate or more than one candidate.
- * Community members asking more than one question shall be considerate of others wishing to address candidates.
- * Candidate response to questions will be limited to two (2) minutes.
- * Each candidate will be given two (2) minutes for a closing statement.
- * A prompter will be seated up front with time cards at 1 minute and 30 seconds to assure responses are met in a timely manner.
- * Candidates that will be absent during the Community forums may have a statement read by the forum Moderator or a person of their choosing. So long as adequate notification is provided to Community Relations (at least 24-hour notice). Should a candidate request this process they must provide Community Relations with the individuals name, contact number and copy of the statement. The statement shall be no longer than five (5) minutes. The individual representing the candidate will not sit on the candidate forum panel.
- * All candidates will make their presentation in a panel setting with a Moderator present.
- * A table will be available for collateral materials. (i.e.: fliers, brochures, promotional items, etc.)

A Light Snack will be provided
Forum Information, contact: COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT
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NOTICE OF 2019 SRPMIC SPECIAL ELECTION DISTRICT I (SALT RIVER) VOTERS ONLY

Monday, January 14, 2019
Polls Open: 6 am – 6 pm
Salt River Community Building

A Special Election has been called to fill an upcoming vacant District I (SR) Council Member Seat. The vacancy is due to District I (SR) Council Member Ricardo Leonard being newly elected as the Vice-President at the recent General Election. The remaining two year term will be filled by this Special Election.

You are able to vote in SRPMIC elections if you are: 1) an enrolled member of the Community, 2) 18 years or older on the day of the election, and 3) a resident of District I (Salt River) for at least one (1) year; or if you are a non-resident, declared District I (SR) as your home district. Persons who are in jail or prison on the date of election, or have been declared to be mentally incompetent are not eligible to vote.

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District I (Salt River) voters vote at the SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING. (Polls open from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

WHAT DISTRICT DO I VOTE IN?

Members who live West of North Mesa Drive are considered to be a District I (Salt River)

voter and should vote at the Salt River Community Building. Non-resident voters who have filed a form with the Office of Membership Services declaring District I (Salt River) as their home district are eligible to vote in this Special Election. If you are not sure which district you vote in, please contact the Office of Membership Services at (480) 362-7600.

A SRPMIC TRIBAL ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE.

Enrolled members must show a (picture) tribal ID card at the polls before they will be given a ballot. Contact the Office of Membership Services at (480) 362-7600 if you need a new tribal ID card. The Community membership rolls determine voter eligibility and the district in which you vote in, so please make sure your name, tribal ID number, and address are up-to-date with the Office of Membership Services (located at Two Waters Building B, 3rd Floor.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

To request an absentee ballot please request by phone to Erica Harvier, Ardell Moore, or Dorine Andrews at (480) 362-7466, 362-7469 or 362-7400. You may email your request for an absentee ballot to: Erica.harvier@srpmic-nsn.gov

ABSENTEE REQUESTS (Provide Name, Tribal ID #, Mailing Address)	SPECIAL ELECTION DEADLINES TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
Deadline for Non-Resident Voters to request an absentee ballot. (If you live off the Community and would like to mail in your ballot.)	Friday, December 28, 2018
Deadline for Residents to Request an Absentee Ballot (If you reside on the Community and would like to mail in your ballot.)	Monday, December 31, 2018
Deadline for Residents who are Elderly, Disabled or in the Hospital. (If you cannot come to the polls and would like to home vote.)	Wednesday, January 9, 2019

QUESTIONS? Contact SRPMIC Administration at (480) 362-7466
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SRES ‘Rezbots’ Win Research Robotics Competition

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Salt River Elementary School students have been busy building, programming and learning about robotics this school year. The “Rezbots” have been active attending robotics meets and competitions. Prior to this year, the team was known as the SRES Robotics Team. The team is composed of students in grades four through six.

The Rezbots were among 12 teams from schools across the Valley participating in a research competition held on November 10 at Oakwood Elementary School. The event was part of the 2018/2019 FIRST® LEGO® League “Into Orbit” Challenge. SRES students Akisha Dan, Alisha Dan, Lucas Williams and Alexia Ivins represented the Rezbots and the school in the research part of the competition.

In robotics competitions, teams of students are presented with a specific problem and encouraged to come up with creative and innovative solutions. Within the team there are three sub-teams: builders, programmers and researchers. The judges also analyze whether the solution applies to everyday problems; for this, the Rezbots team took first place.

The challenge presented to the teams was how an astronaut can survive, socially and physically, in space for the period of one year. The Rezbots’ solution proposed that the astronaut plant O’odham pink bean (S-wegi mu:n) as a way to stay healthy, food-wise; plus, planting a garden can be a hobby

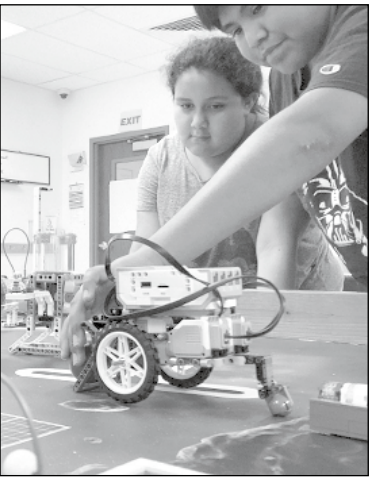
to alleviate social and mental issues associated with long periods of isolation. The students learned about the pink bean, a traditional O’odham crop, from school and Community experts, including culture and language teachers like Kino Reed at Salt River High School.

“I’ve been in robotics for almost three years now, and I always look for ways to improve and also to help others. My favorite part of it all is learning how to code,” said Alisha Dan. “I was thinking of ways how we were going to do good. This year we have a lot more of the younger grade on the team. It was a very fun competition.”

“I liked seeing other schools and how everyone had different ideas, so it was kind of cool to see theirs and ours. I enjoy being on the team,” said Lucas Williams, who is in fifth grade. “Something I learned this year was the research on space, and I also got advanced in programming. I always wanted to learn about programming which is why I am on the [Rezbots] team; I like the challenge.”

The Rezbots and the other competing teams are judged not only on the content of their presentations, but also on public speaking and how well they know the subject matter involved and the specifics of their research.

Researchers have to work together to find solutions to the topic that the LEGO FLL gives out every year for the competition season. The students can create a PowerPoint or presentation board to present to judges. They go on field trips to research more information; then they have to practice presenting



Salt River Elementary School Students "Rezbots" participate in a Robotics Competition.



Photo courtesy of Salt River Schools

in front of various audiences, like teachers and students, to get use to presenting in front of an audience.

“Our research team presented to judges about the research they [did] for three months prior to the November competition,” said SRES robotics coach Justin Kershner.

The students on the research sub-team consulted a variety of resources (the internet, articles and experts in the field) to come up with a physical and mental/social solution that would help an astronaut live in space for over a year. They worked together to put relevant information onto a trifold display to present. The team had adults critique their presentation and speaking skills to make improvements. They will also present a Core Values poster that details how the team members demonstrated innovation, discovery, teamwork, fun, inclusion and impact while on the robotics team.

For their part, the builders and programmers must build a

main robot and various attachments designed for the robot to successfully execute a specific mission on the “Into Orbit” game board. Each mission is done during a three-minute round. A programmer has to program the robot to move itself on the board and program the attachments as well. For the programmers and builders, it’s a lot of trial and error in the coding and programming before the robot performs perfectly. They use the Lego Mindstorms software to program their robot to make specific movements that will allow it to carry out missions. Students use geometry and algebra skills to problem-solve the programming aspects of the mission.

The judges were impressed with the SRES students’ speaking skills, research content, and how they went to various locations to pick the brains of experts to find more information that related to their research.

SRES Rezbots Team Members

- Michelle Carl
- Kyo Conger
- Akisha Dan
- Alisha Dan
- William Dan
- Samira Dockerty
- Alexia Ivins
- Miles Martinez
- Conner Moses
- Elliyah Shurz
- Duke Talieje
- Dominic Thoman
- Vallerian Vavages
- Lucas Williams

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The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) program was established in the 1920s by the International Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) to standardize crime reporting nationally, this report has become the Country's leading crime indicator, this is the reason the Salt River Police Department lists these particular crimes.					
SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.			SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.		
CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.	CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.
Events	5,560	5,636	Assault	8	7
Police Reports	484	493	Forgery/Counterfeiting	18	21
Priority ONE Calls	560	501	Fraud	3	4
Avg. ResponseTime (Priority One)	4.45	4.45	Embezzlement	0	0
Avg. ResponseTime (Priority Two)	4.42	5.06	Stolen Property	0	0
SRPD Arrested Persons Number of Native Adults & Juveniles			Vandalism	11	7
CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.	Weapons violations	4	3
Native Adults	62	57	Prostitution	0	1
Native Juveniles	224	255	Sex Offenses	2	2
TOTALS	286	312	Drug violations (sell/manufacture)	2	7
SRPD Arrested Persons Number of (Native, Non-Native, Adults & Juveniles)			Drug violations (possession)	31	53
CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.	Gambling	0	0
Native	60	53	DUI	32	18
Non-Native	2	4	Liquor laws	3	2
TOTALS	62	57	Drunkenness	0	0
SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.			Disorderly conduct	6	12
CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.	ARPA violations	0	0
Number of Telephone calls received	N/A	6,473	Suspicious Activity Persons &Vehicle 305	302	305
Number of 9-1-1 calls received	N/A	1,661	Curfew (persons under 18)	0	1
Number of Alarm signals received	25	56	Runaway (persons under 18)	2	2
SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.			Domestic violence	13	9
CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.	All other violations (illegal dumping)	0	2
Non-Injury Accident	43	23	Trespass	22	20
Injury Accident	16	14	Animal Problems	108	94
Fatality Accident	1	0	TOTALS	567	570
Private Property Accident	12	12	SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.		
Citations	969	1,015	CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.
DUI Arrests	32	18	Aggravated Assault	5	6
SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.			Arson	0	0
CATEGORY	OCT.	NOV.	Burglary	8	12
Non-Injury Accident	43	23	Homicide	1	0
Injury Accident	16	14	Rape	0	0
Fatality Accident	1	0	Robbery	1	0
Private Property Accident	12	12	Theft	38	42
Citations	969	1,015	Vehicle Theft	2	6
DUI Arrests	32	18	TOTALS	55	66

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Surveillance System Manager Jason Littlefield Named SRPMIC Employee of the Year

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The Community Regulatory Agency's surveillance systems manager, Jason Littlefield, was named the 2018 Employee of the Year during the Annual Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Employee Holiday Luncheon.

Littlefield has been employed with the Community for more than five years and was one of 20 other tribal government employees nominated for the award.

SRPMIC President Delbert W. Ray Sr. presented Littlefield with a \$1,500 Visa gift card, along with the prizes all nominees received: a Bose Soundbar, a \$50 gift card, movie passes, a box of chocolates, a note-taking tablet and a copy of their nomination letter.

"In the four years I have been here and got to know you all, any one of you could have been chosen," said President Ray as he announced the winner. "It's a hard decision because you work hard for the service to the

Community and each and one of you deserves this. We thank each and every one of you for the hard work you do here."

Littlefield, who was nominated by his supervisor, was described in the nomination letter as "extremely reliable. He is practically on call 24/7 and he knows [the job] often requires effort beyond 40 hours a week. He's consistent, goes above and beyond, is well respected within his team and management, and is appreciated by several departments," read President Ray. "He has made multiple contributions on a day-to-day basis and works to make sure the casino maintains compliance with the gaming compact, and this requires a lot of dedication and commitment."

Littlefield's nomination letter also said that in his role overseeing different systems, when things do not always work as planned, he works to find solutions. He is always looking out for the entire Community, from employees to Community members. He responds quickly and is a caring



Community Regulatory Agency's surveillance systems manager, Jason Littlefield, receives his award as he was named the 2018 Employee of the Year during the Annual Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Employee Holiday Luncheon.

advocate, working all hours to make sure services run smoothly. "Regardless of any challenges that arise, he has made the interest of the Community a priority, and with employees like Jason [we] can rest assured that the Community is in good hands."

"I am extremely happy and sur-

prised," said Littlefield. "One, that I was nominated; and two, to be able to win this honor. I don't think I really do anything other than what other people do; everyone does a great job. My team does a good job, and I thank my supervisors for nominating me and the Community for awarding this to me."



What Does It Take to Be the Next SRPMIC Council Representative?

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Have you ever been to a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council meeting and envisioned yourself sitting in one of those seats? Well, if you (1) are a member of the SRPMIC and at least 25 years old, (2) have been residing in the Community for at least one year, and (3) have been living in the district you would like to represent for at least six months, then you are qualified to run for a Council seat in an upcoming election.

After September's general election, District I Council member Ricardo Leonard was elected the new Vice-President, opening his seat in a 2019 Special Election. Another general election is set for 2020 to fill two seats in District I (Salt River) and District II (Lehi).

According to the SRPMIC Constitution, each elected Council representative, which includes President and Vice-President, serves four-year terms. Each elected official shall complete their term of office; if for any reason an officer should fail to complete their full term, a replacement for that office will complete the term of office. Elected Council members cannot be tribal government employees or hold another constitutional office in the SRPMIC government, any branch of the U.S. government, or any elected office for another government body.

The SRPMIC Council consists of the President, Vice-President and seven Council members. Recently elected Council members Cheryl Doka and Diane Enos, along with newly elected President Martin Harvier and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, and re-elected Council members Michael Dallas, Sr. and Tom Largo, were inaugurated on December 15. Enos is a former SRP-

MIC president.

Council members Dallas and Deanna Scabby represent District II. Both shared how they decided to run for Council.

"I never thought about [running for a seat on the] Council," said Dallas, who is now starting his second term. "Working at the Senior Center, I built relationships with the elders of the Community, and one of the elders suggested I run for Council. Nadine Torres nominated me. I didn't attend the nomination meeting. I was approached by Council secretary at my work to accept or decline the nomination—that's how I found out."

Dallas discussed this opportunity with his wife, and, he said, they "prayed about it and decided he'd give it a shot." Since then, he has been learning and growing as a leader. When he first assumed his office, he shadowed Largo, taking in all the knowledge he had to offer. Things he has learned within the Community include the fact that tribal government is separated into legislative and executive branches (as well as the judicial branch, the Community Court), it takes a whole body to make a decision, and executives oversee daily operations of the tribal government. Being appointed to the Tribal Interior Budget Council also has given Dallas some insight on the different funding needs of the different tribes.

"One thing I learned in our region is that funding is critical based off of historical treaties and negotiations made when tribes were first put onto reservations. That's where the funding comes from, but every year it's at risk—it's always eliminated by a president or



Council Representative Michael Dallas, Sr.

decreased," said Dallas. "We have to try to balance things out. One thing in our region is that [all tribes] are unique; the needs of Salt River might be different from the needs of a tribe in Nevada or Utah."

Dallas also had to learn how to balance Council work with being a husband and father. People come up to him at the grocery store, he said. "That's what it's about, to be a servant and listen to the people," he said, which he has learned from his education and being in ministry through his church.

"My whole message in doing this is there is hope. What I tell our young people when they make mistakes is not to let their past dictate their future. I believe people have the potential in their life," said Dallas.

Scabby's motivation to run for Council came from attending Council meetings. "I liked going and listening [when] Ivan Makil was president and Merna Lewis was vice-president," said Scabby. "I recall listening to discussions on self-governance and the minors' trust funds and how they were going to manage that."

People in the audience at the Lehi Council meetings would come up to Scabby and ask her to go up and ask their questions [to Council] for them—and she did. That gave her some experience in public speaking and helping her neighbors in getting answers to their questions.

Scabby ran to fill the remaining term after the late Kenny Smith passed away.

"I didn't want to feel disrespectful

after Kenny Smith passed, but I decided to run and try to finish out the two years," she said.

Scabby was elected and sworn in the next day. Her goals focused on education and the Community's health. She continues to support the education system and works hard to get the best education for the Community's youth. "Our kids start from (the Early Childhood Education Center) to grade 12, and we have to continue to support them to the end," said Scabby.

"My second part is the healthcare with the ambulatory facility. "It's been a long process, but it's finally coming. We want our people to receive the best quality of healthcare."

At the same time she was first elected to Council, she had just started going back to college after being out of school for 30 years. So she had to learn how to balance her school, Council work and family life.

In the last 12 years of serving on the SRPMIC Council, Scabby has visited with a lot of different leaders and learned about the issues that many other tribes face. She has also seen the commercial and retail growth within the Community and has battled tough issues such as the drug-abuse epidemic.

"My advice to those looking at running for Council in the future is to attend Council meetings, volunteer, continue your education and ask questions. It's a scary thing to get out of your comfort zone," said Scabby. "With Council, I enjoy the work. It's always diverse, and not everyone is happy with some of the decisions Council makes, but you take it. It's not that you don't care or you're hard-hearted; it's that 'I hear you and I understand, but there are always two sides to each issue.' You have to match it in the middle to reach a goal of what the people want."



Council Representative Deanna Scabby

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SEASON'S GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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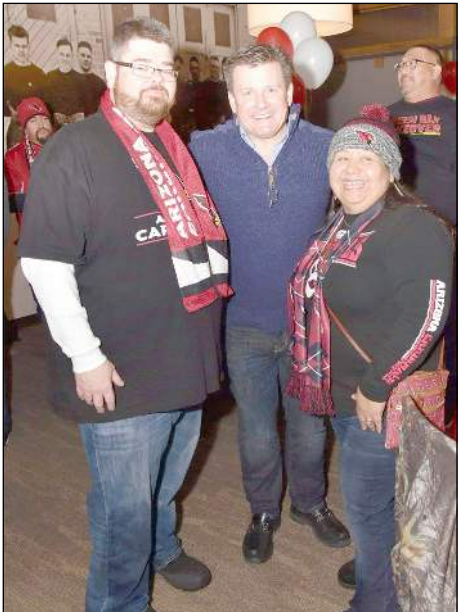
Over the past few months, the tribal governments Human Resource Department has encouraged tribal government employees to raise money or donate money to make their bosses do a lip-sync challenge performed at the annual employee Christmas luncheon. During the December 5 luncheon, SRPMIC Assistant Community Manager Kent Andrews battled Finance Director Laurie Lus in the Battle of the Bosses. Andrews performed a King of Soul, James Brown act while Lus walked on the stage as Mother Monster, Lady Gaga. Lus received the most cheers and was announced winner of a close final. Human Resources raised a total of \$3,400, Andrews and Lus together earned \$1,486 of that total. All proceeds go to the Community Christmas Angel Program coordinated by the Social Services Department. Richie Corrales, *O'odham Action News*.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Ty Romo (left) competed in the Open Team Roping at the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation Orme Dam Victory Days Rodeo in November. He and his team roping partner, Dustin Bird from Cut Bank, Montana, placed second in the long go on Saturday, November 17, fourth in the short go and fourth in the average on Sunday. In all, they won a little over \$2,000 each. Dodie Manuel, *O'odham Action News*.

Cardinal Fans Travel to Green Bay



Submitted photos

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Valerie Denight and her husband Geoff traveled with the Phoenix Cardinals' Bird Gang to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to watch their favorite team take on the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, December 2. Lambeau Field, the home of the Green Bay Packers, was a chilly 21 degrees with snow. The couple lasted

till the third quarter, when they had to make their way inside to warm up and finish watching the game. Denight says the Packers fans were classy and welcomed them with open arms. The experience of seeing the iconic stadium during its 100th anniversary was breathtaking and well worth the frozen toes, she said. The Cards beat the Packers 20-17, marking the team's first win in Green Bay since 1949.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

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December 31, 2018 | 4pm-12am
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Here, the SRPMIC Council gathers for one last group photo on December 12 before a Council meeting at the Lehi Community Building. President Delbert W. Ray Sr., Vice-President Martin Harvier, Council members Jenelle Howard, David Antone, Ricardo Leonard were recognized for their service to the Community with plaques and Pendleton blankets. It was the final Council meeting for the five in their current role. On December 15, Harvier and Leonard were sworn in as Community president and vice-president, respectively. Richie Corrales, *O'odham Action News*.

Emergency Management
Highlight: Community Emergency
Response Teams (CERT)

BY TERRY NELSON
SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is currently recruiting and seeking volunteers to join the reestablished Salt River Community Emergency Response Team (SR-CERT). The CERT program is a national program designed to help citizens prepare themselves and their families for disasters or large-scale public emergencies. The program also prepares and trains members to volunteer to assist first responders during large-scale emergencies or when special assistance is needed for an incident or event. The SR-CERT program is currently housed within the Salt River Fire Department in partnership with Emergency Management. Membership is open

to Community members, SRPMIC employees and Enterprise employees who are 18 or older. SR-CERT courses will teach Community members serving in a volunteer capacity about disaster preparedness, fire suppression, light medical operations, light search and rescue, and psychology and team organization. A series of classes will be held in up to four-hour blocks to cover all topics. Classes are available on evenings and weekends to accommodate work schedules. For more information on the SR-CERT and how to get involved in disaster volunteer opportunities, contact SRPMIC Emergency Management at (480) 362-7929 or Terry.Nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov.



“SUNSATIONAL”

Award recipients take center court.



NOVEMBER SUNSATIONAL HONOREES

Shantal Martinez from the Native American Education Department
and Jalen Lewis, 11th grader at Red Mountain High School
pose with Dragan Bender and The Gorilla.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, along with Casino Arizona, Talking Stick Resort and the Phoenix Suns congratulate Shantal and Jalen on their achievements.

The Sunsational Recognition Award recognizes Valley elementary school and high school staff and SRPMIC enrolled students who have displayed excellence within their educational facility and among peers.

Winners receive tickets to a Suns home game, a Phoenix Suns autographed basketball, a gift certificate and center-court recognition during the pre-game ceremony. Nomination forms are available at Salt River Elementary School and Salt River High School.



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Planning Your Snow Daytrip

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Here in the Valley of the Sun, we really never get to experience the winter months like many other cities do around the state. Snow is something that we can only glimpse if it happens to dust the tops of the McDowell Mountains or the Four Peaks.

In some parts of the state, the snow has already landed. So why not make plans for a day or weekend trip?

If you are planning to travel into colder temperatures, don't forget to plan your travel route, notify someone of your plan, fill your gas tank, check the weather in the area (to make sure it is drivable and check if there are icy conditions), check on the news on what traffic is going to be like, and download alert apps to help you get there safely and on time by avoiding vehicle accidents and construction zones.

For safer driving, make sure your vehicle has all-weather tires; also carry a set of snow-tire chains. Be sure to pack any kind of emergency kit in case you get stuck in traffic or highway obstacles because of snow.

When driving in wet/slippery/icy

conditions, slow down, leaving plenty of room between you and the vehicle ahead. Avoiding sudden braking that can result in a slide.

Try not to pull over on the shoulders of highways, because in many cases they are used only for emergencies. Especially when you enter the Flagstaff area, be sure to head to designated stops.

Drink lots of water and apply sunscreen and lip balm when you are playing out in the snow. Pack winter jackets, boots, blankets, water, snacks, medications and first-aid kits. Wear thick clothing; layering is best when traveling to areas where temperatures dip.

Remember: The higher the elevation, the more likely you are to experience shortness of breath and fatigue.

For more in-depth information on traffic updates and what to pack for your Snow Daytrip, visit the following websites:

- ADOT Alerts, www.azdot.gov/adot/alerts
- Know Snow and Ice: www.azdot.gov/about/transportation-safety/Weather/know-snow-and-ice
- <http://az511.com>

Senior and Disabled Community Advisory Committee

Seeking an enrolled Community Member from
Lehi to represent the Lehi District

Deadline: January 7, 2019 at 5 p.m.

Eligibility: Senior 55 year or older or Adult with disability 45 years or older

Purpose of SDCAC:

SDCAC is established for the purpose of reviewing, researching and recommending policy, with the assistance of the Department of Senior Services, to the Community Council on issues relating to the elderly age 55 years and older of the SRPMIC. In addition, the SDCAC will evaluate existing services to elders and adults with disabilities in the Community and coordinate these services with input from seniors and adults with disabilities.

Monthly Meeting Places

2nd Tuesday at Lehi Community Building
4th Tuesday at Salt River Senior Services

Interest forms available at Senior Services Department or Senior Services Recreation Staff in Lehi. Please return forms to either location.

Contact Person: Roberta Seepie, SDCAC Liaison (480) 362-6301



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018, THERE WILL BE NO TRASH PICK UP DUE TO CHRISTMAS.

Monday, December 24, 2018 trash will be picked up as regularly scheduled.

If your trash containers are serviced on Tuesday, please have your grey containers out in your designated area by 6:00 AM on Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

On Tuesday, January 1, 2019, trash will be picked up as regularly scheduled.



Thank you and have a wonderful & safe holiday!
-Public Works Solid Waste (480) 362-5600



International Entertainment Buyers Association Names Talking Stick Resort ‘Casino of the Year’

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Add “Casino of the Year” to the list of awards that Talking Stick Resort has received since it opened only eight years ago.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community casino was recently named the top casino by the International Entertainment Buyers Association (IEBA), a nonprofit trade organization for live-entertainment industry professionals.

“Entertainment has been a key component to the success of Talking Stick Resort,” Director of Public Relations Ramon Martinez said in a statement. “Since opening our doors in 2010, we have continuously strived to offer premier shows and concerts, increasing the caliber of performers each year. To be recognized for those efforts on a national level is a great honor.”

Talking Stick Resort (TSR) was one of eight casinos nominated for the award and the lone casino from Arizona. TSR beat out Agua Caliente Casino Resort in Rancho Mirage, California, and Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut, to name a few.

The award was announced in October at IEBA’s annual conference and was one of 17 awards announced. The awards are voted on by top entertainment executives from some of the biggest artist management groups, agencies and venues across the U.S. For a complete list of winners, visit www.ieba.org.

The news of the award come on the heels of the casino being forced to close



The IEBA "Casino of the Year" award. It's one of the first items you see when visiting Talking Stick Resort's website with the following note, "As Scottsdale's ultimate destination for entertainment, we're proud to be recognized as an outstanding company and venue in the live concert industry. And we'll continue to bring you the best musical acts and comedians year after entertaining year."

Photo courtesy of Talking Stick Resort

from damage after a massive storm in August. TSR reopened in September to a crowd that had been waiting outside for the doors to reopen.

TSR is a AAA Four Diamond resort and winner of multiple awards, including the 2017 “Tribal Destination of the Year” by the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association. For more information on Talking Stick Resort, visit www.talkingstickresort.com.



Ballons and other items welcomed back Talking Stick Resort visitors when the casino reopened in September

Photo courtesy of Talking Stick Resort



A view of Talking Sick Resort from the nearby golf course.

O'dham Action News file photo

Youth Activities In and Around the Community Over Winter Break

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Winter Break is just about here, which means Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth may have extra time on their hands. Here is a list of youth activities taking place in the Community and nearby during the break.

WAY OF LIFE FACILITY (WOLF)
Open Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
For more information: (480) 362-6800

Salt River Tribal Library
Open Monday-Thursday,
7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. (6 p.m. on Fridays)

Jingle Jam Basketball Tournament at WOLF
December 28 & 29

FYSL Youth Basketball League
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
through January 12
For more information, contact SRPMIC Recreation at (480) 362-6360.

Grades 5 and 6: Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.

Grades 3 and 4: Thursdays, 5:50 p.m.

Kindergarten through Grade 2: Saturdays, 9 a.m.

Recreation Winter Break Camp
December 27 to January 4
For more information, contact SRPMIC Recreation at (480) 362-6360.

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WOLF Receives 2018 Best Project Award



Photo courtesy of David Dallas

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The Way of Life Facility (WOLF) on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was recognized by the publication Engineering News-Record, Southwest Region, during its Best of the Best awards luncheon on November 12 in Phoenix.

The WOLF won the Best Project Award in the Government/Public Building category. On hand to accept the award were MayDall Construction President and SRPMIC Community member David Dallas; Bollinger Consulting Architects; staff from the SRPMIC Public Works and Engineering and Construction Services departments; and designers, contractors and engineers who worked on the WOLF project. The Best Project Award was also featured in O’odham Action News in September.

To see a full list of winners, visit <https://www.enr.com>.

2018 SRPMIC Annual Christmas Program and Light Parade

played Christmas music and some of their greatest hits. Community members and guests danced, laughed and mingled to the music. Nearby, inside the Round House Café, the Community's seniors enjoyed a nice holiday dinner and a game of bingo with great prizes. Families outside were able to browse among the vendors that had nice Christmas gifts for sale. Children and adults enjoyed delicious hot chocolate, coffee, bottled water, cookies and donuts while supplies lasted. Around the complex, food vendors offered Indian tacos, hamburgers and many more holiday treats.

As the sun started to set, it was time for everyone to start gathering along Longmore Road for the 2018 Light Parade. Families sat alongside the road in lawn chairs or in vehicles piled up with smiling faces. Parade floats representing different groups, families, departments, organizations and businesses throughout the Community made their way down the parade route, all decorated with festive light displays. Every joyful holiday float brought bright colors through the Community that night.



2018 Light Parade Winners

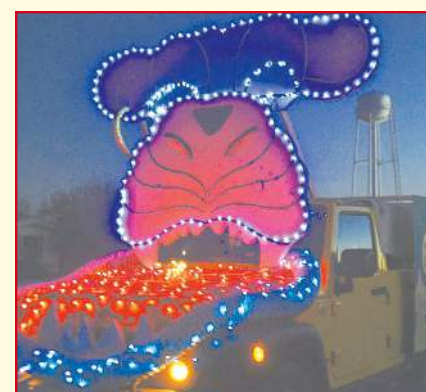
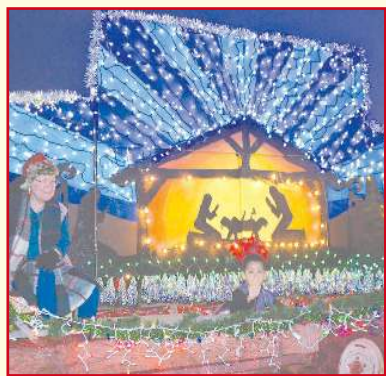
Most Unique:
Lehi Lego Batman Christmas

Most Spirited:
Santa Express

Best Use of Lights & Colors:

Lehi Lego Batman Christmas

Best Walking:
Senior Steppers



2018
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

SRPD Graduates Three New K9 Officers and Partners

BY DET. JOSEPH OROZCO
Salt River Police Department

On November 8, Salt River Police Department officers Jay Clark, Drew Musacchio and Dylan Walashek completed Police K9 Handler Training School and graduated into the SRPD’s K9 Unit. Through department funding and donations from businesses within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the SRPD was able to obtain police canine officers (K9s) and the required Police K9 Handler Training for these three new SRPD K9 handler officers and their Police K9 partners.

Off. Clark has been with SRPD for five years and is partnered with Police K9 officer “Plex.” Off. Clark was interested in the innate abilities that police dogs have, stating that “they can do more with their nose and sense of smell than most people can do with all five senses.” Off. Clark’s interest in the K9 program grew from his desire to learn and train to keep his skill set diverse and better himself in law enforcement. He said, “I hope to further benefit the department with the use of the patrol dog.”

Off. Musacchio has been with SRPD for three and a half years and is partnered with Police K9 officer “Lacs.” Off. Musacchio had previous experience as a K9 han-



(L-R) Officer Jay Clark with Police Canine Plex, Officer Drew Musacchio with Police Canine Lacs and Office Dylan Walashek with Police Canine Bolo.

dler and wanted to continue his career as a handler and serve the Community doing something he is passionate about. He said he has always had a strong passion for handling K9s and is amazed at how they work. Off. Musacchio said, “I also have a passion for finding narcotics and taking them out of the Community and off the streets.”

Off. Walashek has been with SRPD for five years and is partnered with Police K9 officer “Bolo.” He said he has a passion for “all things law enforcement” and jumped at the opportunity to join the K9 Unit to increase the tools in his toolbox. Off. Walashek observed the need that a Police K9 officer could fill in augmenting other patrol officers during their investigations, searches and apprehensions. “I wanted a tool for patrol to be able to use

to further drug investigations, track criminals and drug traffickers, and help find missing persons,” Off. Walashek said.

After completing a highly competitive selection process, the three officers were chosen for the SRPD’s K9 Unit, where they received copious amounts of training and became certified as K9 handlers. Police K9 officers Bolo, Lacs and Plex are highly trained and capable assets for the SRPD and the Community, with the ability to sniff out illegal drugs, search for missing children or adults, and assist in criminal apprehensions. These tenured officers and their K9 companions are already on the road improving safety within the Community and keeping illegal drugs out, one sniff at a time.

“The Community has great reason to be

so proud of these three newly certified K9 handler officers, Off. Jay Clark, Off. Drew Musacchio and Off. Dylan Walashek. Each has been working [with the] SRPD for a long time and has considerable experience, training and valuable skill sets, as well as [familiarity with] our Community,” said Chief Karl G. Auerbach. “Each also has been and continues to be very active supporting our SRPD Mission and our Community-based policing philosophy. I am very positive that officers Clark, Musacchio and Walashek and their K9 partners Bolo, Lacs and Plex will provide our Community excellent police services as they continue to serve and protect our Community.”

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SRPD Presents Lifesaving Award to Public Safety Dispatcher Idalas Hargis

perform CPR. Police and fire units arrived on scene nearly simultaneously within four minutes. By then the adult Community member was breathing normally. The patient was treated by SRFD, transported to the hospital shortly thereafter, and made full recovery.”

Auerbach said that dispatcher Hargis, following her training and standards, was able to successfully handle this call from a family in crisis. Using calm, clear and direct verbal communication, she provided lifesaving instructions, allowing family members to render immediate aid to their loved one.

The continuous CPR instructions over the telephone and pre-arrival medical actions provided by dispatcher Hargis probably saved the life of this adult Community member.

After the Lifesaving Award presentation, SRPMIC Vice-President Martin Harvier commented very positively upon the actions of SRPD Public Safety Dispatcher Idalas Hargis. Also attending the ceremony and presentation were Cmdr. Jonathan Gann, Lt. Walter Holloway and the entire Hargis family.

Chief Auerbach said, “Ms. Idalas Hargis followed her dispatcher training, experience and skills and calmly provided CPR and pre-arrival medical directions over the telephone to family members of this victim, which resulted in saving this Community member’s life. Our Community and the SRPD are so very fortunate to have such a dedicated and proficient public safety dispatcher serving and protecting the Community; we are very proud of Ms. Hargis and so glad she is on the SRPD Team!”



SRPD Adds Three New Police Officers

BY DET. JOSEPH OROZCO
Salt River Police Department

On November 28, the Salt River Police Department’s (SRPD) newest police officers, Mario Canez, Antonio Loza and Feliciano Rodriguez, were sworn in by Salt River Community Court Judge Darayne Achin in a ceremony held in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Justice Center.

The three officers were brought on as lateral hires, which means they already carry their certifications as peace officers within the State of Arizona. They have received prior police academy training and are already experienced sworn police officers.

Off. Canez was born in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and was mainly raised in the border town of Nogales and Rio Rico, Arizona. He attended Nogales High School, where he began his law-enforcement career by joining the Nogales Police Explorer Post. Canez then worked for

the Arizona State Capitol Police for two years as a police assistant and later joined the Pima County Sheriff’s Department in Tucson, serving there for 12 years. Off. Canez loves playing soccer and basketball and spending time with his family and friends. He said, “I am very excited to serve this great Community and spend time with members of this Community.”

Off. Loza was born and raised in Phoenix, where he grew up playing soccer and other sports. His dream was to become a police officer, and to realize his dream he attended Franklin Police and Fire High School and was a Tolleson Police Explorer. After graduating from high school, he worked as a detention officer for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office and was later hired by the Tolleson Police Department, working there for more than two years. Off. Loza has two sons. with whom he spends all his free time. He said, “I have been blessed and I am now part of a bigger Commu-

nity, a bigger family, and I am motivated to do my part in giving back to this new Community that has accepted me with open hands.”

Off. Rodriguez was born in Tempe and raised in South Phoenix until he and his family moved to Yuma, where he attended Kofa High School and participated in multiple sports and activities. Off. Rodriguez always had aspirations to work in law enforcement, and in 2010 he was hired by his tribe as part of the Pascua Yaqui Police Department in Tucson. During his eight years of service he held multiple positions within the department, including the first enrolled tribal member in his department to be part of the Pima Regional SWAT team. Off. Rodriguez has a four-year-old daughter who, he says, is his pride, joy and motivation. He said, “I am very excited and extremely grateful to have been selected to be a part of this Community and department. I will faithfully serve and protect the people with



(L-R) Officer Antonio Loza, SRPMIC Judge Darayne Achin, Officer Feliciano Rodriguez and Officer Mario Canez after the New Officer Swearing in Ceremony.

the best of me.”

The three new officers attended two weeks of New Officer Transitional Training Education classroom training with the SRPD before beginning their standard 12-week Field Training Officer program. This program requires all newly hired police officers to work alongside several Certified Field Training Officers who coach and

mentor the officers and evaluate their readiness to serve the Community as future solo-beat officers.

SRPD Chief Karl G. Auerbach said, “The Community has great reason to be proud of these three newly hired lateral police officers. Officers Mario Canez, Antonio Loza and Feliciano Rodriguez all have considerable experience as police officers as well

as substantial training and skill sets, and each fully embraces and understands our Community-based policing philosophy. I am positive that they will provide our Community with excellent police services.”

Christmas Eve Hot Chocolate Party

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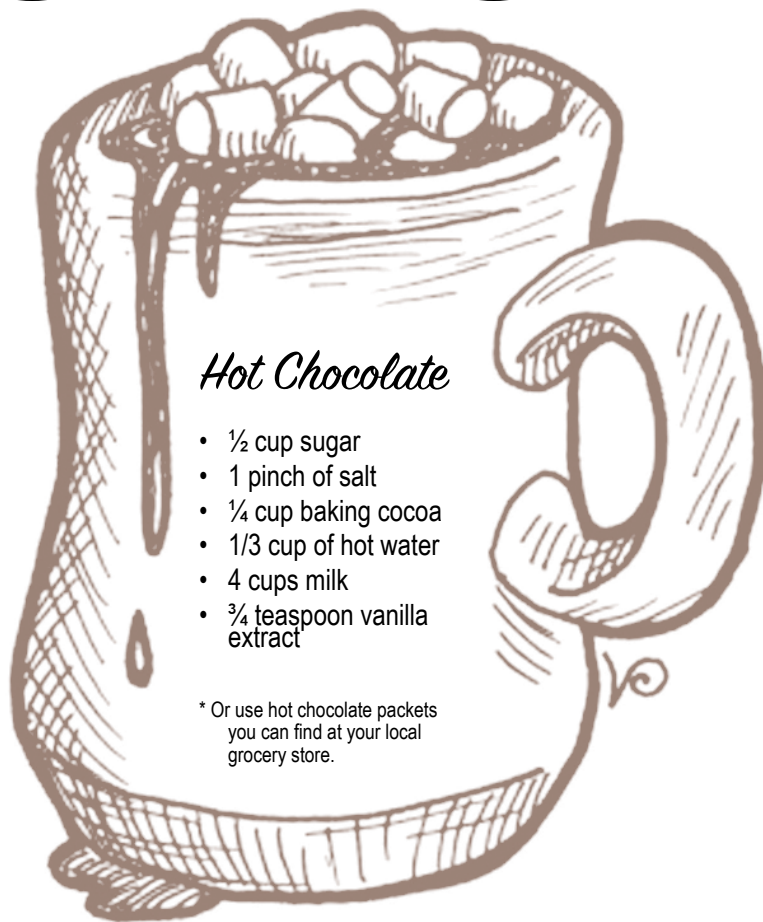
Looking for a fun activity for the family this holiday season? How about you throw on your PJ's, spend some time with your family and build a hot chocolate bar?

A hot chocolate bar can be set up any way you want, elaborate or simple. Just set out all the ingredients and create your own special cup of hot chocolate. Make your own hot chocolate from scratch or use simple hot chocolate packets. Find your favorite mix—try adding chocolate chips, whipped cream, marshmallows or crushed candy cane.

Here's a sample shopping list for ingredients that can be found at any grocery store:

- Hot chocolate mix
- Marshmallows
- Caramel sauce
- Chocolate sauce
- Whipped cream
- Candy canes
- Cinnamon
- Pretzel rods
- Cookies
- Mugs
- Straws or spoons

There is no right or wrong way to have a nice cup of hot chocolate, so have fun and experiment on new ways to drink hot chocolate during this holiday season. This is a great activity for a night out to view Christmas lights, or enjoy it on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.



Hot Chocolate

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 pinch of salt
- ¼ cup baking cocoa
- 1/3 cup of hot water
- 4 cups milk
- ¾ teaspoon vanilla extract

* Or use hot chocolate packets you can find at your local grocery store.

Food For Wellness Cooking Series

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Families who wished to find ways to introduce healthy foods into their everyday diet participated in the Food for Wellness cooking series in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Four classes were offered to families throughout October and November. The classes took place at the Way of Life Facility's kitchen area and were hosted by the SRPMIC Diabetes Prevention Program.

The classes emphasized healthy food choices, healthier food substitutions and hands-on demonstrations showing how to prepare various recipes for dinner and for the holidays.

"It's good to try healthy foods because it is good for your body," said Jace Garza, a participant in the program. "I tried avocado for the first time and I liked it."

During the program, families also learned how to properly handle cooking utensils such as knives and had access to portable stoves, pots, pans, food and recipes to follow. It was also a team-building effort.

For more information on future events and classes, contact the SRPMIC Diabetes Prevention Program at (480) 362-7320.

Veggie Wraps

(Large "wrap" tortillas, whole grain)

Sauté:

Zucchini & yellow squash in olive oil & Italian spice
Red onion- sliced, in olive oil & 1tsp balsamic vinegar
Sweet peppers sliced lengthwise into strips, in olive oil & ½ tsp balsamic vinegar

Spread:

Hummus (and/or pesto) on the tortilla
Top with sautéed veggies, add other options
Roll, cut and place toothpick to hold pieces

Options:

Marinated artichoke hearts
Fresh spinach
Shredded carrots
Thin sliced cucumber
Baked chicken



Families learn all about cooking and eating healthy at the Wellness Cooking Class held at the WOLF.



Youth learn how to cut and prepare healthy meals with their families.



Many of the children learned all about healthy food choices, substitutions cooking skills in the hands on demonstration held at the WOLF.

SRPMIC Remembers Pearl Harbor Attack



SRPMIC President Delbert W. Ray Sr., Vice-President Martin Harvier (both center) and members of the SRPD honor guard present a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day wreath.



The USS Arizona Memorial flag posted inside the Way of Life Facility.



(Top) SRPMIC Vice-President Martin Harvier and President Delbert W. Ray Sr. receive a piece of the original USS Arizona in a glass case (right), which included a photo of the USS Arizona Memorial.



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On December 7, with the USS *Ari-zona* Memorial flag hanging from the gymnasium ceiling at the Way of Life Facility, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a moment of silence in remembrance of the Pearl Harbor attack 77 years ago.

The Community dedicated part of the morning on December 7 for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Since 2007, the Community has hosted a public remembrance displaying a United States flag that flew over the USS *Arizona* Memorial in Hawaii and was given to the Community. This year was the first time the remembrance was held at the new Way of Life Facility (WOLF). The Community received the flag in a 2007 ceremony in Hawaii from Pearl Harbor survivors; many Community veterans,

including Council member Ricardo Leonard, attended.

The large flag usually rests in the Huhugam Ki Museum. In November, Salt River first responders exchanged the flag with Gila River Indian Community first responders so they could display the flag before the Salt River event.

More than 2,400 Americans stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii were killed and 1,100 others injured as a result of the surprise early-morning Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Almost 1,200 crew members were killed on the USS *Arizona* during the attack, which led the U.S. into World War II.

The remembrance, which attracted Community veterans, members and many tribal government employees, lasted about an hour and featured a moment of silence, a 21-gun salute, parade of colors and a meal. The Salt River High School band performed “The

Star-Spangled Banner” and the school’s Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) assisted with the event. The Salt River Fire Department posted the colors. Members of American Legion Post 114 “Bushmasters” and Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 also participated in the remembrance.

SRPMIC President Delbert W. Ray Sr. and Community Manager Bryan Meyers delivered remarks. Veteran and Community member Tony Dallas gave the invocation and benediction. Members of the Community Council also attended.

Ray, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, talked about the many sacrifices made by thousands of Native Americans who have served in the U.S. military through the years.

“We thank all our men and women in uniform—past, present and future—and we pray that God continues to bless them, to bless our Community, to bless

our Country. God bless.”

Meyers presented Ray and SRPMIC Vice-President Martin Harvier a small piece of the original USS *Arizona* and a photo of the USS *Arizona* Memorial in a glass case for their efforts to bring a piece of the ship to the Community. Members of the core committee who worked to get the larger piece of the ship were also presented with a similar case, along with Navy veterans in attendance.

Meyers shared details about the larger piece of the ship, which was presented to the Community recently after years of discussion. Plans are in the works for the piece to be displayed in the Community as part of a memorial project near Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. Meyers presented a short video explaining the concept behind the memorial.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Salt River Fire Department Captain Robert Scabby and Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Nelson recently set up an informational booth at the Round House Café to recruit new members to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT members are trained to help their families, community and state during a disaster. They are trained in basic medical techniques, how to extinguish small fires, assisting emergency responders and more. CERT will be offering a three-day training session in January. For more information, contact Terry Nelson at (480) 362-7929 or terry.nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov. Tasha Silverhorn, O'odham Action News

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Around 50 people joined Salt River Elementary School on December 6 for “Viala Night.” The night of dancing was hosted by the school's Language Culture staff in the cafeteria space. The dance was planned for outside but moved inside because of rain. A light dinner was provided, Ramon & Company played music and gourds were awarded to top dancers. Dalton Walker, O'odham Action News

Parent Learning Opportunity

Join us the first Tuesday of every month from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Salt River Elementary School.

Open to all Salt River School families:

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Education Native Language Culture

Save the dates: Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, and May 7

Please RSVP (480) 362-2516 Rana.Mirale@srpmic-ed.org



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Guests may begin lining up at 9a and each family will put their name in a jar.

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Happy New Year!



Ho'ok A'aga t-Kihimo

(Traditional Storytelling in our Village)

Sunday, January 6th 5pm-9pm

All are Invited and Welcome!

Please join us and share a evening of traditional O'odham songs and winter stories under the stars!

Storytelling by Barnaby Lewis

Canalside Neighborhood Center
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Outdoor Gathering | Please Dress Warm | Mead Provided @ 5pm

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Preparation for first-year college writing. Understanding expectations and the writing process. WritePlacer® Score of 3 or 4 is required.

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Studio course focusing on writing with the writer as witness of the world: pre-writing, writing, analysis, evaluation, and writing. A grade of C or better in CRW150 or permission of Instructor.

WRITING PLACEMENT

Students interested in attending ENG091 or ENG101 are able to take the WritePlacer® college writing placement at SCC.

WritePlacer prep is available and recommended. Contact Erica Litz to make an appointment.

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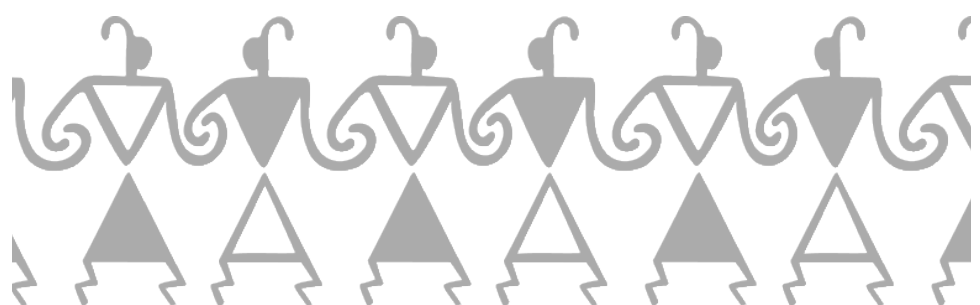
- Earn credit from Scottsdale Community College. All credit is transferable to any Maricopa Community College. ENG 101 & CRW 202 are transferable to ASU.
- Each class earns 3 SCC college credit hours upon successful completion.
- Classes will be held in the Salt River Schools ABE/GED Classroom at the ALA (South Campus).
- Great opportunity to become acclimated to college coursework and earn college credit!

INTERESTED? Contact Erica Litz | 480-362-2142 | erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu

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If you have a story idea, please contact Dalton Walker at (480) 362-5686



Jr. Miss & Miss Salt River Recruitment Sessions

“Strengthening Our Traditions by Empowering Our Young O’Odham & Piipaash Women.”

Join us to learn about the application process. Not required to attend all sessions.

12/27/2018	Meet and Greet/Craft Activity	Cultural Resources	6:00 PM
01/04/2019	Things to Know	Cultural Resources	6:00 PM
01/21/2019	Traditional Language Intros	Cultural Resources	1:00 PM
02/06/2019	Formal/Traditional Dress Info	Lehi Comm. Bldg.	5:00 PM
02/18/2019	Platform Development	Canalside Center	12:00 PM
03/11/2019	Questions & Answer Session	Two Waters Bldg B	6:00 PM
03/23/2019	Application Review	Two Waters Bldg B	1:00 PM
04/03/2019	Final Questions & Review	Lehi Comm. Bldg.	5:00 PM

Miss Salt River Committee | MissSaltRiver@SRPMIC-nsn.gov | 480.362.7474

Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Recruitment Sessions

Greetings from the Miss Salt River Committee! We hope you and loved ones are enjoying the Holidays. Can you believe we are over half-way through the 2018-19 Miss Salt River reign? We are certainly proud of what our ambassadors have done thus far and are gearing up for next years’ pageant.

Through our planning for next year’s pageant and reviewing our recruitment processes, we decided to change it up slightly. Normally we would have multiple meetings and cover all areas of the pageant process but focus on the application.

This season we decided to cover specific areas of the application, such as: Traditional Language introductions, Formal/Traditional Dress info, Platform Development, etc.

We hope this provides potential Miss and Jr. Miss Candidates with more specific information and build up confidence to participate in our pageants, while allowing us to get better acquainted with the young ladies. Please don’t worry if you miss a meeting or session, we can catch you up at any subsequent meeting. We invite all young women interested in participating to attend and their family.

Please refer to our flyer (left) for scheduled dates, times and locations. Our applications are now available and can be found on the Miss Salt River page on the community website at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/commu-nity/msr/registration/>

If you have questions don’t hesitate to contact us via email at misssaltriver@srpmic-nsn.gov via phone at (480) 362-7474 or with any one of our seven Miss Salt River Committee members. We look forward to seeing all our young ladies who are interested in participating in the Miss/Jr. Miss Pageant Program at one of our recruitments!

Miss Salt River Committee Members

Chairwoman
Martha Martinez

Vice-Chairwomen
Tori Paukgana

Secretary
Valerie Lewis

Treasurer
Ashley Billie

Official Chaperone
Elisa Briones

Official Chaperone
Jessica Ruiz

Member
Shane Anton

ICIN Awards Ceremony Spotlights Salt River Police Department

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The Indian Country Intelligence Network (ICIN) held its annual awards ceremony and banquet on December 4 at the Fort McDowell We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center, a neighbor of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The agenda included presentation of the colors by the Fort McDowell Veterans Association, a blessing by SRPMIC Council member Thomas Largo, opening remarks by ICIN President and Salt River Police Chief Karl Auerbach, welcome remarks by Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Director Travis Lane, a history of ICIN presented by Chief Auerbach, and sponsor recognition by Maria Dadgar, executive director of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona.

The final event on the agenda was the awards presentation. Awards were announced by SRPD Detective Joseph Orozco, Chief Auerbach and Ki-Ana Reina, First Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona and SRPMIC member.

Awards were presented for Act(s) of Exceptional Valor, Outstanding Exceptional Service, Lifesaving, Best Practices and Police Officer of the Year.

The award for Act(s) of Exceptional Valor went to SRPD Officer Nicholas Daniels. Daniels made a swift decision to end an armed threat, and in doing so he protected the Community, his peers and patriots in the area that day. Off. Daniels exhibited bravery, courage, extraordinary preciseness and exceptional valor.

The Outstanding Exceptional Service

Award went to Navajo County Deputy Sheriff Nathaniel Simonson. Simonson responded to more than 136 calls per service, logging more than 49 adult arrests and one juvenile arrest, DUI arrest, drug arrest and auto theft arrest. Simonson has assisted the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service and the Navajo Nation Police Department on several search warrants and recovery of stolen property. He is also an FBI task force officer and assisted with multi-agency special operations focusing on career-criminal drug interdiction, which resulted in the apprehension and transportation of a state fugitive who had been hiding in Navajo County for more than three years.

The Lifesaving Award went to SRPD Ranger Officer Thomas Gallagher. Gallagher helped a motorcyclist who had crashed into a wire fence in the Community. His quick action to help the severely injured motorcyclist by applying a tourniquet to the man's wounds helped save his life.

The Best Practices "George Little Jr." Award was presented to SRPD Officers Derrick Benally and Daniel Brown. Benally and Brown were recognized for best practices for their coordination, planning and delivery of the active-shooter training in the SRPMIC. The officers taught classes to Community departments and Enterprises within the SRPMIC to help employees prepare to respond in the event of an active shooter.

The Police Officer of the Year Award went to Arizona Department of Public Safety Trooper Henry Roanhorse. Roanhorse was commended for his bravery in saving an unconscious, intoxicated man whose vehicle was



ICIN President and Salt River Police Chief Karl Auerbach, SRPD officers Nicholas Daniels, Thomas Gallagher, Corporal Spencer Stant, Navajo County Sheriffs Office Deputy Sheriff Nathaniel Simonson, Arizona Department of Public Safety Trooper Henry Roanhorse, ICIN Board member Nathan Nixon, and ICIN executive official Francis Bradley, Sr. during the 2018 Country Intelligence Network's Annual Award Ceremony and Banquet on December 4, 2018.

stuck on railroad tracks with an oncoming train headed straight toward him. The 300-pound intoxicated man resisted Roanhorse as he tried to remove him from his vehicle. After a struggle, Roanhorse finally succeeded in removing the man from the vehicle, just missing the oncoming train. After the train crashed into the vehicle, the driver thanked Roanhorse for saving his life. The train conductor also thanked Roanhorse for his swift action.

Two special recognition awards went to Hualapai Nation Police Department Chief of Police, Francis Bradley, Sr. for his five years of service to the ICIN association as an executive official and ICIN Board member Nathan Nixon for his service as ICIN Secretary for the last

four years.

ICIN was created in 1994 and is the first Indian Country law enforcement association to establish a statewide collaborative partnership between all 22 tribes in Arizona to improve communication, provide training, effect positive changes and strengthen relationships with neighboring jurisdictions, law enforcement executives from tribal law enforcement and corrections agencies, as well as representatives from the BIA, FBI, U.S. Attorney's Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, and state and municipal agencies throughout Arizona.

No Shave, No Problem: \$3.5K Raised for Salt River Children's Foundation

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"No-Shave November" was nice for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth.

More than \$3,500 was raised for the Salt River Children's Foundation—and even with November being over, the effort to raise more continues with "Double-Down December."

The Salt River Police Department (SRPD) partnered with the foundation in this fundraiser.

"On behalf of the Salt River Community Children's Foundation, I would like to thank SRPD for their participation in this year's No Shave November," Heaven Sepulveda, foundation board secretary, said. "Their commitment and donation has not gone unnoticed and the children thank you. SRCCF has helped countless families this year on education and general welfare. With generous donations we have been able to send kids to their class trips, participate in school sports, and get new beds when they have outgrown them (just to name a few)."

Participating SRPD members could forgo shaving their face in November as an effort to bring awareness and donations to the Children's Foundation. SRPD female participants could wear blue jeans to work. Participants handed out awareness cards with donation information. Donation funds will also



Members of the Salt River Children's Foundation and the Salt River Police Department.

go the department's Kickball With the Cops program.

"Knowing that growing out our beards and donning blue jeans instead of uniform pants has compounded over \$3,500 for the Community is extremely satisfying," said Det. Joseph Orozco, the SRPD public information officer.

"On behalf of the men and women of the Salt River Police Department, we are so honored to bring awareness and contribute to such a very worthy program, the SRPMIC Children's Foundation. After all, the children of our Community are truly the next generation and the future leaders," said SRPD Chief Karl Auerbach. "All credit for this very successful program goes to the SRPD team. These wonderful men and women came up with the idea, [and] once [it was] shared internally, there was awesome support by all."

To participate in the cause and donate money, visit www.gofundme.com/srpd-no-shave-november.

Public Works Improves Local Dirt Roads

RICK MCFARLIN, PROJECT MANAGER
SRPMIC Public Works Department

The Bureau of Indian Affairs extended a one-time increase in road-maintenance funds to improve local dirt roads in poor and failing condition, particularly along school bus routes. With the approval of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council, four segments of Clarendon Avenue were selected for the improvements. The Public Works road crew re-aligned, shaped and compacted the dirt roads with new base course and stabilizing material. These improvements have provided residents better access to their homes, while also improving bus route and drop-off locations.

The following sections of Clarendon Avenue were improved with the funding:

- 92nd Street to Dobson Road
- Cholla Lane to Longmore Road
- Quarter-mile segment west of Mesa Drive
- Eighth-mile segment east of Mesa Drive

For the family of Gabriel Ledezma Jr., the project was long awaited. Due to its condition, the school bus was unable to use Clarendon Avenue to pick up Ledezma, a student at Taylor Elementary School who uses a wheelchair. Prior to the improvements, he and his grandmother, Janet Garcia, would make the bumpy journey down Clarendon Avenue from his residence to Longmore Road, where the bus would pick him up. The new improvements, which included a bus turnaround, now allow Ledezma to be picked up directly in front of his residence, eliminating the quarter-mile trip to Longmore Road.



Andrea Stepp assists her grandson Gabriel Ledezma, Jr. during student drop off.

Salt River Prep Basketball

Salt River Girls Hoops Roll in Season Opener



Kiona Sumral goes up for a basket.



Andriana Calderon

BY DALTON WALKER
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The Salt River High School girls' basketball team made quick work of their opponent in the team's December 5 game.

The Eagles, led by Leah Kochampanasken's 17 points, beat Madison Highland Prep 60-43. Salt River led 35-21 at halftime after forcing Madison Highland into early turnovers. Marisela Burns added 11 points and Kiona Sumral added 10.

The game was both Salt River's season opener and home opener.

Ten players suited up for the Eagles, including Alyssa Francisco, Azariah Carmelo, Aaliyah Nodman, Sialik King, Andriana Calderon, Hannah Reyes-Carmelo and Arlyssa Smith. Salt River is coached by Robert Ramirez.

Salt River is at Ville De Marie on December 21. Senior Night is scheduled for January 22.

For an up-to date schedule, results, and information on game locations and potential playoff matches, visit www.azcaa.com and search for "Salt River High School."



Arlyssa Smith gets set to take a shot.



Salik King goes up for a basket

Eagles Basketball Opens Season With Win

BY DALTON WALKER
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A short-handed Salt River Eagles team started the 2018-19 basketball season with a near 30-point win on the road, and two days later they kept it close for more than two quarters in the home opener against Madison Highland Prep.

The Eagles beat New Way Academy 49-21 on December 3 on the road, but they fell to Madison Highland 43-60 on December 5 after being tied at 26 at halftime.

The Eagles dressed seven players. Freshman Johnathan Scott scored 27 in the Eagles' home opener, including 10 points in the first quarter. Senior Jacob Schurz added nine points.

Other members of the team are juniors John Wolters and Rudy Robledo, senior Randy Jackson, and freshmen Miles King and Joseph Howard. The team is coached by Leon Dillard.

The Eagles have six more regular-season games scheduled, including a visit by PVCP on December 20. Senior Night is set for January 16.

For a complete schedule, results, and information on game locations and potential playoff matches, visit www.azcaa.com and search for "Salt River High School."



Johnathan Scott rises for a basket.



Joseph Howard.



Jacob Schurz goes up for two points.



John Wolters for three.



Garrett Walker for three.



Wyatt Ray for two points.



Conor Doka goes up for two points.

SR Junior High Hoops Off to Hot Start

BY DALTON WALKER
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The young basketball talent at Salt River Schools is exciting to watch. Salt River has two junior high teams. Team 1 started out the season with a 4-0 record, which included a 58-17 win at home over New Way Academy. The young Eagles led 38-9 at halftime in their first home game of the season on November 29.

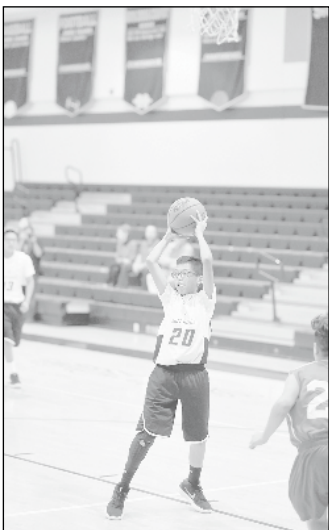
The team members are Diante Anderson, Kylen Bonner, Isaiah Burns, Conor Doka, Mark Martinez, Garrett Walker, Daniel Wilson and Wyatt Ray; they are coached by Leroy Eswonia.

The Eagles host Vista Grove at 4:30 p.m. on December 20 and travel to Desert Heights on December 21 before Winter Break. Remaining games will be an away game at Dobson on January 9 and two home games against Heritage-Mesa on January 22 and Summit School on January 24.

For results and information on game locations and potential playoff matches, visit www.azcaa.com and search for "Salt River High School."



Mark Martinez looks to pass.



Kylen Bonner looks to pass.



Diante Anderson looks for an opening.

SRHS Junior High Softball Opens Season Against San Tan

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
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Salt River High School's junior high softball team played their first game, against San Tan, at the school's softball field on November 28. The team consists of seventh- and eighth-grade girls. For most, this is their first time playing the sport.

Coach Robert Villegas is in his second year teaching the team; prior to that, there was no junior high softball team at SRHS for five years.

"A lot of these girls are beginners who have never played before. [Because it's] the first game, we're just trying to get the jitters out of the way right now and let them see what the game is about," said Villegas. "[A] lot of things ... haven't been taught to them because we had to learn how to throw and catch first. We are just throwing them in the water and letting them swim right now."

Players Flora Schurz and Genevieve Frederick were excited to play their very first game of softball. They said that they hope to learn all the techniques for playing the game by the end of the season, adding that their favorite part about playing so far has been the camaraderie they have built with the team and how they all cheer for one another when they go up to bat.

By mid-season, coach Villegas would like the girls to know how to jump and run and be proficient in all the other skills involved in playing softball.

"Before the end of the season, my goal is to have them fall in love with the game," said Villegas.

For more information on upcoming games, please call Salt River High School at (480) 362-2000.



Coach Villegas gives the girls their positions before their first game of the season against San Tan.

SRHS Junior High Softball: Upcoming Games

January 8: Salt River at San Tan Charter, 4:30 p.m.

January 10: Salt River at Legacy-Queen Creek, 4 p.m.

January 14: EduPrize-Queen Creek at Salt River, 4:45 p.m.

January 22: Dobson at Salt River, 4:45 p.m.

January 23: Legacy-Laveen at Salt River, 4:45 p.m.

January 24: Sequoia Charter at Salt River, 4:45 p.m.



The girls take the opportunity to practice their throwing and catching before the game, for many this is their first time playing softball.



Hayden Hogue slides to home plate and scores for the Salt River High School's Junior High Softball Team.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Sandra Rodriguez of Turtle Creations explains her Native American-inspired jewelry designs to Johnnie Mendoza and Dedrick Benally during the annual Senior Christmas Bazaar on December 1 at the Salt River Community Building. The bazaar featured food booths, craft booths and goodie booths from Community-owned and outside Native arts and crafts businesses. Community-member booths sold decorated cookies and other sweet treats, T-shirts, crafts and jewelry. The event went from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and was hosted by the Bo Wilson Music Foundation. Tasha Silverhorn, O'odham Action News

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

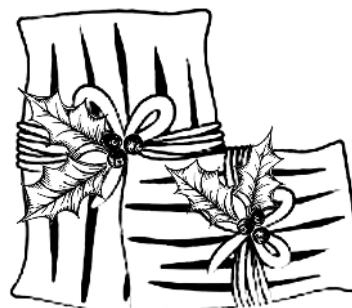


The Huhugam Ki Museum held its fifth annual Tamale Party on December 1. Guests learned how to make tamales or brushed up their tamale-making skills. Participants were encouraged to bring their own tamale meat, such as pork, beef or chicken, and the rest was provided. The party also included clay ornament-making for the kids, Christmas movies and music, and cookies and hot chocolate. The Tamale Party was open to Community members and employees. Tasha Silverhorn, O'odham Action News

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Visitors to the Talking Stick Golf Club Shop near Talking Stick Resort can learn more about the rich history of the tribal land on which they play golf. A new large mural featuring a map and history of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is featured at the golf shop, near the front entrance. The mural includes a timeline, Talking Stick Resort and the beautiful Red Mountain. For more information about the golf club, visit www.talkingstickgolfclub.com. Dalton Walker, O'odham Action News.





Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAY OUT*

Friday, January 18, 2019

8:30am

Seniors and Disabled

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

General Landowners

Round House Café

at SRPMIC Two Waters Government Campus

10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale 85256 - Look for directional signs

Checks not picked up on January 18, 2019 can be picked up at Finance - Cashiers Office (Two Waters Bldg. A) January 22nd through February 1st.

Checks not picked up by 5:00 pm February 1st will be mailed out to the address on file.

Power of Attorney (POA) - Only originals accepted, written notes will not be accepted. Must be verified before release of check. Verification done at pay out.

Ensure SRPMIC has your current mailing address - Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your check. To update, contact SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office.

Payments Less than \$15.00

All direct deposit payments will be deposited into your bank account regardless of the amount. If you currently receive a check, but would like direct deposit, complete an ACH request in Finance three (3) weeks prior to the payout date. Checks less than \$15.00 are not printed for payout date, however, you may request a check and it will be processed within 7-10 business days.

Questions?

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

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 4, 2019.

FOR ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS AND/OR LANDOWNERS ONLY



SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Community Development Department

Location: Two Waters Building B, Third Floor-10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Phone (480)362-7600, Fax (480) 362-5905

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

The Community Council has scheduled a Community Hearing. You may or may not be a landowner in this area; however we are extending this special invitation to all Community Members and Landowners with ownership interest within a ½ mile radius to attend this Community Hearing regarding the following:

The Pavilions Freeway Pylon Sign Request for Dimensional Variances

Zoning Case No. 18-DV-02

Royal Sign Company, representing The Pavilions at Talking Stick, is requesting dimensional variances within Business Lease B-183 "Pima Grande I" and B-085 "Pima Grande II", also known as The Pavilions at Talking Stick. The dimensional variance project is located at the

southeast corner of The Pavilions at Talking Stick shopping center.

The request is to replace an existing 40' freeway pylon sign with a 65' freeway pylon sign with increased

sign area, additional tenant panels, within 250' from an adjacent property line and a digital sign with 8 second change copy time.

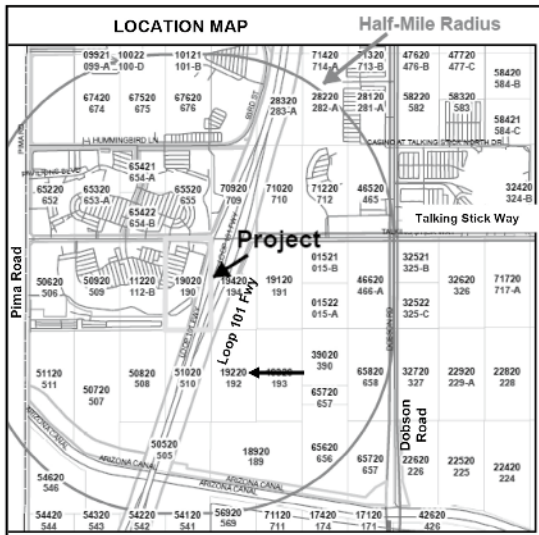
Dimensional variances are required to permit larger wall signs than allowed by SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance (Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25).

This notice is made under Article 2.5 of the Community's Zoning Ordinance (Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25)

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Location: Council Chambers – Two Waters Administrative Complex
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Council meetings begin at 5:00 pm. The hearing will be on the agenda.

If you have any questions or concerns you may call Janice See, Senior Planner at (480) 362-7652. If you cannot attend, you may submit your written comments to the Community Development Department at 10005 East Osborn, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court

10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
(480) 362-6315
Judicial Conduct and Discipline Commission
Complaint Number 18-1

The Honorable Ryan Andrews
10040 E. Osborn Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

DISCIPLINE BY CONSENT- FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Dear Chief Judge Ryan Andrews,

This letter shall serve as a Public Letter of Reprimand as a result of your agreement to consent to a **sanction of discipline by consent** in accordance with the provisions of the Community Code set forth below.

This Public Letter of Reprimand is entered into in accordance with SRPMIC Code of Ordinances ("Code") Sections 4-35(g)(11)(d) and 4-35(g)(9), pursuant to the Commission's Formal Charges against you in Complaint 18-1, while you were serving as Chief Judge of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court.

By accepting this letter you acknowledge the allegations of the Complaint as set forth below, admit to the judicial misconduct outlined in Counts I and II of the Formal Charges, and consent to the sanction of a public letter of reprimand as an appropriate disposition of this matter.

- As described in Count I of the Formal Charges, while serving in the capacity of Chief Judge on or about October 12, 2018, and using your Community-issued work phone, you committed judicial misconduct by taking a photograph of Complainant as she appeared on the Court's security camera system while she was eating her lunch in private, without her knowledge or consent, and for no proper security purpose. This constitutes "Misconduct" as defined in Code Section 4-35(d), and violated SRPMIC Judicial Rules of Professional Conduct, Sections I(B), I(D), II(A), and VII(A)(2).
- As described in Count II of the Formal Charges, while serving in the capacity of Chief Judge on or about October 12, 2018, you committed judicial misconduct by confronting Complainant with the photograph you had taken, treating it as a joke, and making comments and laughing about the manner in which Complainant was eating a taco. This constitutes "Misconduct," as defined in Code Section 4-35(d), and violated SRPMIC Judicial Rules of Professional Conduct Sections I(B), I(D), II(A), and VII(A)(2).

This letter confirms your consent to this Public Letter of Reprimand as evidenced by your signed statement attached to this letter. Accordingly, this Public Letter of Reprimand, with your Consent to Discipline, shall be filed with the SRPMIC Tribal Council in accordance with Code Section 4-35(g)(9)(c), and remain confidential until it is formally accepted by the Council.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2018

Stephen A. Gerst
Judicial Conduct and Discipline Commission
Stephen A. Gerst, Chairperson
Charlene D. Jackson, Member
Christine H. Pacheco, Member



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court

10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
(480) 362-6315
Judicial Conduct and Discipline Commission
Complaint Number 18-1

Consent to Discipline

I, Ryan Andrews, freely and voluntarily consent to the sanction of a Letter of Public Reprimand being imposed by the Judicial Conduct and Disciplinary Commission for the conduct described in Counts I and II of the Complaint filed by the JCDC in Cause Number 18-1 as described in the Letter of Public Reprimand.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2018

Ryan Andrews
Ryan Andrews

MEMORIAL HALL

9849 East Earll Drive, Scottsdale, AZ
&

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3660 North Horne Road, Mesa, AZ

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

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

SERVICES PROVIDED

Wake Services / Funeral Services / Memorial

CONTRACTED MORTUARIES

Bunkers Mortuary / Lowmans Funeral Home / Meldrums Mortuary

Memorial Hall Office Hours: Mon. - Fri.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Main phone number (480) 278-7050

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

Pick up your copy of the O'odham Action News at the following locations:

Seniors Center, Education Administration, SRES, SRHS, Devco, SRMG, Staychons Chevron, Beeline Pit Stop, On-Auk-Mor (McKellips/Hayden), Saddleback, Lehi Community Center, Salt River Library, Helping Hands, Food Bank, SRDOC, Huhugam Ki Museum, SRPD, Social Services, Court Bldg., Clinic, Dialysis, Council Chambers, Round House Café, Two Waters Building A and B lobby and the Community Relations Office.

FREE!

Benefits

- Meet other young parents!
- Connect with community resources!
- Free book, toy, DIAPERS & wipes for each class you attend!
- Meals provided at each class!

Learn About

- Child Development
- Bonding
- Budgeting
- Safety
- Health & Wellness
- Culture
- Interview/Job Skills
- and MORE!

2018-2019 Schedule

JAN: 5, 12, & 26
FEB: 5, 12 & 26
MAR: 5, 12 & 19
APR: 2 & 9

Join us at any/all of our gatherings!
Walk-ins are ALWAYS welcome!

FIRST THINGS FIRST



You must be a young parent (or soon-to-be parent)
age 21 or younger to participate.

Tuesdays | 4:15-5:45 p.m.
Early Childhood Education Center

RSVP Today

Carrie Hodge | ECEC Home Based Parent Educator
480-362-2265 | Cell 480-241-2806
Carrie.Hodge@srpmic-ed.org

Christine Pearson | ECEC Family Advocate
Office 480-362-2264 | Cell 480-787-8187
Christine.Pearson@srpmic-ed.org

RSVP via text is welcome!

ECEC | 4815 N Center St. | Scottsdale, AZ 85256 | www.saltiverschools.org

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Enrolled SRPMIC MEMBERS sign up for your FREE O'odham Action Newspaper subscription. Call O'odham Action News at (480) 362-7750 and provide your SRID number, DOB and address. If you are calling about updating your current address you must include your Complete Name, Last Name and previous address, DOB, SRID number. Once information is verified, it may take up to 2-3 issues to process.

4th Quarter 2018 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE December 31, 2018



Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the **January 2019** Per Capita Payment. Per Council approval: Time Change for Thursday's Per Capita 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Payout Dates for the next Per Capita will be:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

SR Community Bldg

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SR Finance Cashier's Window

Please remember Tribal ID is required in order to obtain your Per Capita check.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Friday, January 4 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. **All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account #.** Forms received by this date will be effective for the **January 2019** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **April 2019** payout.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 22 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate.

Change Forms: Monday, December 31, 2018 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making address changes. ****Please ensure address is current by Monday, December 31, 2018.**

Forms received by this date will be effective for the **January 2019** payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of **February 2019**.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Wednesday, January 23 at 5 p.m. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

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

Tax Withholding Changes: Wednesday, January 23 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available at the Membership Services (Enrollment) and Finance Departments. Please submit completed forms to the Finance-Per Capita Department.

If you have any questions regarding: Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call Membership Services at (480) 362-7600; Membership Services is located at:
10005 East Osborn Rd
Two Waters – Building B, 3rd Floor

Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita at (480) 362-7710; Finance Department is located at:
10005 East Osborn Road
Two Waters - Building A, 1st Floor

Salt River ID Cards

Tribal ID is required in order to obtain your Per Capita check.

*****EARLY HOURS ARE FOR SALT RIVER ID's ONLY**

***** Salt River Identification cards will be issued at the Salt River Community Building only on**

Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

POSITION OPENINGS /OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC

POSITION

Database Administrator
Associate Justice
Custodian I
Homecare Assistant III (Specialized Personal Care)
Licensed Justice
Parent Educator LEARN
Public Safety Dispatcher I
Senior Planner

DEADLINE

Continuous
12/28/18
12/26/18
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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE POSITIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE HR RECRUITMENT DIVISION AT (480) 362-7925

To apply for any of these positions a completed SRPMIC Employment Application is required.

A resume may supplement an application however, a resume alone will not be considered.

Prior to hire as an employee, applicants will be subject to drug and alcohol testing. Will be required to pass a pre-employment background/fingerprint check. Employees are subject to random drug and alcohol testing.

"SRPMIC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer" Preference will be given to a qualified Community Member, then a qualified Native

American and then other qualified candidate.

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

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

Documentation must be received by position closing date.

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

If you are interested in being an advocate for the elders and disabled, you may pick up an application at the Senior Services Department or a Senior Services Recreation Staff in Lehi. Seeking: A Senior or Disabled Community member to serve a two (2) year term for one (1) seat representing Lehi District. Purpose: To review, research and recommend policy with the assistance of the Department of Senior Services, evaluate existing services and coordinate services with input from the elders and disabled.
Deadline for submittal: Open until filled. For more information you may call (480) 362-6350, or (480) 362-6301

Community Prayer Breakfast

The 1st Monday of every month unless otherwise noted:

January 7, 2019	April 1, 2019	July 1, 2019
February 4, 2019	May 6, 2019	
March 4, 2019	June 3, 2019	

**Salt River Community Building
Promptly at 6:30 a.m.**

Breakfast will be served

Any questions, please call Elyse Lewis at 480-362-7465 or email: elyse.lewis@srpmic-nsn.gov

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION:

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court, Address: 10040 East Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
All Juvenile Court Cases report to Courtroom #3 on the 1st Floor.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

ALVAREZ, JOANNA MARIE - Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-18-0115/ 0116/ 0117 Court Date: January 24, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

ANTONE, IRENA KIM - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0005 Court Date: January 8, 2019 at 4 p.m.

ARTHUR, RANDAL DWIGHT - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0186/ J-17-0187 Court Date: January 22, 2019 at 9 a.m.

BARRAZA, ALBERT CONCHO- Permanency Review Hearing Case: J-18-0115 Court Date: January 24, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

BENALLY, CHANTEL MAE - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0003 Court Date: January 30, 2019 at 9 a.m.

BURNS, SUMMER MARIE - Formal Hearing Case: J-19-0016 Court Date: January 2, 2019 at 11 a.m.

BUTLER, MICHELLE DENINE - Truancy Hearing Case: ATR-19-0002 Court Date: January 3, 2019 at 4 p.m.

CACHORA, MELISSA FAYTHE - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0295

Court Date: January 23, 2019 at 4 p.m.

CARLOS, ARLISSA FRANCES - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0065/ 0066 Court Date: January 28, 2019 at 3 p.m.

CARTHEN, TANIKA ROCHELLE - Disposition Hearing Case: J-18-0124 Court Date: January 30, 2019 at 11 a.m.

CASIAS, SAMUEL RAY - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0231 Court Date: January 30, 2019 at 10 a.m.

CAVAZOS JR., SERVANDO - Review Hearing Case: J-14-0274/ J-14-0275 Court Date: January 23, 2019 at 10 a.m.

COOPS, CHARLES JERRY - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0095 Court Date: January 2, 2019 at 10 a.m.

ENOS, ROCHELLE MICHELLE - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0162 Court Date: February 11, 2019 at 10 a.m.

GALEANA, URIEL - Permanency Hearing Case: J-18-0092 Court Date: January 24, 2019 at 9 a.m.

HERNANDEZ, DAVID - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0162 Court Date: February 11, 2019 at 10 a.m.

HOWARD, JEFFERSON DEWITT - Review & Permanency Hearing Case: J-15-0228/ J-16-0217 Court Date: January 22, 2019 at 4 p.m.

JACKSON, ADAM BRIAN SR. - Review Hearing Case: J-14-0143/ J-12-0214 Court Date: January 23, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

JONES, AMY PEARL - Review

Hearing Case: J-08-1171 Court Date: January 28, 2019 at 9 a.m.

KAVOKA, JESSICA ANN - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0231/ 0232/ 0233/ J-14-0027 Court Date: January 28, 2019 at 10 a.m.

KAVOKA, TARA VIANN - Protective Custody Hearing Case: J-19-0010/ 0011/ 0012/ 0013/ 0014/ 0015 Court Date: December 20, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

LOPEZ, CAMILLE - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-18-0137 Court Date: January 29, 2019 at 9 a.m.

MAEZ, SCOTTY JOE - Permanency & Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-14-0136 Court Date: February 7, 2019 at 9 a.m.

MARTINEZ, ELISA CASSANDRA - Disposition Hearing Case: J-18-0143 Court Date: January 22, 2019 at 11 a.m.

PERKINS, TERENCE LANFORD SR. - Disposition Hearing Case: J-18-0022 Court Date: December 20, 2018 at 4 p.m.

RHODES, LAKOTA FELIX - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0184/ J-17-0185 Court Date: January 22, 2019 at 9 a.m.

SALAZAR, JOSE JR. - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0231/ 0232/ 0233/ J-14-0027 Court Date: January 28, 2019 at 10 a.m.

SATCHELL, JOHN DARRICK- Review Hearing Case: J-14-0047 Court Date: December 20, 2018 at 9 a.m.

SHENAH, CLARISSA LITTLE DOVE - Review Hearing Case: J-14-0047 Court Date: December 20, 2018 at 9 a.m.

THOMAS, CECIL WADE JR. - Review Hearing, Case: J-09-0008/ J-09-0010/ J-09-0011/ J-10-0138 Court Date: January 30, 2019 at 4 p.m.

THOMAS, DILLON DUSTIN LEE - Evidentiary Paternity/ Protective Custody Hearing Case: J-17-0208/ J-17-0191 Court Date: January 24, 2019 at 11 a.m.

UNKNOWN FATHER-Review Hearing Case: J-15-0295 Minor DOB: John Doe 03/ 19/ 2012, Mother Name: Melissa Cachora Court Date: January 23, 2019 at 4 p.m.

VALENZUELA , JENNIFER NAN - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-17-0115 Court Date: January 23, 2019 at 9 a.m.

VALLEJO, VICTOR RAUL - Review & Permanency Hearing Case: J-17-0085 Court Date: January 24, 2019 at 10 a.m.

WHITEWOLF, SUNSHINE ROSE - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-17-0167 Court Date: January 29, 2019 at 10 a.m.

CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION:

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ANDREWS, BURDINA AMY - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-17-0228 Court Date: January 16, 2019 at 2 p.m.

ANTONE, EVENING HAWK - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-19-0004 Court Date: January 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

ARREDONDO, JULIAN QUIROZ JR. - Order of Protection Hearing Case: DVOP-16-0057 Court Date: January 10, 2019 at 4 p.m.

BRACKENBURY IV, CHARLES WESLEY - Motion Hearing Case: D-15-0023 Court Date: January 22, 2019 at 9 a.m.

BUTLER, IAN LEE - Motion Hearing Case: CFCS-12-0066 Court Date: January 9, 2019 at 9 a.m.

CRUZ, ASHLEY DEBBIE - Status Hearing Case: P-18-0030 Court Date: January 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

CRUZ, JANEL - Status Hearing Case: P-18-0030 Court Date: January 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

GARZA, GILBERT III - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-18-0125 Court Date: January 17, 2019 at 10 a.m.

GONZALES, CECIL HARLAN ENOS - Divorce Hearing Case: D-19-0001 Court Date: January 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

HILERIO, MAXIMINO III – Paternity/

Custody/ Child Support Hearing Case: CF-18-0174/ 0175/ CFCS-18-0069 Court Date: January 11, 2019 at 9 a.m.

KAMEROFF, NATHANIEL ALEXANDER - Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-18-0071 Court Date: January 17, 2019 at 3 p.m.

ORTIZ, MARISELLA SHARLISA-SHENEE - Custody Hearing Case: D-16-0015 Court Date: February 4, 2019 at 2 p.m.

PACHECO JR., JAY DEE BOND Forfeiture Hearing Case: FW-19-0001/ EX-19-0003 Court Date: January 10, 2019 at 2 p.m. Court room: #6 (2nd floor)

PEREZ, JOHNNY CHARLES JR. - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-17-0099 Court Date: January 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

SAMPSON, COLLETTA RICHENDA - Status Hearing Case: P-18-0030 Court Date: January 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

SMITH, SUMMER ANHELICA - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-18-0083 Court Date: January 24, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

WATERS, SHANNON LEE - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-18-0173 Court Date: December 27, 2018 at 9 a.m.



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FELICE LEON VILLA BYARS J-18-0139 DEFAULT NOTICE RE: JOHN DOE - D.O.B.: 6/ 6/ 2013	Judgment by Default) DATED this 5th of November, 2018. CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT	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 5th of November, 2018. CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT	pay the judgment and award. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
To: Felice Leon Villa Byars, RESPONDENT	GARRY A, BYARS J-18-0139 DEFAULT NOTICE RE: JOHN DOE - D.O.B.: 6/ 6/ 2013	COUNTRY CLUB CARS v. GILBERT GARZA III C-18-0125	DATED this 27th of November, 2018 CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT
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,	To: Garry A. Byars, RESPONDENT	MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT	Notice of Order (Child Support) is hereby given ORDERED AND GRANTED that Blaine Santo shall pay Rosalie Villalpando support for the care of E.S. DOB: 09/ 13/ 2006 in the amount of \$346.11 per month; Father shall also make additional payments to Petitioner to address the arrearages calculated at \$3,774.21. Support obligation begins immediately; Father shall make his first support payment to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this order. This order is final for the purposes of appeal; that this support order will presumptively terminate on September 13, 2024
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20-31 HUHUGAM KI MUSEUM

CHRISTMAS SALE, Monday- Friday: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Located at the Huhugam Ki Museum Gift Shop 50 percent off sale. Any items without a red dot will be 50 percent off original price. No other discounts apply. All sales final. No returns, refunds or exchanges. For more information on this event please contact (480) 362-6320 or visit saltriverord.org

24-25 TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED-CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

plan accordingly.

26 - 30 HOLIDAYS AT THE HEARD MUSEUM, Saturday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. -5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. located at Phoenix Heard Museum. Exciting performances and artist demonstrations introduce visitors to traditional and contemporary American Indian music, dance and art throughout the week, included in general museum admission. \$7.50 - \$18. For more info. (602) 252-8848 or <https://heard.org/event/holidays/>

26 NO COUNCIL MEETING

due to the holidays. For more info. contact the Council Secretaries at (480) 362-7466 or 362-7469.

26 30TH ANNUAL CHEEZ-IT BOWL -, gates open at 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. located at Chase Field. Featuring a Pac-12 team vs. a Big 12 conference football team. \$10-50. For more information contact (480) 350-0911 or visit <https://www.fiestabowl.org/>

26-28 KEEPER FOR THE DAY, 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. located at Butterfly Wonderland. Students will get work alongside our entomology and education staff, students will assist with feeding insects, releasing butterflies, preparing fruit trays, educating guests and more. One participant per day only. Cost is \$200 for Members; \$250 General Public. For more information, contact (480) 800-3000, ext. 210.

29 48TH ANNUAL NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA FIESTA BOWL PARADE, 10 a.m. located at Central Phoenix. Come join us for fun Floats, bands, specialty and equestrian units; bleacher seating \$25. For more info. please contact <https://fiestabowl.org>

31 NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION, 4 p.m. - 12 a.m. located at the Salt River Gymnasium Parking Lot. \$5 Midway wristband sale starting at 10 a.m. while supplies last. All riders must have a wristband. No refunds. Height restrictions apply. 4 p.m. Midway Opens, 6 p.m. Gymnasium doors open w/music by DJ Reflekshin & Video Game Truck Party, 8 p.m. Gertie & the T.O. Boyz, Balloon Drop at Midnight. For more information contact Community Relations-Events (480) 362-7740 events@srpmic-nsn.gov

31 VINTAGE VEGAS, 8 p.m. located at Talking Stick Resort and Casino. Celebrate the arrival of 2019 at Raven's New Year's Eve Gala in the grand 2-level Showroom at Talking Stick Resort! We'll have top notch entertainment, complimentary champagne at mid-

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1 TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY, please plan accordingly.

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5 MCDONALD'S ROCK N' ROLL CAR SHOW, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at The Pavilions at Talking Stick Shopping Center. Every Saturday evening, rain or shine, over 250 classic, sport and muscle cars and motorcycles gather for the McDonald's Rock 'n' Roll Classic Car Show in and around McDonald's. Celebrating over 20 years! For more information call (480) 443-0080.

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6 32ND ANNUAL RESOLUTION RUN 5K - PAPAGO PARK. Tradi-

tional way to start the New Year, shirts, refreshments, drawings for prizes, 5K run and walk. \$45. 7 a.m. (480) 609-3978 or <http://www.fieldworksevents.com>

10 CANDIDATE FORUM - POLLS OPEN FROM, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Salt River Community Building. A Special election has been called to fill an upcoming vacant District 1 (SR) Council Member Seat. The vacancy is due to District 1 (SR) Council Member Ricardo Leonard being newly elected as the Vice-President at the recent General Election. The remaining two year term will be filled by this Special Election. Contact Salt River Administration for more info. (480) 362-7466, (480) 362-7469 or (480) 362-7400.

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12 & 19 NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCE DAYS, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. located at Butterfly Wonderland. Enjoy local Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian community artist Alice Manuel as she demonstrates how to weave Native American baskets. She will share information about the art of basket weaving and its significance to their culture. Ambassadors the SRPMIC Community will be on hand to share about cultural traditions and history. FREE with Admission. For more information on this event at Butterfly Wonderland please call (480) 800-3000

14 NOTICE OF 2019 SRPMIC SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 1 (SALT RIVER) VOTERS ONLY - Polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Salt River Community Building. A Special election has been called to fill an upcoming vacant District 1 (SR) Council Member Seat. The vacancy is due to District 1 (SR) Council Member Ricardo Leonard being newly elected as the Vice-President at the recent General Election. The remaining two year term will be filled by this Special Election. Contact Salt River Administration for more info. (480) 362-7466, (480) 362-7469 or (480) 362-7400.

18 DATE NIGHT, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. located at Butterfly Wonderland. Enjoy light refreshments and the showing of the full-length version of Flight of the Butterflies movie. Tickets: \$35 per couple. Pre-registration is required; call (480) 800-3000, ext. 210 to reserve.

18 SRPMIC AGRICULTURAL LEASE PAY OUT, 8:30 a.m., Seniors and Disabled, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. General Landowners at Round House Cafe, 10,005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ (see ad on page 24 for more info.).

21 TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, please plan accordingly.

25-27 A FESTIVAL OF TRIBAL, AZ ARTS & ENTERTAINERS - Fountain Hills. Avenue of the Fountains. Hoop dancing, arts, crafts, food. Highlights Native American Hoop dancing, music and storytelling daily at 1 p.m., shop handcrafted Native American & Southwestern artisan creations, discover cottage industry packaged edibles and unique health & wellness products, food truck and snack concessions. <https://www.carefreeazfestivals.com/fountain-hills-events.html>

28-2/3 83RD ANNUAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. located at the Scottsdale. Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale. One of the PGA Tour's top events, with the largest crowds on the tour, attracts the finest golfers in the world. \$10/ day or ticket packages. For more info. contact (602) 870-0163 or <http://wmphoenixopen.com>

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