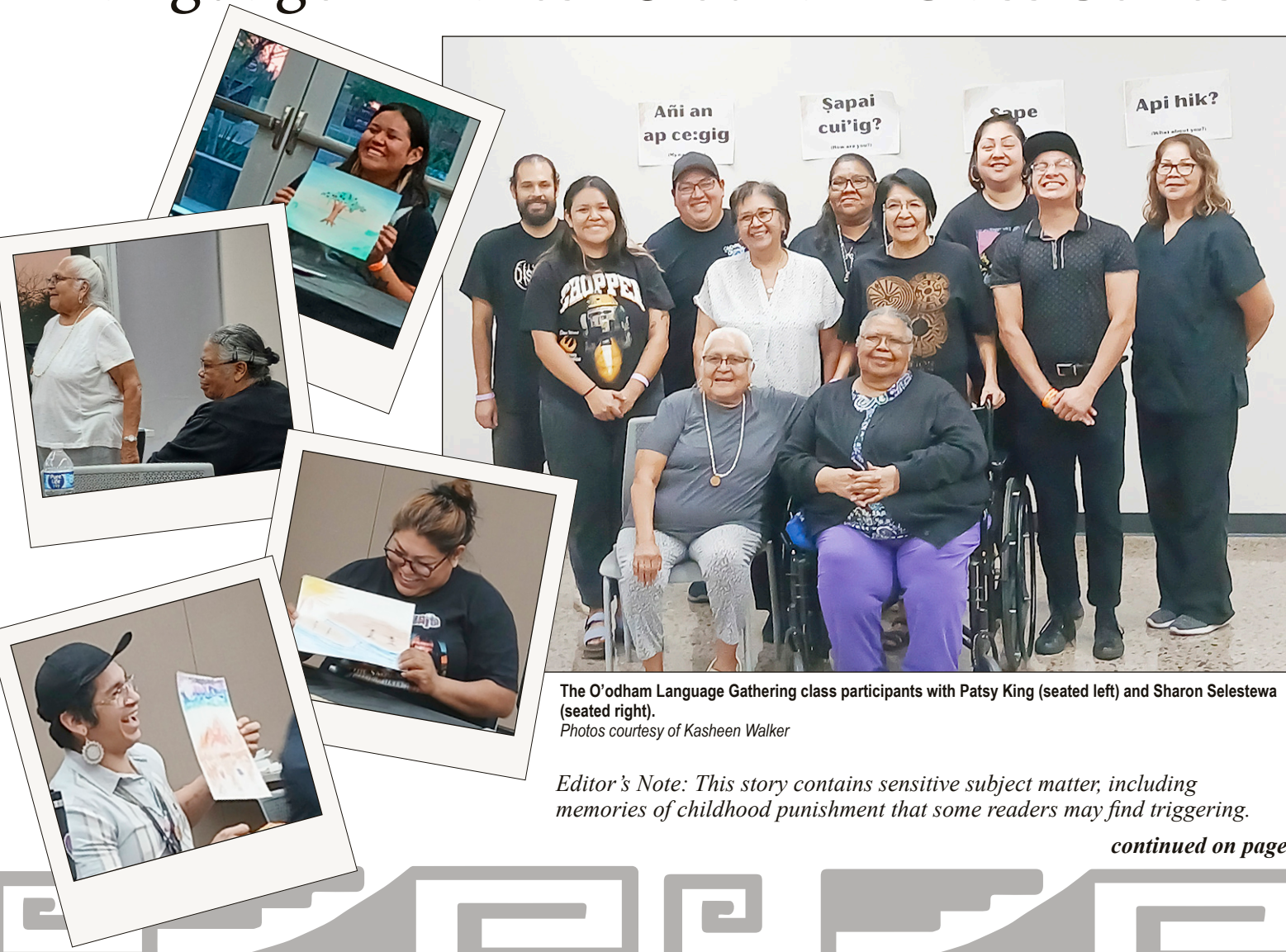


## Sharon Selestewa and Patsy King Bond Over Language in Latest O'odham Class Series



The O'odham Language Gathering class participants with Patsy King (seated left) and Sharon Selestewa (seated right).  
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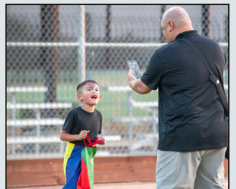
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## Eighth Annual Salt River Firefighters 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Unites All for Worthy Cause



There were many Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Firefighters in attendance for the 2024 9/11 Stair Climb. Clockwise from Left: Luis A. Lopez, Nathaniel Saldivar, Alejandro Jimenez-Hill, and Jayden Waterman.

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The combined September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania resulted in the deaths of 2,977 victims. At the World Trade Center in New York City, 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and 10 emergency medical services first responders tragically lost their lives.

To honor and commemorate all the lives lost in the deadliest terrorist attacks in human his-

tory, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted the eighth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb presented by Plexus Worldwide on September 14 at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. This year's stair climb had nearly 1,300 registered participants, a record.

The event was a collaboration between Discover Salt River, the Salt River Fire Department, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Salt River Fields, Salt River Firefighter Charities, Saddleback Communications,

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## Masked Memories: Seniors Enjoy a Night of Entertainment at the Senior Masquerade Homecoming Dance



Guests enjoying a night on the dance floor in the Talking Stick Ballroom. Photos provided by Senior Services.

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Where elegance meets enigma, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Senior Services staff hosted a night filled with laughter, music and dancing for seniors on September 6 in the Talking Stick Ballroom at Talking Stick Resort and Casino.

The Senior Masquerade Homecoming Dance allowed guests to dress their best, with a mystical twist. As guests were welcomed into the room, each was given either a crown or a

tiara. They were seated at tables decorated with beautiful gold dinner service and a yearbook full of fun pictures of guests at other Senior Services events.

Event attendee Kasheen Walker had nothing but praise for the Senior Services staff, emphasizing the level of inclusivity throughout the entirety of the event. "If you didn't bring one, they provided a mask for you, and each plate had a different unique mask [design]," said Walker. "It was beautiful, and the DJ was playing a lot of old-school jams," she added, laughing.

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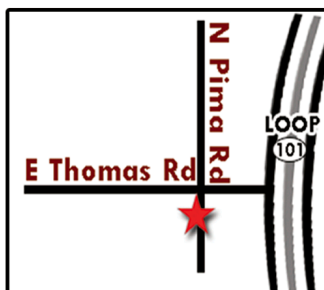
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# Sharon Selestewa and Patsy King Bond Over Language in Latest O'odham Class Series

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King (left) views Selestewa (right) as a master O'odham *Ñiok* ("language" in O'odham) teacher, and Selestewa feels just as fondly about King.

When Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Patricia "Patsy" King was approached to instruct a language class series at the Salt River Tribal Library along with fellow Community member Sharon Selestewa, she was so excited about the opportunity that she exclaimed, "Well, I want to do that with her!"

The two took turns leading a three-day O'odham language gathering facilitated by the Salt River Tribal Library and Leisure Education Program at the Way of Life Facility from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on August 20, September 3 and September 10.

Twelve enrolled SRPMIC members signed up for the at-capacity class, where they learned O'odham vocabulary for numbers and colors from Selestewa and words associated with eating and utensils from King, among other topics. Selestewa's daughter Tammy "Tamale" Walker and her daughter Kasheen Walker also assisted with the language gathering.

King views Selestewa as a master O'odham *Ñiok* ("language" in O'odham) teacher, and Selestewa feels just as fondly about King.

While Selestewa taught the O'odham *Ñiok* before King did, both women grew up with O'odham as their first language. The language was instilled in them before and right after they were born—something that King says is happening less often these days. It's one of the motivating factors for her to continue offering her wisdom to people who want to learn or reconnect with the language.

"I was born at home," said King, whose mother told her that her grandmother on her father's side brought her into the world. "It wasn't at a hospital. And at that time, relatives all lived around each other. So, you just had a lot of people around you all the time talking to you or talking around you, or talking about this or that [in O'odham]."

King previously worked at Salt River Schools' Early Childhood Education Center, which incorporates the O'odham language into the curriculum at an early age. King's vision also involves teaching more adult speakers, who can bring the language into their homes and at family gatherings.

She recalls walking around her neighborhood as a child and stopping at the homes of family members, hearing O'odham spoken in each place. King would often see Selestewa with the James family, a family that bonds King and Selestewa together as relatives. King's grandmother, who is Selestewa's aunt, is a James.

"I was born at home ... it wasn't at a hospital. And at that time, relatives all lived around each other. So, you just had a lot of people around you all the time talking to you or talking around you, or talking about this or that [in O'odham]."

- Patsy King

"I would go across the field to visit my cousin Sharon and play there, but everybody would be talking in O'odham," she said, as she noted that the kids would be speaking in O'odham too. "I would go over to Sharon's mom's house, and she would feed us lunch. She'd ask us in O'odham if we were hungry and tell us to *himk daiwan* ('go sit down' in O'odham) and she would make something for us."

Selestewa and King coming together to continue these language traditions is full circle for the two lifelong O'odham speakers, who both have an exciting and fun approach to teaching the language.

From learning to write O'odham words how they sound rather than how they're spelled, to painting a picture with the colors they learned in the session, the participants were engaged, according to Selestewa.

Before this language series, it had been some time since Selestewa had taught the language, especially to children, citing her health and inability to get up and down. So, the chance to teach the language again on her own terms—with the help that she needs—was the perfect situation for her.

"Just being in the classroom again and teaching, I look forward to it," said Selestewa.

Selestewa was raised by her grandparents in an O'odham-speaking household. "I didn't know any English," she said.

Selestewa thought back to when she was at the age to take a beginner's English class. She remembered when she was punished for speaking O'odham on a couple of occasions.

"[Teachers] heard me outside of class [speaking

O'odham] and made me stick soap in my mouth and stand in the girls' bathroom in the corner for I don't know how long. It seemed like hours," she said.

"And then in the classroom, when the teacher heard me say something to a student in the O'odham *Ñiok*, she hit me with the ruler on my knuckles."

Selestewa said she would go home and cry to her grandfather, and her grandfather told her that this means that she had to *s'hottam* ("hurry or hurry up" in O'odham) and learn the language so she wouldn't keep getting punished.

"Crying is not going to help you," her grandfather said at the time.

So, Selestewa quickly learned English so she wouldn't have to endure punishments like other kids. She said they "got it worse," being hit with paddles; it was mostly male students, from what she observed.

King attended a Bureau of Indian Affairs school, where she was also forbidden to use the O'odham language.

"I was told, 'You're an American now,'" said King. "You're not a heathen. You're not 'this' or 'that'—whatever they wanted to call us. And so we would be punished." King wasn't physically punished, but she was reprimanded or set aside for speaking O'odham.

Both King and Selestewa wished they had taught the language more thoroughly in their own homes to their children when they were being raised, but making up for lost time is what drives them to continue to teach the language today, in their own way.

Selestewa is thankful that she grew up in a time when she could speak her language, which gives her pride in teaching it to others now.

"It's so much fun talking in your own language, especially when you've run into somebody that speaks O'odham," said Selestewa. "Then we start to converse, and it really brings back old times. Old times of going hunting for jackrabbits and doves, and cicadas in the mesquite trees nearby. They [the cicadas] tasted like chargrilled steak!"

**Svek**

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**Ñiok**  
Language 

**S'hottam**  
Hurry/Hurry Up 

**Himk Daiwan**  
Go Sit Down 

**Añi an ap ce:gig**  
My name is 

**Şapai cui'ig?**  
How are you? 

**Sape**  
Alright/Okay 



# Eighth Annual Salt River Firefighters



TOP: The record-breaking attendance for this year's 9/11 Stair Climb provided all with patriotic remembrances of the heroes lost during the attacks.

BOTTOM: Morning Radio Show Host for 98KUPD, John Holmberg, recited a prepared speech which highlighted his personal connection to the 9/11 attacks.



HonorHealth and many more. Joined by families and loved ones, many SRPMIC members, firefighters, police and staff took part.

Participants received free goodies, T-shirts and ample bottles of water to combat the evening heat. Down on the field, the Salt River Pipes and Drums and Color Guard presented the flags on the baseball field. Along the right field baseline were vendor booths from radio stations 98KUPD and 93.3FM, Spooner Physical Therapy and Medieval Times.

Dr. Jesse McGuire, a Phoenix resident and trumpeter, performed the national anthem to enthusiastic applause and praise for his rendition. McGuire has performed the anthem for three presidents and during some of sports' biggest games, including Game 7 of the 2001 World Series between the Arizona Diamondbacks and New York Yankees, the 2010 NBA playoff game between the Phoenix Suns and Los Angeles Lakers, and during the 2018 Super Bowl parade for the Philadelphia Eagles.

John Holmberg, morning radio show host for 98KUPD, then gave a heartfelt speech to the participants. "I normally say fart jokes for a living on my morning radio show, but being here tonight means something to me, and I wanted to pay proper respects," said Holmberg. He explained how his fiancée at that time in 2001 was in one of the Twin Towers, and he was frantic as he waited for word that she had exited the building safely. With the help of fire and police, she was rescued and returned home safely.

"Like all of us, I watched firefighters and police go into the wreckage to save lives. It gave me hope," he added. "We say, 'Let's remember' and 'Never forget', but we must be active about it. I'm humbled to be here, and I couldn't be more honored; thank you," Holmberg finished.

Before the climb began, Plexus Chief of Staff Andrea McAlister thanked the sponsors and participants for taking time out of their evening to commemorate the brave souls who lost their lives. "Your dedication ensures the sacrifices of those who lost their lives on 9/11 are never forgotten," she shared.

Participants then began the stair climb. They completed heats within the stadium sections of Salt River Fields, which represented the 110 stories of the Twin Towers. During the climb, as a symbolic gesture for the fallen, firefighters (who were wearing their full turnout gear) activated their PASS (Personal Alert Safety System) alarm, which is used to notify others in the area that a firefighter is in distress. The alarm utilizes a 95-decibel frequency, which could be heard throughout Salt River Fields from the stadium entrance all the way out to center field.

This year's 9/11 Stair Climb was another patriotic reminder that although the attacks happened in New York, Washington and rural Pennsylvania, citizens all across the United States will continue to honor, commemorate and celebrate the heroes who perished on that tragic day 23 years ago.

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# Families 'Fall into Reading' at Cosplay Literacy Event



Russell and Sayla Valenzuela visited each of the vendor booths during the event and received free books, stickers, school supplies, comics, and more.



Children's book author, Daniel Vandever (far right) held a workshop for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community families which included a puppet workshop and free copies of his latest book, "Fall in Line, Holden!" (inset image) inside of the Accelerated Learning Academy multi-purpose room inside of the gym.

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With the new school year upon us, Salt River Schools hosted its annual fun-filled literacy event, "Fall into Reading." The family-friendly, all-ages event was held on September 12 at the Accelerated Learning Academy gymnasium.

The occasion allows students and Salt River Schools staff members to dress up as their favorite book characters while learning about the positives of literacy. This year's themes were "Once Upon a

Time" and Yu-Gi-Oh!, the popular anime series. Indigenous creatives Daniel Vandever (Diné), a children's book author, and Deon Mitchell (Diné/Black), an illustrator, led workshops for the attendees. Hailing from New Mexico but presently living in Tucson, Vandever said he was thankful to be able to visit and meet with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community families. "This the first time being in Salt River for me; it's nice," said Vandever. Vandever's 2017 book "Fall in Line, Holden!" is about a young Navajo boy as he spends the day at boarding school. In the book, while Holden is supposed to follow strict rules, his imagination takes him outside of the boarding school environment and into a world of wonder. The book would go on to win the

2018 American Indian Youth Literature Award from the American Indian Library Association. "I got started by accident; [in the beginning], I just wanted to make a book for my nephew," Vandever said. "I worked in higher education, working for the tribal college on the Navajo Nation for a while. I wanted to make something that could be used as a tool for literacy." Vandever's workshop featured readings from his books. He will be releasing two new books this year, "Behind Every Rug" and "We Weave." "To me, literacy is developing the understanding and communication of the past and present. Understanding that helps us move forward to the future," he said.

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# Lehi Raiders Take to the Road in Parker Tournament



Lehi Raiders celebrating their victory after the championship game in Parker, Arizona.

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After competing in the 60th Annual Southwest All-Indian Baseball Tournament in Salt River, the Lehi Raiders traveled to Parker, Arizona, for the Colorado Indian Tribes Labor Day All-Indian Baseball Tournament on September 6 and 7. Over the weekend, six teams played in games at the Manataba Park and Veterans ball fields.

Joining the Raiders in this two-day tournament were the Desert Dingers and Az Heat (two other teams from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community), who were also vying for the championship trophy. However, both the Dingers and the Heat were eliminated from the bracket late Saturday afternoon, leaving Lehi the last team standing.

On Saturday, after a day of competing in the dry desert heat, the Lehi Raiders played in the championship game with an undefeated record of 5-0.

They won in yet another shutout game against their opponent, Reds Baseball, with a final score of 18-0.

After the game, all-tourney awards were presented to Eric Makil and Aaron Makil; both hit back-to-back homers in in their third game (Eric went on to hit another in a later at-bat). Roberto Lopez was named MVP after an exceptional performance as both catcher and pitcher. Lehi continues to play dominantly in baseball tournaments around Arizona.



Az Heat (runner) hoping to steal home in game against Desert Dingers.

# Masked Memories: Seniors Enjoy a Night of Entertainment at the Senior Masquerade Homecoming Dance

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Not only did

Walker praise the Senior Services staff, she also wanted to acknowledge the Talking Stick Resort and Casino staff for assisting her grandmother when needed.

As the night progressed, so did the celebration. Photo booths were set up for guests to capture special moments. Pens were also provided for an opportunity to bring back the nostalgic yearbook-signing ritual.

“The event was a huge success,” said Jon Newman, Senior Services manager. “We received several comments of appreciation on our social media pages, as well as words of appreciation during the event.”

In addition to the monthly senior breakfasts, which allow seniors to stay informed by inviting various vendors and guest speakers, the Masquerade Homecoming dance was the perfect opportunity for seniors around the Community to have a chance to socialize with other seniors, especially those they have not been able to see in a while.

Senior Services already has begun planning the celebrations for its upcoming holiday events, which are just around the corner.



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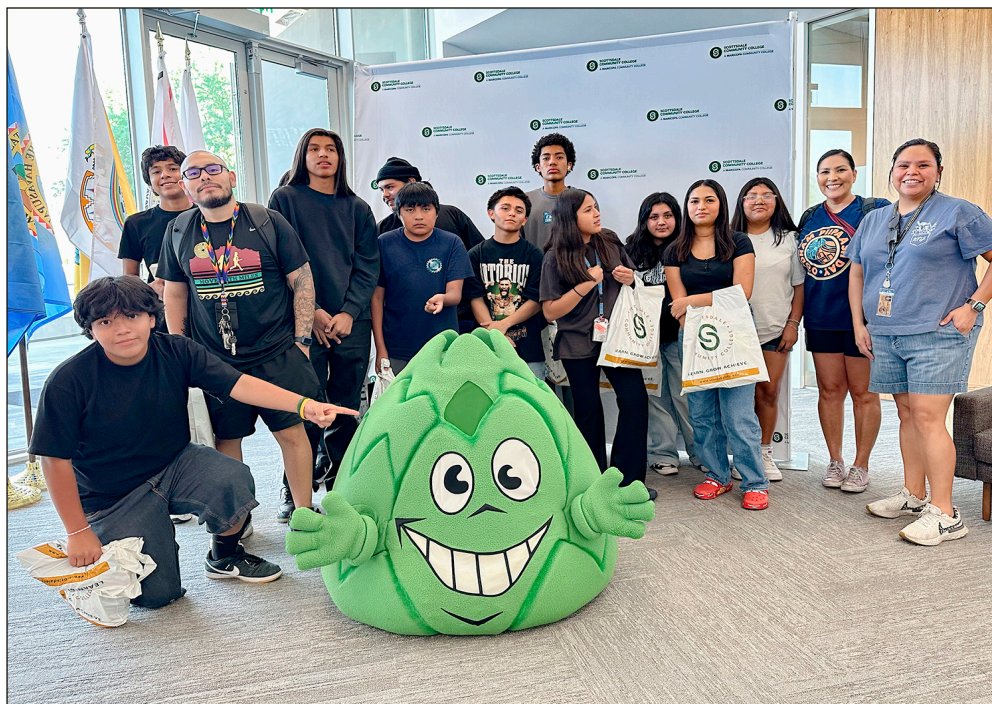
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# SCC American Indian Program Hosts Open House



SRPMIC youth visited the Scottsdale Community College American Indian Program Open House and got to spend time learning about the college life and how to succeed in the classroom with SCC mascot, Artie the Artichoke.

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Scottsdale Community College's American Indian Program provides resources, assistance and services to Indigenous students attending SCC. Created in the 1970s by SCC students at the time, the program offers Native students help with enrollment, scholarship resources, a computer lab for printing/scanning/copying, as well as professional and personal opportunities.

Currently, Belinda Gutierrez (Tohono O'odham Nation), Diedre Goodluck (Navajo) and Pam Yabeny (Navajo) serve as SCC's AIP student liaisons.

On September 11, the AIP held an open house for current and prospective students. The SCC mascot, Artie the Artichoke, was on hand during the open house and happily visited with each of the information booths inside SCC's Indigenous Cultural Center (ICC).

During the open house, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth visited each of the vendor booths, where they were given SCC-themed freebies and goodies. As guests asked SCC faculty and staff questions about campus life, photos of recent SRPMIC graduates Nalani Lopez, Sistine Lewis and Shannon Reina played on a projector screen, highlighting the continued connection between

the Community and SCC.

This year, the AIP will be recognizing the history and enduring impact of the Indian boarding schools by hosting an Orange Shirt Day event on September 30 at the ICC in Suite 221/222. Molita Yazzie (Navajo) and Elena Selestewa (Hopi) are scheduled to be guest speakers during the post-screening panel discussion of the documentary "Returning Home." The 2021 film showcases Phyllis Webstad, a boarding school survivor who founded Orange Shirt Day, a

Canadian National Day of Remembrance for Indigenous children who suffered at residential schools.

The AIP at SCC also hosts *Kovhi* (the O'odham word for coffee) and *Convos*, a series that allows SCC students to network with faculty and staff. Each *Kovhi and Convos* event features free coffee and donuts. The next gathering will be on Wednesday, October 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Suite 203 at the ICC.

Current and prospective students can contact the AIP liaisons by calling (480) 423-6450 or emailing [AIP@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:AIP@scottsdalecc.edu).

# Carpentry Apprentices Build Custom Puppet Show Stage



The Carpentry Apprenticeship Program poses for a photo in front of their custom-made mobile puppet stage in the Creative Ki studio.

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In their latest training project, Joseph Selestewa and his carpentry class from the Community Employment Carpentry Apprenticeship Program transported and set up a large custom-made mobile puppet stage at the Creative Ki studio at Two Waters on September 11.

According to Selestewa, the puppet stage is intended for future youth- and family-oriented health education programming projects for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The idea came from SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department Chief Public Health Officer Nancy Mangieri and video production editor Frank Turfler from the IT Department, Selestewa said.

Assistant Human Resources Director Crystal Banuelos and Workforce Development Manager-Apprenticeship Program James Smith asked Selestewa if the carpentry class could provide assistance in building the stage.

"As the carpentry instructor, I thought [building the stage] would be a fun project for my apprentices," said Selestewa.

The stage, which measures 8 by 16 feet, took approximately three weeks to build, from the initial drawings and mock-up to the finished product.

Carpentry apprentices Anthony Grey, Nathaniel Seota, Eric Loring, Shauntai Thomas, Lloyd Lewis, Randy Jackson and Reynolds Enos opened the stage and playfully opened the custom-made Dutch door from the set and said hello from the window. The Dutch door, which opens from the top, bottom or both, is made of two-by-fours.

The main framing is built with one-by-fours (to reduce weight), plywood paneling and stained cherry wood.

"A lot of engineering went into this project to make all the features work," said Selestewa. "The students and I are very proud to give back and to be part of this project for the Community."

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# Adaptive Recreation Night Brings Awareness to Program's Resources

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Adaptive Recreation Program coordinators Tammy Thomas and Ethan Larned from Community Recreational Services took turns making laps across the Way of Life Facility's little league field on September 6 during the program's Adaptive Recreation Night to make sure participating kids and families had everything they needed to participate in the series of activities that were set up.

"We're trying to bring awareness to our program," said Larned. "We provide recreational opportunities for individuals with physical and neurological disabilities and kids who need behavioral support. We're here to trouble-shoot."

The program works to develop recreational opportunities for youth of all abilities living in the Community.

For Adaptive Recreation Night, the program set up recreational activities in every corner of the WOLF field. On the first-base line was the sack race, where kids hopped around in potato sacks to see who could cross the finish line first. In center-right field was a bouncy house that Larned said can be modified for individuals who require accommodations.

At home plate, they set up an interactive "slime bar" craft. "We have sticks [so] they can stir and get their hands in [the slime], sort of like a sensory activity to get the feels out," said Larned.



A parent walks on the baseball field with a child wearing a t-shirt that says, "Not Today" at Adaptive Recreation Night.



Adaptive Recreation Night participants hopped around during the sack race at sunset.

Larned added that the program seeks to provide safe recreational opportunities for youth with special needs so they can be involved in their Community.

"Sometimes they might not get the chance to be involved, or we might have trouble making [the necessary] accommodations, so Tammy and I are here to support that, whether it's in athletics, aquatics or within our other programs," said Larned.

Types of accommodations that the program offers include addressing challenging behaviors and making sensory accommodations, which include dance parties, different levels of light, and headphones available to check out for those with sound sensitivities.

Larned said that he and Thomas must often think outside the box when it comes to the accommodations provided to the Community.

For instance, the Aquatics Department has been equipped with adaptive floaters and chairs for those with specific needs in the water. And during their Easter egg hunts, the eggs were inside balloons. For

kids who couldn't [bend] down and pick [the eggs] up, they were able to pop the balloons and get the eggs that way.

Larned, who has worked in behavioral health for about a decade, said that he loves experimenting in the realm of play, noting how beneficial play is for wellness and inclusion and being part of a community.

"Kids just love to get their hands dirty, and we provide a structured environment [so they can] do so," said Larned.

At Adaptive Recreation Night, Larned said, "A lot of our adaptive family showed up, but we're always looking for new faces!"

This year the program also held its first Adaptive Recreation Camp specifically for kids with disabilities. The 5-11 age group had 11 participants, and in the older 12-22 age group there were seven participants.



## CANDIDATES FORUMS

MEALS SERVED AT 5:30PM | ALL FORUMS FROM 6PM-8PM



### GENERAL ELECTION FORUMS

**Monday, October 28, 2024**  
Salt River Community Building

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**  
Lehi Community Center

#### FORUM GUIDELINES

- All candidates will make their presentation in a panel setting with a Moderator present.
- Individuals addressing the candidates will follow a sign-up process.
- Each candidate will have two (2) minutes for an opening statement.
- Questions should relate to issues and not be of a malicious (attacking) nature.
- 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 have 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 within the set time.
- 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 individual's name, contact number and copy of the statement. The statement shall be no longer than five (5) minutes.
- A table will be available for candidate collateral materials. First come, first serve basis. (i.e.: flyers, brochures, promotional items, etc.).

For general election forums, all candidates are invited to attend both forums.

\*\*PARKING is limited due to construction but additional parking is available across the street at the Salt River Ballfield.

FORUM INFORMATION  
Community Relations Office  
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## 14th Annual Friendship Park Remembrance Run

To honor and remember the Huhugam of Friendship Park

Saturday, October 12, 2024

6:00 am - 9:00 am

Huhugam Ki: Museum parking lot

Run will begin at the Museum parking lot and end at the Reburial Mound.

Open to SRPMIC Members and other Native Americans only.

No pictures, recording, alcohol or gang attire.

Light breakfast will be provided.

For more information contact Martha Martinez at the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at 480.362.7954

# SRPMIC Hosts Candidate Forums for Upcoming Council Election

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A primary and general election will be held this year to fill three seats on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council. The terms of District I (Salt River) representatives A. David Antone and Wi-bwa Grey will expire this year. The term of District II (Lehi) representative Deanna Scabby also will expire.

On September 9, the Community hosted a Tribal Elections Forum in District I inside the Community Building at 6 p.m. On September 12, a similar candidate forum was held in District II inside the Lehi Community Center.

## District I: Salt River

Candidates running for the two seats in District I are A. David Antone, Selena Espinoza, Suk Fulwilder, Wi-bwa Grey, Jenelle Howard, Darren Manuel, Leonard Rivers and Johnathan Upshaw.

The candidates' collateral materials, such as flyers, were on display along with some baked goods inside the Community Building as the candidates took their seats at the candidate forum table.

Pacer Reina served as emcee of the forum in District I. Each candidate received 2 minutes for their opening statement. Time cards with 1-minute and 30-second reminders were provided to ensure candidates stayed within that timeframe.

During the forum, SRPMIC members signed up to ask the candidates a question. They asked a wide array of questions; topics included the involving code of ethics for Council, tribal government communication with the Community, the future of the Community's youth/seniors, and the candidates' knowledge of Community ordinances. Each of the candidates had 2 minutes to respond to each question. A moderator ensured the candidates did not go over their allotted time.

Following the question portion, candidates were provided an additional 2 minutes to recite their closing statements.



Salt River Candidates were seated at the front of the multipurpose room for the election forum held September 9.

## District II: Lehi

Community members packed the Lehi Community Center to hear District II Council candidates discuss their platforms and answer questions about the issues that are important to them.

Reina again served as emcee of this forum, and the same rules for the candidates applied.

The District II candidates are Carla Banuelos, Wilfred Charlie, Colleen K. McAnlis and Deanna Scabby. Scabby was unable to attend the forum; however, Reina relayed Scabby's message to the audience.

Some of the topics brought up by Community

members at this forum included the new Journey to Recovery campus, a need for more emergency housing for Lehi, the current voting initiative, transportation issues and changing the name of the Community. The Lehi candidates were also provided with an additional 2 minutes to recite their closing statements.

While the Lehi forum was taking place, staff members from the SRPMIC Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs were stationed in the hallway, handing out voting resources and registering people to vote.




Community members gathered to ask questions and listen to the answers provided by the candidates at the Salt River district forum on September 9.



Lehi candidates listened thoughtfully to the questions asked by the Community prior to giving their responses.

The primary election for Council will be held on Tuesday, October 15. Candidates who proceed to the General Election on Tuesday, November 19, will be invited to participate in a General Election Forum for each district. Salt River will hold its General Election Forum on October 28, and Lehi will follow on October 29.




# 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024**

**POLLING SITES OPEN 6AM-6PM**  
**DISTRICT I - SALT RIVER GYMNASIUM**  
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# Apache Stronghold Appeals to U.S. Supreme Court in Last Fight for Oak Flat

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Apache Stronghold, a nonprofit community organization dedicated to defending holy sites and freedom of religion, took its legal battle and “journey of prayer” to the United States Supreme Court on September 11. For years the organization has been fighting the federal government’s transfer of land and resources at Oak Flat to a private company, Resolution Copper.

The group is composed of San Carlos Apache Tribe members, including former San Carlos Apache Chairman and Council member Wendler Nosie Sr., who has mobilized the group across the country to bring awareness to the fate of Oak Flat and to seek support from religious groups willing to speak out on religious freedom issues.

Oak Flat, known to the Apache as Chi’chil Bildagoteel, is federally owned land in Arizona’s Tonto National Forest that contains a large copper deposit 7,000 feet below the surface. The Apache have gathered at Oak Flat for centuries to conduct religious ceremonies and pray. The site is also culturally significant to the O’odham and other tribes.

Mining companies had lobbied Congress for years to gain control of the land, and they succeeded in their pursuit thanks to a last-minute rider in 2014 backed by former Arizona Senator John McCain that was attached to a defense bill. The rider transferred the land to Resolution Copper in an expedited land exchange called the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act.



Dr. Wendsler Nosie Sr., Washington DC. Photo courtesy of Stephen Pavey.

Since 2021, nonprofit public-interest legal and educational institute Becket Law has represented Apache Stronghold in defending holy sites, Oak Flat in particular.

Arguing that the destruction of Oak Flat violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) and an 1852 treaty between the Apache and the U.S. government, Apache Stronghold in 2021 took the land transfer to a trial court, which declined to put a stop to the land exchange.

After an emergency appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2021, a Ninth Circuit refusal of protection for Oak Flat in June 2022 and the Ninth Circuit agreeing to rehear the case “en banc” in front of a larger panel of 11 judges, the Ninth Circuit decided to continue with the land transfer in a 5-4 vote.

After unsuccessfully asking all 29 judges on the Ninth Circuit to rehear the case, Apache Stronghold filed its appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court on September 11 via a courier.

Apache Stronghold and its allies then hosted a day of prayer on the steps outside the Supreme Court after “two months following in the footsteps of the Spirit from the West,” which included a September stop in Alabama.

Now, Apache Stronghold must wait for at least four Supreme Court justices to hear the case for the appeal to move forward. If the court agrees to hear the appeal, oral arguments would be held in the Court’s 2024-25 term, which begins this month, with a potential decision expected in about June 2025.

This story is part of O’odham Action News’ ongoing coverage of Oak Flat.

# OCT DISTRICT MEETINGS

**24 THU** **COMBINED DISTRICT MEETING**  
**CM BUTLER & CM CARLOS**  
District A & E, District I (Salt River)  
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers  
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**19 SAT** **CM ANTONE**  
District B, District I (Salt River)  
9:00 am | SRPMIC Council Chambers  
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**12 SAT** **CM DOKA**  
District C, District I (Salt River)  
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**NO MTG** **OCTOBER MEETING CANCELED**  
**CM GREY**  
District D, District I (Salt River)

**22 TUES** **CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS**  
District F & G, District II (Lehi)  
6:00 pm | Lehi Community Center  
1231 E. Oak Street., Mesa, AZ 85203

SRPMIC Council District Meeting Website:  
<https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMs>  
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District Meeting dates, times, locations, and agenda items are subject to change or cancellations.

# Westwood’s Varsity Football Team Hosts Native American Night for Home Opener



2024-2025 Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Zoe Hernandez and Elijah Jackson participated in the pre-game performances.



TOP: The all-new 2024 Native heritage-inspired helmets for the Varsity Westwood Warriors. BELOW: A drum group performance prior to kickoff.



2024-2025 Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Zoe Hernandez and 2024-2025 Jr. Miss Salt River Diandra Pilger were in attendance and performed during halftime with the O’odham Basket Dancers.

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Indian Country was definitely in attendance for Westwood High School’s varsity football home opener against Skyline High School on September 6. To help celebrate the new season, Westwood’s athletic department collaborated with Mesa Schools’ Native American Education Program (NAEP) to host Native Heritage Football Night.

The game marked the debut of Westwood’s brand-new Native heritage-inspired varsity football helmet, which features four feathers outlined in Westwood’s blue, orange and white school colors, commemorating the Native heritage of the land the school resides on.

Current Westwood students enrolled in the NAEP

shared emcee duties while the Maswade (Fort McDowell), Wakangli Gleska, Wild Krew and Northern Mixx drum groups performed before the kickoff. “We are all currently located on O’odham and Piipaash lands,” said NAEP student liaison Renae Blackwater as she read the land acknowledgement over the campus intercom system.

2024-2025 Jr. Miss Salt River Diandra Pilger and Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Zoe Hernandez were present and visited with Westwood faculty, fellow students and loved ones. Later, the O’odham Basket Dancers performed at halftime.

To further showcase outreach from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, staff from the River People Health Center, Public Works, and the Salt River police and fire departments stood at the main entrance and handed out SRPMIC freebies and goodies to guests.

In the moments leading up to the game, Thosh Collins, Indigenous community health educator, was named the game’s honorary captain and performed the coin toss at the 50-yard line. Collins is the co-founder of Well for Culture, a wellness consultancy and grassroots initiative he founded with his spouse, Chelsey Luger. Together, they published “The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well,” a guide that details achieving spiritual, physical and emotional well-being rooted in Indigenous ancestral knowledge.

Once the pregame festivities concluded, the NAEP students hosted a program fundraiser food booth where they sold homemade frybread for \$3.

As far as the game, the new Native-inspired helmets may have provided the Westwood Warriors with just enough motivation as they went on to defeat the Skyline Coyotes in a nail-biter, 28-27.

# SALT RIVER SPOTLIGHT

*Briegh Howard*

Assistant Front Desk Manager, Talking Stick Resort

**SRPMIC is home to an array of entertainment attractions, hospitality properties and so much more! Meet individuals that work within Salt River's business corridor.**



### Could you describe what a typical workday looks like for you?

Given that our resort has 496 rooms, there's a lot of opportunity for diverse guest interactions, which means no two days are ever the same. The variety can shift from hour to hour, keeping me engaged and on my toes. A key part of my role is to help maintain our 4-Diamond standard, ensuring that every guest experience meets our high expectations for quality and service. This often involves overseeing various aspects of the guest experience and coordinating with different departments to address any needs or concerns that arise. The combination of these responsibilities makes each day unique and rewarding as I work to create memorable experiences for our guests.

### How long have you been working in this role and what led you to take it on?

I've been working in this role for over 13 years. My journey began with the SRPMIC Apprenticeship Program in 2010 as a Hotel Associate intern. I rotated through various departments, including PBX, Reservations and Front Desk, which provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the hotel's operations. I was officially hired in January 2011 and quickly progressed to the role of Front Desk Supervisor in 2012. In September 2013, I was promoted to my current position. The Apprenticeship Program offered a fresh avenue in the hospitality industry, and my interest in customer service made it an appealing choice. It turned out to be a fantastic opportunity that has allowed me to grow professionally and personally over the years.



Briegh Howard, Assistant Front Desk Manager, Talking Stick Resort.

### What do you find most fulfilling about your job?

There's something incredibly rewarding about creating positive experiences for others and seeing the impact of my efforts on their day. Whether it's assisting a guest with a special request or simply offering a warm smile, every interaction is a chance to make a difference. Additionally, the people I work with play a huge role in my job satisfaction. Collaborating with a team of dedicated and enthusiastic individuals fosters a supportive and dynamic work environment. The camaraderie and shared commitment to excellence make each day enjoyable and inspire me to do my best. Together, we create an atmosphere where hospitality thrives, and that's what makes my job so fulfilling.

### Do you often see repeat visitors and do you build connections with them?

Over the years, I've had the pleasure of welcoming many guests back multiple times, which allows me to celebrate their milestones, remember their preferences and contribute to their experiences each time they visit. These ongoing interactions provide a unique opportunity to create a more personalized and memorable experience for each guest. It's incredibly fulfilling to see familiar faces and know that my efforts are contributing to their continued enjoyment of our property.

### What property feature do guests particularly enjoy?

Our remodeled West Pool has quickly become a favorite spot for both relaxation and socializing, providing a perfect setting for guests to unwind and soak up the sun. The attention to detail in its design and the high-quality amenities make it a standout feature of our property, and it's been receiving enthusiastic feedback from those who've had the pleasure of experiencing it.

### Given your unique perspective as an employee, what do you consider a "must" experience for the public in the Talking Stick Entertainment District?

A visit to our resort is a great starting point. You can experience the excitement of our gaming facilities or enjoy our culinary offerings. From the elegant Orange Sky Restaurant to the vibrant atmosphere at Tash, both are sure to impress with their exceptional quality and variety. What truly sets us apart is the genuine hospitality provided by our team. Every team member is dedicated to making the guest's visit memorable. The combination of our top-tier amenities and the personalized care from our staff makes the Talking Stick Entertainment District a must-visit destination.



The recently remodeled West Pool at Talking Stick Resort.

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Wednesday, November 27 through Saturday, January 4, 2025



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# OAN Staff Receives Two Awards from Indigenous Journalists Association



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and Arizona State Sun Devil, Nalani Lopez. Photo by Andreea Miguel.

O'odham Action News Reporter, Chris Picciuolo. Photo by Andreea Miguel.

According to their website, the Indigenous Journalists Association's mission is centered on the idea that accurate and contextual reporting about Indigenous people and communities is necessary to overcome biases and stereotypes portrayed in popular and mainstream media.

porter Chris Picciuolo and former news intern Nalani Lopez both were recognized with awards for their work. "It feels great to be recognized, especially because I'm still in school," said Lopez in an exclusive interview with OAN.

Lopez graduated from Scottsdale Community College in May and presently attends Arizona State University. Her article "Salt River Hiking Club Explores Joshua Tree National Park" received third place in the category "Best Feature Story for Print/Online" in the IJA Student Division.

Picciuolo has been a reporter for the newspaper for five years. His photograph titled "Museum Specialist Debbie James Teaches Kids Tortilla Camp Graduates" received third place in the "Best Photo of Indigenous Communities for Print/Online" category in the IJA Associate Division.

"I was surprised when I first heard I won," Picciuolo said. In an interview with OAN, he explained that he remembers the tortilla camp in 2023 being one of his favorite events he's covered for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. "I loved the smell of the cemit/tortillas in the air that day," he said.

In September, both award-winning journalists received their IJA plaques in the mail, tangible recognition of their hard work and achievement.

Congratulations to Nalani Lopez and Chris Picciuolo on their awards!

IJA annually hosts a three-day conference for members to participate in classroom workshops, networking opportunities and in-person panel discussions

involving all things Indian Country. Now called the Indigenous Media Conference, this year's event was held July 25-27 in Oklahoma City.

At the conference, the IJA presents winners in its annual awards competition for print/online/video/website publications. Indigenous and non-Indigenous journalists working for Indigenous publications were eligible to apply and submit their finest work from the 2023 calendar year.

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In 1983, Tim Giago, owner and editor at the time of the *Lakota Times*, wanted to increase the representation of the Indigenous community in mainstream media. In August 1983, he held a meeting with his colleagues which would provide the outline for creating an association of Indigenous journalists called the Native American Press Association. The following year,

the first convention was held in Warm Springs, Oregon.

During their convention in 1990, the association formally changed its name to the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA).

Most recently, in 2023, NAJA members voted to officially change the name again to more accurately reflect Indigenous journalists and their work. Thus, the association's name was changed to the Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA). The vote was 89-55 in support of the name change.



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To the Membership of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC),

The Community retained 21 CP Solutions, a national law enforcement consultant, to assess the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Police Department (SRPD) because of Community member complaints/concerns that were brought to the SRPMIC Council's attention. Each complaint was reviewed.

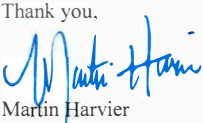
In addition, the Council's goal of the assessment was to review SRPD's standard operations, training and performance of police officers, their interactions with the public, and Community member perception of the SRPD. 21 CP Solutions spent time within the Community observing and meeting with Community members, officers and staff to hear issues and concerns as well as to note good practices. The assessment identified areas for improvement and offered recommendations for best practices.

21 CP Solutions completed their assessment and report and it has been shared with the SRPD staff so they had an opportunity to review the report prior to sharing information with the Community. The SRPD has begun to implement recommendations for best practices.


The Council is making the report available for Community members and the public to review 21 CP Solutions' report on the SRPD.

Council would like to thank the SRPD staff and the Community membership who participated in this process. Executive Administration and Council will work together with the SRPD to implement recommendations from the report that will improve our service to the Community. Our collective goal is to enhance and maintain the SRPD's quality service for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Thank you,



Martin Harvier  
President SRPMIC



*To learn more or read the full report, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/srpd/>*

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48. LEWIS,	JAMES	FLIPPEN	101. THOMAS,	LEMUEL	
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**Andrews, Dracy** – Permanency Hearing  
 Case: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042  
 Date: October 15, 2024 at 10 AM

**Antone Sr., Nicholas** – Initial Hearing Case:  
 JV-24-0218 Date: November 6, 2024 at  
 1:30 p.m.

**Gutierrez, Nicholas** – Permanency Hearing  
 Case: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042  
 Date: October 15, 2024 at 10 AM

**CIVIL COURT**  
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**Cachora, Carissa Elizabeth** - Entry of Default  
 Judgement/ Order to Show Cause Hearing  
 Case: CV-24-4195 Court Date: October 29,  
 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Clapp, Monica** - Evidentiary Hearing Case:  
 P-23-0009 Court Date: October 29, 2024  
 at 1:30 PM

**Gartner, Brice** - Restraining Order Hearing  
 Case: CV-24-5945 Court Date: October 30,  
 2024 at 11:30 AM

**Johnson, Gary** - Probate Hearing Case:  
 CV-24-2965 Court Date: October 10, 2024  
 at 11 AM

**Juan, Joseph Raymond** - Restraining Order  
 Hearing Case: CV-24-6230 Court Date:  
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**Loring, Jezlyn Norma** - Petition for Name  
 Change Case: CV-24-4581 Court Date:  
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**Manuel, Timothy Reaching Arrow** - Initial  
 Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-4496  
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**Martinez, Ambria** - Evidentiary Hearing  
 Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: October 29,  
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**Miles-Correa, Julia Jade** - \* Entry of Default  
 Judgement Case: CV-24-3638 Court Date:  
 November 7, 2024 at 10 AM

**Mora, Joseph** - Initial Guardianship Hearing  
 Case: CV-24-3758 Court Date: October 10,  
 2024 at 9 AM

**Pena, Alexandra** - Probate Hearing Case:  
 CV-24-5046 Court Date: October 28, 2024  
 at 9:30 AM

**Porter, Mariana** - Initial Guardianship  
 Hearing Case: CV-24-3758 Court Date:  
 October 10, 2024 at 9 AM

**Santo, Emmanuel Jacob** - Bond Forfeiture  
 Hearing: CR-24-0225 Court Date: October  
 9, 2024 at 10 AM

**Sine, Jayme Claudine Alyce**- Initial  
 Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-4496  
 Court Date: November 18, 2024 at 9:30  
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**Stapp, Lenordine Belle** - Evidentiary Hearing  
 Case: CV-24-4906 Court Date: October 30,  
 2024 at 9 AM

**Valenzuela, Jennifer Nan** - Order to Show  
 Cause Hearing Case(s): CV-24-1095; CV-  
 24-1574; CV-24-2805; CV-24-2813 Court  
 Date: November 15, 2024 at 1:30 PM in  
 Courtroom #5

**DEFAULT NOTICES**

**CACHORA, CARISSA**  
**CV-24-3638**  
**DEFAULT NOTICE**

To: Carissa Cachora, RESPONDENT

1. A Civil Complaint 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.
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DATED: September 24, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**CACHORA, CARISSA ELIZABETH**  
**CV-24-4195**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

TO: Carissa Elizabeth Cachora;  
 Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 29th day of October, 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint hearing on August 29, 2024 at 9:00AM after being duly noticed.

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

ORDERED this 27th day of August, 2024.

Presiding Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**GOODWIN, JOE**  
**NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-0852

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Joe Goodwin, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Joe Goodwin, shall remit payment on the judgment to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315.

**LORING, JEZLYN NORMA**  
**CV-24-4581**  
**DEFAULT NOTICE (\*AMENDED)**

To: Jezlyn Norma Loring, RESPONDENT

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DATED: September 24, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**MILES-CORREA, JULIA J.**  
**CV-24-3638**  
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To: Julia J. Miles-Correa, RESPONDENT

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CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

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**December 31, 2024**

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**Discontinue Direct Deposits: Thursday, December 26th at 5:00 PM.** This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit. **\*\*\*Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.**

**Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 14th at 5:00PM.** This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2025 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of April 2025.

**Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, January 14th at 5:00 PM.** This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Ordinance Number SRO-492-2017, a public hearing on a Liquor License Application for Ventura Street Tacos, LLC dba Maria's Mexican Grill, located at 9500 E. Via De Ventura, E220, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 am, located at 8840 E. Chaparral Rd., Suite 165, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 (Conference Room). Petitions and testimony will be heard from persons in favor of or opposed to the issuance of a liquor license that reside in the Community, or own or lease property located within the Community that is in close proximity to the proposed premises. To request for additional information regarding this application, contact Licensing Investigator II, Missie Stillman, at (480) 362-6896.

**VICTORY OUTREACH**

**VICTORY CENTER**

**THIRD WAVE TAKEOVER**  
 STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS

**TESTIMONIES** **GIVEAWAYS**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH**

**PHONE: 480-427-4678**  
**TIME: 6:30 PM** **\*\*NO GANG AFFILIATED COLORS ALLOWED\*\***

**LOCATION: 1231 E OAK ST MESA, AZ 85203**

**OAN** **GOT A STORY IDEA?**

If you have a story idea, please call or email [OodhamActionNews@srbmic-nsn.gov](mailto:OodhamActionNews@srbmic-nsn.gov)  
**Ph: (480) 362-7750**

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



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## CURRENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

VIEW FULL JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLY ONLINE AT [SRMATERIALS.COM](http://SRMATERIALS.COM)

### ARIZONA

#### Cement

**Drafter & Document Controller**  
Clarkdale, AZ

**Electrical Technician I**  
Clarkdale, AZ

**Industrial Repair Utility Person I**  
Clarkdale, AZ

**Utility Person I**  
Clarkdale, AZ

**Wash Plant Operator**  
Camp Verde, AZ

#### Aggregates

**Mobile Equipment Mechanic I – Sr.**  
Glendale, AZ (Glendale Plant)

**Mobile Equipment Operator**  
Scottsdale, AZ (Beeline Plant)

#### Pozzolans

**Facility Operator I-IV**  
Vernal, UT (Bonanza Plant)

**Facility Operator I-IV**  
St. Johns, UT (Coronado Plant)

## BENEFITS

**Life Disability**

**Long & Short-Term Disability Insurance**

**PTO** (Paid Time Off) & **PSL** (Paid Sick Leave)

**Bereavement Leave** - immediately available upon hire date.

**Holiday Pay** - 7 observed and paid holidays, 2 floating holidays!

**Health** – extensive medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage.

**Supplemental Programs** - Everyone Health, Teledoc (24/7 medical/mental health services), GRAIL - pre cancer screen (based upon eligibility)

**Health Club Membership** – Health club membership for employees.

**401(k)** – A retirement savings plan with multiple investment options and **6% matching dollar for dollar** contributions.

**Tuition Reimbursement** – SRMG will pay up to 100% of tuition and books.

**Employee Local and National Discounts** - Theme Parks, Sporting Events, Plays & Concerts, Vehicle & Home purchases and much more!

**Green Vehicle Program** – Employees may receive up to \$1500 each calendar year for 3 years for the purchase of fuel-efficient vehicles.

**Home Energy Efficiency Incentive** – Employees may receive up to \$100 each calendar year for the purchase of energy efficient compact light bulbs (CFL's) and LEDs or an Energy Audit performed by SRP or APS.

### Does Salt River Materials Group have preference in hiring?

**Yes**, Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) is the commercial trade name for marketing activities of Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand and Rock. Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand and Rock are independent divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC).

However, all qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. During the hiring process, management will determine a prospective employee's ability, skill, competency and other qualifications needed for the job. When all these are equal between a qualified Community Member, a qualified Native American and other qualified candidate, preference will be given to the qualified Community Member, then a qualified Native American and then other qualified candidate.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## ONGOING

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. in room 3104 (Cloud), 3rd floor of RPHC. This free, confidential, and safe group of individuals support one another by utilizing their collective experiences and learned wisdom. This gathering is for adults diagnosed with diabetes. For more information, contact (480) 362-3355

**SENIOR BOOK CLUB**, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 at the Tribal Library at WOLF. See ad on page 18 for more information!

**TAI CHI FOR SENIORS**, Tuesdays 9-10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room and Thursdays 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Senior Services North Annex. Join Senior Services for tai chi, an ancient Chinese martial art used today as an effective moving meditation that improves the health of the mind and body. All abilities and fitness levels are welcome. For community seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs. Questions? Call 480.362.6350.

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

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

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

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at RPHC. Mens meetings Wednesdays, Womens meetings Tuesdays.

**WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL**, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Wellbriety is a Native American recovery fellowship that blends spiritual practice with the 12-Step program. Its approach to recovery focuses on healing and is rooted in the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. Wellbriety emphasizes creating new thought patterns, attitudes, and feelings about sobriety based on traditional concepts and Native American teachings.

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

**WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE**, 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking

circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss general challenges that accompany service in the military.

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

**SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORIENTATION**, Bi-weekly on Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Human Resources, Two Waters Building B. Walk-ins welcomed! Contact (480) 362 2650 for more information.

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**5 PIIPAASH MATASHEEVN COMMUNITY SOCIAL**, 12 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Lehi Gathering Area. Sunrise Blessing, Inter-Tribal Performances, Bird Singing & Dancing, Free dinner (limited supply), Raffles, vendors (food, drinks, goodies, arts & crafts). Questions? Contact Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465

**5 VEHICLE AUCTION VIEWING**, 8 a.m. - 12p.m. Bids accepted starting this day;

bids may be dropped off at the Department of Transportation Main Office during regular business hours Monday – Friday: 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Last day to submit bids will be on Saturday, October 19, 2024 – 12:00pm. For more information you may call 480-362-7315

**7 COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**, 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. at Salt River Community Building (1880 N. Longmore Road / Scottsdale, AZ 85256). For those who wish to submit unspoken prayer requests can do so by emailing: srpmicprayerbreakfast@gmail.com.

**8 13TH ANNUAL SUICIDE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GLOW WALK**, 10241 E Osborn Rd Scottsdale, az. Onsite registration begins at 5 p.m., walk begins at 6 p.m. traveling 1 mile around the tribal complex. Glow sticks and light snacks provided! Questions? Contact 480-362-7350

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**15 PRIMARY ELECTION**, Polling locations: District I (Salt River) voters vote at the SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING. (Polls open from 6am-6pm); District II (Lehi) voters vote at the LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING. (Polls open from 6am-6pm). Questions? Contact SRPMIC Administration at (480)362-7466

**17 ALA FUNDRAISER: SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHT**, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the ALA Football Field. The ALA Senior Class of 2024 is hosting a special event, Spooky Movie Night, to fundraise for special activities! The seniors will run a cash-only concession stand where moviegoers can purchase popcorn, candy, water, soda, juice, and other movie snacks! This family-friendly event is open to the whole Community! (Please leave your pets at home.) Kids: Wear a costume to match the theme of the movie and you could win one of several prizes! Questions? Call Davina Leon at 480-362-2130 or email Davina.Leon@saltriverschools.org.

**19 VEHICLE AUCTION VIEWING**, 8 a.m. - 12p.m. This is the last day to submit bids. Bids may be dropped off at the Department of Transportation Main Office during regular business hours Monday – Friday: 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. For more information you may call 480-362-7315

**25 RIBBON CUTTING AT MESQUITE TRAILS AND LONELY CACTUS TOWNHOMES**, 8 am. - 11 a.m. at 11805 E Minnezona Ave Unit 2 & 3. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Open House from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tours open to Community Members and SRP-MIC Staff. Questions? Contact ECS Project Managers at 480-362-7274