

It's an 'A' for Salt River's ALA

For the first time ever in the school's seventeen year history, the Accelerated Learning Academy received a letter grade of an 'A' from the Arizona Department of Education.

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In the moments leading up to a recent Salt River Schools board meeting, Accelerated Learning Academy Principal Barbara Wilkinson was smiling from ear to ear as she had fantastic news to share with the Education Board and school families. "For the first time ever, the ALA has achieved an A letter grade," said Wilkinson proudly during her board presentation.

The room then erupted with applause and cheers. Schools earn a letter grade based on a range of metrics, which include language proficiency, graduation rate, college and career readiness of their students, and more. More than 1,500 schools in the state are assessed and given grades by the Arizona Department of Education. The lengthy grading process began in July, and on October 25, the ALA made history by achieving an A grade for the first time in its 17 years

of being an accredited school. The following grading scale is utilized by the Arizona Department of Education: A = Excellent; B = Highly Performing; C = Performing; D = Minimally Performing; F = Failing. ALA is a credit recovery school open to students ages 16 to 21 who are behind in high school credits and seeking a high school diploma. ALA shines in its elective, extracurricular, and college and career readiness offerings, according to Salt River

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Mesa Grande Cultural Park Renamed to Honor O'odham and Piipaash Heritage



Traditional dancers performing at the renaming ceremony. Photo by Dalton Walker

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A Mesa Park just south of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has been given a new name in the O'odham language. On the morning of November 4, Mesa Mayor John Giles and tribal officials from the SRPMIC, Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation gathered at the Mesa Grande Cultural Park for a renaming ceremony honoring O'odham and Piipaash Heritage. Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs was also in attendance. According to the Arizona Museum of Natural History, the Mesa Grande Cultural Park was purchased by the city of Mesa in the 1980s in hopes of preserv-

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SRPMIC Hosts Open House for Community Rental Properties



Steven Perez was all smiles as he was one of the lucky SRPMIC individuals that won the SRPMIC housing lottery to receive a brand new rental home.

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Affordable housing in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is an important topic of discussion for members. Arizona's surge in home prices in recent years has resulted in many in the Community being unable to afford a home of their own.

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SRPMIC Candidate Forum and Council Election Results

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District I: Salt River

Attending the District I candidate forum were candidates Antone, Howard, Fulwilder, Grey and Scabby. Community members had the opportunity to be added to the roster of those who wished to ask a question, and people also had the opportunity to raise their hands and ask a question. Reina ensured that questions were sincere and not asked with malicious intent.

Candidates were questioned regarding the inventory of affordable homes in the Community as well as the possibility of Council approving the building of sandwich houses. A sandwich house is a traditional house constructed with mesquite pole frames and ocotillo stalks infilled with mud.

In some cases, saguaro ribs, greasewood and adobe can also be used. Currently, an example of a traditional sandwich house is the Huhugam Ki: Museum in the SRPMIC.

The members asked the candidates their views on how departments can improve the Community and the services they provide.

Additionally, the candidates were asked if they have a plan to help increase the amount of revenue that the Community brings in from its enterprises.

Lastly, all candidates were asked their viewpoints regarding the separation of powers between the Community and the federal government.

District II: Lehi

Attending the District II candidate forum were candidates Antone, Howard, Fulwilder, Grey, Scabby and Banuelos.

During the forum, the candidates were questioned again about housing in the Community.

Later, they were asked for their viewpoints on third-party contractors coming into the Community and cleaning up homes and backyards. A discussion followed when the candidates brainstormed the idea of reaching out to the Community youth as a possible way to help clean up neglected yards and homes belonging to seniors.

Near the end of the forum, all candidates were asked about their stance on Community members being able to plant recreational marijuana seeds in their homes on Community land.

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

DISTRICT I - SALT RIVER, 2 SEATS



DAVID ANTONE
449 VOTES



WI-BWA GREY
298 VOTES



SU:K FULWILDER
476 VOTES



JENELLE HOWARD
274 VOTES

DISTRICT II - LEHI, 1 SEAT



CARLA BANUELOS
116 VOTES



DEANNA SCABBY
128 VOTES



TOP: Candidates gathered at the Lehi Community building for an Election Forum held on October 29. From L to R: David Antone, Jenelle Howard, Su:k Fulwilder, Wi-Bwa Grey, Deanna Scabby, and Carla Banuelos.



RIGHT: The Lehi Community Building was filled with SRPMIC membership as many were prepared to ask a question.

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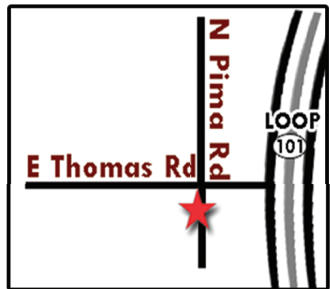
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Mesa Grande Cultural Park Renamed to Honor O’odham and Piipaash Heritage

ing a cultural treasure and was open to the public for educational and recreational purposes in later years.

Within the past year, the city of Mesa adopted land acknowledgments to honor the Four Southern Tribes on whose land the city is located. The renaming of a site that holds deep significance to O’odham people is the first of many steps in building a rich connection with surrounding communities and the 22 federally recognized tribes of Arizona.

“When we first adopted our land acknowledgment, we shared our commitment to build on the foundation of our strong relationships with our tribal partners,” said Giles. “We knew that that sentiment needed to be followed by meaningful action, not just words on a piece of paper.”

Mesa worked with tribal partners to select a name that was recognized and approved by the Salt River and Gila River communities: *Sce:dagī Mu:val Va’aki*. In the O’odham language it means “Blue fly’s place of dwelling” or “Blue fly’s house.”

The name change comes only months after Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park in Phoenix changed its name to the S’edav Va’aki Museum for similar reasons.

Before the curtains fell, revealing the new name on the side of a park building, officials, including SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, had the



Sce:dagī Mu:val Va’aki means “Blue fly’s place of dwelling” or “Blue fly’s house” in the O’odham language. Photo by Dalton Walker.



Governor Katie Hobbs, Mesa Mayor John Giles, tribal officials and Miss Salt River in front of the Sce:dagī Mu:val Va’aki building. Photo by Nalani Lopez.

opportunity to speak at a ceremony that included O’odham traditional dancing and song. SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and Council members Jacob Butler, Mikah Carlos and Deanna Scabby also attended.

Hobbs issued a proclamation naming November 4, 2024, as Sce:dagī Mu:val Va’aki Day, a day that recognizes the importance of honoring the cultural values shared between the sibling O’odham tribes and the city of Mesa.

“We have to make sure that your stories are woven into our shared history,” said Hobbs.

Sce:dagī Mu:val Va’aki is located on the northwest corner of West Tenth and Date streets and is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. through mid-April.

This is just the beginning of a future full of collaborations between Indigenous communities and the city of Mesa, multiple speakers said.

“Over the next year there is a lot that’s going to happen here that’s going to transition into being a better representation of the city’s commitment to respecting and honoring our heritage, making sure that we include the Native American communities and helping us to know how to do that,” said Giles.



Mesa Mayor John Giles speaks to the decision-making in renaming the Mesa Grande Cultural Park. Photo by Dalton Walker.



Salt River Vice-President Ricardo Leonard giving his speech. Photo by Nalani Lopez.

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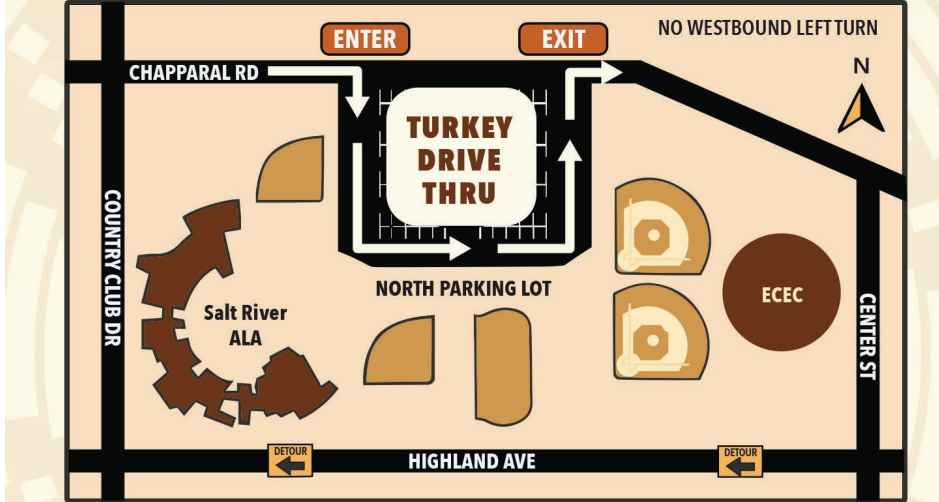
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Award-Winning Journalist Returns to Salt River

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I share this story as often as I can. I remember the eagles. I remember how close I was able to get. I sometimes wonder where they are now, where they have been and what they have seen. I especially remember the elders on that day that safely held them. You could feel and see their pride and wonder.

A few years ago, in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, not far from the Salt River Community Building, firefighters, wildlife workers and others helped band a family of bald eagles that had nested in a tree. The idea was to monitor their location with these small backpack-looking trackers. As workers fitted the eagles, a few elders from the Community stopped by



and briefly held the birds during this process. I remember the smiles of the elders and the feathers and talons of the eagles. I took photos and did my best to capture the moment for *O'odham Action News*, both visually and with my storytelling. I later won a journalism award for my coverage.

This moment in time is one of my many cherished memories of Salt River and its beautiful community. And this is why I wanted to come back.

First, thank you, Salt River, for having me. From roughly 2016 to 2020, I was the *O'odham Action News* senior reporter. Today, I'm OAN's managing editor, a role I took over in late October. I left Salt River in 2020 to gain more experience and to grow as a Native journalist. I have. From 2020 until mid-October 2024, I worked first as a national correspondent, then deputy managing editor before being promoted to managing editor for ICT, formerly *Indian Country Today*. It was a tremendous opportunity, loaded with great experiences, but it was missing something, through really no fault of its own. It was missing community, which is difficult with a wide national lens and more than 570 Native nations to monitor. I last felt community in Salt River, working for the tribal government and covering the people by interacting with them. So, it was perfect timing when I learned of OAN's managing editor position opening, and it only made sense, in my mind, to express my interest.

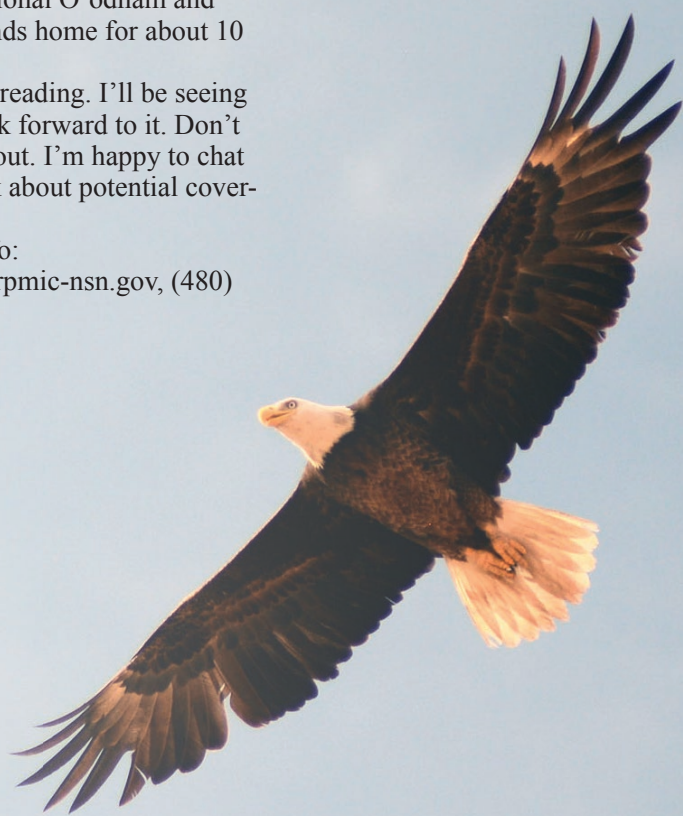
I'm not from Salt River, but I feel at home in Salt River. It's great to be back and I look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and meeting all the new ones.

My goal as managing editor of OAN is simply to continue to get better each day. I bring back new skills to share. I have a talented team here. Together, we work to bring you the news and happenings of the Community in the form of a newspaper, news website and social media. OAN's future is bright and I'm excited to be a part of it.

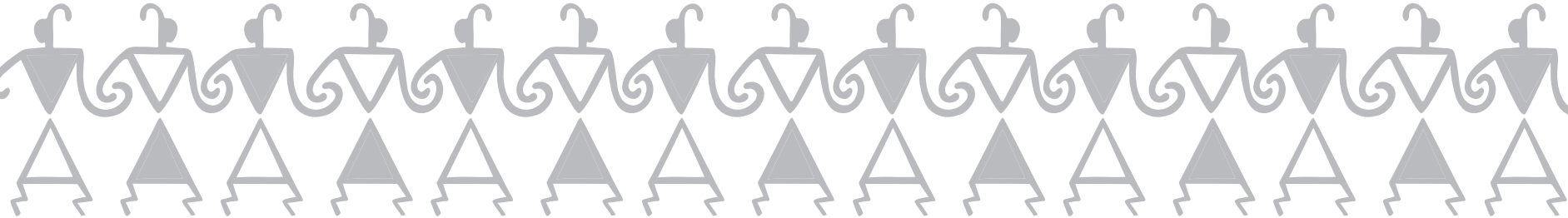
I'm from the Red Lake Nation in northern Minnesota. My family has called your traditional O'odham and Piipaash homelands home for about 10 years.


Thank you for reading. I'll be seeing you around. I look forward to it. Don't hesitate to reach out. I'm happy to chat or meet up to talk about potential coverage.

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A bald eagle soars in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in April 2018. The eagle was part of a family banded with tracking devices. Photo by Dalton Walker.





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SRPMIC Hosts Open House for Community Rental Properties



SRPMIC Council members, directors, staff, and royalty were in attendance and officially cut the ceremonial ribbon to begin the open house which allowed for SRPMIC membership and staff to tour and view the new townhomes.

To ensure affordable housing is available to those living in the Community, SRPMIC announced that townhomes are available for rent in two Community rental property neighborhoods, Mesquite Trails and Lonely Cactus.

Lonely Cactus is a neighborhood for seniors and members with disabilities. Mesquite Trails is a second neighborhood of townhomes available to SRPMIC members and their families.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on October 25, which included an open house so Community members could tour one of the new townhomes in the Mesquite Trails neighborhood. SRPMIC Tribal Council members, department managers and the Miss Salt River royalty were in attendance, placing their hands on the ceremonial scissors to help cut the ribbon.

To determine who would have the opportunity

to rent the townhomes, a lottery was held on October 21 inside the SRPMIC Council chambers. Assistant Community Manager Dawn Sinoqui read aloud the winning ticket numbers as 200-plus viewers watched the livestream broadcast on Facebook/Instagram/YouTube. Members of the Young River People’s Council were on hand to assist with the lottery.

To be eligible to rent townhomes in either neighborhood, SRPMIC members must be at least 18 years old and be able to pass ample background screenings, which include verifying qualifying income, a thorough background check, and verifications from previous landlords that rent was paid in a timely manner.

Members who have questions regarding the SPRMIC Community Housing program can call the office directly at (480) 362-7600 or email housinginfo@srpmic-nsn.gov.



ABOVE: The open house allowed for SRPMIC membership and guests to tour the property and see the newly designed community townhomes.

BELOW: Visitors were impressed with the floorplans and quality of the homes.



Groundbreaking Held for Two Additional Sober Living Homes

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Two new sober living homes for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members broke ground in October.

On October 21, staff and members of the Journey to Recovery program, along with staff from SRPMIC Health and Human Services, Council members and Community managers gathered for the groundbreaking at Chaparral and Longmore roads. The new homes will serve as a safe and secure living space for those seeking to take steps toward their recovery.

“We’ve got a goal here: to be five in five [increase the mortality rate by five percent in five years], to improve health and wellness and take the mortality rate from 52 to 57 percent in the next five years. We can do this, but it’s going to take a community of caring. We’re going to be there every step of the way, when people need us. We’re here because of the vision of this Community and Council,” said Health and Human Services Director Joseph Remitera.

The sober living homes will offer a supportive and stable environment for those in the program so they can learn life skills and eventually transition into independent tiny home living. Each home will be equipped to house eight members of the Journey to Recovery program. One home will be designated for women only.

According to Remitera, the five determinants of health are genetic, environmental, behavioral, social and clinical. The social aspect affects 40 percent of one’s health. With the support of other sober peers in their living unit, Remitera said, those living in these homes will not be on this journey alone.

SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard shared an O’odham song that reminded him of the Journey to Recovery program and those who soon will live in the sober living homes.

“In this song, all these birds are going towards a certain mountain, singing. Their singing was so beautiful, it echoed throughout the Valley. The other birds said, ‘One day I will be there too,’” Leonard explained.

Community members wishing to live in a sober living home should begin the application process for residential treatment by enrolling with the River People Health Center’s Behavioral and Health Services continuum of care.

These two homes are anticipated to be ready for occupancy by summer 2025. Another unit is planned for the future, making a total of four sober living homes in the Community.



Dr. Nathan Velez, administrator of the Journey to Recovery Program, inspired those in the audience by sharing the goal and future for the sober living homes to come.



Staff of Journey to Recovery (JTR), Health and Human Services, and contractors broke ground for the two sober living homes coming to the Community this upcoming summer.



Red Mountain Eagle Pow-Wow Shines Again

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Dancers celebrated their Indigenous heritage at the annual Red Mountain Eagle Pow-Wow in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The 36th annual pow-wow took place November 2 and 3 at the Salt River ballfields. Dozens of dancers from all over Indian Country were in attendance, along with both food and art vendors.

“These dances celebrate what it means to be Indigenous,” said pow-wow emcee Vince Beyl.

For years, the November pow-wow has been a popular way to start off the holiday season and just in time for Native American Heritage Month. This year was no different; the turnout was heavy, and cars were lined up along Longmore Road near the Community Building.

Over 450 dancers had registered for competitions plus over 400 additional social dancers were seen performing throughout the weekend. 131 Arts and crafts vendors representing Arizona, New Mexico, Minnesota, Montana, and Utah along with 17 food vendors were lined up around the arena and the parking lot south of the pow-wow grounds. Six information tables were also available from SRPD, SRFD, WOLF, the Library, RPHC, SCC, and Native Health.

It was an opportunity for individuals to be exposed to the rich Indigenous heritage in a modern way, with both artists and performers mixing old traditions with new nuances. The pow-wow is an invitation for all to gather in memory and celebrate.

The three Grand Entry processions included eight drum groups led by Northern Cree, a well-known champion drum group from Canada.

Despite construction around the pow-wow grounds, staff maintained traffic flow and crowd control, making sure guests were staying safe and having fun.



40th Annual Roy Track Pow-Wow Held in Mesa

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One day in 1984, Roy Track (baḍ), a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member, wanted a way to showcase the best singers, dancers and performers in Indian Country. With the rest of the Track family assisting him, he put together plans to host a pow-wow as a way to get together to sing, dance, celebrate the cultures and bring tribal communities closer together.

In 2005, Track passed away. Since then, his son, Hawk, has continued his father's and his family's legacy by taking the lead in organizing what is now known as the Roy Track Pow-Wow. This year's sponsors included the SRPMIC, the city of Mesa, Native Health and more.

Now entering its 40th year, the pow-wow was held at the Mesa Riverview Park from Friday, October 25 through Sunday, October 27 and featured jewelry-makers, food, dancers, singers and performers.

The Arizona Territory Gourd Society held a free Friday-night concert and also performed on Saturday and Sunday during the Grand Entry. Northern Mixx served as host of the Northern Drum, while Chris Dinehdeal served as host for the Southern Drum. Colby Afraidofhistracks (Assiniboine/Sioux/O'odham/Piipaash) served as arena director.

"It's a good experience in life, the attributes of giving and sharing these songs and dances," said emcee Dennis Bowen during Sunday's welcoming. Later, Andrew Woody from Tuba City spoke a few words before participating in the blanket dance, a dance that honors the drum. "Thank you to each and every one of you for coming out," said Woody.

During the blanket dance, a blanket is placed on the ground to help collect food and more offerings from the people as the performers dance.

Though the sun was extra warm that weekend, plenty of people attended the pow-wow, thus continuing Roy Track's legacy of annually celebrating the best of the best performers, singers, dancers and drummers in Indian Country.



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Family Fun at Fall Festival

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members dressed as monsters, superheroes and in other spooky costumes for the annual Fall Festival, held on October 25 at the Salt River Ballfield.

Attendees were in for a treat, with a parking lot full of extravagant “trunk-or-treat” displays, an outdoor screening of the 1988 movie “Beetlejuice,” apple-bobbing and pie-eating contests, and a plethora of local food and art vendors.

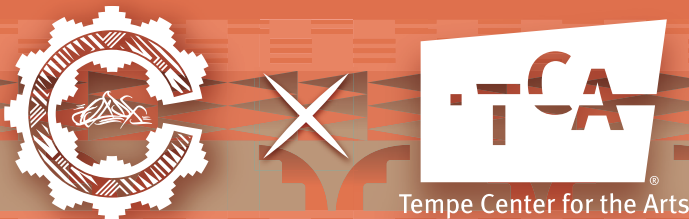
In the crowd of trunk-or-treaters, one display stood out for the judges: the large balloon structure of Sesame Street’s Cookie Monster, put together by the Health and Human Services Public Health team. It took the prize for Best Trunk-or-Treat Display.

For the apple bobbers, Shaolynn Leonard used her “witchcraft” to pull all the apples out before everyone

else. In the pie-eating contest, Koda Jackson took an early lead and finished first with splattered cherries all over his Batman costume.

The costume contest for all ages included the Invisible Man, the Wife of Beetlejuice and other creative costumes. The Salt River Police Department awarded gift cards to the contest winners.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY:
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Students and families donned their best costumes and showed up ready for cheer and fear at the Halloween Spooktacular, held on October 24 inside the Salt River Accelerated Learning

Academy gymnasium. Visitors were greeted with a gruesome graveyard as they approached, and inside they found photo booths and a sign-in table where they received raffle tickets for prizes distributed throughout the night. The full-scale takeover included a large area where Community partners and programs shared information about

education, health and safety resources at thematically decorated trick-or-treat tables. Beyond that, Indigenous horror fans Woodenhead Collective returned with their legendary Haunted Hallway on one side of the gym and a cakewalk on the other. The cakewalk kept it cultural and used Halloween-related words in O'odham and Piipaash like *masad/*

xyl'a (moon) and *ha:l* (pumpkin). Outside, smoke from the grill added to the eerie atmosphere as families took a break from the festivities to enjoy a meal. Spooktacular has proven to be one of the most popular events for families to celebrate Halloween festivities safely, maintaining the spirit of the season in more ways than one.



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There was an abundance of cute little Marios, Mickey Mouses, princesses and fairies at the Early Childhood Education Center's annual Goodie Gathering, held on October 29.

"This is an ongoing tradition for the ECEC students, family and staff," said ECEC Family Involvement Specialist Carmen Briones.

This year, 240 students wore non-scary costumes and opened their trick-or-treat bags to receive healthy treats. Staff from the ECEC and Salt River Schools were joined by about 200 parent volunteers, along with volunteers from other SRPMIC departments, who handed out the goodies and blurted out the occasional "Awv!" at the adorable participants.

Briones said that this year's event was the largest by far of any Goodie Gathering in history, in terms of participation.

"Community employees enjoy giving, and most comment that [seeing] the children's smiling faces is worth the effort," said Briones. "The children are excited to see the adults and other students dressed in costumes just as much as [they are excited about] getting the goodies."

Prior to the current setup, the classes of children would walk to each department and gather the treats. This required coordinating transportation and volunteers, and it was a tiring task for the preschoolers. None of the infants or toddlers participated at that time, according to Briones.



An ECEC student does his best Mario jump impression.



The SRPD was by the bubble machine handing candy to ECEC students.

As the kids exited the ECEC courtyard and headed out to the booths on the sidewalk, they were treated to a bubble machine and enthusiastically popped the bubbles.

The ECEC invited the Early Enrichment Program

and the FACE Program to the celebration, which allowed their preschool students and parents to attend a safe goodie-gathering event.

With a mission to "create a balance of exemplary education and the O'odham and Piipaash cultures to ensure a positive future for our children and our Community," the center serves Community families with children up to 5 years old, with the goal of preparing young children for kindergarten and strengthening families.

ECEC has hosted the onsite event since 2001, shortly after the Head Start school moved from the old location (behind the Community Building) to the current facility.

Briones reminds Community members that ECEC is always accepting applications. You can stop by the ECEC front office or visit <http://www.saltriver-schools.org/> to access the application.

The ECEC would like to thank the following Community partners and divisions for their assistance: SRS Superintendent, SRS Higher Education and Education Administration, Community Development Department, Community Health Education, Casino Regulatory Agency, Salt River Courts, Youth Services, Veterans Affairs, Education Administration, Tribal Council & Administration, Children's Foundation, Police Records Division, ECS Administration, Literacy for All, Casino Arizona Staff, Public Works Administration and Grounds, DLR-MayDall, Cultural Resources Department, Human Resources, HHS Injury Prevention, the Salt River Tribal Library, HHS-PRC and Benefits, Family Advocacy Center, Miss Salt River 2024-2025 Sialik King, and the Miss Salt River Committee.

The next big event coming up at ECEC is the Winter Celebration on December 19, which will include fun winter activities, treats and a visit from Santa.

TRICK-OR-TREAT STORYTIME AT
SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY

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The Salt River Tribal Library held its annual Trick-or-Treat Storytime for children 5 years old and younger, and their families, on October 30.

Participants wore a variety of costumes, and library staff led the trick-or-treaters as they visited the Way of Life Facility's many departments, which gave out treats, healthy snacks and other goodies.

"The library has hosted larger storytimes like this as an opportunity for families to come out and join in on building literacy skills for their little ones," said Salt River Tribal Library manager Melissa Rave.

This year, the library welcomed 30 attendees.

The book that was read to the kids was, "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse: Mickey's Halloween Treat."

Since 2021, Trick-or-Treat Storytime has been a fun treat for young library patrons and their parents as they gear up for the big day on Halloween.

"We hope families will come out, listen to the story, enjoy the snack provided as well as engage in any literacy activities we have available during these events," Rave said.

The next holiday-themed storytime will be the Christmas Storytime, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on December 16.

RIGHT: Salt River Tribal Library staff reads to young library patrons at the Trick-or-Treat Storytime event.

BELOW: Storytime attendees pose for a photo. Photos courtesy CRS Multimedia Temp Hannah Lewis.



Employee Halloween Costume Contest Brings Scare to Two Waters



First place honors went to Tasha Silverhorn for her “Mars Attacks Alien” costume.

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The annual Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Employee Halloween Costume Contest has become one of the more popular celebrations in recent memory. This year’s contest was hosted by the Human Resources Department on October 31 and featured a wide variety of creative characters:

Batman, Juggernaut from the X-Men comics, Oogie Boogie from the film “The Nightmare Before Christmas,” an alien riding a spaceship from the film “Mars Attacks!” and “Mr. Purple Rain” himself, Prince.

HR Director Steve Haydukovich served as the emcee for the event, which took place in the Two Waters Courtyard. There were nearly 50 participants in this year’s contest, and the judges awarded cash prizes to the top three costumes.

Winners
First Place: “Mars Attacks!” alien and the Wet Bandits (from the movie “Home Alone”): Tasha Silverhorn and Melissa Jackson.
Second Place: Prince and Ryuk (from the anime series “Death Note”): Nathaniel Nickels and Adrian Tobar.
Third Place: Where’s Waldo and the Mermaid: Rolanda Reuter and Iris Castillo.

More photos of the 2024 Employee Halloween Costume Contest can be found on our website at www.oodham-news.org.



Special appearances during the SRPMIC Halloween Costume Contest were: Prince, Robin, and Batman.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY: WITCHES BALL BRINGS OUT THE WHOLE COVEN



The Lehi Community Building was bubbling over with excitement for the Witches Ball. Photos courtesy of Senior Services.

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The Seniors of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community had tricks and treats in store at the Witches Ball held at the Lehi Community Building on October 25, where Senior Services hosted a costume contest and Halloween celebration for Community members over 55. The room was wall-to-wall with spider webs, witches’ hats, and cackling laughter from the guests who brought all of the magic with them. Various booths advertised psychic readings, glowing ring-toss games, beverages brewed in the cauldron, and plenty of treats to go around. For a more balanced meal, taco salads in Doritos bags were provided as well. A highlight for many was the music, as witches of all sorts kept the dance floor moving throughout the night.




Every witch was welcome and enjoyed gifts and goodies galore for the enchanting evening.




The cauldron-of-plenty kept the crowds cheerful and curse-free.

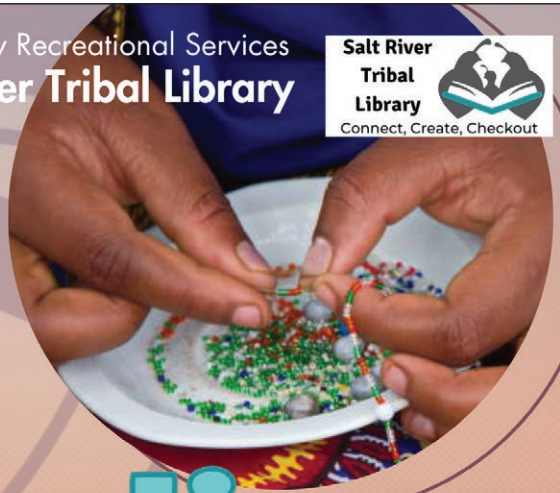
Be sure to check out Senior Service’s next event,
Senior Winter Wonderland Holiday Dinner
Thursday, December 5 | 6-9 p.m.
Talking Stick Resort Grand Ballroom.
Questions? Call the activity line, (480) 362-7565.



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Salt River Tribal Library



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Shop artists from Salt River, Gila River & Tohono O’odham. Items include paintings, jewelry, baskets, pottery and more.

All invited vendors have been contacted & confirmed. We are not accepting vendor requests at this time.

Huhugam Ki: Museum Celebrates 37 Years, Unveils New Exhibits

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The Huhugam Ki: Museum rang in its 37th anniversary with a celebration of what's new by following traditions that never grow old.

Everyone was welcome on the morning of November 2 for a breakfast of mesquite pancakes with sweet prickly pear syrup and an



Staff from Cultural Resources and Day Workers refurbish the traditional roundhouse outside of the Huhugam Ki: Museum.

egg scramble before the museum reopened to show off its newest exhibits, including items from the old Salt River Day School.

The museum hosts mesquite pancake breakfasts at events throughout the year; the pancakes have become a favorite feature thanks to the efforts by museum staff and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members to collect mesquite pods during the gathering season and mill them into flour.

As guests enjoyed the cool morning outside under the vato, Cultural Resources Department staff and Salt River day workers spent time preparing branches and attaching them to the outside of the olas ki: (roundhouse) as part of their regular maintenance.

After everyone enjoyed the breakfast and conversations with friends, the museum doors opened and guests were welcomed inside to see the changes that took place throughout October as the museum exhibits were updated.

Many of the new exhibits feature items acquired last year as part of the Bert Robinson collection, such as an O'odham war club from approximately A.D. 1900 and replicas of booklets that Robinson had collected. Other displays feature baskets, a woven belt and a whimsical hat, illustrating the different techniques and tools used in traditional weaving.



Guests from near and far took in the many stories found within the museum.



Mesquite pancakes have become an anniversary staple for the museum.



Candice Manuel serves breakfast with a smile.

If you were a student or worked at the Day School and have any items you would like to donate to the museum, please contact the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department at (480) 362-6325.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE 2025 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2025 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On **Friday, January 24, 2025**, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

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

(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)

The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.
Please call as soon as possible.

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Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 24, 2025.

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

**Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2025 .*

Community Employment Announces



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- 14-18 Years of Age (14 before 11/15/2024)
- Must have internet access & Download ZOOM App
- Enrolled in accredited Junior/High School. Verification will be required

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Friday, November 15, 2024 by 4 PM
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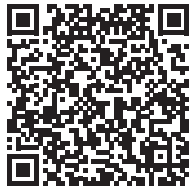
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Two Waters Building B

For more information contact
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It's an 'A' for Salt River's ALA



Schools. In recent years, ALA had received B letter grades.

The entire ALA staff was in attendance at the November 4 board meeting and were overcome with emotion as Wilkinson presented her report, detailing how the ALA staff worked as a team to achieve their A grade.

“Our ‘Progress Monitoring’ meetings happen weekly throughout the entire school year,” said Wilkinson. “If we do notice student(s) are falling behind, we pull them aside and provide a significant amount of intervention. We’re making sure that our students are obtaining their credits.”

Additionally, ALA staff members also monitor the progress of students who choose to leave ALA and attend a nearby high school within the state.

“We have students coming to us as early as 16 years old. However, we have graduating students at 18, 19 and 20 years old. They may have fallen behind, but that’s okay,” Wilkinson said. The state of Arizona allows for students to attend classes at the ALA until they are 22 years old.

She continued, “We are noticing that the ALA is a place where students want

to be. For many, it is their happy place. We are in a continuous-improvement mindset; the work doesn’t stop from here. We have to keep growing, learning and providing amazing opportunities for our students.”

Following the principal’s presentation, board member Henry Osife offered his congratulations to the ALA staff, the students and their families. “It takes a community to do this; I’m really glad to see that we accomplished an A. But there’s still work to do. Thank you to teachers and staff that are a part of this, and the students and parents.”

“I am grateful,” began board chair Kyland King. “A lot of staff has been here for the long haul, from when we were Salt River High School trying to build ourselves up. I’m so grateful because some of you have taught my children, and now they’re in college. I see the good work that you are doing with the students here. They’re coming to you on the low end of their education journey. Even if it is to get them to graduate and get a job, I am grateful for everything you do for our students. Thank you.”

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Pima Road Improvements

This project aims to improve the Pima Road corridor to increase safety, mitigate flooding impacts, add traffic capacity, improve multimodal and pedestrian features, and add consistency to the overall corridor aesthetics. One of the goals of the project is to foster the economic benefit the Pima Road corridor provides to SRP-MIC. By improving Pima Road, this project will encourage economic development along the corridor and continue to meet the commercial growth expectations of SRP-MIC.

Projected Construction Schedule:
October 2024 – November 2026

Project Area:
Pima Road from McDowell Road to the Loop 101;
McKellips Road and 84th Street.

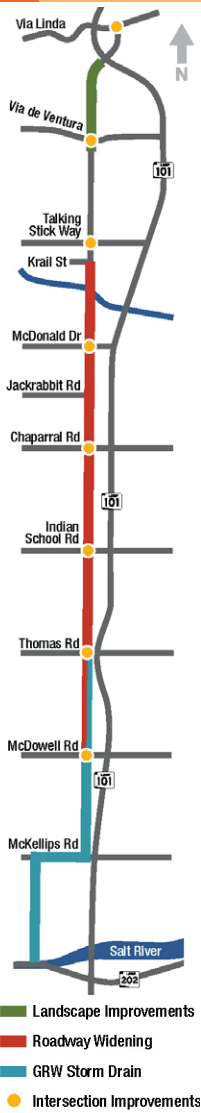
Project Scope:
Pima Road widening, storm drain pipe install, enhancements to traffic signals, new street lighting, roadway median landscaping

Contractor:
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Project Website:
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Project Hotline: (480) 442-1087

SRP-MIC Contact:
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Public Works Department – Roads Section
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The 1099-MISC/NEC tax forms are mailed out by January 31st of each year. To ensure accurate mail delivery, please update your address with the Enrollment Office by December 20, 2024.

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

For tax form questions, please call the SRPMIC Finance Department at 480-362-7799.

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

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-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
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ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR. FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Antone, James Sheldon – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Minor: A. W. S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 17, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Antone, James Sheldon – Permanency Hearing Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Minor: A. W. S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Clapp, Monica - Probate Evidentiary Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: January 9, 2025 at 9AM

Doe, Manuel – Review Hearing Mother: Stephanie Alana Jackson (DOB: 05/17/1990) Minor: E.C.J. (DOB: 11/04/2007) Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: December 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

French, Tracy - Initial Visitation Hearing Case: CV-24-6345 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Jackson, Stephanie Alana – Review Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: December 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Martinez, Ambria - Probate Evidentiary Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: January 9, 2025 at 9 AM

Melchor, Joannie Arlinda - Evidentiary Hearing Case: D-19-0002 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 11 AM

Spex, Brittany Arless – Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Spex, Brittany Arless – Permanency Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Swan, Dajuan Anthony - Mother: Anaya Jaynessa Ticer 02/22/1996 Child: N.L.T 06/05/2018

Review Hearing Case: J-22-0127 Court Date: January 8, 2025 1:30 p.m.

CIVIL COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
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CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE 1ST FLOOR. FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Bacon, Brandon Scott - Younger - Divorce Hearing Case: Belvado, Natalie - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-0080 Court Date: December 12, 2024 at 11:30 AM

Chiago Marrufo, Judy Buck - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-24-4198 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 9 AM

Ford, Victoria Rose - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-0029 Court Date: December 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM

Garcia Jr., Raymond - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CV-24-6531 Court Date: December 5, 2024 at 10 AM

Harrison, Jasmine Alexandria - Visitation Hearing Case: CV-24-5850 Court Date: December 9, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Herrera, Victor Sanchez Jr - Probate Hearing Case: CV-24-3424/CV-24-3652 Court Date: December 5,

2024 at 9 AM

Melendez, Nicole Patricia - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-5856 Court Date: December 5, 2024 at 10 AM

Mora, Joseph - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-3758 Court Date: December 10, 2024 at 10 AM

Paddock, Nicole - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-2974 Court Date: December 10, 2024 at 9 AM

Parchcorn Jr., Ellis J - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-5858 Court Date: December 30, 2024 at 9 AM

Parchcorn Jr., Ellis Jay - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CV-24-4577 Court Date: December 3, 2024 at 10 AM

Porter, Mariana - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-3758 Court Date: December 10, 2024 at 10 AM

Suniga, Ernesto Dewitt – Grandparents Rights Hearing Case: CV-24-5592 Court Date: December 5, 2024 at 9 AM

Williams, Craig Sterling - Probate Status Hearing Case: P-21-0007 Court Date: December 6, 2024 at 2:30 PM

LORING, JEZLYN
CV-24-2238
DEFAULT NOTICE

To: Jezlyn Loring, 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.

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

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

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

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

DATED this 18th of October, 2024

CLERK OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

MARRUFO, JUDY
CV-24-4198
DEFAULT NOTICE

To: Judy Marrufo, RESPONDENT

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DATED: November 12, 2024

CLERK OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rules of Judicial Conduct and Rules for Admission to Practice in Community Court

Comment Period: October 2, 2024 – January 2, 2025

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, the SRPMIC Council authorized a ninety (90) day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Rules of Professional Conduct for advocates/attorneys, the Rules of Judicial Conduct for Judges and the Rules of Admission to Practice in the Community Court. The draft ordinance does the following:

The Judicial, Attorney and Advocate Conduct Disciplinary Committee previously recommended to the SRPMIC Council to consider a full-scale revision of the Rules of Professional Conduct which includes specific guidance, follow-up rulemaking, or comments that provide practitioners, members/potential clients, and the Commission with guidance about how the rules are to be interpreted and applied. The amendments add a much more robust structure to the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules of Judicial Conduct. Additionally, the Rules of Admission to Practice in the Community Court provide a more detailed screening process, increases the requirements to be admitted and increases the amount of continuing learning education that is required per year to maintain competence in the practice of law.

You can find the full text of proposed ordinance amendments and presentation materials at:

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

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

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

The Office of the General Counsel

10,005 East Osborn Road

Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov

Jeff.Harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov

4th Quarter 2024 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

December 31, 2024

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

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Thursday, December 26th at 5:00 PM.

This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a “VOIDED” check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the JANUARY 2025 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the APRIL 2025 payout.

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.

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

If you have any questions regarding:

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

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November 21, 2024



BY KARI HAAHR
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For victims' advocates Rosa Cruz and Shanna Stewart, domestic violence isn't a private issue, but a community issue. One in four women and one in 10 men experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. What's more unsettling, these statistics reflect only the cases that are reported.

Many times, the thought of domestic abuse brings to mind only the physical, but it can take many forms, including emotional, mental, sexual, financial and verbal abuse.

None of them are easy to talk about.

That's a big part of why Stewart and Cruz believe events like the Domestic Violence Seminar hosted on October 25 at the ALA cafeteria are necessary for those experiencing domestic abuse—so that they know they can come forward, and that the Community is here for them.

At the event, information booths lining the hallway outside the cafeteria had gifts for mental health support and resources for attendees, and a meal was provided by Julio's Too Mexican restaurant. After dinner, families in attendance were advised that they may take their children from the room at any time if they felt the topic was becoming too upsetting.

The seminar was divided into a series of presentations covering the cycle of abuse, the role

of power and control in the tactics of abusers, how domestic violence cases are handled from a law enforcement and legal system standpoint, and the experience of domestic violence through the eyes of a child.

The impact of witnessing such traumatic events cannot be overstated when it comes to children. A child who witnesses domestic violence is experiencing a form of child abuse because of the emotional and psychological trauma of witnessing the behavior. When a child sees this, they learn it. Seventy percent of offenders in treatment for domestic violence witnessed it as a child. The statistics are ugly, and they indicate that when children witness domestic abuse, their risk of cognitive and developmental delays increases significantly as well, leading to further challenges that carry on throughout their lives.

Throughout the presentation, there were drawings for prizes including a Pendleton bag and an iPad to hopefully encourage more participants to attend future events.

Though October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month has come to an end, the work does not. Events like this become opportunities for open discussion, providing a reference point in conversations so that we as a Community can bring the uncomfortable topic of abuse out of silent shame and into a healing light.

Domestic violence survives in silence. Speak up, tell someone.

List of resources can be found on page 19

SRPMIC Commemorates Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Pink Out Day

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According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Additionally, this year nearly 400,000 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer. To help combat the disease and improve upon the statistics, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a "Pink Out Day" celebration on October 23.

The day began with a 1-mile walk, which invited all SRPMIC members and staff to don their finest pink threads to commemorate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For those who opted to dress in pink, Round House Café provided 20% off their purchases.

Participants of the walk gathered near Friendship Park at 9 a.m. and participated in group exercises and stretches to prevent strained muscles. Afterwards, participants walked south beginning on Longmore Road to Oak Street.



Many Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community membership and staff took the time out to complete the 1-mile lap down Longmore Road to raise awareness regarding breast cancer. Kimberly Enos (middle, in pink) chose to burn sage while completing her lap.



Free Animal Health Event For Dogs and Cats

In partnership with:
SRPMIC Dept of Environmental Health & The Arizona Humane Society

Salt River Ballfields - 1837 N. Longmore Rd

SRPMIC members and residents of the Community are eligible with Tribal ID or proof of residency

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Cats must be in their own carrier

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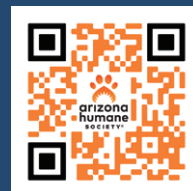
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One appointment required for each pet. For litters of kittens or puppies or for general assistance with scheduling, text (866) 658-2375.

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Learn more and request an appointment at:
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Christmas Angels Program

We are looking for donations and sponsors for SRPMIC's 2024 Christmas Angels Program. Please consider supporting Community children in need this Christmas season!

If you would like more details on sponsorship, to donate gift cards/toys or host a toy/gift card drive, please contact:

Annamari Hogan:
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****We are asking all donations to be submitted by December 6, 2024 for distribution****



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community group, Birds Singing and Dancing by the River, opened and closed out the event. Photo by Chris Picciuolo.

President Joe Biden Apologizes for U.S. Boarding School Atrocities

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE

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President Joe Biden's first trip to Indian Country was to the Gila River Indian Community in October to formally apologize for the atrocities caused by the U.S. Indian boarding school system.

Biden, along with other federal officials, including leaders from the Interior Department, traveled to the Gila Crossing Community School in Laveen on October 25. Area tribal leaders, including those of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, attended the historic event.

From 1869 through the 1960s, countless Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their families and communities and taken to boarding schools established by the U.S. government and local churches. As a result of the mass atrocities conducted by the federal government under the philosophy of "Kill the Indian, Save the Man," the true number of Indigenous children lost to boarding schools may never be accurately tabulated.

In 2022, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland released their investigative report, "Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative," which revealed their findings regarding the traumas boarding schools caused from 1819 to 1969.

O'odham Action News first reported on the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative findings earlier this

year in the March 7 issue. The article included coverage of the February 13 Senate hearing regarding Senate Bill 1723/H.R. 7227, otherwise known as a bill to establish a "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act."

On July 30, the Interior Department published volume 2 of its Federal Indian Boarding School Investigative Report, which included new discoveries of more U.S. boarding schools and additional Indigenous children lost to the tragedies. "These policies caused enduring trauma for Indigenous communities," said Haaland at the time.

President Biden's October visit was his first to Indian Country. His wife, First Lady Jill Biden, visited Indian Country 10 times during Biden's presidency. The last U.S. presidential visit to Indian Country was when President Barack Obama visited Bristol Bay, Alaska, in 2015. Obama also visited the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota.

As part of the welcoming, traditional singers and dancers from the Gila River Indian Community and the Tohono O'odham Nation performed. The SRPMIC group Birds Singing and Dancing by the River helped to welcome the guests and close out the ceremony.

Haaland was introduced by Miss Gila River 2024-2025 Susanna Osife. "Today, we welcome President Joe Biden to the ancestral homelands of the Pima and Maricopa peoples," began Secretary Haaland. "Every day, but particularly today, I think of the ancestors. We're here because they persevered. In the air we breathe and the land we walk on. We tell those stories because Native American history is American history."

In the moments leading up to Biden's speech, Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis thanked everyone in attendance and introduced President Biden. "We are here to address the past and take the first difficult and necessary steps to begin the healing,"

Governor Lewis said.

Once President Biden was at the podium, he addressed the audience, seated out on the football field. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard and Council members Jacob Butler and Mikah Carlos were in attendance. Additionally, select students and staff from the Salt River Schools and the Accelerated Learning Academy were invited to attend.

"I say this with all sincerity: This, to me, is one of the most consequential things I've ever had an opportunity to do in my whole career and as president of the United States. It's an honor, a genuine honor to be in this special place on this special day," began Biden.

He detailed the tragedies that occurred at federal boarding schools, highlighting how Indigenous children were stripped, literally and metaphorically, of their identities, language, culture and families. "Children would arrive at schools. Their clothes taken off. Their hair that they were told was sacred was chopped off. Their names literally erased and replaced by a number or an English name," Biden said. "It's long, long, long overdue. Quite frankly, there's no excuse that this apology took 50 years to make."

"After 150 years, the United States government eventually stopped the program, but the federal government has never formally apologized for what happened until today. I formally apologize as president of the United States of America for what we did. I formally apologize! And it's long overdue."

Moments later, a protestor shouted directly at Biden, highlighting the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. "What about the people in Gaza? What about the people in Palestine, huh?" she yelled as she was escorted away by Gila River Police and the Secret Service. An additional protestor then stood up and held up



Interior Secretary Deb Haaland spoke passionately regarding the importance of establishing a stronger path towards healing from the traumas of Indian boarding schools. Photo by Chris Picciuolo.

a poster which read, "There are still babies in mass graves, your apology means nothing." She too was escorted out by officials.

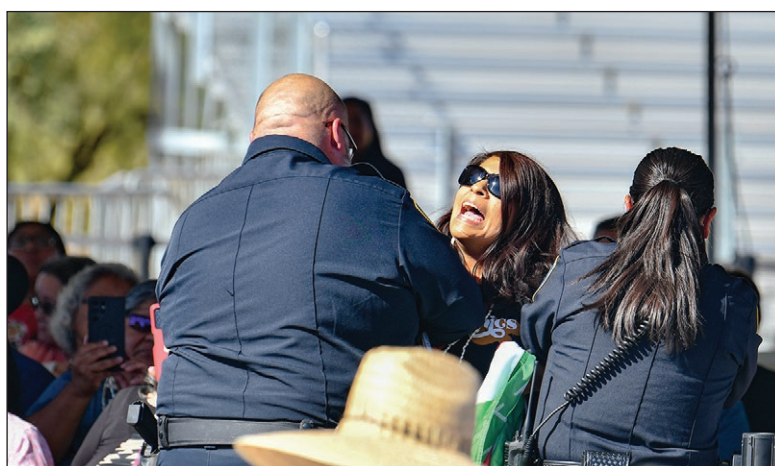
The audience let out groans and boos at the momentary interruption, but Biden stated to the crowd as the protestors were being apprehended, "Let her talk. Let her go. There's a lot of innocent people being killed and it has to stop."

As Biden neared the end of his speech, he extended his gratitude to the Indigenous individuals who have served in the military. "The whole of America should know; all Americans should know [that] Indigenous people volunteer to serve in the United States military five times more than any other single group. Five times. Many having paid the ultimate sacrifice in every war since our founding," he said.

"I know no apology can or will make up for what was lost during the darkness of the federal boarding school policy. But today, we're finally moving forward into the light. For too long, this nation sought to silence the voices of generations of Native children, but now your voices are being heard. God bless you all. And may God protect our troops. Thank you."



"I formally apologize!" said President Joe Biden during his speech. Many in attendance cheered and celebrated President Biden's speech as it was the first time in American history a President has apologized to Indian Country. Photo by Chris Picciuolo.



Midway through his speech, a protestor shouted at President Biden from the crowd regarding the current and ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. At the same time, a second protestor stood up and displayed her poster which showcases her stance on the President's apology. Photos by Juan Ysaguirre.



ASU Women’s Basketball Squad Brings Clinic to WOLF

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On October 26, the Arizona State University (ASU) Sun Devils women’s basketball team paid a special visit to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth for a basketball clinic at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF). The visit brought out a huge crowd of youth and family members to the gym. ASU Sun Devil Athletics Director Graham Rossini said that women’s basketball is as popular as it’s ever been in our country right now.



The ASU Sun Devil Women’s Basketball team was excited to teach young SRPMIC members a variety of basketball drills.

“We couldn’t be prouder of the chance to come in and inspire these young people here at the SRPMIC,” said Rossini. “I think it’s a powerful ability for collegiate athletics, for professional sports, to make sure that the youth in all of our communities are looking up to heroes and mentors and people that inspire them to go work hard and accomplish some incredible outcomes.” The ASU team started the day at the Accelerated Learning Academy, where they played a private scrimmage game vs. Northern Arizona University before heading over to the WOLF. At the clinic, ASU players were stationed throughout the basketball court, rotating at a variety of stations where they showcased their skills and taught basketball fundamentals to the youth.



The ASU Sun Devil Women’s Basketball team poses for a group photo with young SRPMIC members.

ASU guard and small forward Hannah Miller said her experience at the clinic was rewarding for her. Miller taught the fundamentals of layups at her station. “It’s fun to see such little kids wanting to learn basketball and getting exposed to it, because I know at this age I was doing the same thing,” said Miller. “So, it’s nice to see that the younger kids are following in those footsteps.” Coach Natasha Adair was also on the court, encouraging both her team and the Community youth. She joined the players after the clinic for an autograph and photo session with kids and their families. At the end of the clinic, the ASU players shared slices of pizza with everyone before boarding their bus to head back to ASU.

“Today is a great opportunity for us to give back and serve a part of our pillars as a program,” said Adair. “Our mission as a program is to make sure that we involve our program, our players, myself, our coaches and the Community. The Native American community is important to us.”



An ASU basketball player teaches basketball drills to SRPMIC members.

Health and Human Services Hosts ‘In Her Shoes’ Workshop



Lizette Roeder, sexual assault coordinator for the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, helped facilitate the interactive workshop on October 22.

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The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) was formed in 1980 with the goal of helping to end the stigma around domestic violence while providing resources and support from trained professionals. In 2013, ACESDV updated its organizational outreach and program services to include sexual violence. On October 22, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services health educators Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty and Melanie Nosie invited staff from the ACESDV to come to the Community for an interactive domestic/sexual violence workshop to help raise awareness and continue to increase support within the Community. Held in Two Waters building B, the class featured 20-plus individuals from various Community departments and programs, including Salt River Schools, Health and Human Services, the Salt River Fire Department, Finance, Information Technology, Internal Audit and more. Notsinneh-Bowekaty began the workshop by greeting the attendees and thanking the ACESDV staff for bringing their workshop to the Community. It was the first time the organization had visited the Community. Lauryn Fjell, domestic violence response coordinator, and Lizette Roeder, sexual assault coordinator, facilitated the presentation. “In Her Shoes” is an interactive, participatory workshop to help attendees understand domestic violence by “experiencing” it. To begin the workshop, participants walked out into the building’s hallway as Roeder and Fjell instructed them to team up into pairs, with participants playing the roles of a “victim” and a “shadow.” Roeder then handed a character card to one individual in each team. Each card provided the pair with a situation and a choice the victim must make while the shadow remained silent. After finishing the workshop, the teams switched their victim/shadow roles. To further add to the authenticity of the interactive workshop, a fake baby was handed out to certain teams, but not all. “Read through the character card to get a

Domestic Violence Resources			
Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline (602) 279-2980 or (800) 782-6400 SMS Text: (520) 720-3383	Arizona Child Abuse Hotline (888) 767-2445	National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC) (406) 477-3896 or (855) 649-7299 Calls taken 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Trevor Project Life-line Suicide (LGBTQ) Hotline, Textline, and Chatline (866) 488-7386 or (800) 273-8255 SMS Text: Text START to 678678 www.thetrevorproject.org/webchat
Arizona Teen Lifeline (800) 248-8336 (call or text)	Domestic Violence Hotline, Textline and Chatline (800) 799-SAFE (7233) SMS Text: Text START to 88788 www.thehotline.org	SAFE DV Services (formerly Centralized Screening) (480) 890-3039	

feel for this real-life situation of being ‘in her shoes, ’” began Fjell. “You’ll arrive at a station, pick up a new character card, and then you will either be instructed on what to do next or you will be given a choice,” she explained. Each of the stations presented a real-life situation that domestic violence victims experience. After following the instructions from the character cards at the “Abuse Happens” station, participants had to place a bandage on themselves to show that they have been abused. Depending on how the cards read, some participants completed the workshop wearing several bandages. Later, at the “Homeless Shelter” station, a coin flip decided whether the victim and child were allowed a room for the night. If the coin showed tails, they were instructed to wait to the side for five minutes and then were given another opportunity to flip the coin. Participants were not let into the shelter until they flipped the coin to show heads. During the workshop, one participant and her “baby” had to flip the coin four times before she was allowed to get a room and advance to the next station. For certain teams, the workshop ended with them arriving at the “Funeral Home,” where the character card informed them that their workshop character had passed away. Others received character cards saying that their character survived their domestic violence situation by obtaining steady employment while receiving support from their family and loved ones. After the workshop ended, Roeder and Fjell opened a discussion. Many participants disclosed that they felt they were making the correct life choices for their character and fake baby, so they didn’t expect their character to die as a result of domestic violence. “These [character cards] are all based on real-life situations,” shared Roeder. “If we ever do work with someone experiencing domestic violence, we are but one step in their journey. The best thing we can do is to treat them kindly, listen and believe them. Later, however their story ends, they may not know your name or where you work, but they will remember your first response and how you made them feel. You all being here in this class is the first step.”



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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.
- 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 Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.
- YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, Fridays 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed. **Last Fridays of Each Month are YOGA BINGO with prizes!
- WATER AEROBICS AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY POOL**, 45-minute sessions on Tues-

- days, 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 experi-

- ences, 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.
- PRESBY PICKINS' FLEA MARKETS**, 1st Saturday of Nov, Dec, and Feb – April from 8am-2pm at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church, 13001 Fountain Hills Blvd. 50+ vendors, food carts, & music. Shop for toys, collectibles, household items, jewelry, art, crafts, & more! Vis-it www.fhpresbyterian.info/fleamarket, call 480-779-8115.

- SOAM MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK SHENTHIK NOVEMBER**
- 23 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING**, Two Waters Courtyard, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meal served at 11:30 a.m. Come enjoy a meal with family and friends!
- 25 THANKSGIVING DRIVE THRU TURKEY & FOOD BOX EVENT**, Hosted by St. Mary's Food Bank from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. See ad on page 3 for more information!
- 26 SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION WALK-IN ORIENTATION**, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Human Resources, Two Waters Building B. See ad on page 8 for complete details!
- 28 SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**
- 29 HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE**, Salt River Baseball Field start, staging at 3 p.m., parade starts at 5:30 p.m. See ad on page 3 for more information!
- 30 GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Huhugam Ki: Museum. See ad on page 4 for more information!

- SKO:MAGĬ MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK XVIK DECEMBER**
- 2 COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**, Salt River Community Building, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Light meal provided.
- 5 SENIOR WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY DINNER**, Talking Stick Resort Grand Ballroom, 6 - 9 p.m. Questions? Call the activity line at (480) 362-7565
- 6 BLOOD DRIVE**, Two Waters and River People Health Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Schedule appointment by visiting the website, vitalant.org and enter code 100560950.
- 6 TRADITIONAL O'ODHAM PIIPAASH CHRISTMAS ART SALE**, Salt River Cultural Resources, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Items include paintings, jewelry, baskets, pottery and more.
- 7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**
- 7 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**, Two Waters Courtyard from noon to 5 p.m. Save the date, more info to come!
- 10 ZUMBA CHRISTMAS JINGLE PARTY**, ALA Gym, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. A collaboration with the Christmas Angels program. Opportunity to Zumba and donate a toy. Raffles.
- 12 READING ALL THE WAY**, ALA Gym, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Annual literacy celebration filled with books, reading and storytelling. Prizes