



Annual Fall Piipaash Matasheevm Celebrates the People
Pages 10-11



OODHAM ACTION NEWS
10005 E. Osborn Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CHANGE SERVICE REQUEST

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Phoenix, AZ
Permit No. 319



TOP: This year's 2024 Glow Walk featured a record setting turnout as Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community membership, staff, and their loved ones, came together to help put an end to the stigmas of domestic violence and suicide.

LEFT: From L to R - Jr. Miss Salt River 2024-2025 First Attendant Tiare Begay-Smith, Jr. Miss Salt River 2024-2025 Diondria Pilger, 2024-2025 Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Zoe Hernandez, and 2024-2025 Miss Salt River Sialik King.

13th Annual Glow Walk Showcases Community Support for All

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O'odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

The hearts of many were filled with loving support and empathy as the 13th annual Glow Walk, hosted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Department, was held on October 8.

Every year, the annual Glow Walk has seen an increase in attendance. This year's event was no different, as 300 participants from the Community joined together to increase awareness and prevention of suicide in the Community as well as commemorate October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

SRPMIC Health and Human Services Community Health Edu-

cator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty served as the emcee of the event and introduced several guest speakers. Vendor booths from SRPMIC departments filled the outdoor ramada area just outside of the Health and Human Services building.

"Thank you all for coming out and showing your support to these causes," said SRPMIC Council member Cheryl Doka, who provided the welcome and blessing. She shared a deeply personal story regarding her uncle's tragic passing when she was just 12 years old.

"I was at my aunt's house while my mom was at work," she recalled. "One day a police officer came by my aunt's house. Later, when my mom came home from work, my aunt told my mom that the officer had come by to inform the family that my uncle had committed suicide," she said. "He was in his early 20s then. As I got older, I continued to educate myself on suicide. It's unfortunate that this does happen in our Community. But I think with everyone showing their support here, we can make that change."

Doka then provided a blessing to all families as well as public safety first responders "because they're the ones that have to go to these calls to help protect our Community and heal us."

Following Doka's remarks, SRPMIC Health and Human Services Director Joseph Remitera

Continued on page 8

Funeral Director Brings Piipaash Culture into Mortician Role



Marshall Loring. Photo courtesy Marshall Loring.

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

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Marshall Loring is a licensed funeral director (mortician), embalmer and cremationist at Messinger Mortuaries in Scottsdale. Currently he is in his fifth year in the profession.

Loring is the first known professional mortician from the Community, something that he said brings him great honor. But he says that the role isn't new or

Continued on page 13

Hoop Dancer Jorge Gonzales Performs at The Sagrado's 8th Annual Ancestral Celebration



Jorge Gonzales performing the hoop dance for attendees.

BY ANDREEA MIGUEL
O'odham Action News
Andreea.miguel@srpmic-nsn.gov

Partnering with the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center, The Sagrado Galleria, a Phoenix-based organization dedicated to helping local artists throughout the Valley, hosted its 8th Annual Ancestral Gathering & Celebration on Saturday, October 12.

This free-admission exhibition featured a diverse group of local artists from different cultures and backgrounds who shared their cultures and traditions in the form of art and dance.

Among them were Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's own champion hoop dancer, Jorge Gonzales, who had the

Continued on page 17

Young River People's Council Hosts Youth Empowerment Conference

Page 3

SRPMIC Helps Clean Planet Earth with Fall Overhaul and Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Days

Page 4

Celebrate Your Birthday with Freebies

Page 6

SRPMIC Seniors Compete in California Chair Volleyball Tournament

Page 7

Christopher Leslie Learns More About His Culture While Thriving with New Kidney

Page 7

An Evening of Stargazing at Scottsdale Community College

Page 9

Miss & Jr. Miss Salt River Courts Attend Annual Retreat

Page 12

SRPMIC Assistant Community Manager Spotlight: Doran Dalton

Page 14

Legal Notices

Page 16

SRPD Found Property

Page 16

Candidate Statements for SRPMIC Election Nov. 19

Page 18

Community Members and Employees Prepare for IRONMAN Arizona

Page 19

REMINDER NEW RATES ON FIBERSPEED!



FIBERSPEED
NOW COMES WITH
MANAGED
WI-FI!

Saddleback is Offering Cost-Effective & Simplified Internet Packages for Residential Customers

Get FiberSpeed Internet from Saddleback

Pick the Internet Speed You Need At a Great New Rate

Basic

50 Mbps

\$39.99 PER MONTH

Standard

100 Mbps

\$59.99 PER MONTH

Advanced

300 Mbps

\$69.99 PER MONTH

BEST VALUE!

Elite

500 Mbps

\$79.99 PER MONTH



Get Connected with Saddleback today!
Residential customers only. Call for details.

480.362.7150
800.611.9753

www.saddlebackcomm.com

Family, Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry



OPEN SATURDAYS

No out of pocket cost to you!

FREE ORTHODONTIC CONSULTATION

Call to make appointment.

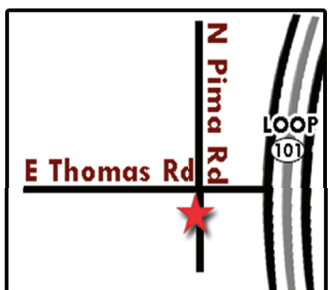
FREE TEETH WHITENING FOR NEW PATIENTS

- GIFT CARD FOR NEW PATIENT WITH SR TRIBAL ID
- FREE IMPLANT CONSULT

SRPMIC Employees pay \$0 dollars w/ Humana Insurance on following services

- Exam/all X-rays
- Whitening
- Cleanings
- Bonding
- Fillings
- Tooth Colored Fillings
- Extractions
- Root Canals
- Periodontal Treatment (NON-SURGICAL Gum Treatment)

A101 DENTAL CARE
101 & THOMAS
480-423-1000



2899 N. 87 St.
Scottsdale (Thomas Rd. Exit)
www.scottsdaldentaloffices.com

Emergencies and Walk-Ins seen on the same day!

Young River People's Council Hosts Youth Empowerment Conference

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O'odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

As part of the continued efforts to empower and motivate the youth of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, on October 9 the Young River People's Council held a conference about substance abuse prevention inside the Indigenous Cultural Center on the campus of Scottsdale Community College.

With Community students already on their fall break, the youth were invited to attend the conference and enjoy a day's worth of workshop sessions, outdoor activities, free mini-games and more.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the kids were welcomed by 2024-2025 Miss Salt River Sialik King. A current student at Arizona State University, she thanked the youth for attending the conference during their school break.

"You are the pillars of our Community," she told the youth. "Substance abuse is an issue in our Community. With you being here today, you're taking the first important steps to heal our Community."

"But before you can help others, you need to help yourself first," she continued. "A lot of times when we think about being healthy, we only think about the physical and neglect the spiritual and mental."

After the welcoming speech, the youth went outside to the SCC Two Waters Garden, where firefighters from the Salt River Fire Department provided strength and conditioning training. In one exercise, the youth were instructed to mimic Salt River firefighters exercises by carrying and unrolling a fire hose.

Out on the campus lawn, the youth participated in a yoga class and a full-body cardio POUND® exercise class, which utilizes Ripstix®, a lightweight exercise drumstick.

Throughout the conference, Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Royalty participated at each of the workshop stations.

When the sun peeked through the clouds and brought the day's heat, the youth headed back inside the ICC for lunch and additional workshop classes.

TaShawna Tsosie, senior behavioral health counselor from the River People Health Center, led a class titled "Empowerment Through Substance Awareness: Education, Prevention, and Recovery."

With nearly a decade of behavioral health experience working with both children and families, Tsosie educated the youth about drug, alcohol and food addiction and how they play a role in our decision-making skills.

She said, "There's this thing in our heads that helps us figure out 'Hmm, do I need to change?' or 'Do I want to change?'" and all the steps that are involved when we make a choice. Whether it be alcohol, drugs or even food, we all must



LEFT: SRPMIC Youth were all smiles even while outside in the sun at the Two Waters Garden on the Scottsdale Community College campus.

BELOW: Please scan the QR Code below to enjoy the 2024 Young River People Council official Spotify playlist featuring family-friendly music for everyone to enjoy. All music has been curated and approved by the YRPC.



understand how we make those changes and how it impacts us," she said.

Registered nurses Colette Winter and Lynesha Armstrong from the River People Health Center provided education regarding the SRPMIC health kiosks, which are located throughout the Community. The kiosks contain free Narcan, COVID-19 tests and more. Winter and Armstrong informed the youth that the health kiosks are not monitored, but they do maintain an inventory of all supplies inside the kiosks. Later, the duo allowed youth ages 13 and older to sign up to be eligible to receive items from the health kiosks.

Shawn P. Yazzie (Navajo/Comanche/Sac & Fox) provided the closing keynote speech to the youth as the conference neared its end. His son, Shawn N. Yazzie, is an award-winning gymnast and is currently attending high school.

During his speech, Yazzie provided the youth with a brief overview of the history between Indigenous tribes and the U.S. government. He asked the youth if they had ever been to the Phoenix Indian School, one of the federal boarding schools for Indigenous youth in the 1800s. Both of Yazzie's grandparents were taken away from their families by the U.S. government and placed into boarding schools.

Yazzie informed the youth that even having long hair back in those days was outlawed. "I notice a few of us here have long hair," said Yazzie. "That wasn't allowed back then. Now my son, he chose to grow his hair out. Guess what? Me and his uncles, we all decided we would do that too."

He ended his keynote speech by highlighting the fact that each youth's legacy is still intact and each has the potential to change not only the world, but their Community and families as well.

"The opportunity for you kids to open the door for others, that's what each of you represents. To be able to understand that each of the generations before us laid a path and took steps for the generations after them to succeed. Each one of you has a story. I encourage all of you to learn your clans, figure out where you come from, talk to your elders and get to know who they are."

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE

JOIN US RIGHT AFTER THE PARADE AT THE TWO WATERS COURTYARD FOR TREATS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PARADE WINNERS!

NOVEMBER 29
STARTS @ 5:30PM | STAGING: 3PM @ SR BASEBALL FIELD

- ### JUDGING CATEGORIES
- BEST USE OF LIGHTS
 - MOST FESTIVE
 - BEST ORIGINALITY
 - BEST THEME
 - BEST WALKING
 - BEST OVERALL DEPARTMENT
 - BEST OVERALL COMMUNITY GROUP OR FAMILY

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

SR BASEBALL FIELD | **ROAD CLOSURE BEGINS AT 5PM** | TWO WATERS
COMMUNITY RELATIONS - EVENTS • 480.362.7740 • SRPMIC • SALTRIVERINDIANCOMMUNITY

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

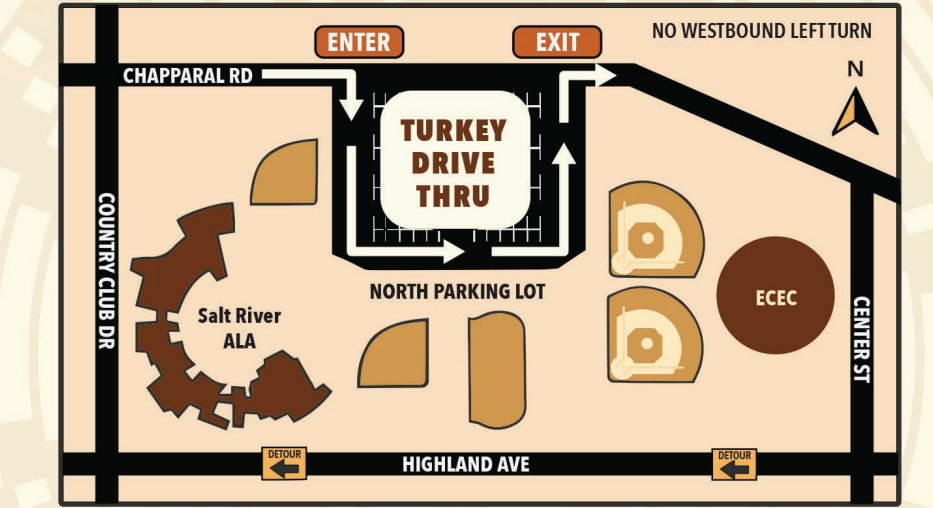
THANKSGIVING

Drive-Thru Turkey & Food Box Event

Hosted by St. Mary's Food Bank

ITEMS TO BE GIVEN:
• WHOLE FROZEN TURKEY
• FOOD BOX
• HOLIDAY PRODUCE
FREE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

NOVEMBER 25 | 9AM-11AM
SALT RIVER ACCELERATED LEARNING ACADEMY • NORTH ATHLETIC PARKING LOT
827 N. COUNTRY CLUB DR. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256



THERE WILL BE A DEDICATED SENIOR (55+) ONLY LINE. MUST BE IN VEHICLE. NO WALK UPS. NO OVERNIGHT PARKING.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - EVENTS | 480-362-7740 | SRPMIC | SALTRIVERINDIANCOMMUNITY

SRPMIC Helps Clean Planet Earth with Fall Overhaul and Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Days

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O'odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

Fall Overhaul

Considered an extension of Earth Day by the SRPMIC, Fall Overhaul is a massive community service project held every October. This year's event featured various groups of Community members and staff working together to boost camaraderie while helping to clean up Mother Earth.

Some groups participated in roadside cleanups, others traveled to the Community Garden for planting and maintenance, while volunteers with physical challenges created arts and crafts at the limited mobility station.

SRPMIC Fire Captain Robert Scabby provided the volunteers with a few words regarding safety before everyone went to their clean-up stations. "This is a team effort, so do not overextend yourself. Ask for help," said Scabby. He also advised everyone to keep an eye out for critters and insects as they helped clean up different areas of the Community.



Cody Achin spent the morning of Fall Overhaul in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community garden where many assisted in planting and maintenance.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Shredding Event

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is defined by the Environmental Protection Agency as products that can catch fire, react or explode under certain circumstances. Additionally, materials that are corrosive or toxic are also considered household hazardous waste.

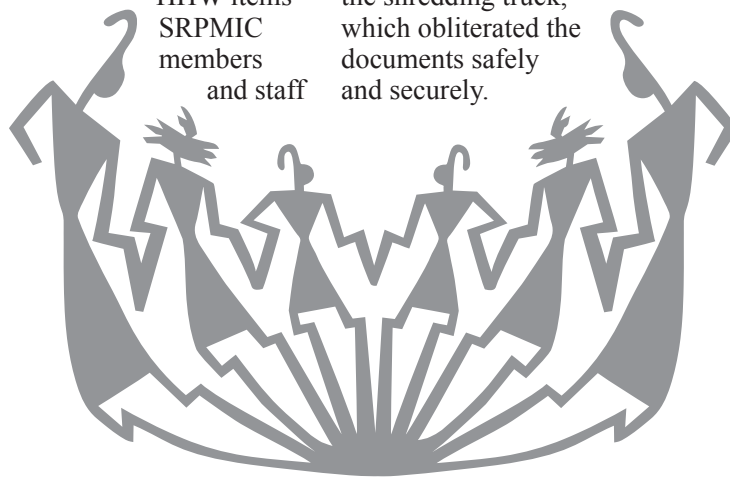
The average U.S. household generates more than 20 pounds of HHW per year, while as much as 100 pounds of HHW remain in the home inside of garages, attics and crawlspaces.

Vehicle tires, drain openers, degreasers, paint thinner, herbicides, adhesives, fire starter fluids and oven cleaners are just a few

examples of some of the HHW items SRPMIC members and staff dropped off during the October 19 Household Hazardous Waste recycling event. Staff from Environmental Response Inc., a full-service remediation and decontamination organization based in Tempe, ensured all items were correctly disposed of.

"We had 150 cars at the event," said Jeremy Phillips, SRPMIC senior environmental engineer. "We also had 28 seniors drop off items at the HHW event."

American Shredding, a Mesa-based company, was on-site to shred all sensitive and confidential documents dropped off by Community members and employees. The documents received were fed into the shredding truck, which obliterated the documents safely and securely.



Car tires and batteries were just some of the many items dropped off at the 2024 Household Hazardous Waste drop-off day on October 19.



A collection of many items SRPMIC dropped off for proper disposal by staff from Environmental Response Inc.

By The Numbers

Both Community clean-up events were a major success. A total of 12,100 pounds of hazardous waste was kept out of the Salt River Landfill. Here's a rundown on some quantities.

- Electronic waste: 1,600 pounds
- Flammable aerosols: 350 pounds
- Corrosive liquids (acidic): 100 pounds
- Corrosive liquids (basic): 100 pounds
- Paint-related materials: 800 pounds
- Flammable liquids: 250 pounds
- Pesticides (liquid): 200 pounds
- Pesticides (solid): 100 pounds
- Medical sharps: 400 pounds
- Non-DEA medicines: 100 pounds
- Fertilizer: 20 pounds
- Batteries (wet, filled with acid): 5,000 pounds
- Nickel-cadmium (NiCad) batteries: 100 pounds
- Lithium-ion batteries: 120 pounds
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL): 15 pounds
- Incandescent light bulbs: 20 pounds
- Fluorescent tube lights: 25 pounds
- Used oil: 800 pounds
- Used antifreeze: 100 pounds
- Latex paint: 1,100 pounds
- Latex paint (loose pack cans): 800 pounds
- Paper shredded: about 4,000 pounds (sent for recycling)

(Information provided by SRPMIC Senior Environmental Engineer Carol Hibbard.)

Salt River Tribal Library
Connect, Create, Checkout

Community Recreational Services

Salt River Tribal Library

Ancestry Library class

Find primary sources of your family tree using a free data base at the Tribal Library

upcoming dates:

November 22

December 20

January 24

No Registration is Needed
Walk-Ins are Welcome

Time for all dates:
11:00am

Topics:

- ✓ Overview of Ancestry Library
- ✓ viewing Historical Records
- ✓ Research Your Family's Past

NOV

DISTRICT MEETINGS

WEEKLY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

The following Council Meetings have been **cancelled**:

- Wednesday November 6 - Executive & Regular Sessions
- Wednesday November 27 - Executive & Regular Sessions
- Thursday November 28 - Work Session

21 THU

CM BUTLER
District A, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

15 FRI

CM ANTONE
District B, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

12 TUES

CM DOKA
District C, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

14 THU

CM GREY
District D, District I (Salt River)
6:00 pm | ALA Lecture Hall
4827 N. Country Club Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

NO MTG

CM CARLOS
District E, District I (Salt River)

NO MTG

CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS
District F & G, District II (Lehi)

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

NEW YEAR, NEW BENEFITS...TAKE ADVANTAGE TODAY!

PIMADENTAL.COM



DR. BRET STANDAGE

**DR. STANDAGE
DR. STANDAGE
DR. SANTORO
DR. WILLMAN**



DR. CRAIG STANDAGE

For Humana/AmeriBen holders

IN NETWORK! LOWEST COST FOR OUR SALT RIVER PATIENTS!

Increase Your **Smile Power**

- EMERGENCIES seen the same day (Root Canals & Extractions)
- ROOT CANALS
- Wisdom Teeth Extractions
- IMPLANTS to replace Missing Teeth
- INVISALIGN Orthodontic teeth straightening for Teens & Adults.
- Family, Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry
- Mercury free fillings & ceramic restorations
- Digital X-Rays (Less Radiation)
- FREE DENTURE CONSULTS (Humana covers a new set every 5 years)

**WE NOW OFFER
3rd Molar Extractions
With Sedation**

**3 Hygienists
available to
clean your teeth**

**COME VISIT OUR NEW
STATE OF THE
ART OFFICE!**

**INVISALIGN
\$1000 off**
for Salt River Patients
FREE CONSULTATION

FREE CONSULTATION
*WISDOM TEETH
REMOVAL
*IMPLANT TOOTH
REPLACEMENT

Hours Open:

**Monday - Thursday
7:00 am-6:00 pm**

**Friday
7:00 am-4:00 pm**

GO TO
www.PIMADENTAL.COM
to see for yourself.

480.657.6357

PIMA Dental Center for Family,
Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry

10850 N 90th ST | Scottsdale AZ 85260



Celebrate Your Birthday with Freebies: A Guide to App and Local Business Offers



A slice of birthday cake. Photo from stock images.

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

Your birthday is the perfect occasion to treat yourself, and what better way to celebrate than with some fantastic freebies?

From sweet treats to special discounts, many apps and local businesses offer delightful surprises to make your birthday extra special, so you can indulge without breaking the bank. Whether you're in the mood for a slice of cake or a complimentary drink, we've got you covered with some local favorites for your special day!

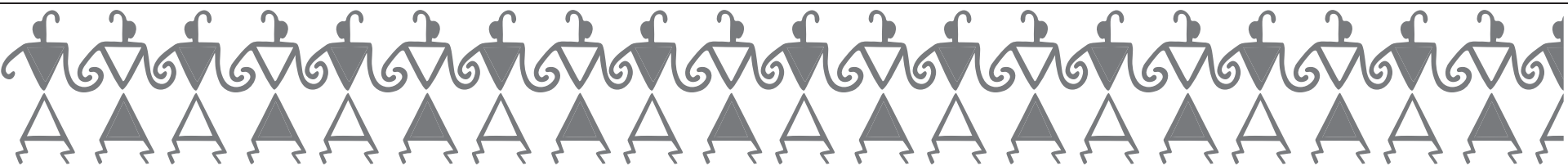
Many apps offer rewards just for signing up, regardless of whether or not it's your birthday. You can even use your app to accumulate points to redeem for free items.

Keep in mind that when you sign up for many of these apps and offers, you are giving your personal information to the business. Make sure to take your time signing up and be aware of boxes that are already checked to opt-in to marketing emails that you might not want.

Download your favorite business's app on the Google Play store (Android) and App Store (iPhone).

Happy celebrating! Here are some birthday rewards for you to check out around the Valley and near the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. (Information updated October 2024)

- **Arby's:** Free dessert (regular shake, cookie or turnover)
- **Baja Fresh (Chandler):** \$10 birthday reward (in-store, photo ID)
- **Black Bear Diner:** Free Bear's Choice breakfast entrée
- **Black Rock Coffee Bar:** Free welcome medium drink with app download
- **Burger King:** 2x rewards crowns (rewards points) during your birthday month, for each purchase
- **Carl's Jr.:** Free item (burger, sandwich, shake, etc.) with \$1 purchase using app
- **Del Taco:** Free regular shake for your birthday
- **Denny's:** Free Everyday Value Slam® (in-store)
- **Dunkin':** Free medium drink with purchase in exchange for signing up for rewards; extra rewards points for your birthday
- **Dutch Bros:** Free drink, any size
- **Egee's:** Free medium Egee
- **Einstein Bros. Bagels:** Free bagel and shmeat with purchase for signing up with app; free egg sandwich with any purchase on your birthday
- **Ike's Sandwiches:** Free birthday sandwich of your choice, plus a chance to "spin the bottle" on the app for another free item
- **McDonald's:** One free item (cheeseburger, French fries, iced coffee, etc.)
- **Nekter:** Free juice shot (ginger and lemon, turmeric) on your birthday
- **Panda Express:** Free small entrée, small appetizer or medium à la carte side with any other purchase
- **Panera:** Free birthday pastry (pastry, bagel, etc.)
- **RA Sushi:** \$20 birthday certificate (dine-in only, Monday to Thursday only); \$20 "half birthday" certificate six months before your birthday
- **Red Robin:** Free burger with minimum \$4.99 purchase (dine-in only)
- **Round House Café (SRP-MIC):** Free meal up to \$10 for your birthday, honored about one week before or after your birthday (may be asked to show ID)
- **Rubio's:** Free entrée with entrée purchase
- **Someburros:** Free \$10 coupon (you also get a free burro for your rewards anniversary)
- **Starbucks:** Free drink or food item
- **Taco Bell:** Free Mountain Dew® Baja Blast® Freeze; a robust rewards program for free items
- **Target:** 5% off an entire Target run
- **Tropical Smoothie Café:** Free 24-oz. smoothie
- **White Castle:** Free dessert-on-a-stick
- **Yogurtland:** Free cup of froyo (up to \$5 off)



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

November 16

7 am - 12 pm

Open to the whole community at the Lehi Community Building
1231 E Oak Sr. Mesa, AZ 85203

Limited Spots Available

To RSVP Call:

Gloria (480) 532-5996

or Travis (480) 622-6917



O'ODHAM

ACTION NEWS

GOT A STORY IDEA?

If you have a story idea, please call or email

Ph: (480) 362-7750 | OodhamActionNews@srpmic-nsn.gov

NEED TO UPDATE YOUR NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION?

Please call or email Newspaper Assistant Kari Haahr at
(480) 362-2698 or kari.haahr@srpmic-nsn.gov

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



2024 GENERAL ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

POLLING SITES OPEN 6AM-6PM

DISTRICT I - SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING
DISTRICT II - LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING

Questions: SRPMIC Administration
CALL (480) 362-7466 or (480) 362-7400

SRPMIC
TRIBAL ID
REQUIRED



SCAN ME

SRPMIC Seniors Compete in California Chair Volleyball Tournament

STORY AND PHOTOS BY WANDA WHITE EYES

Transcribed by Juan Ysaguirre
O'odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

In early October, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community seniors traveled to Pala, California, in northern San Diego County, to compete in a chair volleyball tournament hosted by the Pala Band of Mission Indians. The following is a write-up about the event from SRPMIC senior chair volleyball athlete Wanda White Eyes.

This chair volleyball tournament was held from September 30 to October 3. Participating chair volleyball athletes from the SRPMIC traveled over by charter bus on the early morning of September 30. There were 19 tribes and 42 teams total. All teams had their pool play schedule and the court to play on eight courts

total. We arrived in Pala at about 4:30 a.m. and checked into our rooms; later we went to the team registration. Also, there was a welcoming dinner with raffle prizes.

On Tuesday, October 1, our day started with breakfast at 6 a.m. Pool play began at 8 a.m. and lasted until the afternoon. At 6:30 p.m., there was a Halloween party outdoors by the pool with food, drinks and more.

On Wednesday, they had a blind volleyball tournament for both men's and women's teams. It was a mini tournament. There was also a slot tournament for any men and women who wanted to enter.

Thursday began with breakfast at 8 a.m. Lunch was from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also on Thursday, our Salt River teams were defeated by strong teams.

We all had a great time seeing our old friends and meeting new ones. Thank you, Pala! And to all the teams that did a great job on their games, thank you!



TOP: The official trophies for this year's chair volleyball tournament were hand decorated gourds.
BOTTOM: The location of the Pala Band of Mission Indians Senior Chair Volleyball Tournament.



LEFT: Salt River S'gevk competed well throughout the tournament which featured nearly 50 teams from all across Indian Country.



RIGHT: Salt River Elite competed against some tough competition during the tournament.

Christopher Leslie Learns More About His Culture While Thriving with New Kidney



Christopher Leslie (top) and his family (from left to right); father Ted Leslie, daughter Olivia Leslie, mother Michelle Leslie. Photo courtesy Christopher Leslie.

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

On October 6, 2023, enrolled Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Christopher Leslie underwent a successful kidney transplant. That November, his journey to learn more about his birth family and the Community's traditions became news across the Valley.

Arizona's Family (3TV/CBS 5) and the Mayo Clinic both ran video news stories on their channels and social media accounts at the time about Leslie's recovery. The reports were partially shot at the Huhugam Ki: Museum.

For almost five years, Leslie had battled end-stage kidney disease that required dialysis. It wasn't until Leslie was involved in an accident in 2019 that he even found out he had kidney disease. He had to quit working at his job at Casino Arizona, start regular dialysis and wait to receive a new kidney.

One day Leslie received a phone call around 5 a.m., while he was hooked up for one of his regular dialysis sessions at home.

"They said, 'Hey, we have a kidney for you. It's probably one of the best kidneys we've had come through. And you need to get here fast,'" Leslie recalled.

"So, I rushed to my family's room and got them up," he said. Leslie needed to wait about 30 minutes for the dialysate fluid to pass through his abdomen before he could go anywhere.

He said the doctors had told him that the donor kidney was going to go to another patient who had been waiting, but it turned out that patient had an issue that prevented him from getting the kidney. So Leslie suddenly was next on the list.

The doctors waited for the right moment for the transplant surgery as the donor kidney was preserved inside a special pump for almost 45 hours. The longer a donor kidney stays outside the patient, the more its function might be compromised.

"[The new kidney] took effect right away," said Leslie. Doctors were amazed that the kidney took so well to his body after it had been waiting for that long to be transplanted.

As Leslie was waking up from surgery, a news team contacted him to ask if they could do a news story.

"Mind you, I was just coming off a bunch of pain drugs," Leslie said. "I thought it was a dream, honestly."

About a week went by, and the news team again met up with Leslie for a follow-up story. Once the news channel found out Leslie was an SRPMIC member, they wanted to meet with him again, only this time in the Community, at the Huhugam Ki: Museum.

Leslie has a special connection to the Huhugam Ki: Museum. It's where he often goes to learn more about the Community, which he was separated from

right after he was born.

When he was younger, he found out he was adopted while at a doctor's appointment. The doctor said something, and Leslie caught on that it meant he was adopted. He didn't really care too much or even process the revelation at the time.

"I'm adopted kind of within the same family, but far removed," Leslie explained. "So, it's like I'm not directly related, but within the same family, if that makes sense."

This past July, Leslie just started back to work at his job at Casino Arizona, which he had been forced to leave five years ago because of his health situation. He said he has gotten to know other Community members and learned some things about the O'odham and Piipaash culture, such as the irrigation system created by the Community's ancestors, traditional basket weaving and more.

Leslie currently resides in Wittman, Arizona, with his daughter Olivia. He said he's trying to save money and eventually move to the Community.

"I do have sisters [and a biological mom] that are Community members," said Leslie. "My biological mom, we don't really talk at all. But my sisters and I talk. We talk a lot. I mostly just talk to my Community-member friends. They're the ones that kind of let me know about things going on."

After seeing the news stories about Leslie, the mother of his kidney donor reached out to him via Facebook.

"She told me that the kidney was supposed to be a direct donation to her brother-in-law, but when they were preparing his body for the transplant, [they discovered] he had cancer." She also said that the kidney donor was about 16 years old and had died from a boxing accident.

He said he feels grateful for the new kidney and is looking forward to moving to the Community when he can.

Like other organ transplant recipients, Leslie will need to watch his health carefully and have regular checkups. During a recent checkup, his kidney specialist ordered blood tests, a bone scan and a biopsy of the kidney to see how well it was functioning.

"They said it's perfect," said Leslie.



Su:k Fulwilder was the guest speaker for the 2024 Glow Walk. Fulwilder shared heartfelt stories about her son and her life's mission to help heal her community.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Cheryl Doka thanked the event's organizers as she detailed the importance of the community coming together to heal alongside Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinne-Bowekaty.



Staff from the SRPMIC Community Health Services department handed out free goodies to participants in the moments leading up to the walk.

Continued from cover

13th Annual Glow Walk Showcases Community Support for All

thanked the families of the Community for the great turnout and shared his appreciation to those who helped organize the walk.

Remitera also spoke about the valuable impact that SRPMIC members

and their families possess as the Community continues to work toward healing from suicide and domestic violence.

"Thirty-three percent of the deaths in this Community happen between the ages of 18 and 40," began Remitera.

"We can do something about it. At Salt River, we believe in a community of caring. It's not just one person; it's a family. Collectively, we can make a change and a difference, and that begins today, with all of us here."

Later, Miss Salt River 2024-2025 Sialik King greeted everyone and said that her heart was full to see so many people supporting the glow walk. "If you even just want to talk or need a hug, we will be here for you. Let's see those percentages go down and see more support like this. *Sapo*/thank you," she said.

Miss Salt River 2024-2025 First Attendant Zoe Hernandez, Jr. Miss Salt

River 2024-2025 Diondria Pilger and Jr. Miss Salt River 2024-2025 First Attendant Tiare Begay-Smith were also given the opportunity to say a few words.

The guest speaker for the 13th Annual Glow Walk was Su:k Fulwilder. Joined by her daughter, Fulwilder thanked the SRPMIC for hosting the walk while she held a framed photograph of her son, Joaquin (bot), who tragically took his own life years ago.

"This is a crisis in Native communities; we're losing our relatives younger and younger, especially to suicide. We're survivors of genocide, and it's still going on if you think about it. It's hard for us as Native people," she shared. "We weren't taught how to express our emotions in healthy ways. We all have lost relatives to drugs and alcohol."

Later, Fulwilder shared stories of her son, who was a champion wrestler and traveled to Australia for the Down Under Championship invitational tournament. She noted, "He went to Salt River High School but graduated from Coronado in 2020. He was also side by side with my father, Melvin Fulwilder, a traditionalist, and helped with many traditional burials, which included

many of his family and close friends," she said.

As he grew up, her son struggled with mental health issues; being away from his family and friends during the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted his mental well-being. Unfortunately, he took his own life in October 2022. During her speech, Fulwilder said that her son was waiting to be assigned a counselor, but by the time it took for him to be provided one, it was too late.

"I have made it my mission to tell his story, not only because I want people to remember him and the great person that he was, but also [because I want] to be a voice for others who don't have the strength to speak up," she said.

"We have to seek ways to help our spirit heal. If you need help, please reach out. I don't want to lose any more relatives. Each of you is important to somebody, even if you don't feel like it."

Participants then gathered at the Glow Walk starting line by the Health and Human Services building and began walking west toward Longmore and then up toward Osborn Road, returning to the building to complete their official lap.

Mental Health Support

Emergency: 911

Suicide Emergency Line: 988 (call or text)

Salt River Crisis Line: (480) 850-9230

Salt River Behavioral Health: (480) 278-7742

24 Hour Crisis Lines

National: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

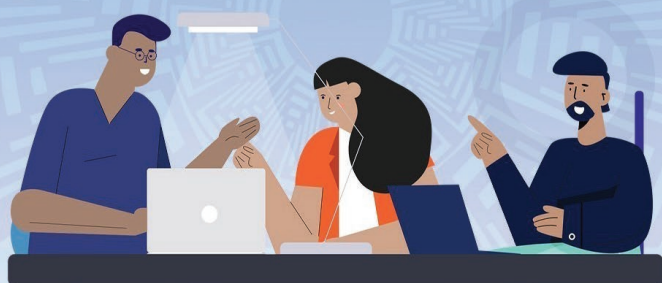
Maricopa County: 1-800-631-1314 or (602) 222-9444

Maricopa County Non-Crisis Warm Line (a warm line allows you to speak to a peer): (602) 347-1100

Salt River Vocational Rehabilitation

HAVE A DISABILITY OR DIAGNOSIS?
WANT TO WORK?

NEED SOME HELP?



Vocational Rehabilitation can help you!

We provide services and support for employment.

WALK-IN ORIENTATION | November 12th
November 26th

BIWEEKLY • TUESDAYS

1030AM - 12PM | Human Resources-Bldg. B



CONTACT US TODAY! 480-362-2650

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16
9AM - 8PM**

WE ARE O'ODHAM, WE ARE PIIPAASH, WE ARE STILL HERE

**TOKA & SONGIVAL GAMES
HANDS ON DEMONSTRATIONS**

**Northwest Field of ALA Football Field
9am - 11am**

Led by SR Community member teams and players

**TORTILLA MAKING
CLASSES**

**Huhugam Ki: Museum
9am-1pm**

Sign up day of event. 14yrs & up.

FAMILY DAY

**ALA Football Field
1pm - 4pm**

**CARNIVAL GAMES
SNACKS, PRIZES**

TRADITIONAL EVENING

**ALA Football Field | 4pm-8pm
DINNER - 5:30pm**

**TRADITIONAL SOCIAL SINGING/DANCING
6:30pm-8pm**

COMMUNITY RELATIONS-EVENTS | 480-362-7740 | SRPMIC | @SALTRIVERINDIANCOMMUNITY

An Evening of Stargazing at Scottsdale Community College

BY ANDREEA MIGUEL
O'odham Action News
 Andreea.miguel@srpmic-nsn.gov



Clear view of the Moon through the telescope.

On Tuesday, October 15, a group of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members participated in an Astronomy 101: Night with the Stars class at the Scottsdale Community College planetarium.

The session started with a brief introduction from Dr. Carver Bierson, SCC's newest astronomy instructor and the instructor for the night.

Afterwards, Dr. Bierson led the group to the planetarium, where he showed the night sky as seen from our location and

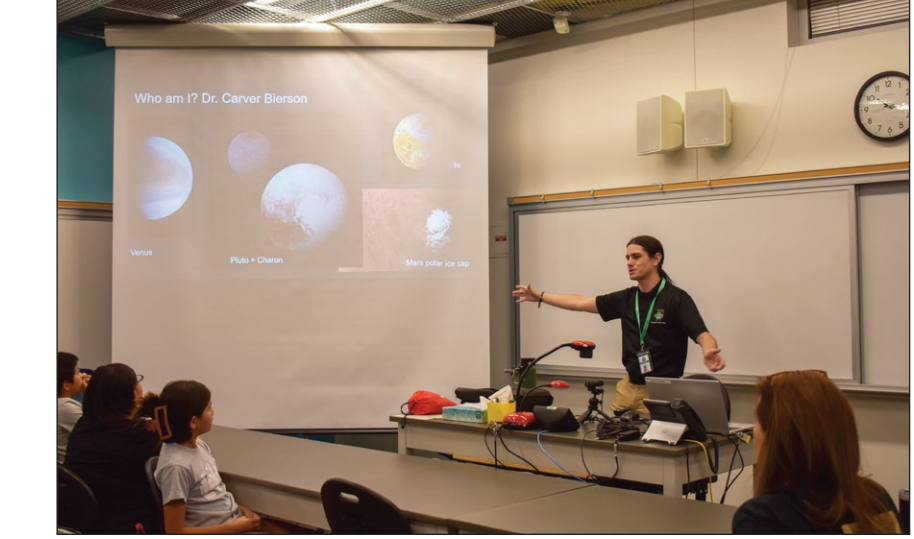
pointed out different constellations and planets that were visible this time of year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Participants were able to observe the stars and ask questions as Bierson explained the stars in our galaxy. He pointed out stars and constellations such as the North Star or Polaris (which we learned all stars rotate around), both the Big and Little Dippers, and Orion, a hunter in Greek mythology. During this time the planet Saturn was visible in the sky as well.

After a quick intermission, the night ended with a trip to SCC's baseball



Participants taking turns viewing the Moon on the SCC practice baseball field.



Dr. Carver Bierson giving an introduction of himself to participants. Photo by SRPMIC Leisure Education.

field, where Dr. Bierson had two telescopes set up to observe the Moon and Saturn. Participants took turns looking through the telescopes. They enjoyed exceptionally clear images of the almost-full moon; Saturn, however, was a challenge to see, as it required constant readjustments to the telescope due to both the Earth's and Saturn's movement in the Solar System.

The night was coordinated by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Recreation Services Leisure Education program, which has partnered with SCC to offer classes for Community members on the SCC campus and also at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF).

"This last summer we were asked if we could do some kind of 'astronomy 101' [class] and some stargazing," said Melanie Brum, director of external affairs at SCC. "I connected with our wonderful new instructor, and he planned all of the lessons and [coordinated] the observation and the equipment."

"It's a really good partnership we have [with SCC] and will continue to have," said Douglas Cooper, Recreation coordinator for leisure education.

"The main thing is to educate the Community and show them what we have and what we offer with the Leisure Education Division, which is under Community Recreation Services," added SRPMIC Library Assistant Josefina Vasquez.

Recreation Services has upcoming Community events planned; for more information, call (480)362-6365.

22nd Annual

THANKS GIVING

TURKEY TOURNAMENT

- \$60 buy-in provides \$3,000 in tournament chips
- \$14,000 guaranteed prize pool with 40 places paid
- Sign-up starting Saturday, November 2

*\$25 from each entry donated to

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • STARTING AT 11:15AM

TALKING STICK RESORT

101 & TALKING STICK WAY | SCOTTSDALE, AZ | TALKINGSTICKRESORT.COM

Locally owned and caringly operated by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Must be 21 years of age or older to participate. Management reserves all rights. Problem gambling? Call 1-800-NEXT-STEP, text NEXTSTEP to 53342 or visit problemgambling.az.gov.

GET INFO

SCAN ME

Annual Fall Piipaash Matasheevm Celebrates the People

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
O'odham Action News
Juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

Since 2015, the Piipaash Matasheevm has been an annual celebration at which Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members celebrate the Piipaash culture. Originated by members of the Lehi Community with support from former SRPMIC President Delbert Ray Sr., the Piipaash Matasheevm is a social gathering that has grown from a small potluck and bird gathering known as the Gathering of the Gourds, founded by Earl and Carolyn Stacey nearly three decades ago, into a full-fledged intertribal social gathering that is held twice a year, in April and October.

The event was organized and presented by the Piipaash Matasheevm Committee (PMC), a group of SRPMIC members and volunteers who dedicate their time each year to ensure the celebration is fun for families as they share the Piipaash culture and traditions.

The springtime Piipaash Matasheevm, a two-day gathering generally held on a weekend in April, primarily features SRPMIC singers and performers. In the fall, the Piipaash Matasheevm is a one-day gathering with an open call for bird singers and dancers near and far to perform.

This year's fall Piipaash Matasheevm, held on October 5, featured intertribal dancers, singers and performers from across Indian Country. These included members of the SRPMIC group Bird Singing and Dancing by the River. Other

groups included the Apache Crown Dancers, the Pascua Yaqui Deer Dancers and the Hopi Traditional Dance Group.

SRPMIC Lehi Council members Deanna Scabby and Michael Dallas Sr. each greeted the guests prior to the day-long celebration. "This is an opportunity for us all to come together," began Scabby. "The dream and the goal of the committee has always been to teach the young ones who they are and for them to not forget their culture."

During his welcome speech, Dallas requested a round of applause for all the Community veterans who were in attendance. He then detailed the origins of the Lehi Gathering Area. "This area here was just dirt. There was an old house here," he began. "To think of what it has become now, I want to thank the [SRPMIC] Public Works Department that maintains and oversees this area."

Pacer Reina and Garfield Nish served as the emcees for the entire event, which began at noon and ended at 10 p.m. at the Lehi Gathering Area. Ready as ever with his sharp sense of humor, Reina provided humorous Dad jokes as Nish provided insight into the Piipaash traditions throughout the celebration.

To further ensure families enjoyed the one-day celebration, the PMC collaborated with SRPMIC Public Works to set up a misting station tent for people to receive a brief cool-down if needed. The PMC and Public Works also collaborated to install a large temporary tent in the Lehi grassy area to protect the performers, dancers and singers from the triple-digit heat, which lasted throughout the day and into the night.

Reina later stated, "We invite different singers from different areas. If you know about Bird Singing and Dancing [By the River], you know these types of songs are sung from the Havasupai all the way down to Southern California and even into Northern Mexico," he added. "That's why we're here, to encourage anyone and everyone to come on out and sing, take part and learn."

Following Reina and Nish's welcome, Community member Jorge Gonzales

performed a hoop dance and invited everyone to join in. "The hoop dance originates from the Taos Pueblo New Mexico Indians," shared Gonzales prior to his performance. He added, "This is a storytelling and healing dance for those who are feeling sick spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically."

Gonzales's hoop dance told the story of a man roaming the desert as he searched for signs from the Creator. "The images that I make with my hoops are the images that the man sees in the desert. The eagles, butterflies, the world, and at some point maybe even the Creator himself."

Later, Alfonso Pesado's performance immediately packed the grassy field with dancers and tribal royalty from across Indian Country, including Maritza Barley, the 2024-2025 Ms. University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Powwow Princess; Revine Nerva, 2024-2025 Miss Quechan Nation; Aubrey Palone, 2024-2025 Miss Quechan Nation First Attendant, and more.

Many family members from the original Gathering of the Gourds were in attendance. Lehi seniors Eddie Vest, Bob Aguilar, Garnet Gates and more attended the gathering along with their children, family members and loved ones.

When asked about the importance of attending this October's Piipaash Matasheevm, Vest revealed one of his favorite things about attending the gatherings. "The people," Vest said. "The traditional music and being with the people."

Vest shared his personal history of the Gathering of the Gourds and Piipaash Matasheevm as he and his family rested underneath the shade of some nearby trees. He recalled singing and dancing with Frank Thomas (bot) when the Gathering of the Gourds first started.

"I remember. We used to sing together, but he passed away," Vest shared. Now a Lehi senior, Vest has made it a point to attend both the spring and fall Piipaash Matasheevm gatherings with his family.

From its origins as a small potluck gathering decades ago, the Piipaash Matasheevm has grown with every year. The number of performers, dancers and attendees increase with every gathering. Plans for the April Piipaash Matasheevm are well underway as the SRPMIC and PMC collectively plan to ensure that the next Piipaash Matasheevm continues to celebrate the people, culture and traditions of the Piipaash.

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

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

O'odham Action News Would Like to Thank:

- Elaina Osife
- Ardelle Moore
- Former SRPMIC President Delbert Ray Sr.
- The Piipaash Matasheevm Committee (PMC)
- Bird Singing and Dancing by the River
- Apache Crown Dancers
- The Pascua Yaqui Deer Dancers
- The Hopi Traditional Dance Group
- SRPMIC Lehi Council member Deanna Scabby
- SRPMIC Lehi Council member Michael Dallas Sr.
- Pacer Reina
- Garfield Nish
- Jorge Gonzales
- Alfonso Pesado
- Maritza Barley, the 2024-2025 Ms. University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
- Revine Nerva, 2024-2025 Miss Quechan Nation
- Aubrey Palone, 2024-2025 Miss Quechan Nation First Attendant
- Eddie Vest
- Bob Aguilar
- Garnet Gates
- Frank Thomas (bot)
- SRPMIC Public Works
- SRPMIC Day Labor Program
- SRPMIC Human Resources
- SRPMIC Council
- SRPMIC Veterans



Miss & Jr. Miss Salt River Courts Attend Annual Retreat



Miss & Jr. Miss Salt River Courts pose for a photo with Ms. Patsy King (front, middle). Photo courtesy Miss Salt River Committee.

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

On October 5, the 2024-2025 Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Courts participated in an annual retreat hosted by the Miss Salt River Committee. The retreat, a tradition in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the past few decades, is scheduled within the first few months of the reign to give the new ambassadors the tools they can use early on to prepare them for serving the Community.

The local, private retreat offers a learning experience for members of the Court, as well as a time to bond as a program, according to Miss Salt River Committee Chairwoman Elisa Pongyesvia.

At this year's retreat, the members of the royalty were asked what topics or skills they would like to learn more about, such as pottery, shell etching and

sewing traditional attire.

They were treated to presentations by Isabella Dockerty (public speaking), Jessica Ruiz (O'odham introductions), Patsy King (prayer presentation), Janyse Salinas (maintaining mental health, schedules and self-care), Juleigh Burke (table etiquette), Annette and Lynwood Vest (bird dancing), Margaret Miles (sewing demonstration on traditional tops), Sierra Ward (Piipaash introductions) and Diane Enos (Community FAQ).

"As a committee with many former title holders, we also evaluate what areas could be strengthened, such as public speaking and learning their introduction in both the O'odham and Piipaash languages," said Pongyesvia. "As a program, we try our best to build our ambassadors up and offer

opportunities for growth year-round."

Miss Salt River Sialik King said that one of her favorite workshops was Patsy King's prayer presentation.

"She gave us insight on what it really means to pray and how to do so appropriately," said King. "Her presentation structure was conversational, and it warmed my heart to hear her wisdom and perspective on our roles as ambassadors."

Jr. Miss Second Attendant Aiyanna Toya's favorite presentation was also from Patsy King.

"I really enjoyed when we cooked dinner together as a court," said Toya. "My favorite part about the retreat was spending time with the girls and just having fun."

Jr. Miss First Attendant Tiaré Begay Smith said she is thankful for everyone who was part of the retreat.

"I feel like I learned a lot while having fun bonding with my sash sisters," said Begay Smith. "I loved all the workshops, but the few that stuck out to me were by [Isabella Dockerty, Janyse Salinas and Sierra Ward]. I will remember everything I learned throughout my reign."

The 2024-2025 Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Court

Sialik King—Miss Salt River. Daughter of Kyland King and Cynde Claw-King. Paternal grandparents: the late Linda Manuel and the late Nayland King. Maternal grandparents: Chester and Stella Claw.

Zoe Hernandez—Miss Salt River First Attendant. Daughter of the late Felicia Ramos and Michael Hernandez. Paternal grandparents: the late Victor and Marie Lorraine Hernandez. Maternal grandparents: Pete and Joni Ramos.

Evevannah Garza—Miss Salt River Second Attendant. Daughter of Willie and Verna Garza. Paternal grandparents: the late Domingo and Amelia Garza. Maternal grandparents: the late Vernon Vest and Lupe Francisco.

Diondria Pilger—Jr. Miss Salt River. Daughter of Dion and Wechoni Pilger. Paternal grandparents: the late Fred and Diep Pilger. Maternal grandparents: the late Royal and Valerie Schurz.

Tiaré Begay Smith—Jr. Miss Salt River First Attendant. Daughter of Arial Begay-Smith and Luis Lopez. Father: Whitney Grey Jr. Paternal grandparents: Hermena and the late Whitney Grey Sr. Maternal grandparents: LaRue and Maynard Jackson.

Aiyanna Toya—Jr. Miss Salt River Second Attendant. Daughter of Felicia Toya and Jacob Tashquinth. Paternal grandparents: the late Eugene Tashquinth Jr. and Carol Silversmith. Maternal grandparents: the late Beatrice Anaya and Vincent Toya.

ADULT WIOA ORIENTATION

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act



Connect With Us!

Learn about WIOA eligibility requirements; program services for enrolled participants; guidance toward obtaining career goals through education & training.

Orientation Information

November 14, 2024

Two Waters, Building B

Room:
B102 - X'aa (Cottonwood)

9 am - 10 am

Contact: Salt River WIOA Program at: 480-362-7950



Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY: 711
A proud partner of the americanjobcenter network



ARIZONA@WORK
NINETEEN TRIBAL NATIONS
Innovative Workforce Solutions

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



Community

THANKS GIVING

SAT, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

TWO WATERS COURTYARD

11AM - 2PM

11:30AM Turkey Dinner Served

ENTERTAINMENT

FAMILY BINGO - KIDS ZONE

COME ENJOY A MEAL WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - EVENTS • 480.362.7740 • SRPMIC • SALTRIVERINDIANCOMMUNITY

Funeral Director Brings Piipaash Culture into Mortician Role

foreign to his people.

“In our Piipaash culture, there was always a person who cared for our dead, the *Piipaa Vthaym*; he was considered the person in charge of that ceremony,” Loring said.

“So as a funeral director and embalmer, I’m just continuing that tradition of caring for and honoring our relatives’ lives when they’re entrusted into my care—but with the formal knowledge and training to ensure our loved ones are cared for using modern standards.”

Loring’s parents are Greg and Teresa Loring. His paternal grandparents are Phillip and Norma Loring (nymshmaak), and his maternal grandparents are Marie Santo (nymshmaak) and Joe Cruz.

As a Community member, Loring said he knows what needs to be done when it comes to traditional practices, whether the family is O’odham or Piipaash and if they’re planning a traditional burial or cremation.

“There are so many steps and preparations that go into our practices—not only when it comes to our traditions, but also our religions,” said Loring.

“I know what needs to happen for the Catholic Mass and who the priests and deacons are in the Community, or what needs to happen in preparation for a family from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. There are details that can be overlooked or customs that can be dismissed when you don’t know the people you’re serving.”



Marshall Loring. Photo courtesy Marshall Loring.

Loring said that it’s reassuring for families to know that there is someone in their own Community that they can turn to in a time of loss.

Loring’s first experience with death was attending his grandfather’s funeral when he was about 10 years old.

“I can recall walking into the mortuary and seeing him lying in a casket,” Loring said. “I remember exactly what he was wearing. I can even remember going to the graveside and watching the military honors being rendered. But through all of that I also remember thinking to myself, ‘Why doesn’t he look ‘dead’? He looked peaceful and comfortable, as if he were sleeping.”

It was that experience that made Loring explore mortuary science as a career option later in life.

Prior to becoming a fu-



Loring said that it’s reassuring for families to know that there is someone in their own Community that they can turn to in a time of loss. Photo courtesy Marshall Loring.

neral director, Loring worked in behavioral health and social services for about 10 years, both inside and outside of the Community.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, he began working at Melcher’s Mortuary in Mesa as a part-time funeral assistant and an administrator, processing death certificates and other paperwork, before graduating from college in 2020.

Shortly after, Loring became an intern at Messinger, primarily working as an embalmer throughout the pandemic, which he said was an important experience in terms of learning best practices at a time when so much was unknown about the virus.

Loring worked hard to pass national board exams that are specific to sciences and other in-depth topics related to funerary practices, ethics and religions. To obtain his funeral director license and another license for embalmer and cremationist, Loring was required to pass separate exams on state law and regulations.

“As a mortician, there is constant exposure to vicarious trauma, so being able to manage and work through that is essential,” he said.

His typical day starts out at the office, reaching out to families who have lost a loved one through the night. He lets the families know that their family members have arrived safely into his care and offers them reassurance, answering any questions they might have.

On an average day, Loring meets with at least two families to discuss arrangements for cremation or burial. He will explain the available services and specific religious or cultural customs and then get started on the required documents. Then, either the process of embalming [the chemical treatment of a body to preserve it from decomposition] or cremation begins.

“I spend a lot of time with each family, getting to know them and learning about their loved one’s life, so I can serve and support them in the best way possible,” Loring said.



Board Vacancies

S’he:pijig Maşad | Xly’a Shaxuk | October

APPLICATION DEADLINE **OCTOBER 31, 2024**

- SR COMMUNITY GAMING BOARD
- SR CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION
- JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE
- GAMING REGULATORY BOARD
- SR FIELD AT TALKING STICK
- SR FINANCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTION
- SR LANDFILL
- SADDLEBACK COMMUNICATIONS



DETAILED INFORMATION HERE:
<https://tinyurl.com/BVOCT2024>



SCAN HERE

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

Save The Date

DECEMBER 6TH | 10AM - 2PM | CRD OFFICE

MORE INFO TO COME

- Traditional Vendors
- Entertainment
- Food Sale

Traditional
**O’ODHAM
PIIPAASH**
CHRISTMAS ART SALE



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.

SRPMIC Assistant Community Manager Spotlight: Doran Dalton

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

Over the next few issues of *O'odham Action News*, we will be highlighting the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's four assistant community managers (ACM) as part of a new awareness campaign to spotlight ACM responsibilities and the government departments they each oversee. The idea is to allow the Community at large to get to know the ACMs better, both personally and professionally.

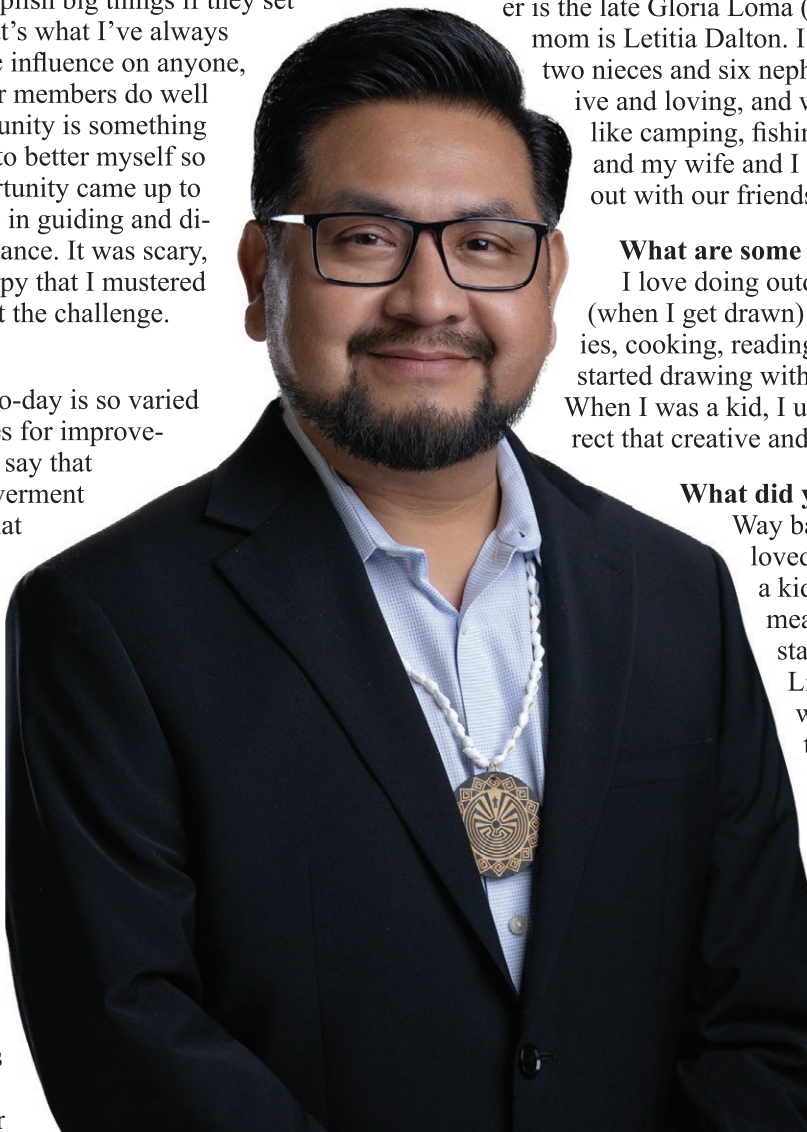
Next is Assistant Community Manager Doran Dalton, who oversees Police, Community Development, Public Works, Transportation and Community Regulatory.

Why did you become an ACM?

I felt like there was a lot more that I could and should be contributing to this Community, which has supported and contributed to my personal, academic and professional growth through the 30 years that I've worked for the tribe. I also wanted my contributions to be for the Community as a whole. I wanted our members and employees to see that they could accomplish big things if they set their minds to it and put in the work, because that's what I've always tried to do. I also hoped that I could be a positive influence on anyone, even if it was just one person, because seeing our members do well by moving up into leadership roles in the Community is something that has really inspired me to work harder to try to better myself so that I could move up as well. So, when the opportunity came up to apply for a position that plays such a pivotal role in guiding and directing the way we do things, I jumped at that chance. It was scary, and I didn't know what to expect, but I'm so happy that I mustered up the courage to put myself out there and accept the challenge.

What is your main goal in the role?

It's hard to pick a main goal because the day-to-day is so varied and each day we see where we have opportunities for improvement. But if I boiled it all down, I would have to say that my main goal is to build a leadership and empowerment culture within our tribal government. I believe that we have leaders at every level of employment within the government, and in the Community as well. I think that it's our job as leaders to help identify those leaders, empower them with responsibility, and then help to coach and mentor them so that they can coach and mentor those around them. I think that by sharing knowledge and giving people positive reinforcement, we can make positive changes in our Community because those things (the positive things) will start to be noticed and seen by our members, especially the kids in this Community who are so impressionable and who maybe feel like they don't have any role models that they can relate to. But when they see their parents, brothers and sisters, other relatives and even their friends becoming leaders and having a positive influence in the Community, they'll start to notice all of the good that our



people are capable of and not focus on negativity or the bad things that we seem to hear about so often around our Community.

What effort/project are you most proud of?

There are a lot of projects that we're currently working on that I'm excited to be part of because I think that our government, our Community, and its members are going to benefit greatly from them, so I'm excited to see those goals come to fruition. One project that I'm proud of that I helped to "carry across the finish line" in my old role is the Native Street Name Project, done by a collaborative team that consisted of staff from Engineering and Construction Services, Public Works, Emergency Services, Cultural Resources and outside entities like the U.S. Postal Service, Google, Apple and Bing. We were able to get some of our streets renamed in the O'odham and Piipaash languages. It was a team effort, and one that I'm very proud to have been a part of, because having Native-language street names is a step in the right direction of showing our identity and who we are as O'odham and Piipaash people.

Tell us about your family.

I'm very blessed to be a part of the family that I have. My maternal grandmother is the late Gloria Loma (bot), from the Andreas family in Lehi, and my mom is Letitia Dalton. I have five brothers and two sisters; I also have two nieces and six nephews. My family has always been super supportive and loving, and we try to do things together that we all enjoy, like camping, fishing and going to sporting events. I'm married, and my wife and I enjoy traveling, going to concerts and hanging out with our friends.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love doing outdoorsy things like camping, fishing, hunting (when I get drawn) and paddle-boarding. I also like watching movies, cooking, reading, listening to music and writing. Recently I've started drawing with the hope that at some point I can start painting. When I was a kid, I used to draw all the time, so I'm hoping to resurrect that creative and artistic spirit that I once had at a young age.

What did you originally want to be when you grew up?

Way back, I wanted to be an astronomer because I loved looking at all the stars and constellations as a kid. When I found out that being an astronomer meant something other than just looking up at the stars, I decided that I wanted to be an architect. Like I said earlier, I used to love to draw when I was a kid, and when I was in junior high I started to really like math and science. So, I thought that architecture would be a good balance of math and science, and I could still have some artistic creativity with the design. When I was a senior in high school and working for the Community in the In-School Work Program, I helped to design a couple of structures that were built on the Community, and I know that at least one of them is still standing [laughs]. After that experience, I realized that architecture really wasn't my thing, and I decided to pursue other interests.

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:
 Haydon Companies

Project Website:
www.pimaroadimprovements.com

Project Hotline: (480) 442-1087

SRP-MIC Contact:
 Pamela Tracy, Senior Project Manager
 Public Works Department – Roads Section
 (480) 362-7934

TAX SEASON

2024 TAX SEASON

1099-MISC/NEC

Update your Address with the Enrollment Office

If you receive a quarterly **Per Capita** payment, you will be issued a 1099-MISC tax form. **Day Laborers** will receive 1099-NEC tax form. The information on either form must be reported on your annual income tax return.

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.

How to update your address?

Call the Enrollment Office at 480-362-7729

Fax your Information Verification form to 480-362-7714

Email: EnrollmentHotline@srpmic-nsn.gov

In-Person: Fill out an Information Verification form at the Enrollment Office

SRPMIC ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Two Waters B -2nd fl
 10005 E. Osborn Road,
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 480-362-7729

M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm

7 STARS OF ARIZONA, LLC
 Concrete & Masonry construction,
 General contraction ROC#26357,
 Angela Willeford, (602) 889-7290
 angela_willeford@sevenstarscompany.com

AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING RMG MECHANICAL
 Community Member owned business. One job done right the first time! We service all makes and models.
 #ROC310871. Bonded & Insured.
 Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257/
 (480) 823-2802
 Rmgmechanical@gmail.com

ART & MAX'S LANDSCAPING
 Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance.
 Max, (480) 667-9403
 art&maxlandscaping@gmail.com

A'S FAMILY LANDSCAPING
 Lawn Maintenance, Shrub/Tree Trimming and Debris/Trash Removal.
 FREE ESTIMATES. L. Azule,
 (480) 467-8449

AU-AUTHUM KI, INC.
 Commercial construction.
 Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY
 Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photo booths.
 Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035
 boxingbearsphotography.com
 cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

DALIA'S LANDSCAPING
 Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service.
 Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501/ (623)-282-0902
 daliarendiz0815@icloud.com

DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING
 Commercial Painting Company,
 Licensed, Bonded, Insured,
 ROC#250102
 David Dallas, (623) 337-4070
 david@dallaspropainting.com

DESERT'S EDGE, LLC
 Professional Landscaping Services and Maintenance
 Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly
 -Clean Ups -Trimming - Sprinkler Repair & Grass Seeding
 For a free estimate, call or text 480-646-2587

ERNIE'S CATERING
 Food catering for all your needs
 Ernie Lopez (chef and owner)
 (480) 907-8945 erniescateringbusiness@yahoo.com

GOODLIFE NUTRITION
 Healthy cafe offering plant-based juices and smoothies, meal-replacement options and event catering. Order online by visiting instagram! @goodlifeaz
 goodlife.nutrition@yahoo.com
 (480)274-3306

HEAVENLY TOUCH CLEANING
 SRPMIC Member Owned and Operated specializing in residential and commercial cleaning services; get a quote by phone or emailing contact information below.
 Yesika Saldivar-Zotigh, Owner
 (602) 301-9832
 Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com

KI: PROPERTY SERVICES
 Fully Licensed. Grading, Lot Clearing, Gravel Spread, Trash Haul, Landscaping, General Home Repair. Call for Per Cap Specials! 480-369-2018
 ki.property.services81@gmail.com

LB'S HAIR SALON
 For all your hair needs. Over 30+ years of experience specializing in trending haircuts, color, highlighting, perms, blow dry's and also manicures, pedicures and facial waxing.
 Linda Baptisto, (602) 525-9142
 hairbylindab@yahoo.com

MOQUINO'S BODY & PAINT LLC.
 Auto Body Work and Paint LLC.
 Community Member 15% discount.
 Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033
 moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com

NATIVE CREATIVE APPAREL, LLC
 Native American themed clothing for babies, kids and adults. Design your own custom shirts
 Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685/(562) 761-9341
 nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com

NATIVE GROUND COFFEE
 A Native American coffee company from Salt River.
 Winter Wood, (480) 522-8393
 www.nativegroundcoffee.com

NATURES DEFENSE
 Do it yourself pest control. All organic, non-toxic, chemical free. Safe/effective against roaches, scorpions, fleas/ticks, beetles, bed bugs and more!
 JB Cortez, (480) 453-9371
 saltriverjb@gmail.com

PIMA AWARDS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS, INC
 Promo items, silkscreen/embroider apparel, custom awards and printing services.
 15610 N 35th Ave Ste #7
 Phoenix, AZ 85053
 www.pimaawards.com
 Ron Lee, (623) 271-8311

PIMARA CONSTRUCTION
 Civil & structural engineering.
 Virginia Loring, (480) 251-6849
 vipimara@cox.net

PIIPASH SHELL
 4001. N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ
 Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC
 (480) 947-6400 (store)
 piipash@hotmail.com

RED CACTUS PHOTOGRAPHY
 Professional Photography for all occasions: business, commercial, extreme adventure, family gatherings, portraits, real estate, social media, sports, and weddings.
 D. Gonzales, (480) 828-5863
 redcactusphotography480@gmail.com

REZHAWK TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC
 Please call for appointment. Lock out available
 Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730
 rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com

SALT RIVER HOSPITALITY
 Food service, bar, janitorial equipment and supplies.
 J.B. Cortez, (480) 945-0062
 saltriverjb@gmail.com
 Location 1: Phoenix Park-N-Swap
 Location 2: The Spot on Camelback

STAYSHONS CHEVRON
 Community Member owned business since 1994.
 Boyd Chiago, (480) 990-2004

THE MAIN INGREDIENT
 Home and commercial quality kitchen supplies, open to the public.
 J.B. Cortez, (480) 945-0062
 themainingredientaz@gmail.com

THE SPOT ON CAMELBACK
 An Open Air Market And Multicultural Gathering! Handmade arts, crafts, and jewelry, clothing, tools, kitchen supplies, and more.
 JB Cortez (480) 945-0062
 11514 E. Camelback Rd. Scottsdale, 85256
 thespotoncamelback@gmail.com
 thespotoncamelback.com

VMK ENTERPRISES, INC
 Janitorial supplies.
 Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 1452 E. Oak St.
 Mesa, AZ 85203
 Pastor Merrill Jones
 (480) 234-6091
SERVICES
 -Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene.
 -Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
 -Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
 -Sun. Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
 -Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.
 -SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.
 -Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
 -Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
 1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)
 Mesa, AZ 85203
 Pastor Neil Price
 (480) 278-0750
SERVICES
 -Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.
 Now available through the Zoom app.
 Call church for Zoom ID.

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1342 E. Oak
 Mesa, AZ 85203
 Pastor Annette Lewis
 annette.f.lewis@gmail.com
 (480) 404-3284
SERVICES
 -Sunday Services 10 a.m.
 -Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.
 Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.
 -Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD
 2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256
 (480) 947-1084
SERVICES
 -Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 12207 E. Indian School Rd.
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 Pastor Marty Thomas
 (480) 874-3016/
 Home: (480) 990-7450
SERVICES
 -Sunday service 11 a.m.
 -Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 10657 E. Virginia Ave.
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256
 (480) 947-5278
 saltriveragchurch.com
 Rev. WinterElk Valencia
 Services
 -Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.
 -Worship 11 a.m.
 -No Evening Service till further notice.
 -Thursday Bible Study 6pm

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST
 430 N. Dobson Rd. Suite 105
 Mesa, AZ 85201
 (720) 626-2171, Josh Austin
 SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com
SERVICES
 -Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
 -Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 -Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
 -Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
 -Local transportation available, please call phone number above

SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 P.O. Box 10125
 Scottsdale, AZ 85271
 E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com
 Visit us on Facebook
 Pastor Charlotte Fafard
SERVICES
 -Sunday Service, 1 p.m.
 -Communion first Sunday of the month

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION
 3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale,
 AZ85256
 (602) 292-4466 (cell)
 Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant
 Parish President: Cindy Thomas
 Father Peter McConnell and Father
 Antony Tinker
SERVICES
 -Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
 -Holy Hours 1 p.m.

SOARING EAGLE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL (SEMI)
 Marriott Courtyard, 5201 N. Pima Rd.
 Scottsdale, AZ 85250
 Apostle Edward Chance
 apostleeac@gmail.com
 (480) 516-6509
SERVICES
 10 AM on Sundays
 Visit us on Facebook Live, Wednesdays at 7 PM for Voice of Truth

VICTORY CENTER
 1231 E Oak St.
 Mesa, AZ 85203
 Senior Pastor Danny Cruz
 480-427-4678
SERVICES
 First and Third Tuesday of Each Month at 6:30 p.m.
 Follow us @vomsrvictorycenter on instagram

VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH MESA
 5610 E. Main St. Mesa, AZ 85205
 Senior Pastor Danny Cruz
SERVICES
 Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
 Wednesday 7 p.m.
 Youth Nights Tuesday at 7 p.m.
 visit vomesa.org for more service times, life group locations, and events
 Follow us @vomesachurch on instagram

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information.
 Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.

If we CANNOT contact you by phone or email, your business will be removed from the listing. Call O'odham Action News at (480) 362-7750 to have your business put back on the listing.

O'odham Action News is published bi-weekly by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Editorials and articles are the sole responsibility of the authors, and do not necessarily reflect the opinion, attitude or philosophy of O'odham Action News or the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

O'odham Action News encourages the submission of letters to the Editor. However, letters must be typed or printed clearly, and should include the writer's name, address and phone number. This information is for verification only. Other submission of articles, artwork and photos are encouraged. O'odham Action News does not assume responsibility for unsolicited materials and does not guarantee publication upon submission.

O'odham Action News reserves the right to reject any advertising, material or letter submitted for publication.

Advertising rates are available on request. O'odham Action News does not endorse any product or services accepted as advertising on these pages. All contributions or information may be sent to:
 O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS
 10,005 E. Osborn Road,
 Scottsdale, AZ 85256



DALTON WALKER
MANAGING EDITOR
 dalton.walker@srpmic-nsn.gov

CHRIS PICCIUOLO
NEWS REPORTER
 (480) 362-6626
 chris.picciuolo@srpmic-nsn.gov

JUAN YSAGUIRRE
NEWS REPORTER
 (480) 362-7323
 juan.ysaguirre@srpmic-nsn.gov

ANDREEA MIGUEL
NEWS REPORTER - TEMP
 andreea.miguel@srpmic-nsn.gov

NALANI LOPEZ
NEWS REPORTER - TEMP
 nalani.lopez@srpmic-nsn.gov

KARI HAAHR
NEWSPAPER ASSISTANT
 (480) 362-2698
 kari.haahr@srpmic-nsn.gov

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS MAIN LINE (480) 362-7750
 (Leave a message with your name and number and we will return your call)

ADVERTISING
 Call O'odham Action News for advertising info.
 (480) 362-2698 / www.oodhamnews.org

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL	
PRESIDENT Martin Harvier	VICE-PRESIDENT Ricardo Leonard
DISTRICT A COUNCIL MEMBER Jacob Butler	DISTRICT E COUNCIL MEMBER Mikah Carlos
DISTRICT B COUNCIL MEMBER David Antone	LEHI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER Deanna Scabby
DISTRICT C COUNCIL MEMBER Cheryl Doka	LEHI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER Michael Dallas, Sr.
DISTRICT D COUNCIL MEMBER Wi-Bwa Grey	

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism.

The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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

Salt River Public Works Department

Memorial Services & Cemeteries

“Providing a hospitable place to honor loved ones at the end of life’s journey.”

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

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

For Any Questions Call:
(480) 278-7050

CONTRACTED MORTUARIES

Bunker Family Funerals & Cremation (480) 964-8686
Meldrum Mortuary & Cremation (480) 359-2112
Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home (602) 840-5600

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES	
ISSUE	DEADLINE AT NOON
NOVEMBER 21	NOVEMBER 8
DECEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 22
DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 6
SEND INFORMATION TO O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS at oodhamactionnews@srpmic-nsn.gov	
For more information please call (480) 362-7750.	

JUVENILE COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

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

Herrera, Victor Sanchez Jr - Probate Hearing Case:
 CV-24-3424/CV-24-3652 Court Date: December 5, 2024 at 9 AM

Lewis, Xavier Christopher - Vehicle Forfeiture Hearing Case:
 CV-24-4621 Court Date: November 18, 2024 at 10 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 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

Seota, Jose Michael Ravensong - EVIDENTIARY-PATERNITY, CUSTODY AND INITIAL CHILD SUPPORT Case:
 CF-21-0069 Court Date: November 12, 2024 at 9 AM

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

Thompson, Franzia Kaye - Motion Hearing Case:
 CF-23-0090 Court Date: November 18, 2024 at 10:30 AM

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

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.

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.

Jackson, Stephanie - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-18-0044
 Court Date: November 14, 2024 at 11 a.m.

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

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

Bacon, Brandon Scott - Younger - Divorce Hearing Case:
 CV-24-5552 Court Date: November 18, 2024 at 10:30 AM

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

Butler, Adam Dustin - Restraining Order Hearing Case:
 CV-24-6427 Court Date: November 18, 2024 at 11:30 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

DEFAULT NOTICES

RAY SR., GARY FREDERICK NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:
 Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-4289

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Gary Frederick Ray Sr., is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Gary Frederick Ray Sr., shall pay \$3,360.00 to Petitioner, Main Street Motors. 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).

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.

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.

If you have any questions regarding:

- Tribal ID, Eligibility & Change Forms: Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600
- Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits: Finance-Per Capita @ (480) 362-7710

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@srbmic-nsn.gov.



SALT RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT HOW TO CLAIM PROPERTY

Do you have lost property stored with us? Come to the SaltRiverPD.com website and click on the "how to Claim Property" link on the right side of the page. There you can see a list of items we currently have stored at our Property and Evidence Building. We have hundreds of items being stored for safe keeping or located as found property which might belong to you! If it belongs to you, come claim it or else it may be disposed of if not done in a timely manner!



<https://SaltRiverPD.com>

- STEP 1** Check the website above to locate your property
- STEP 2** Property is released by appointment only.
- STEP 3** A valid government issued picture identification is required.
- STEP 4** An owner must claim their property. If an owner is incarcerated, a representative must have a Power of Attorney or Notarized Letter to claim property.
- STEP 5** Proof of ownership is required to claim found property .
- STEP 6** Have the tag number associated with the property to expedite the process.

SRPD Property and Evidence Bureau Hours
480-362-5469
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday
11471 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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.srbmic-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@srbmic-nsn.gov
 Jeff.Harmon@srbmic-nsn.gov

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, (480) 613-0593 | annamari.hogan@srbmic-nsn.gov
****We are asking all donations to be submitted by December 6, 2024 for distribution****

Hoop Dancer Jorge Gonzales Performs at The Sagrado's 8th Annual Ancestral Celebration

opportunity to perform his style of the hoop dance for the event's attendees.

Gonzales has been successful in making a name for himself in the dance world, having performed across the United States and even as far away as Australia, back in 2020.

With every performance opportunity, Gonzales proudly claims his Indigenous roots being from Salt River. "It makes me happy every time to announce and represent Salt River—I wouldn't feel any other way if I was from a different tribe," said Gonzales. "[I'm] just happy to represent our people."

The Sagrado Galleria strives to preserve cultural traditions and arts in the Valley. It reminds us that there are so many deeply rooted cultures thriving here in Arizona. "It means a lot [to be able to perform]; it shows solidarity that our people are still around—Indigenous people all around," said Gonzales. "We are still here; we are still vigilant and striving on this Earth."

"I very much appreciate Jorge coming out and sharing his dance with our community. It's important and we need to see that," said Samuel Gomez, founder of The Sagrado Galleria. "I hope he continues and inspires the younger generation to continue this tradition."

ABOVE RIGHT: Gonzales after finishing his first of two dances of the night.

RIGHT: Gonzales performing his second dance.



Community Employment Announces

**7TH ANNUAL
DECEMBER VIRTUAL
YOUTH TRAINING**

Your Future, Your Direction, Your Success

Hear from Presenters:

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM via ZOOM

Eligibility:

- Must be SRPMIC enrolled member
- Must attend entire session to receive \$200 stipend
- 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

Applications Available:

Friday, November 1, 2024 at 8 AM

Application Deadline:

Friday, November 15, 2024 by 4 PM
No Exceptions

Community Employment:

Monday - Friday
8 AM - 5 PM
Two Waters Building B

For more information contact
Community Employment at 480-362-7950

SALT RIVER SPOTLIGHT



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.

Kristina Ramirez

Marriott Courtyard/Residence Inn
Salt River
Front Desk/Housekeeping Supervisor/
Cook/Banquets

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

I've been with Marriott 3 years now. I have been in Hospitality for 10 years. I love it! I started here in November of 2021. Come see us!

What do you find most fulfilling about your job?

Making guests happy, I like that we have involvement with the Community doing the Christmas Parade, going to Council, packaging food, collecting food, and doing cookie donations.

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

I enjoy taking care of our guests, talking with them about their travel and offering additional assistance with birthdays and anniversaries.

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

Yes, we have a lot of repeat guests. We have a VIP program on file about what they like. I enjoy making them goodie bags.

What property feature do guests particularly enjoy?

The Native American Art and our 24/7 Starbucks! 😊

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

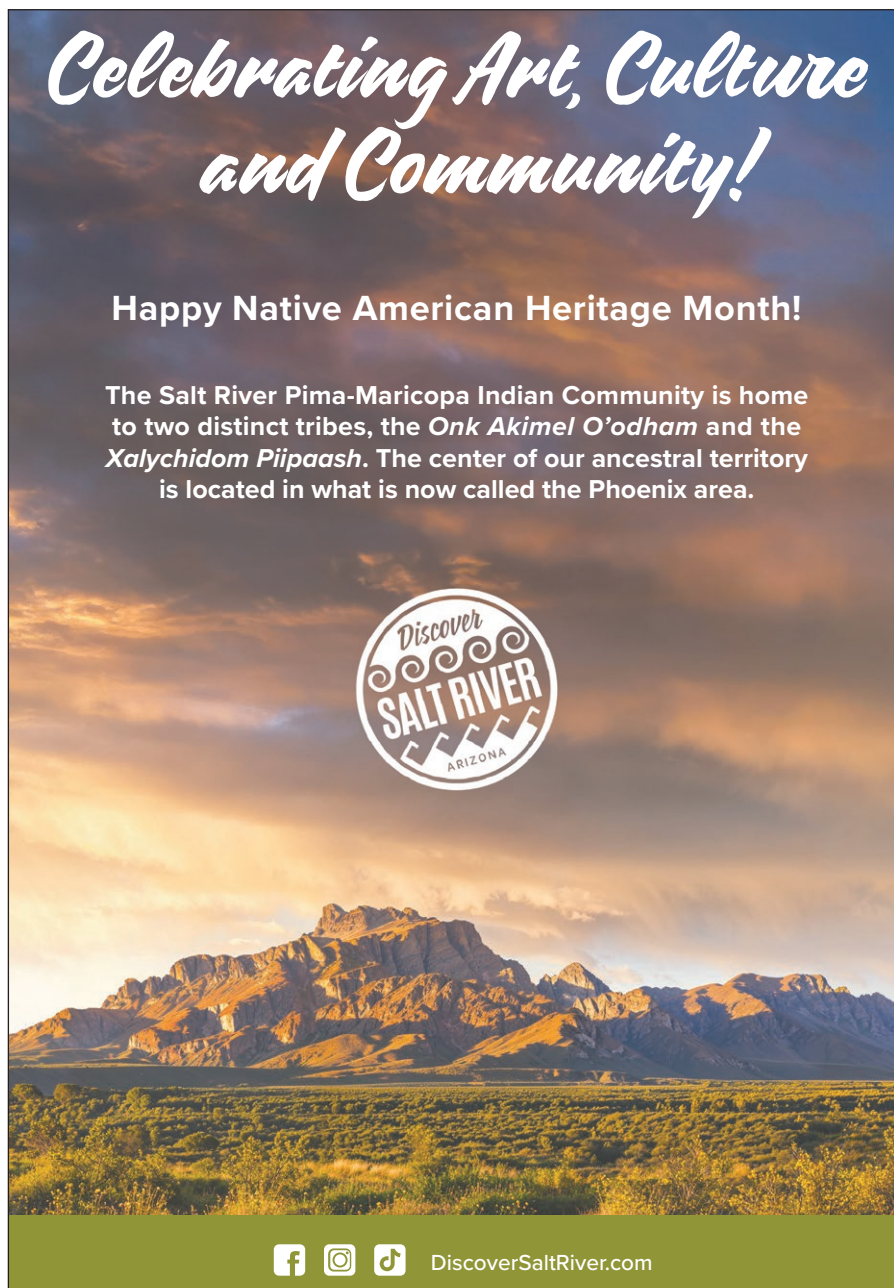
A must experience would be the AZ Boardwalk and The Spooktacular Festival. My family and I go every year! You will not be disappointed. Come out and experience ALL Salt River has to offer!

TALKING STICK
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

*Celebrating Art, Culture
and Community!*

Happy Native American Heritage Month!

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is home to two distinct tribes, the *Onk Akimel O'odham* and the *Xalychidom Piipaash*. The center of our ancestral territory is located in what is now called the Phoenix area.



SRPMIC COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION 2024

DISTRICT I - SALT RIVER CANDIDATES

DAVID ANTONE

I am a lifelong resident, son of Alfretta and Myles Antone, grandson of Louisa and Jose Juan, original allottees. I practice a vakial lifestyle owning horses and cattle.

My background includes completion of a council term from 2014-2018 and 2020 to present, and over 20 years of prior tribal employment. During those years I earned leadership roles in law enforcement, court advocacy, and enterprise board chairmanships. I have a formal education in business management and administration of justice studies. Currently, I am completing my 2020-2024 council term. During my term, I practiced transparency in government. I've advocated for individual rights in employment and the right for tribal members to voice their opinions in private and open forums. I've aided community members with their personal issues and complaints regarding government services.

In my opinion, first and foremost are the concerns and issues of tribal members, this government's function is to serve your needs. Next, the creation of revenue streams to fund our government and create jobs for us. These two points are critical and I have the desire and experience to address those matters.

I can't stress enough the following: in our history, the ultimate goal was to have members lead this community and serve as directors and managers in every department. Realistically that hasn't happened, we need capable leaders to accomplish that goal. We lack the true nature of self-governance wherein we



allow the implementation of foreign or individual personal standards and practices in government. In the end, these standards and practices benefit those who created them. From an employee answering a phone call for services to providing that service expediently and respectfully. There needs to be true accountability from our government through tribal council to you, the true leaders of the community. I ask you for that responsibility!

We as the O'odham and Piipaash have the ability to govern ourselves to make the best decisions, relying on our wisdom, experience, education, and history.

My past employment experience, education, and personal knowledge of our council function prepares me for this candidacy. I ask for your vote in the primary and general elections for 2024.

SU:K CHU:VAK FULWILDER

Ani ap chugi Su:k Chu:vak Fulwilder. I am a Salt River community member who grew up on the "Lehi" side of the SRPMIC boundaries. But there is no difference to me, as we are one community interlinking two tribes. I do not care for division; I seek Unity. I am Onk Akimel O'odham Xalchidom Piipaash, Tlingit, Aleut and Little Lake Pomo. In 1998, I graduated from Desert Eagle High School. I worked there from 1999 to 2003 as a teacher aide. In 2007, I earned my associate's degree from SCC.

I am a mother and a grandmother. I am a product of this community born and raised. I am concerned for the well-being of our Salt River Community Members. Many struggle with mental health, and we are losing so many of our young people to suicide; my son, Joaquin Suniga, passed away on October 30, 2022, from suicide. Since I ran for council a couple of years ago, much has happened between my family and many others from the loss. Unfortunately, people are still dying, not just from suicide but other reasons that stem from mental despair; so many are still grieving one's loss, and then abruptly, there's another death. It is a cycle, and I don't see it slowing down. If you vote for me, I will work to find the solutions and resolutions by joining not just our tribes, but all tribes to combat suicide and bring the quantity down with an array of healing tactics.



Our average life expectancy in Salt River has been declining, and people are dying younger and younger. The elders say it wasn't always that way, and depression didn't exist long ago. Something has to give, we need change. I am not here looking for a title, recognition, or monetary gain. I am looking to be part of the solution.

Although some runners are more qualified than I am, with an extensive education or stripes, so to speak, the individuals I would support and vote for other than myself cannot run for various reasons. I am not here to make false promises. I want to introduce myself and speak from the heart, as I always do. If you are unhappy with the state of this community and how it is serving you, I am that person if you are looking for: someone honest and who will never lead you astray from the truth.

JENELLE HOWARD

Greetings Community members,

My name is Jenelle Howard and I have gratefully accepted the nomination to be a candidate for Salt River, District I.

I am a current employee with the Public Works Department in the Community Services Division-Memorial Services & Cemeteries as a Family Relations Associate. In previous years I also worked at:

- Human Resources Dept.- WIOA Program
- Social Services Dept. - LEARN Program

Throughout my employment, I have always strived to help others help themselves. In doing so, the people have the power to create a better community.

I am also a former Council member; as such I do understand the process, commitment and dedication needed to run for a council seat. If elected I want you to know that I have the confidence and perseverance to be a representative for District I utilizing my knowledge, experience, and empathy for the Community & Membership.

Thank you for your consideration for election.



WI-BWA GREY

Skeg Tas!

My name is Wi-bwa Grey, and I would like to share with you a little about myself and the reason I would like to be re-elected to serve you as your Council representative.

I am the mother of two children who keep me running in all directions, and I also have a companion who supports me in all I do. I graduated from Westwood High School and attended Scottsdale Community College. I am presently a student with Grand Canyon University, where I have met some of the most intelligent fellow Community members who have shared with me their vision for this Community. Their example has left an impression on me, and I too am committed to overcome any obstacles and "GET THINGS DONE".

In January 2019, I was elected to represent District I and fill the empty Council seat of now SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard. At my first Council meeting, I made a commitment to myself to learn as much as I can, and I have to admit I am still learning. In learning I also saw that some SRPMIC ordinances have surpassed their uses and need to be brought up to date. I have also taken the opportunity to listen to the wisdom and advice given by our former leaders. Through this political education, the most important thing I have learned is that CHANGE can't be DONE ALONE, that CHANGE can ONLY happen if we all do it TOGETHER.

It is evident that we still have a lot to accomplish as a Community. We hear, we see your needs for more



housing and the need for repairing what homes we do have. The need for a rehabilitation center for both children and adults and the need to get control of our drug problem and stop the deaths that occur from overdoses. The need for hiring our own people and the need for improving services for our elders. The need for accountability, and most important, the need to preserve our culture and history. We have and see many needs, but we must remember CHANGE only happens if we ALL do it TOGETHER.

If I'm re-elected, I will ask that we all work together to make the changes that are necessary. I encourage you to voice your opinions and solutions and let your voice be heard through voting both locally and nationally.

Let's keep it rolling! Re-elect WI-BWA GREY District I Council Representative.

SRPMIC COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION 2024 DISTRICT II - LEHI CANDIDATES

CARLA BANUELOS



Hello,

I am Carla J. Banuelos and I am a candidate for Council Representative for the Lehi District.

I have lived almost all of my life in Lehi and I come from a large Piipaash family. My mother is the late Loretta Gates, and I am the proud granddaughter of the late Ike & Sienna Frances Gates.

I've held many positions within the Community as well as outside our boundaries. I have been in my current position for approximately 20 plus years. I have also served as a Tribal Court Associate Judge, as well as a Tribal Court Advocate representing Adult Community Members charged with a crime and Juvenile's when charged with an offense.

I am the mother three children, Crystal, Renee, and Grant, and I have one beautiful and amazing granddaughter, Isabelle.

I am seeking the position of Council Representative to serve our Community. As our Community continues to grow in enrollment, there must be a commitment as a Council to being financially forward-looking, strategically planning, reviewing our objective values and missions, and setting clear and achievable goals in order for our Community to continue to provide necessary services to our members.

If elected, I commit to being an active contributor, without

bias, personal opinion, or gain; to weigh each decision with fairness and what is in the best interest of the Community. I assure you I will represent all of our Community and not just those of select few, as I believe a good leader makes decisions that benefit the common good.

Thank you, and I hope I earn your vote as Lehi District Council Representative.

DEANNA SCABBY



My name is Deanna Scabby and I am a candidate for the upcoming Council District II position. My parents are Paul and Beverly Smith and I am the mother of ten children and seventeen grandchildren. I have lived and raised my family in the Lehi District since 1986.

I currently serve as the Council District II representative and have been elected to this position since September 2006 to this current time. It is an honor and privilege to have been entrusted to do the work of the Community and I have done my best to represent the Community and my District with dignity and respect.

I have always supported the education department and programs available for our members. I firmly believe our families in the Community will be blessed by arming themselves with the tools needed to be successful. The resources are available to all members who want to achieve academic or vocational goals and I hope more community members take advantage of the Higher Education resources and Education programs. Most important is supporting our children and encouraging them to be actively involved in school and learn all they can.

I have been blessed to work with the elders in my district. Over the years I've been able to support them as they gathered to make the Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash a reality. I supported them to bring the Lehi Gather-

ing Grounds so bird dancing and singing can happen here. Now, I support the ladies in bringing bird dancing and singers to the grounds to teach and share their knowledge for all to learn.

I want to bring to the forefront the need for an Elder Rehabilitation Care Center. Our seniors and elders need a place here at home to have quality care and attention as they deal with their health issues. There is a need to keep our people close to home to rehabilitate so they can eventually return home.

In closing, I would like your vote for the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, October 15 and onto the general election November 19, 2024. I remain committed to protecting our land base and ensuring the Salt River Pima-Maricopa people continue to thrive.

Community Members and Employees Prepare for IRONMAN Arizona

BY NALANI LOPEZ
O'odham Action News
Nalani.lopez@srpmic-nsn.gov

Months of intense preparation and training, both physically and mentally, will soon be put to the test at the 20th Annual IRONMAN Arizona, a triathlon taking place on Sunday, November 17.

Hosted in Tempe and sections of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the event proudly shares the beautiful views of the Sonoran Desert with both local and international athletes looking to break their PR (personal record).

This year, the Community will have representation on three Salt River Triathletes teams and with one IRONMAN-sponsored individual athlete, Rachel Seepie (see sidebar). This will be Seepie's sixth time participating in the triathlon as an individual.

"Preparing and getting in training sessions for this year's Arizona IRONMAN has been a challenge—especially outdoor rides and runs with the record high temperatures this summer. So the majority of my training for [the] cycling

and running [legs] has been indoors at home," said Seepie.

Seepie, along with the other individual athletes, will have 17 hours to complete the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride and 26.2-mile run, for a total of 140.6 miles.

A section of the course runs through the Community. Bikers will ride out from Tempe along the Beeline Highway until they reach Shea Boulevard, where they will turn around and head back to Tempe for their second and third loops.

Community members and residents can expect increased traffic in the area and partial road closures on November 17 from 7 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m.

"As race day is getting here, I feel good; but you never know how race day will go physically, and I'm hoping my mental strength will hold up. I feel it is a major part of training that will get me to the finish line," said Seepie. "This year, my personal goal is to go out and have fun with my fellow Salt River Triathletes as we represent both Salt River and the Native American community."

IRONMAN Arizona Participants Representing SRPMIC

The Salt River Triathlete teams are composed of both Community members and employees who do either the swim, bike or run leg.

IRONMAN-Sponsored Individual Athlete
Rachel Seepie

Salt River Team 1
Caroline Sekaquptewa
Kyle Dallas
Michelle Roan

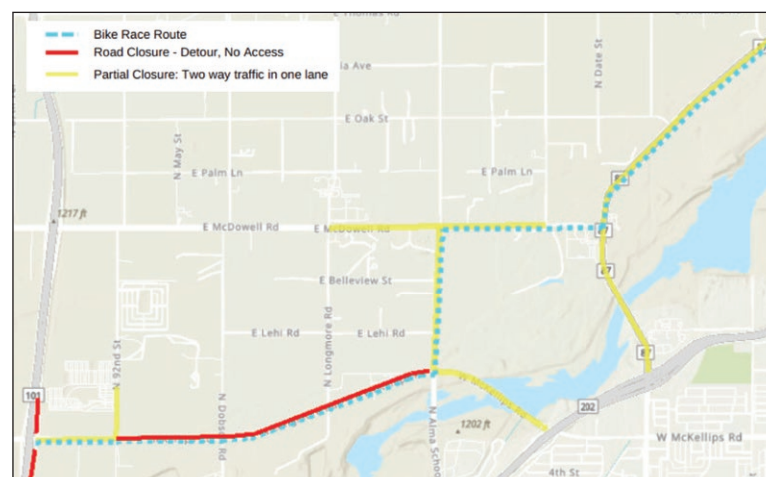
Salt River Team 2
Fantasia Painter
Elisha Bishop
Shannon Brown

Salt River Team 3
David Brown
Vanessa Ozoran
MaLorie Charley-Krause

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024
ROAD CLOSURES | 7:00am to 5:30pm

STREETS IMPACTED	LANES	CLOSED FROM	CLOSED TO
Alma School Road	N/B lane right-hand turn only at McDowell Rd.; S/B lane must turn right at McKellips Rd.	McKellips Rd.	McDowell Rd.
Beeline Highway	S/B lanes closed. N/B lanes open to two-way traffic.	McDowell Rd.	Shea Blvd.
Gilbert Road	Access to Beeline is open. Westbound traffic closed to Landfill.	Gilbert Rd.	Beeline Highway
McKellips Road	E/B lanes closed; W/B lanes open to two-way traffic	McClintock Dr.	92nd St.
McKellips Road	E/B and W/B closed. No traffic.	92nd St.	Alma School Rd.
McDowell Road	E/B one lane open.	Alma School Rd.	Extension Rd.

101 Freeway @ McKellips | N/B and S/B ramps closed





100% AMERICAN™

VETERANS DAY

November 11th

At **SRMG**, we proudly support the brave men and women who serve and protect our nation. We honor their dedication, resilience, and sacrifice, as well as the strength of the families who stand behind them.

Their commitment enables our freedom and safety, and we are deeply grateful for their service. To all who wear the uniform and those who have served before them—thank you for your courage and unwavering loyalty.

Your hard work and sacrifice do not go unnoticed, and we stand with you in solidarity and respect. Together, we salute our heroes.



Check us out at . . .
www.srmaterials.com



Exceptional People...Exceptional Benefits...Exceptional Company
Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand & Rock,
dba Salt River Materials Group,
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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

- 11 VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Salt River Community Building. Contact Veteran's Services for more information at (480) 362-
- PLEASE NOTE: SRPMC OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 11 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY. ESSENTIAL SERVICES WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE.**
- 12 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!
- 12 CM DOKA DISTRICT C MEETING**, 6 p.m. at SRPMC Council Chambers. See page 4 for more information.
- 14 ADULT WIOA ORIENTATION**, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Two Waters, Building B. Come learn about WIOA eligibility requirements; program services for enrolled participants; guidance toward obtaining career goals through education and training. See ad on page 12 for more information!
- 14 CM GREY DISTRICT D MEETING**, 6 p.m. at ALA Lecture Hall. See page 4 for more information.
- 15 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING**, 6 p.m. at SRPMC Council Chambers. See page 4 for more information.

- 16 O'ODHAM PIIPAASH DAY**, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. at ALA Football Field with morning classes at the Huhugam Ki: museum. See ad on page 8 for complete information!
- 16 COMMUNITY YARD SALE**, 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Lehi Community Building. See ad on page 6 for more information!
- 17 IRONMAN ARIZONA**, Please be mindful of road closures. See page 19 for more information.
- 19 SRPMC GENERAL ELECTION**, Polling sites at Lehi and Salt River Community Buildings open from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tribal ID is required. Contact SRPMC Administration for more information at (480) 362-7400.
- 21 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING**, 6 p.m. at SRPMC Council Chambers. See page 4 for more information.
- 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! See ad on page 11 for more information!
- 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 6 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!