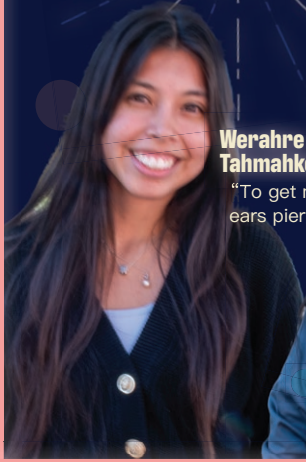




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Werahre Tahmahkera
"To get my ears pierced."



Doris Perkins
"Get more organized."

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Nexiana Leonard
"I want to learn how to roller-skate."



Mario West
"Show my family that I love them more."



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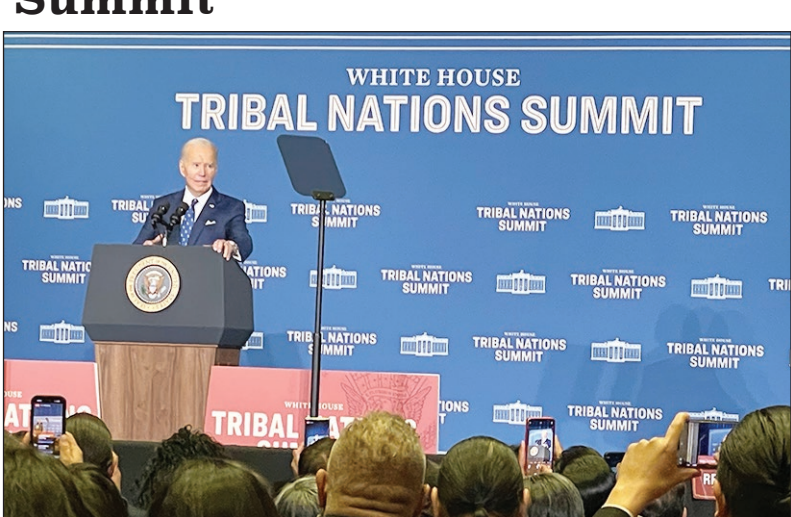
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SRPMIC Leadership Attends Final Biden Administration White House Tribal Nations Summit



President Biden addresses leaders from tribal nations at the final White House Tribal Nations Summit of the Biden administration. Photos courtesy Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

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The Biden-Harris administration continued their commitment to nation-to-nation relationships with tribal nations by hosting the 2024 White House Tribal Nations Summit on December 9 in Washington, D.C.

The Summit featured new announcements and updates from the administration as they rounded out their work to strengthen tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

With President-elect Donald Trump set to be sworn in as the 47th President of the United States on Monday, January 20, this was President Joe Biden's last Tribal Nations Summit.

It is unclear when there will be another summit, as there was no summit held under Trump's previous administration.

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Farewell Celebration Held for Council Member Wi-Bwa Grey



From L TO R: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Deanna Scabby, Council member Jacob Butler, Council member Cheryl Doka, Wi-Bwa Grey, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, and Council member Michael Dallas Sr.

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After serving the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the past six years, former Council member Wi-Bwa Grey now looks toward her new beginning. Her Council tenure came to an end in December after November's SRPMIC tribal election results were announced.

When she was first sworn in on January 23, 2019, Grey was the youngest Council member to serve at the time. Joined then by her uncle and former Council member of 27 years, Lance Grey, her lengthy list of accolades, accomplishments and improvements she helped introduce to her Community are more than apparent.

"This is a special recognition this evening," began SRPMIC President Martin Harvier during Grey's farewell celebration on December 18 inside of the Salt River Council Chambers.

During his welcoming speech, Harvier

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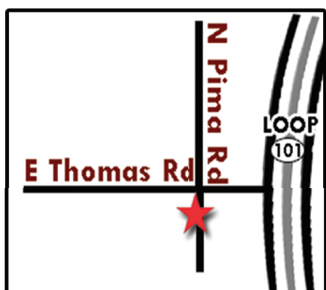
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Employee Holiday Luncheon Held at Salt River Fields

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A long line of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community employees decked out in their favorite sports team's jerseys waited outside Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, a scene that looked as if it was opening day of spring training.

However, the employees were here for a different reason on December 10. The ballpark's concourse served as the latest location for the SRPMIC "Home-run Holiday" Employee Holiday Luncheon, with the beautiful backdrop of the baseball field and the mountains beyond.

According to Community Relations Events Manager Yvonne Schaaf, the luncheon is produced by an employee-based committee who begin their work in the summertime to bring the best energy, food, programs and entertainment to their peers.

"It was a party, and the open atmosphere made it easier for all to gather and relax with coworkers."

As employees entered the concourse at the main stage behind home plate, they chose seats at tables along the left or right side of the ballpark. The meal was buffet-style, with dessert and beverage stations on either side.

Although employees weren't allowed on the field, they took part in fun activities like the fast pitch game and caricature artists on the South Terrace, the axe throwing and golf dart board on the West Terrace and holiday photo stations on the second-floor deck of the stadium.

At the main stage, Recreation Department emcees Senior Multimedia Specialist Kasey Kauakahi and Athletics Program Manager David Willis delivered news desk-style entertainment that was seen on video screens set throughout the concourse for employees to follow along.

The pair kept the party going, hosting the Christmas Angels Program karaoke station, where department representatives picked a holiday song to sing from a bowl.

Each year at the Employee Holiday Luncheon, the SRPMIC Human Resources department recognizes the Employee of the Year. Employees are nominated by their departments for going above and beyond and providing exceptional service.

"It's a tradition that reinforces the Community's commitment to long proven values of service, work ethic, stewardship, dependability, innovation, accountability and many others," said Human Resources Director Steve Haydukovich. "It also shows us that recognition for excellent work is a critical component of a happy and healthy workforce."

The winner of the 2024 SRPMIC Employee of the Year was Christina Prichard from Social Services.

The other nominees were: Christopher Begay (Senior Services), Rosario Correa (CRA), Nohemy Durazo (HHS), Alex Enas (Department of Transportation), Kelsey Geist (Community Legal Services), Dr. Rachel Goodman (HHS), Rito Lopez (ECS), Westley Manuel (Internal Audit), Vicki Quintero (Senior Services), Lancisco Richards (Senior Services) John Paul Saspe (Youth Services), Lauressa Thomas (Community Relations) and Rosanna Williams (Administration).

Each nominee received a gift bag in recognition of their efforts and achievements, a cash prize, a Pendleton blanket with a special carrier and a certificate of appreciation. The Employee of the Year award winner received the same gifts and a larger cash prize.



Christina Prichard from Social Services wins Employee of the Year.



Employees line up for a buffet-style meal at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.



ABOVE: Employee of the Year Candidates pose with SRPMIC Council members during the event.



LEFT & BELOW: Employees show off their favorite teams' jerseys!



LEFT: Council member David Antone addresses employees at the lectern.

BELOW: A holiday display at one of the tables at the Employee Holiday Luncheon.



LEFT: Community Manager Bryan Meyers talks at the podium while Recreation Department emcees Senior Multimedia Specialist Kasey Kauakahi and Athletics Program Manager David Willis delivered news desk-style entertainment.





Hilary Richards "To be on time."
Gabriel Martinez "To work harder."
Pat Villalondo "Spend more time with family and eat healthier."
Alex Pacheco, Alex Mclevain, Kylie Manuel "We want to run more."

WHAT'S YOUR 2025 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

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Chloe Johnson
 "Work out more, manage my money better, and get good grades in school."



Bobby Scabby
 "To eat healthier."



Angelica Valdez
 "Care for my mental health, and make more time for myself."



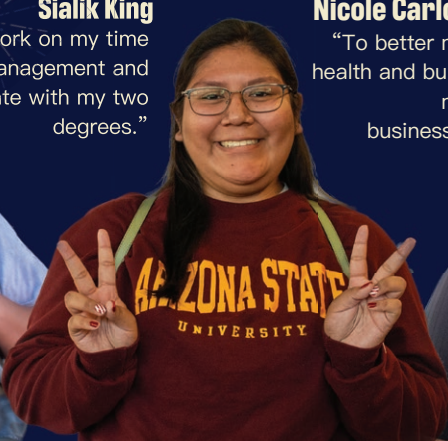
Janet Johnson
 "Live a healthier life and plan for a better year so it can be marvelous!"



Kurt Montano
 "To lose 25 pounds."



Sialik King
 "To work on my time management and graduate with my two degrees."



Nicole Carlos
 "To better my health and build my business."



Oniya Silversmith
 "I want to get better at math."



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Farewell Celebration Held for Council Member Wi-Bwa Grey

detailed Grey's career highlights as a Council member. "Council member Grey was elected in a special election on January 14, 2019. The special election was held because Council member Ricardo Leonard was elected as vice-president. This left the district council 1 seat [vacant]."

He continued, "After completing her two-year term, in the general election on September 1, she was re-elected to a four-year term. Unfortunately, a lot of us weren't here for it because it was during the COVID time. Most everything was done virtually at that time."

"I know over the past six years in serving District D, I just wanted to let you all know, those members that are part of District D that had concerns and voiced those issues to her, she always brought those issues to our table to get resolved."

In addition to being a Council member, Grey also served on the boards for the Donation Committee, Education and the Salt River Landfill. Furthermore, Grey was also appointed to non-SRPMIC boards and committees which include the Indian Country Gang Task Force, the State Indian Education Advisory Board and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Task Force for Arizona.

Following Harvier's remarks, the floor was open for Council members to share a few words. Council members David Antone, Mikah Carlos, and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard were absent and excused.

Michael Dallas Sr.

"I want to thank you for your dedication and leadership that you brought to the Council. One of the things that I can say is that when we now look at our Community calendar of events, we now have the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Day because that was one of the events you advocated for, that was never on there. I want to acknowledge you and your family for your compassion and your willingness you brought here. Thank you and I'll continue to see you around. Nothing but blessings to you."

Cheryl Doka

"Thank you to Council woman Grey. It was a joy

serving with you. We came in together and learned together, it was great to have you here. The thing I noticed is that it wasn't about the title or recognition for you, it was all about the people. I truly enjoyed seeing that. I know you'll go on to do great things and who knows, we might see you again back here at this table. I know I'll see you around. Thank you again."

Deanna Scabby

"It's been a real pleasure and joy to work with Council woman Grey. We spent hours talking and picking one another's brains. I really appreciate her for being on the education board the last few years, her work at the schools was very important. I know that because of her experience and dedication to the kids and youth, things were improved, thank you for that. Thank you for everything you've done, you have been a powerful voice, and I know your powerful voice will continue to uplift others. Good luck and it's not 'goodbye', it's 'see you later.'"

Jacob Butler

"I just want to say it's been an honor to serve with you, to serve our community. You try to do the best for the people. You're able to hear a different perspective and factor it into the decisions you've made, even mine. I've changed my mind because of things you've said. To me, I consider you a friend, not just a colleague. As councilmembers, we're elected by different demographics of the community. I think through this work and our mutual work and understanding, it's been an honor to serve with you because this is a big role, not just for you, but your family. I respect you for that. I wish you luck in all you do, don't be a stranger."

Following the SRPMIC Council members' words, Grey remained professional as she fought back emotions as she gave the Community her utmost appreciation.

"In 2019, I received a knock on the door from my mom. She said, 'Someone is here to see you' and it was former SRPMIC President Diane Enos. I said, 'What does she want?' So, I talked to her, and she asked me, 'Have you ever thought about running for

Council?' I said 'No' and she said, 'I want you to think about it.'"

After her conversation with Enos and her mom, Grey approached her family and after receiving their approval, decided to run for Council. "I was chosen by the people here to serve," she said. "The Community came first. You all continue to come first."

She continued, "Everyone asks me, 'How do you feel?' I feel the same. I will still represent the Community on the Indian Country Gang Task Force and on Gov. [Katie] Hobbs's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Task Force. I will still advocate for those to come home."

Grey was recently informed by Hobbs' administrative team that she has two years left as a member of the MMIP Task Force for the state of Arizona. "I'm not going anywhere," said Grey.

The emotions inside of the Salt River Council Chambers peaked as Grey thanked her mom, daughter, son, and family members that were in attendance. Sitting amongst her family was Diane Enos.

Also sitting inside the Council chambers was newly elected and incoming Council member, Su:K Fulwilder, who will fill the seat left vacant by Grey. "I'll give you my number," said Grey to Fulwilder. "I'm here to help you in any way."

Grey was gifted a traditional basket detailing her years of service to the Community, as well as a bouquet of flowers and a celebratory cake made by Tigg Bakes. Grey posed for photos with the Council as well as her family and loved ones. Grey also received a gift from Addie Garcia.

She finished, "This was tough, it was not easy. We make the decision to sit here and be leaders in our community. I just want to say thank you to everyone. Thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to serve in a leadership capacity for six years. It's a humbling experience to be here. I still have a lot of leadership in me. I did enjoy sitting here. My service isn't over, I'm still going to represent the Community on the state-level. Thank you, everyone."

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SRPMIC Leadership Attends Final Biden Administration White House Tribal Nations Summit



Dancers from tribal nations perform at the White House Tribal Nations Summit. Photos courtesy Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier and SRPMIC Office of Congressional Affairs Representative Gary Bohnee both represented the Community at this year's summit.

Harvier spoke with *O'odham Action News* about his experience.

"It was an honor to be in attendance at the last Tribal Nations Summit [under the Biden Administration]," said Harvier, after his third Summit visit as president of the SRPMIC.

One difference he said he felt this time around was not only an overall feeling of somberness, but also a feeling of gratefulness for the work that President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have done for Indian Country.

"The somberness that I felt in the room was for a president that truly in his heart supported Indian Country," Harvier said.

Harvier noted that Biden and Harris spoke of their administration's accomplishments and their ability to strengthen tribal sovereignty, as well as the administration's funding of programs throughout Indian Country.

One item of importance that Harvier highlighted was the Indian Health Service (IHS) receiving \$8.56 billion in advance funding appropriations for fiscal year (FY) 2025, a 23% increase from FY 2024. The IHS also received \$5.98 billion in advance appropriations for FY 2026, which will become available



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier poses for a photo with Congressman Raul Ruiz (D-CA).

on October 1, 2025.

"This was a step in securing advanced funding resources for the IHS, for the purpose of providing quality healthcare in Indian Country," said Harvier.

"For everything they were able to accomplish, [the Biden administration's] wish was that the next administration would continue what they were able to get done."

During a panel on investing in Indian Country, Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis represented O'odham Jewed and described some of the most impactful GRIC projects that were funded by the American Rescue Plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

"There are some great changes that have occurred during this administration that we need to continue to build on as tribal leaders," said Lewis.

"As tribal nations grow, I can't say it any other way, we build upon these wins. We need to look at just exactly how we were able to unlock these investments both within the BIL and the IRA so that we can continue to really provide a groundwork for future investment."

Before the summit began, the DOI published their third tribal co-stewardship annual report, which outlines the details of 69 new agreements from just this year. Between the Interior, Agriculture and Commerce departments, the Biden administration has entered into 400 co-stewardship agreements with tribes that span across the country, according to Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland.

Haaland launched the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative in her first few months in office, which shed the light on what she calls "a horrific era of our nation's history."

At the summit, she announced new agreements between the Interior, Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and the U.S. Library of

Congress that will preserve boarding school survivor stories and experiences.

In October, President Biden became the first and only commander in chief to formally apologize for the federal boarding school era.

The departments of the Interior, Education and Health and Human Services also released a 10-year National Plan on Native Language Revitalization, which the DOI said in a press release, "charts a path to help address the United States governments' role in the loss of Native languages across the continental United States, Alaska and Hawai'i."

"Indigenous languages are central to our cultures, our life ways, and who we are as people. They connect us to our ancestors, to our homelands, and to our place in the world," said Haaland. "This ambitious plan represents the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to address the wrongs of the past and restore what has been taken from us."

The DOI also announced a cooperative agreement with the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education to provide \$7.5 million in existing grant funding to Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools supporting the launch or expansion of immersion programs.

During the second half of the summit, both Biden and Harris spoke.

"From day one, my administration worked to include Indigenous voices in everything we do," Biden told the audience.

"More than 80 Native Americans now serve in senior roles across my administration. With their help, we've shaped our approach to Indian Country with respect and have matched our words with action."

A tearful Haaland, along with Assistant Secretary Bryan Newland, presented Biden with an eighth generation embroidered blanket from a tribally owned business.

"Assistant Secretary Newland and I wanted to acknowledge the wonderful leadership by President Biden. He has been a champion for Indian Country over these past four years, and I felt the best way for us to acknowledge that was with a blanket."

President Harvier recalled the moment when the blanket was placed on President Biden's shoulder. "Tribal leadership yelled in unison, 'Thank you Joe, Thank you Joe!'"

"Miigwech!" shouted another leader, the word for thank you in Ojibwe.



Assistant Secretary Bryan Newland and Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland presented President Biden with an embroidered blanket.

President Joe Biden Establishes Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School Monument

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Editor's Note: This story contains sensitive subject matter, including stories involving systemic child abuse that readers may find upsetting.

The 432nd site in the National Parks System database will be the Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School National Monument in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

On December 9, President Joe Biden announced that a national monument is to be built within the next 3 years to honor and commemorate the Indigenous lives lost due to the U.S. boarding school atrocities which began in the early 19th century. Biden issued a proclamation and made the announcement at his final White House Tribal Nations Summit.

Between 1879 and 1918, more than 7,800 Indigenous children attended the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. The school was built with a mission to "kill the Indian" to "save the Man" by forcibly assimilating Indigenous youth to abandon their tradition and culture to adopt Euro-American values and culture. Many remain buried on school grounds, and over the last few years, some have been disinterred and taken back home to tribal land for reburial.

The Carlisle school's tenure as a Federal Indian boarding school ended in 1918, at the end of World War I. At that time, the U.S. government turned the school into a hospital to care for wounded soldiers. After its closing, the school's legacy as being the model for boarding schools continued as more than 417 Indian boarding schools in 37 States and territories over the course of the next century opened. The boarding schools during the post-WWI era were not operated by the federal government, but by local churches and other religious organizations.

Today, the Carlisle Barracks is an active Army installation which still includes the buildings and structures of the former Carlisle Indian Industrial School.

"For the survivors of the schools, and for the families and Tribes whose children were taken from

them, the trauma and violence inflicted by the Federal Indian boarding school system have had profound effects across multiple generations, and those impacts continue today," said President Biden in his proclamation.

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

This year, *O'odham Action News* has been following Biden's and Haaland's U.S. boarding school system work.

Last July, the Interior Department released volume 2 of its Federal Indian Investigative Report, which revealed more Indigenous children lost to the horrific tragedies.

This past October at the Gila River Crossing Community School in Laveen, Biden and Haaland were both in person as Biden gave a formal apology to Indian Country on behalf of the United States for the U.S. boarding school system.

During its investigation for this story, *O'odham Action News* identified 10 young people listed from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community that were registered in the Carlisle boarding school student database, which dates to August 1, 1899.

The names of the students and their ages at the time they were enrolled at the Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School are as follows:

- J. Henry, age 19
- P. Ogle, age 18
- H. Jackson, age 15
- H. Jose, age 19
- L. Juan, age 17
- E. Ramone, age 14
- M. Stuart, age 18
- J. Thomas, age 16
- K. Thomas, age 16
- J. Vavages, age 15

In his proclamation, Biden stated the Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School National Monument will be managed by the National Park Service

and the U.S. Army. Both will collaborate with local and neighboring tribal nations on the creation and operation of the monument, which will be a 24.5-acre monument held within the 520-acre boundary of Carlisle.

"With the designation of the Carlisle School as a National Monument, we take a significant step in preserving and learning from this part of our nation's history," said Rachel Jacobson, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment.

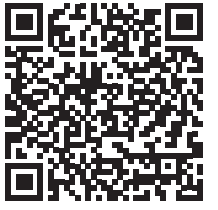
Access to the planned monument site is currently restricted as plans are underway.

Presently, the "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act" is a bill headlined by the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS), an organization at the front lines of capturing the stories of survivors and their descendants.

If the bill passes, it will conduct investigations, continue to hold public and private gatherings with survivors and descendants, continue to locate Indigenous children, and publish their final reports to the public.

O'odham Action News will continue to monitor the monument's construction as well as the "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act" when it comes up for a vote.

The Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center is a free website which contains sensitive information regarding the school's history.
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If you or someone you know is a descendant of SRPMIC students that were at the Carlisle Boarding School, and feel comfortable sharing your story with us, please reach out to OAN Managing Editor Dalton Walker at 480-362-3281 or by emailing Dalton.Walker@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV.

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2024-2025 SRPMC JR. MISS SALT RIVER COURT (LEFT TO RIGHT): JR. MISS 1ST ATTENDANT TIARE BEGAY-SMITH, JR. MISS SALT RIVER DIONDRIA PILGER AND JR. MISS 2ND ATTENDANT AYANNA TOYA.



KATHY LUDLOW (SEATED) RECEIVED HER GREAT UNCLE MATHEW B. JUAN'S WORLD WAR I MEDALS ALONG WITH HER DAUGHTER SABRINA VILLAFRANCO.



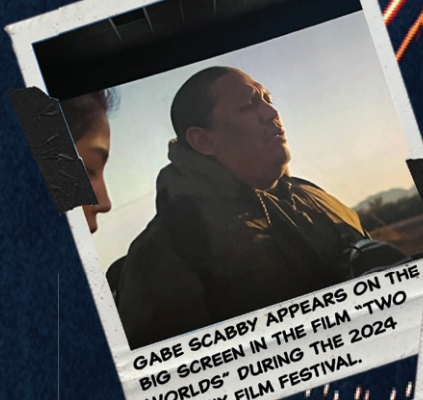
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JORDAN FRENCH WINS RED MOUNTAIN BRANCH YOUTH OF THE YEAR.



GABE SCABBY APPEARS ON THE BIG SCREEN IN THE FILM "TWO WORLDS" DURING THE 2024 PHOENIX FILM FESTIVAL.



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SRPMC POLICE AND FIRE CONDUCTS MOCK ACTIVE-SHOOTER TRAINING AT GREAT WOLF LODGE.



ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, A GROUP OF SRPMC MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN AN ASTRONOMY 101: NIGHT WITH THE STARS CLASS AT THE SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLANETARIUM.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ENTIRE TEAM AT O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS! DALTON, CHRIS, JUAN, KARI, ANDREEA, AND NALANI.

SRES Christmas Program Makes Hearts Grow

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You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch. Well, maybe not Salt River Elementary School's Grinch, student Larry Gates IV.

Gates gave a stellar performance as the titular character in the school's holiday Christmas program.

Whether you're a fan of classic carols or modern holiday hits, students and staff showcased a fun performance for families amidst this holiday season.

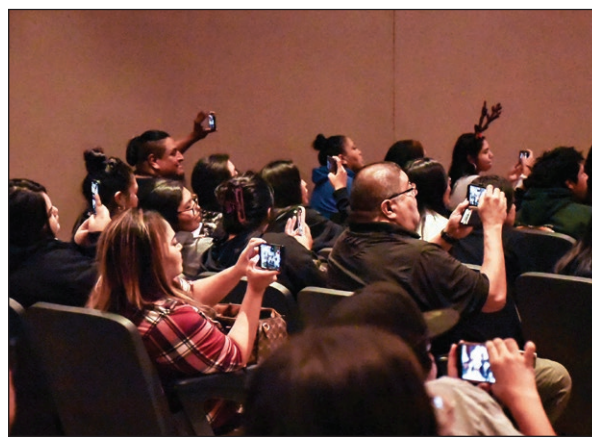
On Wednesday, December 11, students in grades 3-6 shared a feature of holiday songs followed by an exciting performance by the Theater Class Eagles Club who delivered a rendition of the famous book and movie, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss.

Popular Christmas hits like "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," and "Jingle Bell Rock," were performed by each grade with third graders singing a special version of "Jingle Bells" in O'odham before the Grinch stole the show.

The Eagles Club's performance opened with their own rendition of "Welcome Christmas" from the movie soundtrack where some of the lyrics were translated to O'odham and sung throughout.

"We have a packed house – what a great problem to have," said SRES Principal Amanda Guerrero during the intermission.

A special thanks was also given to those who contributed to the making of the program, including Salt River Elementary School administrators, The Home Depot at the Talking Stick Pavilions, SRPMIC IT, and the Accelerated Learning Academy. The Eagle's



SRES parents captured priceless moments during each performance.



6th grade class performing "Jingle Bell Rock"

Club is funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant.

The holiday program ran twice: once for the school, and again later for family and the Salt River Community.



LEFT: SRES Theater Class Eagles Club during their special performance of How The Grinch Stole Christmas.

Three Sizes Three Sizes Three Sizes

How the Grinch Stole Christmas Cast

The Grinch – Larry Gates IV
Cindy Lou Who – Skye Spencer
Mayor Augustus Who – Albert Gonzalez
Narrator 1 & Police – Sayla Valenzuela
Narrator 2 – Hannah Patrick
Narrator 3 – Raedyn Lewis
Martha May & Storekeeper – Lily Belvado
Lou Lou Who – Serenity Wendell
Betty Lou Who – Aiyana Taylor
Young Martha May – Leariq Hayes
Young Mayor – Ceckett Percy
Teacher & Clarnella Who – Lovell Enos
Rose Who – Layonia Acosta
Drew Lou Who – Cash Garza
Stu Lou Who – Littlehawk Macias
Christina Who – Shea Milford

Directory

Director – Lindsay Sandoval
Assistant Director – Dr. Candace Adams
Music Director – Benjamin Bush
Costumer – Dr. Lynette Stant
Set Design – Sage Waters
Prop Master – Erica Richardson

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January 16, 2025

Two Waters, Building B

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9 am - 10 am

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



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ABOVE: Scottsdale Community College's mascot, Artie the Artichoke, joined Santa in giving Salt River students high-fives after they completed their lap.

BELOW: Once the gates were open, nearly every student decided to run out along with Santa Claus to the starting line of the Jingle Jog.



Waiting for them with hugs and high-fives at the finish line was Santa Claus and Artie the Artichoke from Scottsdale Community College. Both greeted the students as they sprinted down the final steps of the jingle jog lap.

Returning to the North Pole at the conclusion, Santa waved goodbye to all the students, faculty and staff and promised to return on Christmas Day with presents and holiday cheer for all.

Santa patiently waited for Salt River students to complete their lap along Highland Avenue for the holiday fun run, the Jingle Jog.

Jingle Jog Features Santa Claus, Christmas Cheer

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enue with holiday-themed posters and Christmas decorations to support and encourage the students as they jogged their holiday lap.

To make the fun run an even more fantastic celebration, Salt River Materials Group purchased and donated Santa Claus hats for every student. "They [SRMG] were wonderful in donating these Santa hats," proclaimed teacher Dawn Burstyon-Meyers. Certain students chose to write out their names in glitter and gold on their Santa hats.

Santa Claus returned to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for some additional Christmas cheer at the Salt River Education Services campus on December 20 for the school's "Jingle Jog" fun run event.

Faculty and staff from the elementary school and the Accelerated Learning Academy lined up along Highland Av-

Nadia Trujillo Recognized as Student of the Month, Joins Future Farmers of America

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Nadia Trujillo was recognized as Chandler High School's Student of the Month for November/December.

One recent morning while at school, staff surprised Trujillo by presenting a certificate to her and thanked her for her leadership.

"I come to school every day, and I work hard every single day, so it's nice to have a little reward when someone recognizes it," said Trujillo.

But that's not all that Trujillo is up to.

Through a class in school, Trujillo recently became involved in the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization, which is an intra-curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership.

"I was really interested in the plants and the animals, the agriculture," said Trujillo.

In September, she was awarded the FFA Greenhand Degree, an active membership award for FFA members in ninth grade or older. It's one of the first degrees that a member can earn as they become involved in the organization.

Trujillo plans to purchase an FFA uniform soon so she can present her American fuzzy lop rabbit that she will be taking care of for about four months, at the Maricopa County Fair, as a part of the membership.

"They have long fur, and you have



SRPMIC member and Chandler High School student Nadia Trujillo poses for a photo at Two Waters Courtyard with two certificates she recently earned.

to take care of [the fur] twice a week, trim their nails and create a bond with them and know they can trust you," said Trujillo.

Trujillo hopes to work more with animals in the future and maybe work at a ranch of some sort with rabbits or chickens.

She said her grandfather Steve Stoneburner of Sanders, Arizona, inspired her love of animals.

"My grandpa has chickens and a goat. The way he made it his life commitment," said Trujillo.

"I thought they were always fun to take care of," said Trujillo.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY: LENDING A HELPING HAND SUBMITTED BY SALT RIVER SCHOOLS



School & Community Relations staff from L to R: Jessica Ray, Cathy Mangels, Celesia Lewis, Shelly Aday, Marchetta Lewis, Kathy Toney, and Rich Dinedeal.

Members of the School & Community Relations team are seen here creating cozy winter blankets for a special family nominated to participate in the program's Holiday Helpers initiative, which provides new gifts, household goods, food, and other needed items to every individual living in the home.

"Holiday Helpers is great way for our team to give back to the Community and ensure families have a nice Christmas meal and gifts," said Miranda Johnson, Education Program manager.

The School & Community Relations team is happy to assist and see your students succeed in academics and attendance. If you need any support, please give our office a call at (480) 362-2534.



Supreme Court Delays Petition to Protect Oak Flat

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

In a statement released on November 21, Apache Stronghold said that the Supreme Court was scheduled to have their petition considered at its conference on November 11, however the group received word that their petition had been rescheduled to the Court's conference on December 6, likely hearing by December 9 whether the Court will take their case.

That date passed, and so did the next date that the group said they were given; the court's next conference on December 13.

By December 16, Apache Stronghold and their legal representatives had not received a notice from the court, and so they were told the court intends to consider it again at its next conference on January 10, or the court may take additional time for further consideration, the group said in a December 16 statement.

An excerpt from the statement shows a positive outlook on the outcome of the case:

"Either way, we take this as an encouraging sign that the Court is devoting extra time to our case and giving it careful examination. We ask all of our supporters to continue praying that the Justices will agree to hear our case and protect Oak Flat—just as the sacred places of other faiths have long been protected throughout the country. Thank you again for your support."

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

The U.S. Supreme Court has again delayed considering the petition by Apache Stronghold, a nonprofit community organization dedicated to defending holy sites and freedom of religion, to protect Oak Flat, known to the Apache as Chi'chil Bildagoteel, from transferring the land and resources at Oak Flat to a private company, Resolution Copper.

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

"Oak Flat is our spiritual lifeblood—like Mt. Sinai for Jews or Mecca for Muslims—the sacred place where generations of Apache have connected with our Creator," said Dr. Wendler Nosie Sr. of Apache Stronghold. "The government should protect Oak Flat just like it protects the sacred places of all other faiths in this country—not give it to a foreign-owned mining company for destruction."

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

After unsuccessfully asking all 29

News and Events In and Around Indian Country

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Gila River Indian Community Celebrates Anniversary of Water Settlements Act

President Joe Biden sent the Gila River Indian Community a letter on December 10 recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Arizona Water Settlements Act.

Gila River celebrated at Wild Horse Pass with an event where Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs spoke and proclaimed December 10, 2024, to be "Gila River Water Rights Day."

The act provides Gila River with a water budget of 653,500 acre-feet of water annually.

Arizona Congressman Wants Leonard Peltier Freed

U.S. Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva, an Arizona Democrat, and the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member, has signed a letter asking President Joe Biden to grant clemency for Native activist Leonard Peltier.

U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Chairman Brian Schatz, a Democrat from Hawai'i, and 32 other lawmakers signed the letter.

Peltier is from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in North Dakota. He was convicted of murder in 1977 following a controversial investigation and trial.

In their letter, the lawmakers cite Peltier's age and illness, and stress that a presidential pardon is the last remaining hope for his freedom.

New Postal Stamps Feature Native American Dancers

The U.S. Postal Service is set to release a set of stamps that celebrate Native American culture.

The stamps feature four dancers in traditional regalia painted by Cochiti Pueblo artist Mateo Romero. However, the designs are preliminary and could change. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.

A release date for the stamp set has yet to be determined and will likely be available after March sometime.

Native College Basketball Player Leaves His Mark

Treysen Eaglestaff is a guard for the University of North Dakota and from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. The college junior scored 40 points in a game on December 18 against No. 6 Alabama.

Eaglestaff made history by being the first mid-major with a 40-point game against an AP-Top 10 opponent since 2012, according to ESPN. The Alabama Crimson Tide hung out to win 97-90.

His college is located in Grand Forks, North Dakota and hosted the Alabama team, which is rare, but was scheduled because an Alabama player is from North Dakota.

2025 BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

Each home is serviced once during the scheduled zone week. Please have bulk items at the roadside no later than the Sunday of your scheduled zone week.

If unable to place items by the roadside due to a ditch, please call (480) 362-5600 or email PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov

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Collection services for each zone begins on Monday & ends on Friday with collection beginning on the west side of the community & moving east throughout the week. *Holidays may affect the schedule.

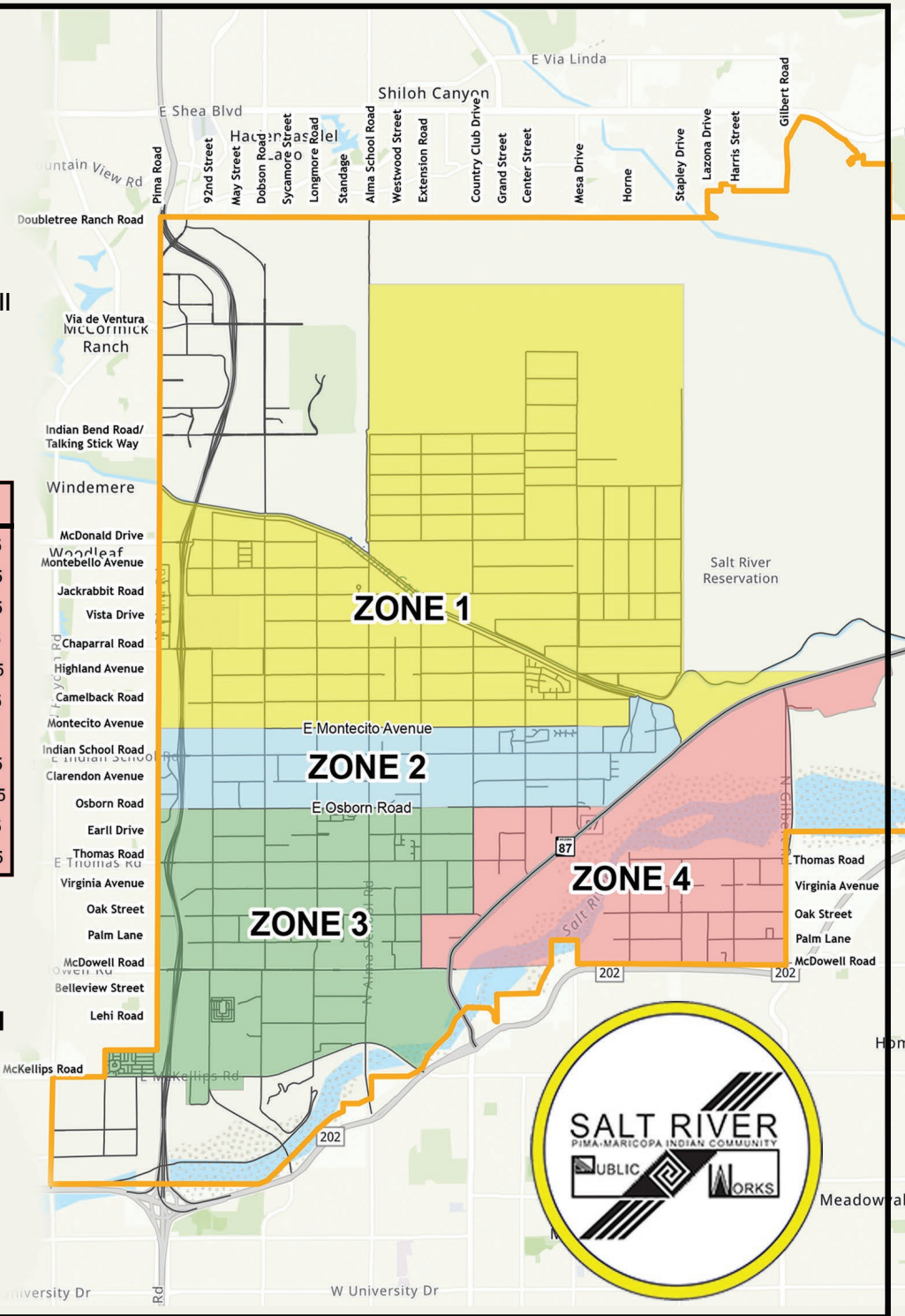
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| Monday, May 5, 2025 | Monday, May 12, 2025 | Monday, May 19, 2025 | Monday, May 26, 2025 |
| Monday, Jun 2, 2025 | Monday, Jun 9, 2025 | Monday, Jun 16, 2025 | Monday, Jun 23, 2025 |
| Monday, Jul 7, 2025 | Monday, Jul 14, 2025 | Monday, Jul 21, 2025 | Monday, Jul 28, 2025 |
| Monday, Aug 4, 2025 | Monday, Aug 11, 2025 | Monday, Aug 18, 2025 | Monday, Aug 25, 2025 |
| Monday, Sept 1, 2025 | Monday, Sept 8, 2025 | Monday, Sept 15, 2025 | Monday, Sept 22, 2025 |
| Monday, Oct 6, 2025 | Monday, Oct 13, 2025 | Monday, Oct 20, 2025 | Monday, Oct 27, 2025 |
| Monday, Nov 3, 2025 | Monday, Nov 10, 2025 | Monday, Nov 17, 2025 | Monday, Nov 24, 2025 |

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- Remove or secure appliance doors as a safety precaution.
- Cut tree limbs into 3-4 feet sections and stack parallel to roadside.
- Bag and tie all leaves/grass.

DO NOT:

- Place bulk items over cable boxes or near ornamental borders.
- Place items within 5 feet of parked cars, fences, utility boxes, mailboxes, or other fixed objects.



Westwood JV Girls Basketball Features Two from Salt River

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In basketball, tough losses at home can still provide hard-earned lessons. During their home game against the Chandler Bears, the Westwood junior varsity girls' basketball team had a tough matchup on November 10. Coming into the game, the Westwood Warriors were still searching for their first win of the season while the Bears boasted a 4-1 record that included a three-game undefeated streak on the road.

Earning the start and playing most of the game was Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community student-athlete Taylor Moore. She impacted the game immediately by playing as the team's floor general, setting up plays and dishing the rock to her open teammates. In the first quarter, Moore swished a contested 3-pointer which sent the crowd into a frenzy. On the very next play, she planted both feet firmly and took a hard charge resulting in the Bears committing an offensive foul.

Battling against much taller guards, Moore had her work cut out for her as many of the Chandler players ended up triple-teaming her after the first quarter.

Joining Moore on the court was another SRPMIC student-athlete, Mariah Harrelson. Known for her tenacious defensive skills, Harrelson came off the bench in the second quarter and instantly launched herself in the paint against the much taller forwards.

Despite the Warriors' best efforts, the Bears had an answer no matter what game-plan was put into action. At halftime, the score was 10-26.

In the second half, the Bears turned it up and resumed playing aggressive defense, putting a stop to Moore and Harrelson's comeback efforts. Harrelson battled in the paint for rebounds while Moore tried to shoot Westwood back into the game.

By the end of the third quarter, the Bears led 10-41. In the fourth quarter, the Bears' jump shots swished through the net with ease. With the writing on the wall for the Warriors, Moore and Harrelson were substituted out to give Westwood's bench more playing time.

The Bears went on to beat the Warriors, 17-50. The tough loss at home proved that while you can't teach height, staying committed and united as a team remains the true goal of a successful season.

Now on winter school break, the Westwood JV girls' basketball team will resume the second half of their season on the road on January 10 at 5:30 p.m. against local rival, the Mesa Jackrabbits.



In the third quarter, Mariah Harrelson (LEFT) and Taylor Moore (RIGHT) received playing time together and proved to be a dynamic duo on the court.



Taylor Moore was unquestionably the floor general during the game against Chandler, consistently finding her open teammates.



Harrelson battled many of the Chandler forwards and centers for offensive and defensive rebounds.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
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Zahgotah, Roberta Andrea – Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-24-0246 Court Date: January 29, 2025 at 10 a.m.

CIVIL COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
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CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
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Biakedy, Arlen - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-0711 Court Date: January 27, 2025 at 11:30 AM

Butler, Adam Dustin - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-24-6427 Court Date: January 8, 2025 at 2:30 PM

Gutierrez, Silas Alfredo – Order of Protection Hearing Case: CV-25-0396 Court Date: January 9, 2025 at 11:30 AM

Hayes, Ariana Persuasias - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-6558 Court Date: January 16, 2025 at 11 AM

Hayes, Maria Felicia - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-23-0075 Court Date: January 6, 2025 at 10:30 AM

Lewis, Vincent Julian - Divorce Hearing Case: CV-25-0111 Court Date: February 5, 2025 at 9 AM

Ludlow, Ryan - Child Support Motion Hearing Case: CFCS-20-0024 Court Date: January 22, 2025 at 10 AM

Manuel, Cherish - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-0712 Court Date: January 27, 2025 at 11:30 AM

Nahsonhoya, Damien- Probate Status Hearing Case: P-21-0007 Court Date: February 21, 2025 at 2:30PM

Thompson, Franzia Kaye - Evidentiary Custody Hearing Case: CF-23-0090 Court Date: January 21, 2025 at 10 AM

Williams, Bryann Lynn-Probate Status Hearing Case: P-21-0007 Court Date: February 21, 2025 at 2:30PM

Williams, Craig Sterling- Probate Status Hearing Case: P-21-0007 Court Date: February 21, 2025 at 2:30PM

DEFAULT NOTICES

MILES-CORREA, JULIA
 Notice of Default Judgment:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-3638

Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Julia Miles-Correa, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Legal Custody is hereby given to Jordan R. French Sr. and is hereby ENTERED on the 7th day of November, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Jordan R. French Sr. is awarded sole legal custody and legal decision making of minors. Visitation at Father's discretion until further order of the Court. This order

shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

ZAHGOTAH, ROBERTA ANDREA SUMMONS

In The Matter of: V.E. D.O.B.: 06/16/2007

TO: Roberta Andrea Zahgotah, parent mother

A Dependency Petition has been filed in this Court alleging that you neglected or abused a child or that the child is otherwise a dependent child.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the

allegations in the Petition before the Honorable Judge Deer, the Salt River Juvenile Court on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 10:00 AM, in Court Room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

WARNING: Failure to attend any hearing without good cause shown may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights to be present and defend against the allegation(s) in the petition. The hearing may go forward without you and may result in a finding of dependency, and the Court could make permanent orders by motion. Further, failure to appear at Court

hearings or to participate in services may result in the termination of your parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship.

Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.

CLERK OF THE COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

1st Quarter 2025 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE
March 31, 2025
 Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the April 2025 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: **Thursday, March 27 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 **APRIL 2025** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **JULY 2025** payout.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, March 18th 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 **APRIL 2025** payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of **JULY 2025**.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Thursday, March 27th 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.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, March 18th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

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

If you have any questions regarding:

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

-Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits: Finance-Per Capita @ **(480) 362-7710**



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The 1099-MISC/NEC tax forms are mailed out by January 31st of each year. To ensure accurate mail delivery, please update your address with the Enrollment Office by December 20, 2024.

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

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

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

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 M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

NOTICE
2025 Agricultural Lease Payment

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

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

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: **(480) 362-7729**
 (staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.
 Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 24, 2025. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 13, 2024.

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

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.
 *Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2025 .

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to Liquor Ordinance

Comment Period: December 11, 2024 – January 27, 2025

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, the SRPMIC Council approved a 45 day public comment period for the following proposed amendments to the Community's Liquor Ordinance.

This amendment would allow the retail sales of packaged liquor in the Community's SRPMIC Liquor Licensing Area Corridor ("Corridor"). Packaged liquor includes beer, wine and hard liquor in an unbroken container for consumption off premises.

There are two groups of retailers who would be allowed to sell liquor in the Community's Corridor:

- 1) Liquor stores that are over 10,000 square feet and do not have a drive-up window; and
- 2) grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, and big box retailers (with no restriction on square footage or "drive up windows")

All retailers who would sell liquor in the Community will be licensed and regulated by both the State of Arizona, and the Community.

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
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 Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov



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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.

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.

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SERVICES
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Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Pastor Marty Thomas
(480) 874-3016/
Home: (480) 990-7450
SERVICES
-Visit us on Facebook Live and in person.
-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
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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

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P.O. Box 10125
Scottsdale, AZ 85271
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com
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Pastor Charlotte Fafard
SERVICES
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-Communion first Sunday of the month

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SERVICES
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Apostle Edward Chance
apostleeac@gmail.com
(480) 516-6509
SERVICES
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VICTORY CENTER
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Mesa, AZ 85203
Senior Pastor Danny Cruz
480-427-4678
SERVICES
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Senior Pastor Danny Cruz
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Around the Community

As we step into the New Year, **SRMG** remains committed to supporting our community and fostering opportunities for growth & collaboration!

Here's a glimpse of what **SRMG** has been up to "Around the Community"!



September 20th

SRMG sponsored the meal at this year's Himdag Ki Fun Fair at Way of Life Facility hosted by the Community Youth Programs.



December 20th

SRMG were happy to donate Santa holiday hats for the 2024 Jingle Jog for the Students of Salt River Elementary School.



November 7th

The SRMG Safety Crew participated in Safety Day at the ALA Football Field hosted by Police & Fire Department.



November 18th

SRMG Served as a Pin Flag Sponsor for the 22nd Annual SRCCF Golf Classic at Talking Stick Golf Club hosted by the Salt River Community Children's Foundation Board of Trustees.



November 29th

The SRMG Bonanza Plant Crew Sponsored a parade float at this year's 21st Vernal Holly Days Festival light parade in Vernal, UT.



December 17th

Departments at SRMG participated in this year's 2024 Christmas Angel's program hosted by the Social Services Department.



December 19th

SRMG proudly sponsored a meal and hot cocoa bar for the students and their families at the Early Childhood Education Center.

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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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No registration required. Questions? Call (480) 362-6310

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

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

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

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

WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE, 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss

general challenges that accompany service in the military.

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

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

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13 GLOW WALK, Community Recreational Services Adaptive Recreation, ALA Field, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Come out and show your support for individuals with disabilities, all ages welcome. Call 480-362-3267 for more info

16 WIOA ORIENTATION, Two Waters Building B Room B102 - X'aa (Cottonwood) 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Learn about WIOA eligibility requirements; program services for enrolled participants; guidance toward obtaining career goals through education

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16 SALT RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP, 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. The first step of your child's academic journey begins at Salt River Elementary School, enrollment event

18 CONSERVATION EXPO, at the Arizona Boardwalk Courtyard 9500 E Via De Ventura Blvd Scottsdale, 85256. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet conservation experts and animal ambassadors alike, while learning how to help make a positive impact on our community and planet. Stop by for your chance to meet adorable adoptable cats and dogs or to see birds of prey, reptiles and so much more! Visit <https://www.odysseaquarium.com> for full details.

20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, SRPMIC Offices closed, please plan accordingly.

24 ANCESTRY LIBRARY CLASS, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Salt River Tribal Library. Have you ever wanted to know more about your ancestors and the lives they lived? Join us for Ancestry Library Class in the Salt River Tribal Library! During this class we will explore available Census, Birth, Death, and Military Records to discover stories you never knew about the people who came before. No Sign-Up required, walk-ins are welcome. Questions? contact The Salt River Tribal Library 480-362-6600 / TribalLibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

25 WINTER STORYTELLING, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Lehi Gathering Grounds, open to the public. Bring your comfy chairs and enjoy stories of the past. A meal will be provided to the first 100 people. Coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts will be available. Contact the

Huhugam Ki: Musuem 480-362-6320

31 86TH ANNUAL TOHONO O'ODHAM RODEO AND FAIR, From January 31 through February 2 at the Silas Hendricks Memorial Arena, Eugene P. Tashquith Sr. Livestock Complex located three (3) miles west of Sells, Arizona along State Route 86. For more information, contact TON Rodeo & Fair Office at 520-383-2588, TONRF@tonation-nsn.gov or visit www.tonation-nsn.gov

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2 8TH ANNUAL YOUTH IDENTITY CONFERENCE, Calling all 8th-12th graders! Don't miss out on the chance to join the Young River Peoples Council at the Youth Identity Conference. It's going to be a blast with games, education, and more! Follow @YoungRiverPeoplesCouncil on facebook and instagram for updates and information.