



Spring Training Opening Day Celebrates SRPMIC

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Spring is in the air, and with it comes the unmistakable buzz of baseball. Opening Day for spring training in Arizona is here and the anticipation is palpable.

More than a dozen Major League Baseball teams from around the nation visit Arizona in February and March to get ready for the official season. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosts two teams, the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies. Both teams share the award-winning Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, a known popular ballpark for spring ball and an enterprise of the SRPMIC.

This year is the 15th season spring training has been held in the Community, and the 15th year the Diamondbacks and Rockies have honored their unique partnership by celebrating the opener as "SRPMIC Day," where O'odham and Piipaash culture is centered and celebrated.

"I love it, I love Opening Day, I love having SRPMIC Day," said 2024-2025 Miss Salt River Sialik King. "Because spring training is set here in Arizona, we have people from all over the nation come, and to be able to share a bit of our culture with them as O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash."

"I really enjoy it every single year," King added. King sang the national anthem near home plate in O'odham before the start of the game. "Being able to come here Opening Day and sing in front of a sold-out crowd, that was very nerve wracking, but also just a very surreal feeling," she said.

As the gates opened for the season on February 21, baseball

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Bird Singing and Dancing by the River were seen on the jumbotron and heard throughout the concourse.



After both Bird Dancers and Basket Dancers finished their performances, all gathered to perform a special round dance together.

Salt River Schools Opens a Playground for All



Wylie Wolf, Tasha Antone, Harmony Brown, Wolf Brown and Violet Wolf were all on hand to officially open the all new and inclusive playground on February 12 at Salt River Schools.

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During the brand-new playground ribbon cutting ceremony in February, Salt River Elementary School Acting Principal Bryan "Coach" McCleney spoke from the heart about how important it is for all children to feel valued and welcomed.

"About three years ago we started this project. It included staff, a lot of students, parents, and Community organizations," he began. "This didn't happen by one person; it happened by everybody. So, we all came together and said, 'What can we do to ensure all of our students can play together as a community?'"

The result? An all-inclusive playground for all.

The all-new playground allows for all children, including those with limited mobility, to experience a fun time while on campus attending classes amongst friends and family at Salt River Schools. The school held the ceremony on February 12 shortly after a stu-

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The new Community homes are for eligible SRPMIC members between the ages 18-24.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community continues to be at the forefront of ensuring that its members have access to affordable housing.

On February 7, the SRPMIC officially opened its new neighborhood of transitional homes on the northeast corner of Alma School and Osborn Road. Council, 2024-2025 SRPMIC royalty, directors, management, and other distinguished guests attended the ribbon cutting, which also featured an open house tour.

Recipients of the transitional housing apartments moved in the following day on February 8. The new Community homes are for eligible SRPMIC members between the ages 18-24.

During the open house tour and ribbon cutting, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier thanked those in attendance and shared that he was pleased that more membership will have access to Community homes. He also detailed the history of the land the new Community homes reside on. "Most of us know, the transitional homes were over on Center [Street] and Camelback

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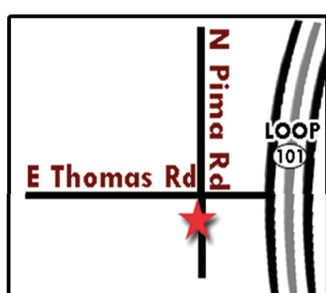
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Injury Prevention Program Presents: New Year, New Mantra

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To establish daily healthy habits of physical, mental, and spiritual wellness among SRPMIC employees, the Public Health Injury Prevention Program introduced movement, meditation and mantra techniques on January 29 in a presentation called “New Year, New Mantra.”

Injury Prevention Coordinator Monte Yazzie led the presentation, beginning with how important it is for health to find movement. He gave examples of common movements that can be beneficial, such as weightlifting, tai chi, yoga, dancing or simply getting up to walk.

Yazzie then moved from body to mind introducing the next technique: meditation. Meditation is the practice of focusing your attention to achieve a calmer, more aware state of mind.

In utilizing a tool called the five R’s (recognize, relax, review, respond and return), it’s easier to understand how to meditate as a part of maintaining spiritual wellness.

“Recognize your thoughts and your own internal dialogue when you’re caught up in negative, fear-based thinking,” said Yazzie, suggesting meditating in those moments. “Explore ways to slow down, connect with your breath and relax your mind and body.”

Three questions he recommends asking yourself as you review your emotions are: “What can I control?” “How does this make me feel?” and “What can I change?”

He said responding to the now, not the past or the future, by checking in with yourself to bring awareness to the present moment, is another way to meditate.

Yazzie talked about the final component, which is mantra reflection framework. A mantra (originally in Hinduism and Buddhism) is a word or sound repeated to aid concentration in meditation.

“A mantra is like your brand,” Yazzie said. “Make it. Follow it. Repeat it.”

The framework consists of I am (value), I can (confidence), I will (goal) and I do (habit).



ABOVE: Injury Prevention Coordinator Monte Yazzie leads a presentation about meditation and mantras.

BELOW: Christy Burnette from Conscious Community Yoga gives a meditation instruction.



Christy Burnette from Conscious Community Yoga, a partner with Public Health Injury Prevention, closed out the the program with a serene meditation instruction in which everyone in the room participated.

For questions about movement, meditation and mantras, you can reach out to Monte Yazzie at Monte.Yazzie@srpmic-nsn.gov or call at (480) 362-7542.

How We Meditate

Recognize: Recognize your thoughts and your own internal dialogue when you’re caught up in negative, fear-based thinking.

Relax: Explore ways to slow down, connect with your breath, and relax your mind and body.

Review: Ask questions. What can I control? How does this make me feel? What can I change?

Respond: Respond to the NOW. Not the past or the future. What can you do in the present that is authentic and helpful for yourself?

Return: Check in with yourself and bring awareness to the present moment.

Medieval Times Opens Castle Gate for Student & Youth Travel Association



2024-2025 Miss Salt River Sialik King welcomes a Student & Youth Travel Association member with a shell necklace.

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As a part of their 2025 summit in Scottsdale, the Student & Youth Travel Association made a special stop on Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community land at Medieval Times.

The King, Queen, Royal Falconer and knights greeted the association as they rolled up to the entry portcullis in their bus before opening the heavy medieval gate. The association, which promotes student and youth travel worldwide for participants to gain a greater understanding of the world through travel, held its 3-day summit in January.

Each member of the association was then greeted inside the castle by Miss Salt River 2024-2025 Sialik King, who presented them with shell necklaces.

After settling in, the visitors listened to a panel of Medieval Times and SRPMIC employees discuss the castle and the Community.

The panel included Medieval Times Senior Vice President of Marketing & Sales Celeste Lanuza, SRPMIC Community Development Department Principal Planner Richard McAllister, Discover Salt River Division Manager Maleena Deer and SRPMIC Senior



The King, Queen, Royal Falconer and knights greeted the association as they exited their bus.

Environmental Specialist (Range Management) Brian Gewecke.

“Our address does say Scottsdale, but we are on sovereign land,” Deer explained to the visitors. “Within our division, we are very conscious about how we are incorporating culture.”

After the panel spoke, the group dispersed and mingled while former Miss Salt River 2020-2021 Isabella Dockerty sang tunes from up in a balcony.

SRPMIC members and mother/daughter basket weavers Alice Manuel and Raeann Brown joined basket weaver and potter August Wood at a table, where they demonstrated for the association members traditional ways of utilizing the natural resources of the Valley.

Chef Julio Ramos and his team at TASH, a restaurant located within Talking Stick Resort, prepared food and light refreshments, including a prickly pear mocktail.

Vendors from businesses located on tribal land including Great Wolf Lodge, Staybridge Suites, Comfort Suites, Top Golf and OdySea Aquarium were also on hand to give visitors information and ideas so they can continue to broaden their worldview through travel and tourism.



ABOVE: Discover Salt River Division Manager Maleena Deer and a panel including SRPMIC employees talks to the visitors.

BELOW: Former Miss Salt River 2020-2021 Isabella Dockerty sang tunes to visitors from the balcony.



Youth Services' Mama Quail Retires

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After 24 years of dedication to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Doris “Ms. Doris” Morado, has retired.

For years, Morado worked with Community youth, first at the Early Childhood Education Center in 1999, then at Youth Services.

Though she will no longer be seen with a line of Community youth closely following behind her, Morado’s impact as a youth specialist will follow the children she impacted well into their adulthood.



Doris 'Ms Doris' Morado in 1999 working as a teacher's aide at the Early Childhood Education Center.

“If you look at the Youth Services logo,” said Karina Watson at Doris Morado’s Retirement Farewell on January 30, “You’ll see a mama quail with a line of baby quails behind it. Doris is that quail, she’s been the mama quail for a long time, and she’s still going to be.”



Doris Morado guiding youth in cemail demonstrations at the Native Youth Identity Conference in 2023.

Morado’s early days as “Mama Quail” began in 1999, when she first started at the Early Childhood Education Center. For about two years Morado worked as a teacher aide. Every morning, Morado drove one hour from Casa Grande to the Community.

After two years, she moved to the Youth Services After-School Program, where she remained for about 22 years. Morado recalls her career here spanning multiple locations, from trailers behind Social Services, the old Helping Hands building, to the Way of Life Facility.

“I love to listen to the kids, especially the five-year-olds,” Morado said. “They say funny things, make you laugh, and they’re just easy to teach because they’re little. That’s where you start with your kids.”

Throughout the change, Morado’s dedication to the youth remained constant. From coaching the T-ball team O’odham A’al, fieldtrips to the library, and those lucky enough to sample her warm and fluffy *ce:mait*, Morado shared her well-rounded set of skills to all those she met.

“She treated kids as if they were her family,” said her former colleague, Leroy Eswonia. “She’s a role model, and there are only so many people who can teach us these things. She shared her gifts openly.”

One of her former students, Kennise McGertt, who first met Morado as a child, admitted she was initially intimidated by her. “When I was 7, I was terrified of her because she seemed stern,” McGertt said. “But when I was 14 and running for Jr. Miss Salt River, I didn’t know the language. Doris sat me down and taught me how to introduce myself.”

Her tough love and knowledge from an older generation came from a place of resilience and healing.



Family, friends and colleagues gathered for Doris Morado’s Retirement Party on January 30.

Raised in the Gila River Indian Community, Morado had several education and career ventures before working in the SRPMIC.

In the 1980s, she attended college and pursued practical nursing, only to find it was not her fit. She then enrolled in substance abuse counseling classes and supported those in recovery. In her free time, she would frequent rodeos with her family.

However, in the early 90s, Morado faced the devastating loss of her daughter and grandchildren from a car accident. The grief left Morado in a lot of pain, but through counseling, support from her church and the tribe, and volunteering with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, she found healing.

“It hit me hard,” Morado said. “It took me years to get by, to get better to the point where I can talk about it and not cry. I lived through it myself, and maybe that’s why people say I’m so strong. But I don’t really think I am.” Though Ms. Doris did not see her strong character, others around her did. Morado’s two remaining children shared their family’s losses left an impact on her, so when she found work in the Community, it became a source of healing and joy for her.

“It wasn’t a job to her. It was something she wanted to do. When you love your job, and coming to it every day, the long distance [Casa Grande to Salt River] didn’t matter to her,” said Morado’s daughter.

Morado’s strong love showed in the teachings she instilled in the Community’s children.

“It’s not us as her family that shared her with you guys, it’s her. The dedication, the loyalty, the love, everything. That’s to your Community, to the kids, and the kids that are adults now,” shared Morado’s daughter. “She

instilled all these special things in your children that they’ll look back on when they’re older. Take the ball and run.”

Though she is stepping away from her Salt River and returning home to Casa Grande, Morado has no plans to slow down.

With the extra time on her hands, Morado hopes to finally secure enrollment with the Gila River Indian Community, take up sewing again, attend a few tribal rodeos, and maybe even take a trip to California with her granddaughters to sit in the crowd of a live Dr. Phil recording.

But what she’ll miss the most? “The kids, their funny little comments, and the happy times I had with the [Youth Services] staff,” she said.

Whatever retirement has in store for Ms. Doris, one thing is for sure: after 24 years of service to the Community, Morado’s legacy, the “mama quail of Youth Services” will live on in the hearts of the children, colleagues, and Community members she has touched.



Doris Morado's colleague Natasha Martinez hugs her best friend tightly.

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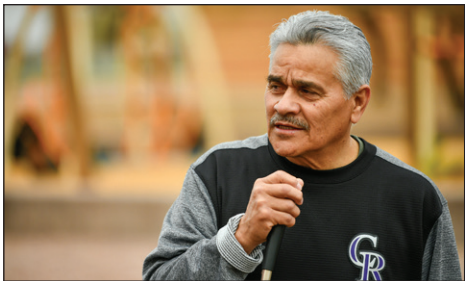
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Salt River Schools Opens a Playground for All



TOP: SRPMIC President Martin Harvier shared the importance of the all-inclusive playground.
BOTTOM: Children approved of the new playground.



Salt River Elementary School Acting Principal Bryan "Coach" McCleney provided his appreciation to all who helped plan and build the new playground.



The new playground ushers in new era in the Community in which each person now has an all-inclusive playground to enjoy.

dent run and walk event with SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and others. "This is an opportunity for us to say that everybody here counts, and everybody's voice is heard. Since everybody's voice was heard, this was the result," McCleney added as he motioned over to Wolf Brown, Tasha Antone and their daughter, Harmony Brown.

Designated as the ribbon cutter to officially open the new playground, Harmony was also joined by Wylie and Violet Wolf, from The Great Wolf Lodge.

Following McCleney's introduction, Harvier provided the welcoming to attendees to the ceremony. "I think the word was 'inclusive' and me being a grandparent to a grandson with special needs, I know Harmony's parents are here and I'm sure they're

probably more excited than her," said Harvier. "It is very difficult to have a special needs child and just like Coach B [McCleney] said, if they can't play with the others, it really hurts."

Afterward, Harvier shared with guests that Harmony has continued to grow up in the SRPMIC, as she and her parents are frequent attendees of various Community events. "I'm happy for Harmony, her parents, and I'm happy for the school. Thank you," finished Harvier.

Surrounded by her parents, it was time for Harmony to officially open the new playground. Grabbing the ceremonial scissors and cutting the ribbon with ease, she helped usher in new era in the SRPMIC and Salt River Schools in which each person now has an all-inclusive playground to grow up in and enjoy.



News and Events In and Around Indian Country

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BIA Launches Operation Spirit Return

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has launched Operation Spirit Return, an initiative to help solve missing and unidentified person cases involving Native people.

The initiative is being conducted by the BIA's Missing and Murdered Unit to identify unknown human remains located within or close to Indian Country, according to a news release.

The operation will focus on reuniting remains with family members and returning them to their tribal communities.

The unit is actively investigating 15 unidentified persons cases from its regions, including Alaska.

Arizona Park Renamed To Honor Tohono O'odham Educator

A park in Tucson, Arizona, is now known as Danny Lopez Park. The park was renamed in February to the Tohono O'odham educator and elder who dedicated his life to preserving his language and culture.

The park was named Silverbell Park and was renamed in 1990 to Christopher Columbus Park in anticipation of the 500-year anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the Americas.

The park's new name stands as a testament to the importance of honoring local Indigenous leaders, according to a park history section on the city of Tucson website.

15 Senators Ask Homeland Security to End Wrongful Searches

Fifteen U.S. senators are demanding that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security uphold the country's trust and treaty responsibility with tribes by ending wrongful searches and interrogations of tribal citizens.

Democratic Sens. Martin Henrich, of New Mexico, and Brian Schatz, of Hawai'i, were behind the letter to Secretary Kristi Noem. It was signed by 13 other senators.

In the letter, the lawmakers raise concern over reports of ICE agents stopping and harassing U.S. citizens on suspicion of being undocumented migrants since President Donald Trump issued an executive order seeking to terminate birthright citizenship.

These incidents have stoked fear and panic for many tribal citizens living on and off reservation lands, read a statement from Heinrich's office.

Lily Gladstone's Oscar Gowns On Display

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will display two gowns worn by Oscar-nominated actor Lily Gladstone at its museum in Washington, D.C.

The special installation opened to the public in late February and goes through March 2026. Four public programs are planned this month.

Gladstone made history by being the first Native nominated for best actress for her work in the film, "Killers of The Flower Moon." Gladstone wore the gowns to the 96th Academy Awards and an Oscars party, both on March 10, 2024.

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O'odham Action News, the news source for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, now has another way to get news out to Community members, in addition to the physical newspaper and the digital version.

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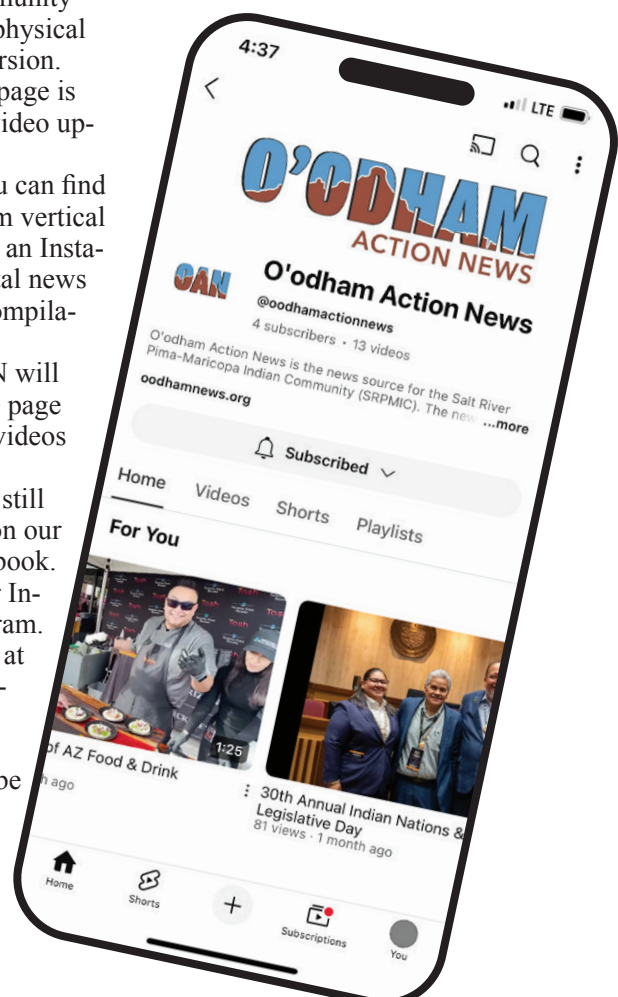
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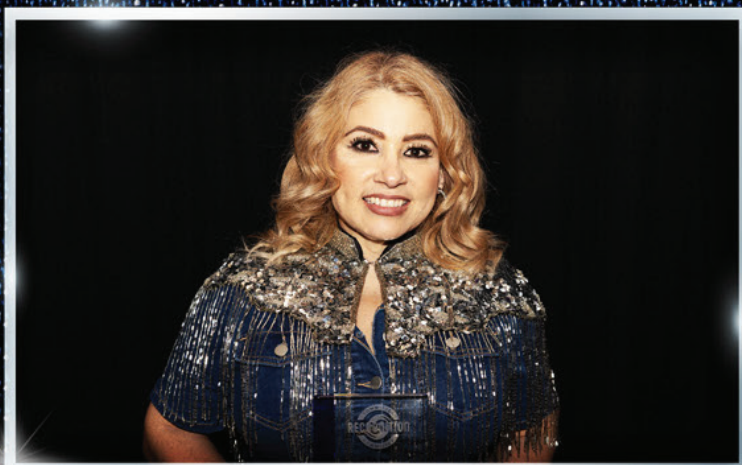
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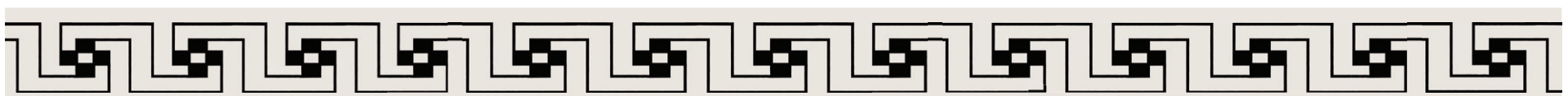
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fanatics and families visited and observed the traditional leather work of artist Gabriel Martinez, pottery by August Wood and traditional basketry by Alice Manuel and Raeann Brown. Artists had designated tables set up on the main concourse near the ballpark's main entrance.

"It feels good to be out and being able to do this... I hope it catches the eyes of young people who would want to keep this going," said Brown.

On the field before the game, traditional O'odham and Piipaash dancers and singers gathered to perform near home plate.

Afterward, SRPMIC Council members Cheryl Doka and Mikah Carlos tossed out a ceremonial first pitch.

Diamondbacks pitching ace Corbin Burnes took the mound to start the 2025 spring season. During the off-season, the Diamondbacks signed Burnes along with first baseman Josh Naylor. Both made their team debut at Salt River Fields with Burnes striking out the side in the first inning. However, the Rockies got the win, 12-8. Salt River Fields has a busy schedule and hosts a spring training game every day through Monday, March 24.



LEFT: Bird Dancers performing before the game.



RIGHT: Gabriel Martinez showcasing his leather work on the main concourse of Salt River Fields.



ABOVE: Council member Mikah Carlos throwing the ceremonial first pitch.



ABOVE: 2024-2025 Miss Salt River Sialik King and Arizona Diamondbacks mascot Baxter the Bobcat having a blast at SRPMIC Day at Salt River Fields.



LEFT: Basket Dancers gathered around home plate waiting to perform.

BELOW: Gourd Singers in their element. Slay.



LEFT: 2024-2025 Miss Salt River Sialik King performing the national anthem in front of a sold out Salt River Fields crowd.



Colorado Rockies Host Youth Clinic at WOLF

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Baseball season has arrived in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

In partnership with the Community's Recreational Services, the Colorado Rockies hosted a night of nonstop baseball and softball fun for youth ages 6-17 on February 19 at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF).



Colorado Rockies player pitching to youth during baserunning drills.



Dinger the Dinosaur sitting with the kids as opening remarks were being made.

Participants were split into five groups and were assigned to different stations on the baseball field. Each of the five stations were designed to work on fundamentals that would improve baseball or softball skills such as baserunning, hitting, fielding, pitching/throwing and speed/agility.

To help manage stations, several players from the Rockies organization were in attendance along with Rockies mascot, Dinger the Dinosaur.

"Thank you, guys, so much for welcoming us here today, and really for our entire spring training," said David Beckel Manager of Community Affairs with the Rockies. "We are deeply

honored to have Salt River Fields at Talking Stick on Native land and it's so important to us and the Rockies to be a part of this Community [and] to get to come out here."

Participants were given shirts with the Rockies logo on the front and the special Nike N7 logo on the sleeve, and a bat and ball set to continue and practice their skills at home.

"Loved seeing all the kids come out and in different ages, just to see the smile on their faces when they are hitting the ball or running the bases," said Jim Kellogg, vice president of Community and Retail Operations for the Rockies.



SRPMIC youth take turns hitting at home plate before practicing running to first base.

"We have such a beautiful [spring training] facility and we want to give back where we can," Kellogg added.

The Rockies are one of the many Major League Baseball teams who travel to Arizona for spring training before the start of the regular season. The Rockies share Salt River Fields at Talking Stick with the Arizona Diamondbacks.



Participants racing in the speed and agility station.



'Moving with Martin' Series Resumes with Special Guests



After spending time with the mascots, the children happily made their way to complete their lap along Highland Avenue.

Students enrolled in the Salt River Elementary School were able to spend the morning of February 12 hanging out with the Colorado Rockies' mascot Dinger, as well as Wylie and Violet Wolf from the Great Wolf Lodge, during SRPMIC President Harvier's 'Moving with Martin' healthy lifestyle and active movement program.

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With Major League Baseball's 2025 spring training season officially underway, it was time for everyone's other favorite purple dinosaur to make an appearance in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Colorado Rockies' mascot, Dinger.

On February 12, Salt River Schools' students and their families gathered underneath the Salt River Education Services ramada as they waited for SRPMIC President Martin Harvier to continue his, "Moving with Martin" healthy lifestyle and active movement program for the new year. The healthy activity program took a brief hiatus during the holiday season.

In the days leading up to the event, the students colored on the official "Moving with Martin" animated logo of Harvier and decorated the hallways of Salt River Elementary School.

Additionally, each participant of the series received a commemorative purple t-shirt. "I've been asked to participate in the run today," began Harvier. "You know what organ keeps your blood flowing? The ibdak!"

Once president said the word "heart" in O'odham, all the school children raised their signs that had the animated logo of Harvier. "Also, it's 'iiwaa' for the Piipaash," he added.

Moments later, Dinger ran out and gave hugs and high-fives to the students and their families in attendance. As Dinger made his way

to greet everyone, the students were delighted when Dinger performed the "griddy dance," a popular dance from social media.

Also joining Dinger was Wiley and Violet Wolf from The Great Wolf Lodge. Together, the three mascots and Harvier joined students at the starting line on Highland Avenue to complete their lap.

Among those meeting them at the finish line with high fives and cheers was SRPMIC Council member Jacob Butler and Heaven Sepulveda, school board member and recent doctoral graduate from Arizona State University.

Following the completion of their lap, students and their families were treated to free water and popsicles, compliments of Salt River Schools.



Violet Wolf proved to be a fan favorite for many of the students.

YRPC Inspired at Mid-Year UNITY Conference

BY NALANI LOPEZ
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The Young River Peoples Council joined over 700 tribal youth in attendance at the United Nations Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY Inc.) MidYear Conference.



YRPC Members Marley Dallas (left) and Aarick Mack (middle-left) brainstorming with other tribal youth at the UNITY conference.

Hosted over the course of three days, February 7-9 in Phoenix, the weekend of workshops, breakout sessions and cultural sharing equipped Native youth with leadership skills to return to their respective communities.

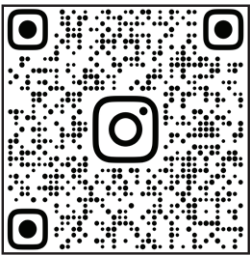
Featured speakers at the conference included “Rez Ball” actor Kusem Goodwind and Indigenous studies researcher Corey Still.

This year’s conference theme “Digitizing Youth Voices. Inspiring Indigenous Stories.” stirred interest with YRPC members Cruz Lasiloo and Tizoc Lopez,

who interviewed elders and tackled difficult subjects like suicide prevention.

“This was a new skill for me, but it opened my eyes to how we can use digital media as a tool for advocacy and sharing culture,” said Lopez.

Lasiloo’s suicide prevention video was recorded with an old-school handheld camcorder. Scan the QR Code to the right to view Lasiloo’s group video shared on UNITY Inc’s social media accounts.



Digital storytelling wasn’t the only inspiring thing learned during the weekend. YRPC members said that meeting youth from other tribal communities broadened their perspectives of shared tribal issues despite differences in location.

“I met two beautiful ladies, one from New Mexico and another from Oklahoma. We talked about issues within our reservations and how it not only affects us, but our future as well,” said Patricia Woody. “As we got deeper into our conversation, I slowly realized we all grew up in similar environments with many of the same issues.”

One of the highlights for the Young River People’s Council was the O’odham Cu:dk and Chicken Scratch dance.

With the conference hosted in Phoenix, the ancestral lands of the O’odham, the evening of traditional song and dance shared the culture of the four O’odham sibling tribes: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O’odham Nation.

“I loved sharing our *himdag* with others; it was so

much fun to dance and teach others how to dance one step and a cumbia,” said Jizelle Juan. “I want to help others develop a strong sense of identity and show that our him:dag can be a powerful tool for healing.”

The large gathering inspired culture resiliency. “It was inspiring seeing all the youth come together over who they are and represent all of us as Indigenous peoples,” said Marley Dallas. “We remain and that’s what keeps me going, staying strong, defending our ways of life on our *jewed* and preserving people’s lives with our *himdag*.”

The YRPC will attend the National UNITY Conference in San Diego, California this summer. The conference expects to host over 2,500 tribal youth. Members of the YRPC couldn’t be more excited.

“UNITY, it’s an experience that leaves a mark on someone from the first time they go, to every other time,” said Zariah Miles. “Meeting people from across the nation opens your mind to all the Indigenous experiences, problems, people and solutions. With this, you can improve your own community.”



UNITY attendees at the O’odham Cu:dk and Chicken Scratch dance on February 8.

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ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Winter Storytelling at the Accelerated Learning Academy



Kelly Washington sharing his stories.



Anthony Grey sharing his stories.



The audience listened attentively as Kelly Washington shared his stories in the ALA Lecture Hall.

BY ANDREEA MIGUEL
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In O'odham and Piipaash culture, the winter months are the time of year were the Community gathers together to tell traditional stories.

On February 6, the Education Native Language and Culture Department at Salt River Schools hosted a winter storytelling night at the Accelerated Learning Academy. A light meal was provided in the cafeteria before storytelling was held in the lecture hall.

"We strive to provide language and culture to not only students of Salt River Schools, but to the Community. We have recognized that we have the biggest captive audience to distribute language and cultural knowledge, so we do our best to seize the opportunity to share something important to our community," said Salt River Schools Language and Culture Teacher, Ipa Dutchover.

Guest storytellers were Kelly Washington from Lehi (Piipaash) and Anthony Grey from the Gila River Indian Community (O'odham).

"We do our very best to make sure we have representation from both tribes here in the Community, so we sought out individuals who were knowledgeable about stories specific to O'odham and Piipaash," said Dutchover. "Also, to continue to build relationships and connections to our sister/brother tribe in Gila River."

As the night went on, roughly 100 people heard the traditional stories that were passed down generations.

"I totally enjoyed it... it brought me back to being young and listening to stories and hearing somebody talk and

give that story... and then especially the singing, it's just like really touching," said attendee Maria Chavez.

"Just being able to see Community members, young and old, fully tuned in and hanging on to every word being shared was something awesome to see," said Dutchover. "Storytelling in this capacity is traditionally only done in the short winter months. We wanted to make sure we were able to give another opportunity to the Community to hear these stories that are not always shared."

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SRPMIC Officially Opens New Transitional Housing Property



May 2024: Contractors poured cement for the homes' foundation.

[Road] since 2010. With the new development here, Council made decisions to build housing for our Community," said Harvier.

He continued, "This started in 2019, working with staff and getting the architects to draw up plans. Then the groundbreaking was in 2022."

Each of the new transitional homes feature two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a spacious living room area, a kitchen equipped with appliances, a washer and dryer, as well as a backyard patio and covered parking. The construction of the homes was completed by MayDall Construction.

"I always say when you have a Community member that's doing a project, I think they'll take a lot more care knowing that this is for the members," said Harvier. "This is an exciting day. We've been blessed to do what we've been able to do here."

Following his remarks, 2024-2025 Miss Salt River Sialik King performed the national anthem in O'odham.

Later, Heather Swanson, project manager for Engineering and Construction Services, provided a few words prior to the official ribbon cutting.

"We've been a part of this from the initial planning, the design, throughout the construction to now with the turnover and move in," she began. "All of the design decisions were based on feedback from Public Works who had been the ones maintaining the units, as well as staff from Social Services who were inside of the units as well as hearing about them."

The feedback both departments gave proved to be crucial as the new homes feature an added layer

of accessibility for those with mobility limitations. "We made the homes 'Fair Housing Guidelines' compliant. It allows for the opportunity to serve a wider population," said Swanson.

Additionally, gone are the bi-fold closet doors which have been known to cause damage to an individual's fingertips. "All of the closets are now swinging doors, on a hinge. The closets have more storage now because they have double hanging areas with built-in storage."

Moments later, Swanson presented a shovel which was used during the groundbreaking in 2022 and was later decorated by staff from Social Services. "They had painted and designed it, and this stayed in our office and helped remind us of our who and our why," said Swanson.

Bird Singing and Dancing by the River also performed. After their performance, attendees took self-guided tours as well as asked questions about the property.

For more information about the group home and independent living program within the SRPMIC Social Services Department, call (480) 362-5731.



Heather Swanson, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Engineering and Construction Services Department project manager, presents the ceremonial shovel that was included in the 2022 groundbreaking of the new transitional homes.



During the ribbon cutting, SRPMIC Council, royalty, directors, managers, and distinguished guests collectively celebrated the official opening of the new Community transitional homes.

Teen Dating: What Parents/Guardians Must Know



The "Teen Dating" webinar was attended by many. This image was created using AI.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Health and Human Services Department Prevention and Intervention team host an ongoing series of webinars that help promote, educate and raise support amongst membership and staff as we all navigate life.

February is "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month" and the February 11 session was designed to educate and help inform parents/guardians about the dating scene teens and tweens experience in today's age.

"As parents/guardians, we want the best for our children. Our role is to teach and educate and raise healthy adults. This time can be scary for kids, [and] especially parents," said Community Health Educator Melanie Nosie, LMSW. "The mental health impact of dating [is important]. Emotions, hormones, so much goes on for them during that time. As parents/guardians, what can we do?"

Nosie explained that teens and tweens need a supportive environment to be able to communicate how they feel.

She later mentioned that when teens experience a breakup, it's important for parents/guardians to not quickly voice their frustrations by saying, "I told you so" or "I knew he/she was no good." Nosie emphasized creating a safe space for open and clear communication, noting how each child develops their own individualities as they mature. "We have a responsibility to make this time as comfortable as possible for our kids."

Later, Nosie opened the discussion for attending staff to share their stances on their teens/tweens dating. The answers came in: focus on school first, know yourself first, as long as the grades are good it's okay, focus on current interests instead, follow the family rules, and more.

As the webinar neared its conclusion, Nosie also clarified that not all tweens/teens take an interest in dating.

She suggested maintaining a clear and direct line of communication with children by checking in with them and asking how they are doing. "We want to make our conversations with them laid back, so they are willing to open up and share."

She continued, "We want to make sure they also understand consent and boundaries, [and] can stand up for themselves and know they have the ability to say 'No,'" said Nosie. "They do have a say."

The webinar series is available to membership and staff. Interested individuals looking to join an upcoming webinar can contact Melanie Nosie at (480) 362-6678.

Round House Café Celebrates 2 Millionth Customer

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The Round House Café celebrated its two millionth customer in style.

"It's quite the milestone," said Daniel Barolli, ARAMARK Café general manager. "I'm glad to be part of the café and be able to service the Community every day... I really feel like it's just a great place to work and I'm glad to be here."

The Round House opened in 2009 and is owned by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, but is operated by ARAMARK. It is located within the Community's Two Waters government complex.

To celebrate the milestone, the café held a raffle where customers entered by submitting receipts with their name and contact information into a bin.

On February 14, the café, which was decorated with celebratory balloons, offered free cake and ice cream to visitors and announced the winners.

Out of thousands of receipts entered into the raffle, SRPMIC Veterans Service Representative Amanda White was announced as the grand prize winner.

"I feel shocked and excited because I never win," she said. White posed for photos after learning she won.

The grand prize was worth nearly \$2,000, which included four park passes and a one-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge, tickets to watch both the Phoenix Suns and the Arizona Diamondbacks and several gift cards for a variety of activities and shows. White wasn't the only winner. 50 other people won smaller prizes.



Left to Right: Daniel Barolli, Amanda White, and Paul Johnston pose for a picture after celebrating White's winnings.



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Senior Services Holds Its Third Annual Senior Expo

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Senior Services Health & Wellness held its third annual Senior Expo on Friday, Feb. 14, in the WOLF gymnasium. The event was held to inform seniors and adults with adaptive needs about the many programs available to them through Senior Services and throughout the community. More than 100 people attended.

“We were pleased to have so many people come and so many programs join us to present information about their services,” said Health & Wellness Program Manager Celinda Joe. “Our seniors are eager for information and opportunities to improve their health, so it’s a great fit, and the vendors make it fun for the seniors to come to their tables.”

More than 20 programs from Senior Services, other SPRMIC departments, and the valley attended the expo. Each had giveaways and engaging and informative activities to demonstrate their programs and services.

“The value of this event for Public Health Injury

Prevention and the other programs is to promote visibility,” said Monte Yazzie, Public Health Injury Prevention Coordinator. “These services are of vital importance to the wellbeing of our elders and this event lets them know that they are supported in all things.”

This year’s expo had a fun twist with the celebration of Senior Services Mascot Toby Tootles’ first birthday. Participants could have their photo taken with Toby, and there were birthday cupcakes to mark the occasion. Ramona Verdugo and her friend Christopher Stanford were among those who had their picture taken with Toby.

“We had a lot of fun at the expo—Happy birthday, Toby! Everyone was so nice, and we got a lot of nice things like fresh cabbage and T-shirts, and I won a raffle for movie tickets,” said Verdugo. “There was a lot of good information. I learned about StrongLife and am excited to earn cash for points just by exercising.”



Public Health Injury Prevention Coordinator Monte Yazzie and Conscious Community Injury Prevention Yoga Instructor Christy Burnette were among the vendors at the expo sharing their programs.



Ramona Verdugo and Christopher Stanford enjoyed learning about the programs available to seniors and adults with adaptive needs. They paused a moment to pose with Toby, the Senior Services mascot. Photos courtesy of Laura Tous-saint, Senior Services.

Participants were treated to a healthy lunch and those who visited all the programs and completed their punch cards received an event T-shirt.

“It was inspiring to see so many more seniors this year and they were eager to celebrate Toby’s birthday,” said Joe. “The seniors really look forward to the information and we had some really good giveaways like scales and fresh produce from the community garden. It’s a great way to kick off a healthy new year.”

To learn more about other Senior Services Health & Wellness activities, contact Celinda Joe at 480.876.7180 or celinda.joe@srpmic-nsn.gov.



More than 100 seniors attended Senior Services’ Senior Expo on Feb. 14 at the WOLF. The event was held to inform seniors about the programs and services available to them.



Doris Perkins stopped by the River People Health Center table and chatted with Jessika Dalton about their services and picked up a few goodies.



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HAYES, ARIANA CV-24-6558 DEFAULT NOTICE Sari Torres v. Ariana Hayes To: Ariana Hayes, RESPONDENT 1. A Complaint has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you. 2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter. 3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you. 4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you. 5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted 6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default) DATED: February 24, 2025 CLERK OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT	SMITH, TRACY SERINA CF-22-0073 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF: Y.F. DOB: 02/16/2012; J.J. DOB: 11/25/2016 TO: Tracy Serina Smith YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear for Order to Show Cause hearing on the 27th day of March 2025 at 11:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for an Order to Show Cause and Annual Guardianship Review Hearing on October 21st, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. after being duly noticed. FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. ORDERED February 19, 2025 JUDGE JANAYA L. JOHNSON–SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

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SALT RIVER VITA TAX PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 3, 2025
TO
APRIL 15, 2025


SENIORS/DISABLED PRIORITY

NO FILING BACK TAXES AND ITEMIZED TAXES

CONTACT
THE VITA MESSAGE LINE
 (480) 362-7540
Leave your Full Name & Phone Number.
A VITA Volunteer will promptly return your call with further details.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must have an appointment
- Income of \$58,000 or less
- Social Security card for tax filer & all dependents or any official government document with SS#
- Copy of Driver License or Government ID (tax filer & spouse)
- All tax documents (W-2, 1099's, etc.)
- IRS Child Tax Credit letter, if applicable
- Bank Account/Routing number (for direct deposits)

 **LOCATION**

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Two Waters Building A, 3rd Floor, Suite 300

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.

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.

Per Capita Eligibility: Monday, April 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 APRIL 2025 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of MAY 2025.

Tax Withholding Changes: Monday, April 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.

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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March 6, 2025

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(480) 234-6091
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Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Sun. Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Devotion Night 6:30 p.m.
SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday, 7 p.m.
Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.
Singspiration, last Sundays at 6 p.m.

**FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
1512 E. McDowell Rd. Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Neil Price
(480) 278-0750
SERVICES
Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m. Now
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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 Sundays at 10 a.m.
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday
of the Month, after services.
Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instru-
ments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month
at 4 p.m.

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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
Rev. WinterElk Valencia
(480) 947-5278
saltriveragchurc.com
SERVICES
Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
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.
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Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.
Local transportation available, please
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P.O. Box 10125
Scottsdale, AZ 85271
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com
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SERVICES
Sunday Service, 1 p.m.
Communion first Sunday of the month

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(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.

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Scottsdale, AZ 85250
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(480) 516-6509
SERVICES
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Visit us on Facebook Live, Wednesdays
at 7 PM for Voice of Truth

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Mesa, AZ 85203
Senior Pastor Danny Cruz
480-427-4678
SERVICES
First and Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
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VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH MESA
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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,
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85234
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SERVICES
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Salt River Public Works Department

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Office Hours:
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Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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MARCH 20

MARCH 7

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MARCH 21

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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
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Salt River Materials Group Unveils Refreshed & Modernized Logo



SRMG is proud to unveil a refreshed, modernized logo that represents our ongoing growth, innovation, and commitment to the future. As a leading supplier of cement, pozzolans and aggregates in the southwest U.S., we recognize the importance of evolving while staying true to our strong brand identity. Our new logo maintains the essence of SRMG while introducing a cleaner, more contemporary design that aligns with our forward-thinking approach and continued expansion.

This updated look reflects more than just a visual change—it symbolizes our dedication to progress, sustainability, and excellence in everything we do. As we continue to serve the construction market with high-quality cement, pozzolan, and aggregate products, our brand must evolve alongside our mission. The new logo serves as a representation of our company’s strength, adaptability, and deep-rooted commitment to our customers, partners, and employees.

While the design has been modernized, our values remain the same. SRMG is built on a foundation of integrity, reliability, and a passion for innovation. The refreshed logo is just one of many steps we are taking to ensure we remain an industry leader while staying true to our heritage. We invite you to explore our updated branding across our newly redesigned website and company materials, as we continue shaping the future of the cement industry together.



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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 Ce-linda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.
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- 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. Women's meetings held on Tuesdays, men's meetings held Wednesdays.
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- 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/dependance. 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! Visit www.fhpresbyterian.info/fleamarket, call 480-779-8115.
- MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OPEN ENROLLMENT,** through March 31. Are you considering a change to your Medicare plan? Need help navigating your options? Call River People Health Center at (480) 362-6880 for more information.
- KUI 'I'IVAGIDAG MAŞAD XLY'A XMOK MARCH**
- 8 SCREEN PRINTING CLASS,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Way of Life Facility. Get hands-on screen printing time with Jared Yazzie of OXDX, hosted by Community Recreational Service's Leisure Education Program. Contact tribal library with questions at 480-362-6600.
- 12-14 ECHOES OF THE AKIMEL MURAL FEST,** the three-day Youth Services event takes place at the Way of Life Facility and various locations in the Community. Call (480) 362-6390 for more information.
- 13 WIOA ORIENTATION,** Two Waters Building B Room B102 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- 14 HALF-OFF DAYS AT HELPING HANDS,** entire store is 50% off! Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 10213 E Osborn Rd. Now accepting cash and credit cards!
- 17 CM DOKA DISTRICT C MEETING,** 6 p.m. at Council Chambers. Contact Council

- secretaries at 480-362-7469 for more information.
- 18 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS LEHI DISTRICT MEETING,** 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Building. Contact Council secretaries at 480-362-7469 for more information.
- 18 COVID MEMORIAL MONUMENT UNVEILING,** 9 a.m. at Two Waters Courtyard. See ad on page 10 for more details!
- 18 CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BEGINS,** See ad on page 14 for more information!
- 22 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS QUARTERLY LEHI MEETING,** to be held at Evergreen Community Center, 10 a.m. Contact Council secretaries at 480-362-7469 for more information.
- 22 HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM’S ANNUAL TORTIALLA FESTIVAL,** Save the date! More information to come.
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- 27 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING,** 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Contact Council secretaries at 480-362-7469 for more information.
- 29-APRIL 6 NEW BEGINNING MINISTRIES CAMPMEETING,** Tent dedication March 29 at 10 a.m., tent located directly south of Talking Stick Resort. Guest ministers at 7pm nightly as well as planned children's church and gospel jam. Contact Pastor Norman Enas for more information at 480-526-0043
- KUI HIOSIG MAŞAD XLY'A CHMPAP APRIL**
- 4-5 PIIPAASH MATASHEEVM,** see flyer on page 10 for full details!

- 5 COMMUNITY VEHICLE AUCTION VIEWING DAY,** beginning at 8 am at vehicle storage lot by Dialysis Center. Bids will be accepted on viewing days or between 8am and 5 pm at the Dept. of Transportation office. Tribal members only, tribal ID required, sold as is, must be 18 or older to bid. Last day to bid will be April 14. Contact DOT at 480-362-7315 for more information.
- 8 HIGHER EDUCATION ORIENTATION PROGRAM,** 10-11 a.m. at Salt River Schools Education Board Room. Got higher ed plans? Let us help you meet your goals AND our scholarship program application deadlines! Contact 480-362-2547 or see ad on page 11 for more information.
- 12 COMMUNITY VEHICLE AUCTION VIEWING DAY,** beginning at 8 am at vehicle storage lot by Dialysis Center. Bids will be accepted on viewing days or between 8am and 5 pm at the Dept. of Transportation office. Tribal members only, tribal ID required, sold as is, must be 18 or older to bid. Last day to bid will be April 14. Contact DOT at 480-362-7315 for more information.
- 14 LAST DAY FOR COMMUNITY VEHICLE AUCTION BIDS,** Bids must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the final day. Bids will be accepted on viewing days or between 8am and 5 pm at the Dept. of Transportation office. Tribal members only, tribal ID required, sold as is, must be 18 or older to bid. Last day to bid will be April 14. Contact DOT at 480-362-7315 for more information.
- 18GOOD FRIDAY,** SRPMIC Offices Closed. Please plan accordingly.
- 19 COMMUNITY EASTER PROGRAM,** save the date! More information to come!
- 20 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**