



Kurt Thomas, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, provided remarks during the ceremony.

## SRPMIC Honors Community Member and Employee Veterans

### 3 takeaways

- The special recognition ceremony honored and commemorated all SRPMIC members and staff who have served in the military.
- Veteran Pacer Reina served as the event emcee.
- SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Tom Largo Sr., Bryan Meyers, Kurt Thomas and Joseph Fernandez provided speeches and blessings during the ceremony.

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Every year, it is important to celebrate and thank those brave individuals who have served their country.

On Friday, Nov. 7, a few days before the Veterans Day holiday, in the Two Wa-

ters Courtyard, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a Veterans Day celebration to honor Community members and staff who have served in the U.S. military. This year, both Community veterans and employee veterans were honored at the same event.

"As you know, in Indian Country, veterans, or warriors, have always been a part of our Community," began event emcee Pacer Reina. "We've always recognized the men and women that stood up to defend our homes and Community. For the O'odham and Piipaash, it's always been mentioned that we were farmers first. In doing that, as a part of our culture, history and sustainment of our

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# BREAKING!

Spookiness has made its way into the Salt River Community.  
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## RED MOUNTAIN EAGLE POWWOW CELEBRATES INDIAN COUNTRY

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The 37th annual Red Mountain Eagle Powwow celebrated Indian Country once again in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on Nov. 2 and 3 at the Salt River Ballfield.

Many distinguished tribal leaders, seniors, performers, dancers, singers and more joined emcees Bart Powaukee (Northern Ute) and Ruben Little Head (Northern Cheyenne) for a weekend of celebrating.

Additionally, writer/director Tazbah Chavez (Bishop Paiute/Nüümü/Diné/San Carlos Apache), actor Thosh Collins (Akimel O'odham/Seneca/Osage) and musician AntoineX (Omaha/Oglala/Sicangu Lakota) attended the powwow, which saw a record number of guests this year.

The two-day celebration featured close to \$40,000 in prize money across six performing categories: Golden Age (60+), Senior

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Emma Scabby, Miss Salt River 2025-2026, participated in Saturday's grand entry during the Red Mountain Powwow.

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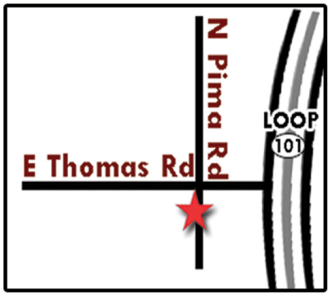
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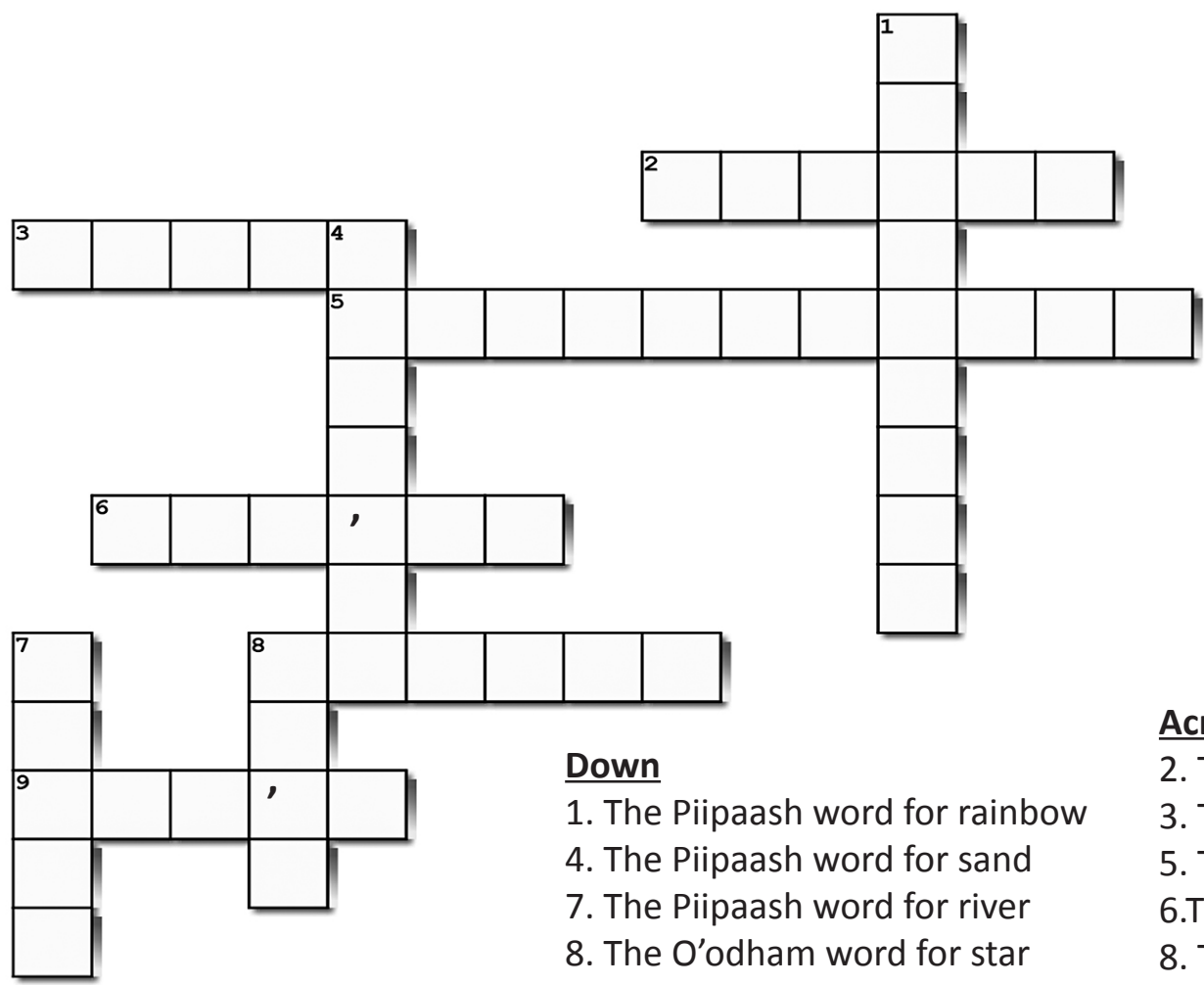
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- 9. The Piipaash word for moon

News and Events In and Around Indian Country

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Boarding School Oral History Project Set for Phoenix Valley

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition will be in Chandler, Arizona, in December as part of its Oral History Project. The coalition has been traveling the country to interview Indian boarding school survivors as part of the project. The Arizona agenda includes an opening ceremony and community dinner on Sunday, Dec. 14, followed by four days of oral history interviews. A closing ceremony and dinner will take place on Thursday, Dec. 18. Interviews are by appointment only and intended for those who attended a federally supported Indian boarding school prior to 1970. To sign up, call (651) 650-4445.

Phoenix Indian Center Event Sets Fundraising Record

The Phoenix Indian Center’s Silver & Turquoise Ball raised more than \$750,000 to support the nonprofit’s programs and services. The event was held on Oct. 17 at Talking Stick Resort. It generated record attendance. Linda Benally (Navajo) was honored with the Leon Grant Spirit of the Community Award for her leadership and contributions to the Native community. Benally is an attorney and founder of the Native American Bar Association of Arizona.

Indian Gaming Association Names New Chairman

David Z. Bean has assumed the role of chairman of the Indian Gaming Association.

Bean is from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and served as vice chairman for the association. He fills the seat of long-time Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr., who died unexpectedly on Sept. 26. Stevens was re-elected earlier this year and had served for the organization more than two decades. Bean will serve out the remainder of Stevens’ term under the association’s bylaws.

The gaming association will hold elections for the vice chairman and treasurer positions at its annual convention in March.

S’edav Va’aki Museum Indian Market Scheduled

The 48th annual S’edav Va’aki Museum Indian Market in Phoenix is scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 13. The event, formerly known as the Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market, will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. It features dozens of artisan booths, Native American performances and Native foods.

The cost is \$10 for general admission. Admission is \$5 for Native people, military members and first responders.

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Council Member to Lead Arizona Indian Gaming Association

Rolando Flores is the new chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association. Flores serves on the council for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The AIGA was established in 1994 and represents eight of the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona. It is governed by a volunteer executive committee and board of directors composed of tribal elected officials.

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# SRPMIC Employees Celebrated at Quarterly Awards

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community celebrated its most outstanding employees by hosting a fourth-quarter recognition breakfast at the Courtyard Marriott Scottsdale Salt River on Oct. 15.

Nearly 50 Community employees were recognized for their outstanding performance.

“There is so much to do, and it’s so key to the professional services that we provide this Community. I mean it, from the bottom of my heart, we really appreciate all that you can do here today,” said Community Manager Bryan Meyers in his opening remarks.

During the celebration, each employee who was recognized received a special certificate along with a mug that says “Be a Nice Human.” Everyone enjoyed the fresh fruit and food provided while they played a trivia game, and laughter filled the room as many of the questions and answers were unmistakably funny.

“I want you to take a look around you. Take a look at who’s next to you. These are your peers who are [making] an exceptional difference in the Community every day,” was heard during the closing remarks. “Thank all of you for making a huge difference in the Community. Every day your work matters. So, get out there and have a great rest of your day.”



Community employees pose for a picture as the recognition breakfast came to an end.



Community employees showing their support for one another by capturing moments on their phones.

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# Salt River Food Bank Receives Donation from Salt River Business Owners Association



Members of the Salt River Business Owners Association pose for a check presentation with Salt River Food Bank staff at the Food Bank on Oct. 28. From left to right: Council member Jacob Butler; Selina Shurz, Rezhawk Towing; Angela Willeford, Seven Stars of Arizona; WinterElk Valencia, Social Services Manager; David Dallas, Dallas Construction; Georgia Acosta, Acosta Plastering; Margaret Rodriquez, Au’ Authum Ki; Anna Lee, Pima Awards; Helena Garza, Social Services; Rachel Shurz, Rezhawk Towing; Eric Shurz, Rezhawk Towing.

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The Salt River Food Bank received a \$6,000 check on Oct. 28 from members of the Salt River Business Owners Association (SRBOA).

SRBOA is an autonomous organization of “volunteer” business owners who are members of the Community. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council unanimously approved resolution SR-2535-2007 recognizing SRBOA as an active organization within the Community on Dec. 13, 2006.

David Dallas, of Dallas Construction, is the president of the association.

When he and other SRBOA members received word from SRPMIC Council member Jacob Butler that food bank donations from local organizations have been decreasing, they pooled some money to donate.

“We’re excited [to work together and donate] and it’s a blessing for us to do this. Everybody jumped in right away,” said Dallas.

Social Services Manager Winterelk Valencia at the food bank said that the money from the donation will be used as soon as possible to supplement donations with canned goods, turkeys and other food items.

Valencia will be working with SRBOA to host a Community-wide food

drive. He hopes to potentially help fund Thanksgiving dinner boxes with the donation.

“Now, with the SNAP benefits in jeopardy, it’s good to have a conversation about ways that our own people can help each other out,” said Butler, who was present at the gathering for the donation presentation.

“These are small, local tribal member-owned businesses. It’s awesome to see you contributing to the welfare of the Community,” he said.

Other SRBOA members in leadership positions are Vice-President Chuvak Montiel-Nunez from On-Auk-Mor Trade Centers and Secretary Georgia Acosta from Acosta Plastering.

### 3 Takeaways:

- The Salt River Business Owners Association donated \$6,000 to the Salt River Food Bank.
- The donation will be used to purchase supplemental food for Community members and potentially help fund Thanksgiving dinner boxes.
- Social Services Manager Winterelk Valencia will be working with SRBOA to host a Community-wide food drive.

### Other SRBOA members:

Margaret Rodriquez, former SRBOA President—Au’ Authum Ki  
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# Halloween Spirit Alive & Well in SRPMIC



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## Frightful Fun and Eerie Eats at Fall Festival

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Spooky tunes and fearful festivities kicked off at the Salt River Baseball Field on Oct. 25 for the annual Fall Festival.

The area was filled with nonstop music, games and fun as Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members came dressed as clowns, movie characters and, yes, even Rumi from the popular Sony production and Netflix show “KPop Demon Hunters.”

As festivities began, music was provided by DJ Reflekshin, and attendees were able to enjoy food and vendor booths by local artists.

The Community Relations Events team set up games which included bobbing for apples and pie-eating contests.

Guests enjoyed an outdoor screening of the films “Hocus Pocus” and “Scooby-Doo,” and an area was dedicated for trunk-or-treat displays. The Health and Human Services Public Health team was voted as the best display for the second year in a row.

The costume contest was very popular for all ages. Costumes included funny ones like Madea and the famous painter Bob Ross. Others were Art the Clown and La Llorona, or “The Weeping Woman,” which is a widely known figure in Mexican and Latin folklore. Contestants were divided into four age groups.

As the night wrapped up, friends and families, boys and ghouls left with spooky treats and fun memories that will hold them until next year’s celebration.



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## Who Will Be the Most Fang-tastic? =====

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It was a spooky morning with a crisp breeze when Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community employees gathered to display their creative costumes. The annual Halloween Costume Contest took place on Oct. 31 at the Two Waters Courtyard. Employees gathered to see who was the “ghostest with the mostest.”

Although everyone looked boo-tiful in their costumes, there could only be six winners. A panel of three judges



made. In third place were Aarick Mack from the Cultural Resources Department as Madea, and Graciela Olivas from the Community Development Department with the Raptor as Jurassic Park. Coming in second place were Julian Martinez from Finance as Ozzy Osbourne and Ketty McClain-Young from Health and Human Services as Foxy Brown. The first-place winners were Marie Osborne, Angela Williamson and Antonio Enos from Finance as Laverne and Shirley with Squiggy, and Koda Jackson and Jacob Schurz from Recreation as Globo Gym.



It was an un-boo-lievable time.



## ECEC Continues Fall Festivities with Halloween Gathering

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The costumes were on for the Early Childhood Education Center’s Halloween Goodie Gathering, and everyone had the perfect accessories: big candy bags and even bigger smiles.

On Oct. 30, a day before Halloween, educators, families, and school and Community business partners got into character and created a safe and fun space for the youngsters at ECEC.

The annual event is one of the many staples for the fall season in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, offering an introduction to safety in spookiness among peers and volunteers. It also allows parents and Community departments to get directly involved by crafting a table with treats and helpful resources, making sure the small versions of Spiderman, mermaids

and princesses are loaded down with goodies. Kiddos enjoyed a magical visit with Veterans Services at their Harry Potter-themed table, saw firefighters whose costumes became uniforms, grabbed goldfish from a garden-themed table hosted by the Family Advocacy Center, and so much more.

This year’s Goodie Gathering was one for the books. Parents and family hoping to get involved in the next ECEC event can look forward to Reading All the Way on Dec. 11, when the Literacy for All team will host a celebration of all prizes things reading with giveaways, and “special visitors from the North Pole.” For more information, visit [www.saltriverschools.org](http://www.saltriverschools.org)



## ===== A Spooktacular Haunted Carnival to Remember! =====

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More than 2,000 people attended this year’s free Spooktacular event held at the Salt River Schools Accelerated Learning Academy football field on Oct. 28.

This year’s event theme was “Haunted Carnival.” After 15 years of Spooktacular, the Safe Schools & Security team has tried to build on each year’s success, said school security officer Tara Peshlakai.

“It used to be a haunted bus was a big deal; one year, we did our best to create a haunted lecture hall,” said Peshlakai.

“[Spooktacular] has gotten bigger and bigger, both in terms of what we offer and with how many people attend. We decided that 2025 would be the year Spooktacular went outside—for the first time—to the football field. We were not disappointed. We had enough space and food for everyone to really enjoy themselves.”



Peshlakai said that the team had a blast the last few years partnering with Woodenhead Collective, a group of local Indigenous horror lovers and content creators, who previously offered a walk-through haunted locker room inside the ALA gym.

“That really brought people to Spooktacular,” said Peshlakai.

At the Haunted Carnival, the never-ending trick-or-treat line began at Woodenhead Collective’s booth, which featured a special photo opportunity and gory candy to gather. Collective members helped with the costume contest.

The Safe Schools & Security team, which sponsored the event, kept the event secure beginning at the ghoulish entranceway.

“Safety is our No. 1 priority for students, staff and our campuses at Salt River Schools,” said Salt River Schools Communications and Public Relations Administrator Taté Walker.

“The Safe Schools & Security team is our front line with this vital endeavor. The team ensures everyone is where they should be and doing what they should be.”

Walker continued, “Spooktacular allows the security team [members] to showcase not only their creativity, but also their absolute love and joy for the youth and Community they serve. What better night to make sure young people feel safe and secure than one traditionally associated with fear? That’s what this team does with Spooktacular.”

up along Highland Avenue parked all the way down to Center Street. The north lot along Chaparral will be open next year, that’s for sure,” said Walker.

Walker and the Salt River Schools team are excited by the possibility of partnering with the Community to continue to make celebrations like Spooktacular bigger and better for everyone while also being good caretakers of Salt River’s resources, including staff, finances and space.

“We’re not scared of collaboration, and we think we can fill the entire football field with things to do next Halloween,” said Walker.

The Safe Schools & Security team hosts monthly awareness events called Soda with Security, which are free and open to the public.

Peshlakai reminds the Community that these events are generally held the last Tuesday of every month throughout the school year and include dinner and resources about important topics for students and parents, such as vaping, gangs, bullying, new or proposed state/federal laws, sex trafficking and more.

Learn about these events and more at [www.saltriverschools.org](http://www.saltriverschools.org).

Kids and their families dressed up in creative costumes and played carnival games provided by a variety Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community government departments and divisions.

“Tables ran out of candy, the fire department flipped the last burgers before the night was out, and we had cars lined





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# Red Mountain Eagle Powwow Celebrates Indian Country

Adults (45-59), Junior Adults (18-44), Teen (13-17), Junior (7-12) and Tiny Tots (0-6).

Furthermore, the powwow held special contests for men's and women's fancy spotlight dance, a hand drum contest, team dancing and owl dancing.

The early November weather brought unexpected heat to the celebration. Thankfully, members of the Salt River Fire Department were on hand to save lives—literally. During the Saturday-afternoon performances, an out-of-town performer began feeling ill due to the unseasonable daytime heat. Firefighters Luis Lopez and Jesus Alvarado quickly began immediately assisting the performer to help bring down their body temperature and avoid heat exhaustion. Additional staff members helped them.

Afterward, Lopez and Alvarado stated that jumping into action to save lives is just another day in the life of being a firefighter for the SRPMIC.

**Grand Entry**  
Before the grand entry, Marlon Deschamps (Cree Nation of Maskwacias) from Alberta, Canada, provided the invocation. "I'm from Maskwacias in Alberta, Canada, but I make my home out here in the states in North Dakota," said Deschamps. "I'd like to thank the powwow committee for putting together this celebration for us to all get together and meet up with family. I'd also like to thank the Creator for a beautiful day."

The Peeposh Veterans Association from the Gila River Indian Community (District 7), Miss Salt River 2025-2026 Emma Scabby, Billings (Montana) Pow-Wow Princess Azaylea Medicine Horse and others highlighted the daytime grand entry.

Northern Cree, the Grammy Award-winning drum group, was the host drum.

"Yeah, it's hot outside," said emcee Little Head. "But if you dance, you'll cool off ... the old way," he said with his signature smile.

In fact, many did cool off in "the old way," as singers, dancers, performers and visitors celebrated their cultures, traditions and songs.

To inquire about hosting a vendor booth during next year's Red Mountain Eagle Powwow, contact the committee directly by emailing [redmountainpowwow@gmail.com](mailto:redmountainpowwow@gmail.com). For general questions, contact Victorialyn McCarthy at (480) 234-1432.





# SRPMIC Honors Community Member and Employee Veterans

tribe, we always had those willing to defend what we had here in the Community,” he stated.

Reina, a veteran himself, continued, “The first Arizona National Guard was made up of O’odham and Piipaash warriors. They served alongside the United States Army.”

Reina listed the military campaigns in which Community men and women have served: World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Korea, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Grenada, Panama and more.

“We have always recognized that our warriors have stood alongside the warriors, veterans and military of the United States,” said Reina.

After the introduction, veteran and former SRPMIC Council member Tom Largo Sr. provided the opening blessing. “It’s always a blessing to come together to honor and praise the God that gave us life,” he said.

Isabella Dockerty, Piipaash education specialist, then sang the national anthem in O’odham. As she performed, the Westwood High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) paraded the colors.

Additionally, the Westwood marching band performed. This year’s band features SRPMIC superstar student-musician Ella McGilbary on clarinet.

Later, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier reiterated the importance of

celebrating veterans, as well as how Native languages were used in conflict on behalf of the federal government. “There’s a picture that was [published] by the *Arizona Republic* on Feb. 9, 1941, and [it] shows Wesley Antone and Herbert Emerson using walkie-talkies to send messages in the O’odham language,” he said.

Harvier’s speech also highlighted the ongoing construction of the Lehi Veterans Memorial at the Lehi Cemetery. He later revealed that the Community will soon be constructing a Veterans Memorial at the Salt River Cemetery. “I know that our veterans will play a big role in that project,” he said.

Kurt Thomas, a Community member veteran, and Joseph Fernandez, an employee veteran who works for the Salt River Police Department, also provided remarks.

“I joined the United States Marine Corps in 2003, shortly after 9/11. I did two tours, both combat,” began Thomas. He was overcome with emotion but remained calm as he extended his appreciation to the Community. Thomas is currently a supervisor for SRPMIC Health and Human Services.

Fernandez (Pascua Yaqui) spoke with deep conviction. “Before joining the Community [in the police records department], I did four years enlisted in the Navy, onboard the USS *Washington*.

It was a pretty common occurrence at that time to look out into the ocean and see nothing else—no boat, no land, just the team members and shipmates with you.

“A group of 5,000 of us, no matter your background or where you came from, took you in with one important thing, which was the mission, and to be a uniformed team to complete that goal. From my experience working here, I’m proud to say I see that exact same commitment to teamwork from our employee and Community veterans,” he stated.

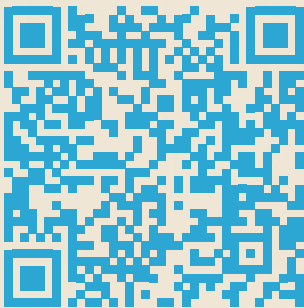
As the celebration neared its conclusion, veteran and SRPMIC Community Manager Bryan Meyers read a new SRPMIC proclamation that highlights and honors the birthdays of all six branches of the U.S. military.

Afterward, a roll call was held in which Community veterans announced their names and the branch of the military in which they served. The Council members thanked every veteran who participated in the roll call.

Later, Len Andrews, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, provided the closing prayer: “We ask for your divine healing touch upon the lives of our veterans, who carry wounds of battle, both visible and hidden. May your love restore their spirits.”

*Don't forget to check out our special Veterans Day Edition, available online!*

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The Westwood High School JROTC paraded the colors during the ceremony.



Joseph Fernandez, Navy veteran, spoke on behalf of the SRPMIC employee veterans.



Ella McGilbary, senior Westwood superstar student-musician and SRPMIC member.



LEFT: Len Andrews, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, provided the closing prayer.



BOTTOM: Caleb Dash was home from U.S. Marine Corps boot camp and attended the veterans celebration.

## SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Proclamation No.: PR-010-2025

### A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR AND SUPPORT OF VETERANS BY RECOGNIZING ALL MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH BIRTHDAYS.

**WHEREAS**, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (“Community”) Tribal Council recognizes the significance of supporting and honoring the proud tradition of military service, as such service has been a cornerstone of our nation’s history, and the unwavering dedication and sacrifices of our veterans are held in the highest regard by the Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the birthdays of each branch of the United States Armed Forces serve as a reminder of the unique legacy and contributions of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force; and

**WHEREAS**, these birthdays are a celebration of the courage, commitment, contribution, and excellence demonstrated by all who have served, and they continue to inspire a sense of pride and unity among our veterans and citizens alike; and

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Birthday: November 10, 1775  
Known for bravery and honor, with a “first to fight” ethos.

**United States Air Force**  
Birthday: September 18, 1947  
Provides air support and strategic advantage through advanced capabilities.

**United States Coast Guard**  
Birthday: August 4, 1790  
Safeguards maritime interests with vigi-

lance and versatility.

**United States Space Force**  
Birthday: December 20, 2019  
Secures national interests in space and pioneers new defense frontiers.

**WHEREAS**, each veteran who has served in these branches has made personal sacrifices, demonstrating unwavering dedication to their country, and contributing to the safety and prosperity of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the birthdays of these military branches offer the Community an opportunity to recognize and honor the sacrifices, perseverance, and achievements of all veterans who have served in these venerable institutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Community Council hereby expresses our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all military veterans and their families within this Community and workforce.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Community Council hereby formally proclaims and designates the anniversary

date of each Armed Force branch birthdate herein, today and for each year moving forward, as a day of importance and recognition of the pride and distinction associated with serving in each esteemed branch, and hereto reaffirms the Community’s dedication to support and honor those who are serving, have served, and will serve.

**CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Sections l(c)(10) and l(k) of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (as amended), ratified by the Tribe on February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 19, 1990, the foregoing resolution was adopted this 22nd day of October, 2025, in a duly called meeting of the Community Council at Salt River, Arizona, at which a quorum of 8 members was present, by a vote of 7 for; 1 opposed; 0 abstaining; and 1 excused.

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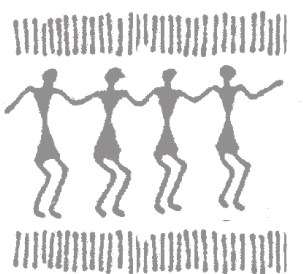
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**Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Friday, January 2nd at 5:00 PM.** This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers.

Forms received by this date will be effective for the **JANUARY 2026** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **APRIL 2026** payout.

**Discontinue Direct Deposits:** Friday, January 2nd at 5:00 PM. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

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**Per Capita Eligibility:** Tuesday, January 20th at 5:00PM. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the JANUARY 2026 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of APRIL 2026.

**Tax Withholding Changes:** Tuesday, January 20th 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.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Community Regulatory Agency/Office of Alcohol Beverage Control

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Ordinance Number SRO-355-2010, a public hearing on a Liquor License Application for Hampton Inn & Suites East Talking Stick located at 9550 E. Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on November 20, 2025, at 10:00 am, at 8840 E. Chaparral Rd., Suite 165, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 (Conference Room). Petitions and testimony will be heard from persons in favor of or opposed to the issuance of a liquor license that reside in the Community, or own or lease property located within the Community that is in close proximity to the proposed premises. To request for additional information regarding this application, contact Special Investigator Rolanda Reuter at (480) 362-5499.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, Ordinance Number SRO-355-2010, a public hearing on a Liquor License Application for Ventura Market, LLC located at 9211 E. Via De Ventura Scottsdale, AZ 85258, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on November 24, 2025, at 10:00 am, at 8840 E. Chaparral Rd., Suite 165, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 (Conference Room). Petitions and testimony will be heard from persons in favor of or opposed to the issuance of a liquor license that reside in the Community, or own or lease property located within the Community that is in close proximity to the proposed premises. To request for additional information regarding this application, contact Special Investigator Bambii Lewis at (480) 362-3468.



LEGAL NOTICES

CIVIL COURT  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT  
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256  
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Andrews, Elijah Wade - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4582 Court Date: December 3, 2025 at 9 AM  
Carlos, Samantha - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4588 Court Date: December 16, 2025 at 10 AM  
Evangelista, Felipe - Evidentiary Child Support/ Evidentiary Legal-Decision Making/Evidentiary Paternity Hearings Case: CV-25-4534 Court Date: December 9, 2025 at 9:30 AM  
Hinojosa, MaryJane Azule - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4590 Court Date: December 16, 2025 at 11 AM  
Hunt, Trina Solana - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-4981 Court Date: December 4, 2025 at 4 PM  
Juan, Hatti Louise - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4591 Court Date: December 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM

Lewis, Roxanne - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-25-0784 Court Date: December 8, 2025 at 9 AM  
Miguel Jr., Michael Wayne - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0015 Court Date: November 20, 2025 at 10 AM  
Miles, James Spotted Hawk - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CV-25-3633 Court Date: December 3, 2025 at 10:30 AM  
Perez, Janelle Marie - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4593 Court Date: December 1, 2025 at 9:30 AM  
Pilcher, Floyd - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-25-3624 Court Date: December 8, 2025 at 10 AM  
Raphael, Roxanna - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-25-3811 Court Date: November 20, 2025 at 9 AM  
Salazar, Gabriel - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-4848 Court Date: November 20, 2025 at 4 PM  
Talamantez, Rachelle Rae - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-24-2773 Court Date: December 17, 2025 at 9 AM  
Triplett, Bruce - Evidentiary Paternity/Custody/Child Support Hearing Case: CV-25-4935 Court Date: December 18, 2025 at 9 AM  
Webster, Crystal Margo - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4594 Court Date: December 1, 2025 at 10 AM

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Divorce Ordinance – Chapter 10, Article 2, Division 1

Comment Period: September 25-December 23, 2025

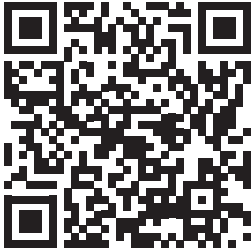
On Wednesday, September 24, 2025, the SRPMIC Council approved a 90-day public comment period for the following proposed amendments to the Community’s Divorce Ordinance (“Ordinance”). The changes to the Ordinance are summarized below:

- Add no-fault divorce and legal separation;
- Provide more guidance on actions the Community Court can take, along with issuing a divorce order (e.g., property distribution, name change, etc.);
- More guidelines surrounding alimony and child support; and,
- Allow parties to create their own separation agreement to be approved by the Court.

The public comment period lasts until December 23, 2025. The Legal Services Office and Office of General Counsel will attend district meetings within the Community to discuss the Ordinance, answer questions, and collect comments.

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

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
The Office of the General Counsel  
10,005 East Osborn Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256  
OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov



The full text of the proposed ordinance can be found by visiting <https://srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/> or by scanning the QR code at right:

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism. The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

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DEFAULT NOTICES

BAPTISTO, AMBER  
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT  
CV-25-0897

Michelle Baptisto v. Amber Baptisto  
To: Amber Baptisto  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-25-0897  
Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Amber Baptisto, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Amber Baptisto, shall pay Petitioner, Michelle Baptisto. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order in the amount of \$2,200.00. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.  
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

FLORES, LANCE  
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT  
CV-25-0859

Country Club Cars v. Lance Flores  
To: Lance Flores  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number: CV-25-0859  
Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Lance Flores, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Lance Flores, shall pay Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within sixty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315.

LEWIS, ROXANNE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CV-25-0784

Country Club Cars v. Roxanne Lewis  
To: Roxanne Lewis  
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 8th day of December 2025 at 9:00 am in Court Room #2 and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to abide by Default Judgment Order issued June 3, 2025.  
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: November 4, 2025.  
Anthony F. Little, II, Associate Judge  
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

PHILLIPS, ALEXANDER DEMETRIUS WILL  
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT  
CV-24-3064

Layla F. Shaw v. Alexander Demetrius Will Phillips  
To: Alexander Demetrius Will Phillips  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-24-3064  
Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Alexander Demetrius Will Phillips, hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Alexander Demetrius Will Phillips, shall pay Layla F. Shaw and has ten (10) days to respond from date of publication. For a copy of this Order please contact the Salt River Court at 480-362-6315.

PILCHER, FLOYD  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-25-3624

Key Building Rentals Inc. v. Floyd Pilcher  
To: Floyd Pilcher, RESPONDENT  
1. A Civil Complaint has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.  
2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.  
3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.  
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DATED: October 7, 2025  
CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

2025 Tax Season  
1099-MISC/NEC

Important: Update Your Address to Receive Your Tax Forms

If you receive a quarterly Per Capita payment, you will be issued a 1099-MISC tax form. Day Laborers will receive a 1099-NEC tax form. Both forms are required for your annual income tax return.

Ensure your tax forms are mailed to the right place!

- **Deadline:** Update your address with the Enrollment Office by **December 12, 2025.**
- **1099 Forms are mailed:** By January 31, 2026.

If you have questions regarding your address, call the Enrollment Office at 480-362-7330.

For tax form questions, call the SRPMIC Finance Department at 480-362-7799 or email: [FinTaxForms@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:FinTaxForms@srpmic-nsn.gov).

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# Unified Arizona Veterans Recognizes SRPMIC President Martin Harvier



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier accepts the Board of Directors Award at the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame induction program organized by Unified Arizona Veterans at Talking Stick Resort on Oct. 24. Photo courtesy of Unified Arizona Veterans.

### 3 Takeaways:

- SRPMIC President Martin Harvier was recognized for his enduring support for the annual Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame induction program, which honors veterans.
- Unified Arizona Veterans says the Community’s total in-kind donations are valued at more than \$350,000 to date.
- The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame celebrated its 25th anniversary induction program in October at Talking Stick Resort.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier was presented with the inaugural Board

of Directors Award at the annual Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame induction program organized by Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) at the Talking Stick Resort on Oct. 24.

“The UAV Board of Directors,

Travis Burns, chair, is proud to salute the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and President Martin Harvier for delivering consistently high-quality support for Arizona’s signature program honoring our veterans,” UAV member Larry Mishler wrote in an email.

Unified Arizona Veterans is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1981 consisting of over 50 veteran service organizations focused on promoting veteran-related affairs endorsed by most of its membership.

Founded and operated by UAV since 2001, the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame celebrated its 25th anniversary program this year by hosting more than 550 guests, including Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs.

Mishler said that since 2018, the SRPMIC has supported UAV’s induction program by providing “a world-class venue, amenities, accommodations, cultural entertainment and in-kind donations valued at more than \$350,000 to date.

“More importantly, the Community continues to be model for sharing its rich culture, ancient traditions, unwavering respect and recognition of the outstanding men and women veterans who have served in the uniforms of this

great state and nation,” said Mishler. Mishler noted that SRPMIC being the title sponsor for the induction program since 2018 coincides with the election of Harvier as president. Harvier was vice-president of the SRPMIC from 2006 to 2018, the year he was elected to his first term as president. “President Harvier, in his role as SRPMIC vice-president (and his fellow leadership), initiated a number of veteran-oriented projects honoring the service of not only Community members, but all men and women veterans, including the Pearl Harbor Memorial at Salt River Fields, the revitalization of the Community Veterans Museum, and the Community being designated as one of the first Purple Heart communities in the nation,” said Mishler. Mishler also praised the Community’s establishment of the Office of Veterans Affairs, which provides an array of veterans services and recognizes and honors veterans of the Community. UAV’s mission is to “actively propose, support and endorse legislation and activities which advance the welfare and well-being of all Arizona Veterans.” For more information about Unified Arizona Veterans, head to their website at [www.azuav.org](http://www.azuav.org).

# Fiber Broadband Association Hosts Regional Conference in Scottsdale

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In today’s fast-paced digital world where everything seems to be geared toward online streaming, whether it’s music, movies or live-broadcasting gatherings, the ability to stay connected with each other remains a focal point for many.

On Oct. 16, the Fiber Broadband Association (FBA) hosted the Regional Fiber Connect conference at the Scottsdale Resort & Spa.

Founded in 2001, the nonprofit is composed of companies and organizations that utilize direct fiber-optic connections and more to help refine and improve the way we communicate with one another online.

### What Is Fiber-Optic Broadband Internet?

Fiber-optic broadband uses very thin glass cables to send data as light. The thin glass cables are about the width of a strand of human hair. This is a faster type of internet connection, as older models utilizing copper wires and cables can erode and disintegrate over time.

Each fiber-optic cable contains a core and cladding. The core is where the light is carried, while the cladding ensures the light remains inside of the core.

When the light reaches its destination, such as a router or another computer, the receiver detects the light and converts it back into signals that our devices and tablets can understand, such as website pages, streaming video and more.

This technology is well suited for cities, small towns and tribal nations alike due to its ability to connect users with high-speed internet without being impacted by severe weather conditions.

### The Conference

At the opening of the daylong conference, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard provided a blessing as well as opening remarks. Afterward, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs provided the morning’s remarks.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard provided the blessing on the opening day of the conference.

There were several morning “fireside chats” during the conference. Robert Griffin, broadband director for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, spoke about tribal broadband and how its programs can aid as well as prioritize tribal communities. Later, a breakout session titled “Tribes Helping Tribes: Building a Strong Future Together Through Indigenous-Led Telecom Infrastructure Projects” discussed creating potential plans on how to get Indigenous communities connected to the internet safely and securely.

The conference also provided an update regarding the collaboration between the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) and the FBA program. The DPIL encourages early literacy by mailing free books to children from birth to age 5. The program does not use a family’s income as a determining factor, thus allowing for all families to participate.

In June, the FBA announced a partnership with the DPIL to benefit families across the United States and Canada by continuing to mail out books as well as establishing reliable and safe connections to the internet in various communities where internet service may not be readily provided.

For more information about the FBA, call (570) 460-2417.



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# SRPMIC Celebrates Sialik King’s Crowning Achievement

After Sialik King was crowned the 64th Miss Indian Arizona, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a community celebration in her honor.

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“This moment is special for many of us,” shared Elisa Pongyesvia of the Miss Salt River Committee on Oct. 21 as she began welcoming guests to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community celebration for Sialik King. “For myself, I got to witness her grow and shine throughout all of her years,” she added.

The 23-year-old King was recently crowned the 64th Miss Indian Arizona at the annual scholarship pageant held on Oct. 11 at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

From her days in the starting lineup of the Salt River High School volleyball team to being named valedictorian of her 2020 senior class, Jr. Miss Salt River, Miss Salt River and now Miss Indian Arizona, King’s resilience and impact in the Community cannot be overstated.

Inside the Round House Café, Pongyesvia explained to those gathered that King will be busy for the next year as she attends various events, gatherings, celebrations and more as a representative of Arizona’s tribal communities. “She’s going to need the support from the Community; she’s going to be traveling everywhere,” Pongyesvia said.

After those opening remarks, SPRMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard provided a blessing that asked for safe travels for King, as well as for those in attendance. Later, he detailed the joy he’s experienced watching her grow up.

“I’ve known Sialik since she was a little girl, when she used to come in and dance with us,” said Leonard.



“Thank you all for coming out,” said Sialik King as she provided a few words during the celebration’s welcoming.

### 3 takeaways

- Sialik King’s reign as Miss Indian Arizona is for one year, concluding in October 2026.
- Miss Indian Arizona 1st attendant, Chloe Lavahe Eskey (Navajo Nation), also attended the SRPMIC celebration.
- The celebration featured O’odham and Piipaash traditional dancing and singing.

“Believe it or not, I was taller than her at one time,” he said humorously.

He added, “I’m so proud of her. Now, today, I can say that a lot of the young ladies look up to her. They understand that they could be there too, with just a little hard work. It makes me feel good, especially seeing her mom and dad here.”

A special cake celebrating King’s achievement was served. After performing the ceremonial first cut, King handed the utensil to Pongyesvia, who then asked Jr. Miss Salt River Tiaré Begay-Smith and Miss Salt River Emma Scabby to help her cut and serve the cake.

King was showered with hugs, custom beaded jewelry, flowers and much more from her family, friends and supporters in the Community throughout the night. Inside a photo booth, guests could meet and have their photos taken with King.

Chloe Lavahe Eskey (Navajo) supported King by attending the celebration as well. Eskey stayed to mingle with Community members and later join in on the dancing that ended the night’s festivities.

When it was time for her to say a few words, King spoke from the heart and extended her utmost appreciation to the SRPMIC as well as to her family and loved ones. “It helped me, hearing everyone’s support and love,” said King as she described the thoughts she had while onstage during the pageant.

“I really want to go into this [pageant] year with the mindset of ‘What can I do for my Community?’” she added.

King also expressed her commitment to showcase O’odham and Piipaash cultures, traditions and songs while also representing the other tribes in Arizona.

The night concluded with a traditional O’odham and Piipaash social, which included songs performed by Leonard, Lynwood Vest, Aarick Mack, Aaron Mack, Ipa Dutchover and many more as everyone danced to celebrate King’s crowning achievement.

Interested individuals can follow King’s journey as Miss Indian Arizona by visiting the website [www.missindianarizona.com](http://www.missindianarizona.com) and/or following social media pages at [www.facebook.com/missindianarizona](https://www.facebook.com/missindianarizona) and [www.instagram.com/missindianarizona](https://www.instagram.com/missindianarizona).

To request Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King’s appearance at an event through October 2026, submit a request via the official Miss Indian Arizona Association appearance request form.

Open your camera on your mobile phone/tablet to scan.



O’odham and Piipaash songs and dances filled out the rest of the night’s Community celebration.



As a showcasing of support, Chloe Lavahe Eskey (Navajo) attended the SRPMIC community celebration.



Besties! Zoe Hernandez, Miss Salt River First Attendant 2024-2025, supported Sialik King throughout the night as the two danced the night away during the community celebration.



## Fall Overhaul 2025

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held its annual Fall Overhaul in October.

The event is an employee service project that is used to foster Community service and department bonding. It includes clean-up activities throughout the Community and took place on the morning of Friday, Oct. 24. The Community Development Department (CDD) organized this event, and employees from various departments joined in and gave back to the Community. Each employee received a shirt and lunch.

On Oct. 25, there was an opportunity for Community members to drop off household hazardous waste or paper for shredding at a collection event. A total of 12,484 pounds of waste was collected, and 5,700 pounds of paper was shredded and disposed of. In all, 180 vehicles dropped off items and staff members conducted 38 pickups for seniors.



Here are some of the items collected during the Fall Overhaul:

- 61 lawnmowers
- 21 gas weed eaters
- 5 gas blowers
- 4 gas chainsaws
- 53 tires
- 180 pounds of batteries
- 1,200 pounds of latex paint
- 600 pounds of paint-related material
- 1,200 pounds of used oil
- 700 pounds of e-waste



# Native Comedy Night with Tonia Jo Hall and James & Ernie

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Salt River showed up in numbers to see comedians Tonia Jo Hall and James & Ernie, who sold out a packed matinee and evening Native Comedy Night at the Showroom at Casino Arizona on Nov. 2.

The matinee show was added by popular demand.

Hall is a proud member of the Lakota, Dakota, Hidatsa MHA Nation and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and James & Ernie (James Junes and Ernest David Tsosie) are from the Navajo Nation.

*O'odham Action News* spoke with Hall and James & Ernie before their show.

Hall is well known for her viral YouTube videos.

She is also a jingle dress dancer and motivational speaker who champions sobriety and healthy living.

James & Ernie are also sober and drug-free performers and motivational speakers.

“Auntie Beachress brings that crazy rez humor that comes straight from the aunties who raised us, the ones who tell it like it is but also lift you up when you need it most. I’ll be sharing laughs, life lessons and some moments that might hit close to home,” said Hall, who was hyped about performing in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the first time. “Auntie Beachress” is her onstage alter ego.

“I know there’s a strong sense of culture and pride here, and I’m looking forward to connecting with the audience and hopefully making them laugh so hard they forget about all their bills for a night. The energy from Native crowds is always next level, and I know Salt River’s going to show up.”

Hall said that when Native folks come out to see Native comedians, it’s more than just a show. It’s community. It’s healing through humor.

“We’ve been through a lot, and laughter is one of our strongest medicines. So, when we can come together, laugh together, and celebrate who we are, that’s a good night,” said Hall.

“There’s something powerful about seeing our own people on stage telling stories we grew up with—the humor, the aunties, the family gatherings, those moments that only make sense in our communities.”

James & Ernie have their own unique style onstage. They work off each other’s energy without using notes.

“That’s what works best for us,” said Junes.

“Ernie is a solo act in himself and then I’m a solo act as well. But when the two come together, you’re mixing another ingredient. If you’re making dough or frybread or if you’re making dessert or whatever, these are two of what I feel are the good, the great material that has sustained us for the past 25 years.”

*O'odham Action News* talked with James & Ernie for a recent podcast episode.

If you’ve never heard of James & Ernie’s comedy, “Where have you been?” Junes asked with a chuckle. The duo has performed in the Phoenix area several times over the years.

The two originally met in 2001 at an amateur comedy competition show in Farmington, New Mexico, at the Farmington Civic Center.

A year later, in April 2002, they shared the stage for the first time in Tuba City. The show ran behind schedule, “on Indian time,” Tsosie recalled.

“So, they asked James and I to go on together, but we didn’t want to because we were solo acts at the time. The lady in charge was kind of pleading ‘Please!’ so we reluctantly said okay,” said Tsosie.

“We had 20 minutes onstage, and that was the day that James & Ernie was born.”

They originally called themselves Mutton and Stew Productions and had that name for a short period of time.

“The problem was that everyone would ask, ‘Who’s Mutton and who’s Stew, and where’s Fry-bread?’” joked Tsosie.

Like Hall, the duo are sober comedians. They openly talk about their healing comedy and surviving drug addiction, alcoholism and more. Tsosie stands by an equation that many comedians use: pain plus time equals comedy.

“We’ve always wanted to weave in what our

struggles were, and that’s overcoming these obstacles like addiction,” said Junes.

“It’s not just substances. We can be addicted to anything. Money, fame, fortune, notoriety. You can be addicted to social media. You can be addicted to the past, to trauma.”

Tsosie feels the duo is helping people on the spiritual, mental and physical levels while also using humor to grab the attention of people.

“It’s a separate act in itself that is different from live standup, traditional comedy,” said Tsosie.

Hall has a couple of creative projects in the works. She has a part in an upcoming small film and is recording songs in the studio with her husband, Joel Wood, for his new album. The two have a collaborative live show called “Coffee and Stories with Auntie” and “Sing Along with Uncle.”

The OAN podcast with is out now on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and the OAN website.

*Scan the QR code to listen to the OAN podcast with comedians James & Ernie.*



**Upcoming comedy show at Talking Stick Resort Showroom on November 30:**

**Award-winning actor and comedian  
Tatanka Means  
*See page 9!***

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY: PINK OUT WALK



The Human Resources Department of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a Breast Cancer Awareness Month walk on Oct. 22. The Pink Out Walk started and ended during the morning at Friendship Park along Longmore Road. Diabetes Prevention Services held a Party in Pink Zumba session during lunch hour at the Two Waters Courtyard. (Photo courtesy of Community Relations)

## NEW BILLBOARDS



Two billboards displayed information on O'odham Action News' website this fall. The billboards were located along McDowell Road, near the Salt River Baseball Fields. OAN team members posed for a photo in October in front of one of the billboards. Pictured: Dalton Walker, Andreea Miguel, Juan Ysaguirre, Kari Haahr, Chris Picciuolo and Zoe Hernandez. (Photo courtesy of Community Relations)

## Teen Dating Violence: How to Identify the Signs and Help

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Abuse is never okay. Thankfully, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community continues to create a safe and supportive space for all.

Teen dating violence is defined as physical, psychological and/or sexual abuse, as well as harassment and stalking, of any person age 12 to 18. Whether it’s a past relationship or a current one, teen dating violence affects millions of young people in the United States.

On Oct. 28, Health Educator Melanie Nosie of SRPMIC Health and Human Services Prevention and Intervention facilitated a webinar on teen dating violence as part of the “Education Tuesday” webinar series.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 3 people will experience some form of abuse in teen relationships. In the same study, female students experienced higher rates of dating violence compared with males. The report also revealed higher teen dating violence rates for students who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+.

“As parents, guardians, aunties and uncles, we try to do our best to inform our children on what is okay. For some of us, it’s even hard to navigate that,” said Nosie.

She added, “If they experience dating violence as teens, that trauma can continue with them as they enter adulthood. It’s not a good thing and it impacts a lot of people.”

Throughout the presentation, Nosie reiterated that teen dating violence is a challenging subject and allowed attendees to take a moment for themselves if they needed.

Later, many of the 120-plus guests who have children at home began sharing their experiences via the webinar chat.

Nosie thanked those who shared a part of themselves with the group. “We know our teens go through changes—emotionally,

physically, socially, etc. Even in middle school. [For the youth, this period] can be exciting but also challenging,” she noted.

Insults, intimidation, humiliation, jealousy and showing up unannounced are forms of teen dating violence. None of these behaviors is acceptable, and if individuals finds themselves experiencing these situations, they should contact the proper authorities, such as the police as well as mental health professionals.

**What Can You Do as Parents/Guardians?**

Preventing our youth from being abused as they navigate dating and relationships is crucial, as is educating them about the different characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships.

As teenagers mature into young adults, a key action parents and guardians can take to ensure their teenagers are supported and well informed is to model healthy relationships at home. When teenagers see aggression, yelling or bullying at home, that negatively impacts their development, even if the teenager presents themselves to adults as if everything is fine.

When parents/guardians encourage authentic and open communication with their teens, the positive results of those efforts extend well into the adult years. Without a solid foundation of positive support at home that allows for independence and individuality, teenagers are more likely to experience low self-esteem and fail to report abuse to the proper authorities and their family out of fear of being judged or criticized, which is a harmful result of shame and self-blame.

Simply put, teens experience a different society from the one adults and seniors grew up in. Today, there are ample resources and organizations that offer help to those who have experienced teen dating violence, thus proving that now is the right time to talk about these sensitive matters, as opposed to never discussing them and allowing trauma to go unrecognized and untreated.

Understanding this allows people to learn and grow together as families and as a community, a huge reason why the SRPMIC continues to host and promote this weekly webinar series.

“We want our kids to make good choices for themselves,” concluded Nosie.





# Have a Happy THANKSGIVING

This November 27<sup>th</sup>, we want to wish everyone a warm  
and joyful holiday with family and friends!



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ONGOING

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

**SENIOR BOOK CLUB**, 2nd Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Tribal Library, 2nd floor of the Ske:g Himdag Ki: (WOLF). For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

**REZ READERS**, Third Thursdays through December. Looking for a good book and a nice place to talk about it? Then come join Community Recreational Services and Salt River Tribal Library for the new Rez Readers Book Club. A club where we will focus on native authors and themes for fiction to some non-fiction reads and engage in some great conversations a we all share our insight, thoughts and experiences throughout each book. Starting October 16th, Rez Readers will meet every 3rd Thursdays, October - December from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Copies of the books will be available for check out (while supplies last). Questions Contact 480-362-6600/Triballibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

**TAI CHI FOR SENIORS**, Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. This ancient Chinese martial art uses slow and continuous movements to improve the mind and body. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

**LOVE AND HARMONY COUPLES GROUP**, Tuesdays | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM | Behavioral Health Services, River People Health Center 10901 E McDowell Rd. Scottsdale AZ 85256. Ready to strengthen your relationship and build deeper connection? Join our Couples Group, based on Dr. John Gottman's The Seven Principles for Making

Marriage Work. Learn practical tools to: Improve communication; Resolve conflicts; Deepen intimacy; Navigate challenges around family, work, and more. Call (480) 362-5707 to learn more or sign up today.

**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION**, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m., Senior Room of Ske:g Himdag Ki: (WOLF). Standing or chair options available. Guided movements improve strength, balance and flexibility. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

**SENIOR AQUATIC FITNESS**, Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Ske:g Himdag Ki: (WOLF) pool. Guided exercises in water improve strength with less stress on joints. Bring a towel and wear comfortable swim attire. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

**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.

**WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL**, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at RPHC. 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.

**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.

**HELPING HANDS HALF OFF FOR SRPMIC MEMBERS**, Every Friday Community members get 50% off at Helping Hands. Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch at 10213 E. Osborn Rd. Call 480-362-5625 for more information.

**BEADING CIRCLE**, Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Salt River Tribal Library inside Ske:g Himdag Ki: Open to enrolled SRPMIC members and Ske:g Himdag Ki: members. Call 480-362-6600 for more information.

**CREATIVE WRITING GROUP**, Every 1st Thursday of the Month, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Lehi Community Building Room 109. In partnership with SCC, Creative Writing Group provides a creative environment to learn and explore prompt writing, literary discussion, and guest writers/authors. All genres and levels welcome. Open to adult Community Members and Ske:g Himdag Ki: members. For more information, call 480 362-6600.

**VOICES OF SURVIVORS: SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP**, Mondays 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Join us to promote strength, resilience, and knowledge of ways to prevent victimization. Program scheduled until November 24 at 10177 E. Osborn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. To register or reserve a spot, contact 480-362-5425 or email Jacqueline.Urrea@srpmic-nsn.gov

### SOAM MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK SHENTH NOVEMBER

**21 CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION WRIST BAND SALES**, at Roundhouse Cafe, 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Buy 3 get one free! Cash and Debit accepted. Will also be available during Thanksgiving celebration!

**22 SRPMIC THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**, 11 a.m. at Two Waters Courtyard. Join us for a free, family-friendly gathering with an 11:30 AM turkey dinner, Kids Zone, live entertainment by D Faktion Nyne, and a Turkey Calling Contest. Come enjoy a meal with family and friends! Notes: This is an alcohol/drug/gang/tobacco/vape-free event. No pets, firearms, outside ice chests, grills, food, or glass; bags subject to search. Questions? Community Relations - Events: 480-362-7740.

**22 INDIAN FRYBREAD AND ARTS FESTIVAL**, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Sonoran Lawn at Rawhide. Featuring Indigenous artisans, carnival rides, entertainment from Stateline, One Way Sky, and Gertie and the TO Boyz, traditional dance performances and more, all emceed by the famed comedy duo Lil Mike and Funny Bone. Tickets available at wildhorsepass.com

**24 CM CARLOS DISTRICT E MEETING**, 6 p.m. at Ske:g Himdag Ki: Room #56 11725 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, 85256.

For the district meeting agenda, please visit the SRPMIC Council District Meeting information website: <https://tinyurl.com/SRPMICDMs> | SRPMIC Council Information: <https://tinyurl.com/MeetingsCouncil> | SRPMIC Council Secretaries Office: (480) 362-7469.

**27 THANKSGIVING DAY - SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED**

**28 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED**

**29 GINGERBREAD SANDWICH HOUSE WORKSHOPS**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Huhugam Ki: Museum Kitchen. Join us at one of our workshops to learn how to make gingerbread and icing you can take home to create your own Gingerbread Sandwich House. Come and learn or pick up a building/decorating kit while supplies last. On December 4 and 5 we will be accepting houses to add to our village which will be displayed at the Community Christmas event on December 6. For more information and sign up, call the museum at 480-362-6320.

### DECEMBER SKO:MAGİ MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK XVİK

**1-3 GINGERBREAD SANDWICH HOUSE WORKSHOPS**, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Huhugam Ki: Museum Kitchen. Join us at one of our workshops to learn how to make gingerbread and icing you can take home to create your own Gingerbread Sandwich House. Come and learn or pick up a building/decorating kit while supplies last. On December 4 and 5 we will be accepting houses to add to our village which will be displayed at the Community Christmas event on December 6. For more information and sign up, call the museum at 480-362-6320.

**5 O'ODHAM PIIPAASH TRADITIONAL ARTISTS CHRISTMAS ART SALE**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cultural Resources.