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## Sialik King **Crowned Miss Indian Arizona**

Taking her place alongside previous Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community royalty, the 23-year-old daughter of Kyland King and Cynthia Claw-King officially added her name to the list as she was crowned the 64th Miss Indian Arizona.

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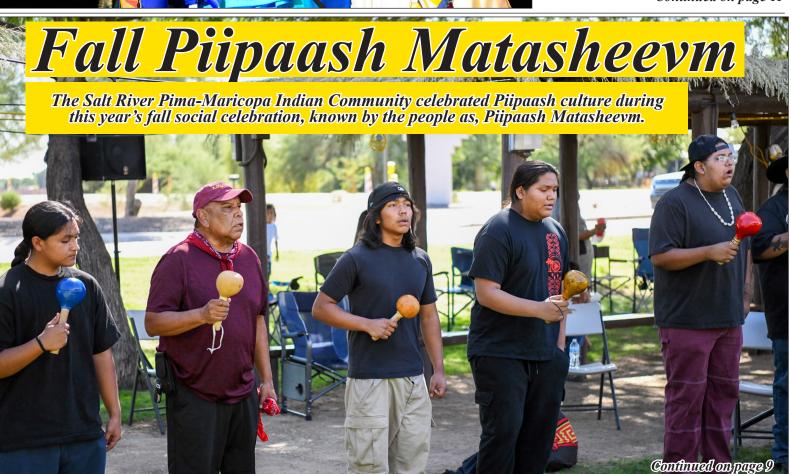
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The 64th queen of Indigenous Arizona has arrived.

Sialik King, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and former Miss Salt River 2023–2024, was crowned Miss Indian Arizona in a ceremony held on Oct. 11 at the Chandler Center for the Arts Steena Murray Mainstage Theatre.

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## **SRPMIC Requests Membership Feedback on Name**

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is looking for Community-member feedback on its formal name.

"This effort came out of the SRPMIC Strategy P team, which Council put together from different strategic teams to address priorities in the Community," said Kelly Washington, SRPMIC Cultural Resources director and team member of the Strategy P

Washington stated that the focus of the team is language emphasis.

He said, "Beyond what the schools and language program are doing, as a Community, [our team figures out] how we can support the revitalization of our languages on a Community scale."

As the team continued to collaborate and brainstorm avenues on how to go about the

#### 3 Takeaways

- · Since 2023, official plans have been discussed
- The survey includes seven options for Community
- members and Community residents to choose from.
- Ultimately, SRPMIC Council will make the final decision on the name.

potential name change, they had to address the aspect of status planning.

'Status planning" is a language planning term referring to how languages are used in a society.

As an example, communities and countries have different languages spoken by their people. In Canada, both English and French are the official languages. The Canadian government decided from their status planning that both languages have equal importance in government and education.

'Status planning for our languages here [involves], 'How do we make efforts to increase the status of our language within the Community?" Washington said. "To make sure people value the language, and not just in a nostalgic way, but [finding ways such as] is there a possibility for individuals to be paid more if they speak the language, or a [greater] likelihood of getting elected, hired and more."

Washington detailed signage located throughout the Community that showcases both the O'odham and Piipaash languages. An example are the shopping signs located inside the Helping Hands thrift store that detail men's, women's and children's categories in both Community languages as well as English.

"We were envisioning visitors coming to this Community [and we asked ourselves], 'What do they see when they get here?' The name of our Community," Washington said.

He added, "This is the biggest thing we could do status-wise, to say that we value our languages, by calling ourselves what we should be calling ourselves."

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## **Salt River Arts Festival Soars**



Tables lined up with artists along the walk way leading to RoadHouse Cinema.

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Discover Salt River, the tourism office of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, held its first ever Salt River Arts Festival on Oct. 4.

The festival was an opportunity for young artists around the Community and beyond to showcase their work to the public.

Held at the RoadHouse Cinemas in the Pavilions at Talking Stick, vendors were lined up with their own designated tables to showcase their creations. The festival celebrated the intricate traditional arts of the O'odham and Piipaash while including new and modern mediums.



The Discover Salt River team pose for a picture in the art gallery inside of the Roadhouse Cinema.

"We just want to be a little base area for them to get started, so that was our main goal, but we also had a lot of the older adults that wanted to come through." said Dashia Hood, customer assistant at

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Visitors who came were able to stop by

River.

including a winning piece of a Discover Salt River art contest.

The winner, Lily Standing Elk's artwork, was presented as the art festivals logo and many stickers of her artwork were given out. The contest was open to SRPMIC youth to create a piece of work that best embodies the Community.

The piece shows a bald eagle with a desert background and cactus along with a sunset and the words "O'ODHAM-PIIPAASH" drawn in colorful lettering.

"I created this art piece to embody the Salt River Community. The illustration is based on the tribe's strength, freedom, and spiritual significance. The Bald Eagle shown in the artwork is supposed to represent independence and the connection with the spiritual realm. A few reasons why I put a desert in the background of my design is because it symbolizes resilience, survival, sacredness, and the balance between life and scarcity." Standing Elk said in her artist statement.

The festival ended with a cool breeze and beautiful sunset as lights overhead lit up the walkway for last-minute chances to make purchases and to see the amazing work of the talented artists who were in attendance one last time.

"My favorite part is seeing different communities coming out to see all of the Native vendors out here and getting to socialize with everybody and just having a great time together, even though we don't really know each other but getting to just come together as a community," said Teniya Salzar, a young artist. "I'm happy to be here, I'm happy that our Community does things for us like this [art festival]."

Contest winner Lily Standing Elk's submission piece of an eagle with a desert background.



## 'The Good Ol' Days of Firefighting': Paramedic Lee Grant Retires

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Salt River Fire Department paramedic Lee Grant retired from his service to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community after working for 30 years, from June 15, 1995, to Oct. 16, 2025.

On Oct. 3, Station 291 on Osborn Road hosted a retirement luncheon for Grant. He received a commemorative axe with his name, a flag and a case full of mementos. SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and Council member Deanna Scabby, along with other fire department staff, were present. Grant's family



Lee Grant proudly holds his retirement cake for friends and family to see. "Happy Retirement Lee."

was also in attendance for this momentous occasion.

Throughout his career, Grant worked with many, but he left an impact on each of them, leaving them with nothing but good things to say.

"We always had good conversations, good laughs [with a] lot of humor," said Gabriel Scabby, a fire-fighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) who has worked with Grant for more than a decade.

Grant has been someone that others could look up to and go to for advice. "I learned a lot from him; he was always involved with this crew," said Scabby. "We had had good ol' days. The good ol' days of firefighting and running calls out," he added.

Fire Capt. Ray Cartagena has worked with Grant for 20-plus years. "Lee has been great. It's been a lot of fun all these years," he said. Cartagena also shared, "We have seen all his changes and growth, and it's been good."

Grant shared his gratitude for all the kind words and support throughout his career. "Thank you. Thank you for being here," he said.

We wish Grant a happy retirement.



Friends and family wish Lee Grant a happy retirement and best wishes.



A commemorative axe and a shadow box full of mementos were showcased during Grant's retirement luncheon.



Grant served 30 years with the fire department to the Salt River Pima–Maricopa Indian Community.

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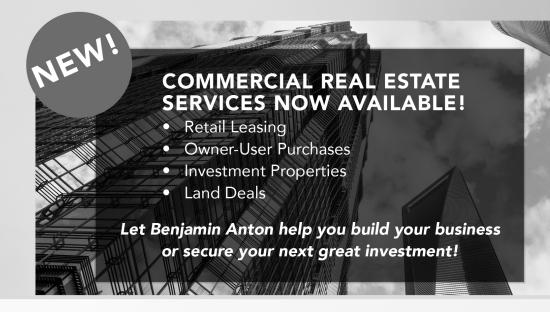
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The SBA issued a disaster declaration in response to a request received from Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs on Oct. 9.

The declaration covers the Arizona counties of Coconino, Gila, Graham, Maricopa, Navajo, Pinal and Yavapai and the tribal nations located within those counties.

Businesses and nonprofits are eligible to apply for business physical disaster loans and may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or -destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

Homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for home and personal property loans and may borrow up to \$100,000 to replace or repair personal property, such as clothing, furniture, cars and appliances. Homeowners may apply for up to \$500,000 to replace or repair their primary residence.

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EIDLs are for working-capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. They may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

Interest rates are as low as 4% for businesses, 3.625% for nonprofits, and 3% for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not begin to accrue, and payments are not due, until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

SBA customer service representatives are available at the Globe Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help individuals complete their applications. This DLOC is located at 1360 N. Broad St., Globe, AZ 85501. Walk-ins are accepted, but you can schedule an in-person appointment in advance at appointment. sba.gov.

The deadline to return physical damage applications is Dec. 9. The deadline to return economic injury applications is July 10, 2026.

### **News and Events In and Around Indian Country**

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## U.S. Senate Confirms Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

The U.S. Department of the Interior finally has a permanent assistant secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

The U.S. Senate confirmed William "Billy" Kirkland on Oct. 7. President Donald Trump nominated Kirkland earlier this year.

Kirkland is Navajo and has experience working in the Trump administration during Trump's first term.

The assistant secretary assists the Interior Department secretary in fulfilling the department's trust responsibilities to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

#### 2025 MacArthur Fellows

At least two Native American creatives were among those selected this year for the prestigious MacArthur Fellowships, sometimes known as the "genius grants."

Award-winning author Tommy Orange and cartographer Margaret Wickens Pearce were among the 22 fellows selected in October. Orange is from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and Pearce is from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Each MacArthur Fellowship comes with an \$800,000 prize, paid over five years, that fellows may spend however they choose.

#### **Indigenous Games Delayed**

The North American Indigenous Games will be delayed by one year and will take place in 2028, not in 2027 as originally planned.

The North American Indigenous Games Council made the announcement in October, weeks after explaining that the 2027 games would need a new home.

The games were planned for Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in 2027, but the Calgary

Host Society withdrew the hosting rights for unknown reasons.

Now, a new, Canada-wide bidding process is being developed to identify a host community for 2028 summer games. The council has also approved adjustments to the athlete age categories to ensure that those eligible to compete in 2027 will remain eligible for the 2028 games.

### Arizona Tribal Energy and Economic Futures Summit

The Great Wolf Lodge in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted the Arizona Tribal Energy and Economic Futures Summit in October.

The two-day summit highlighted how tribal governments are leveraging energy sovereignty to strengthen their economies and provide opportunities for their communities.

Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs attended the summit and spoke to the audience. On social media, she said, "Arizona's future depends on strong partnerships with our Tribal Nations."

## Minnesota Vikings to Host Native Football Game

The Native American Athletic Foundation's Native All-American Football Game will take place in Minnesota in December at the home of the Minnesota Vikings, U.S. Bank Stadium.

The event is being held in partnership with the foundation, the Vikings and the National Football League and will feature top Native talent from across the country.

The game is open to high school seniors. The weekend's events also include coaching and mentorship, leadership development, college preparation and lifeskills training. The application deadline was in October, and the roster will likely be announced soon.

The game will be played on Dec. 14, a day after a flag football clinic geared for female athletes in grades 6–12.



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#### SRPMIC Requests Membership Feedback on Name

Official plans began in 2023, but Washington stated that this is not the first time the SRPMIC has considered a Community-wide name change.

"The efforts usually get sidetrack by other factors. [For example] replacing 'Pima-Maricopa' with 'O'odham and Piipaash.' People would say, 'Let's do that,' but then we would hear from people who would tell us, 'Let's get rid of the "Indian" name as well.' In the past, that would split people, whether they wanted 'Indian' or not.'

Washington also noted that members suggested potentially using the term "Nation" instead of "Community."

"Those types of things would sidetrack the [previous name-change] efforts," he said.

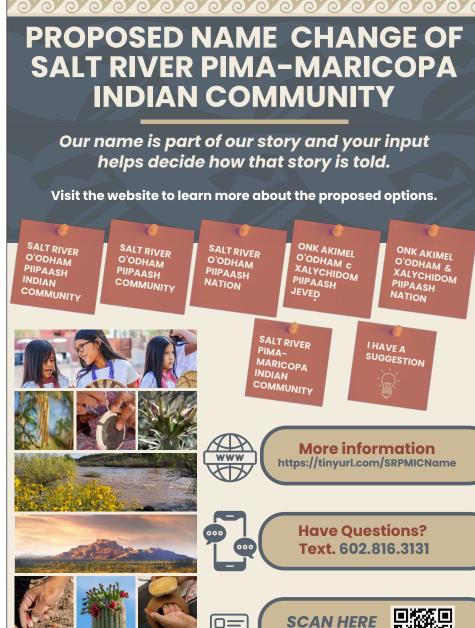
This current effort is the farthest that official plans have advanced so far regarding potentially renaming the **SRPMIC** 

Officially there are seven options in the survey for Community members to choose from, which includes a write-in option. More information and the survey can be found on the SRPMIC website.

"We, in the Strategy P team, speculate that some of the differences might be generational. A lot of older folks grew up with the word 'Indian' and that's their identity in a way. Now, to the younger folks, it seems like it's an antiquated word. But there's only one way to find out," Washington said.

"Council is the one that will make the ultimate decision. This survey will make sure we are headed in the right direction," said Washington.

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## Fall Piipaash Matasheevm

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It was time to celebrate the people. This year's fall community social, known as Piipaash Matasheevm (the people gathering), brought together hoop dancers, gourd singers, basket dancers, other cultural performers, tribal royalty and more to Lehi, also known as God's Country, for a day of celebration on Oct. 4.

Garfield Nish served as the emcee for this year's community social. His usual co-host, Pacer Reina, was absent because he and his family were dealing with the recent passing of his father, Edward.

During commentary between performances, Nish requested that everyone bow their heads and send prayers and blessings to the Reina family during their emotional time.

"He's usually right here with me," said Nish about Pacer. "So what we want to do is to have a moment of silence for the family."

The event kicked off with a sunrise blessing in the early morning, followed by welcoming messages from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council members Michael Dallas Sr. and Deanna Scabby at noon.

#### Michael Dallas Sr.

"I just want to give a round of applause to the [Piipaash Matasheevm]

committee for all the hard work they do," Dallas began. He also expressed his appreciation to the Public Works and Day Worker departments for keeping up with the maintenance of the Gathering Grounds. He then provided safe blessings to all, in addition to safe travels home for all visitors.

"Thank you to all those that came out today. It's going to be a good day," he concluded.

#### **Deanna Scabby**

Scabby thanked the committee and the many departments that helped put together the event. She also detailed one of the main focal points of why the Community gathers twice a year, in the spring and fall seasons.

"The elders envisioned this space as a special place," began Scabby. "People come here all the time for peaceful moments, maybe to sing a song or to bring their families. This is specifically what the elders wanted, to bring back the Xalychidom Piipaash songs and dances here."

She added, "They realized that we live in a different society now, the world is big, and our children are growing up in a society that has a lot of turmoil. But the grassroots of who we are as a people will keep us homed in to be grateful for the [ancestors] that we come from. Each one of us comes from special people."

Scabby ended by reiterating that it is always valuable when parents, guardians and families raise children to be good to each other.

Throughout the social dance, free water was provided to all. Additionally, Community elder Arnold Makil provided free coffee.

#### Nish's Commentary

Throughout the event and between performances, Nish spoke from the heart as he continually shared his opinion on how important it is not only to gather, but to keep the songs and dances a focal point of the Community.

"Our universal brother came up, the sun, during the sunrise blessing," said Nish. "I appreciate all of those being a part of that, including the medicine people, which are a part of my family."

He continued, "I think it's time for all the medicine people to get together. We need to have all the medicine people get together in our communities, [those] who believe in the spiritual aspects.

"I always say, I'm a 'traditional.' Traditional to me is something that has been used several years back and has been forgotten. I bring those [traditions] back up today for our songs and knowing where they belong in our current days. Sometimes our songs are used for celebrations or memorials. A long time ago we spoke the same dialect, but then the first Spaniards came and changed things. [However], our songs are still here. Read the hieroglyphs, our words are there. The young people have got to know these things. We have to let them know where we come from."

Nish continued to provide a brief snapshot of the history of the social gatherings. "Back then, when we started getting together to sing these songs, other communities came in to help us sing. This place was just gravel once upon a time. It was a long time coming, but we're here today and it's all actually beautiful. We have to really stick close to each other, shake each other's hand and say hello."

His remarks and comments of keeping the traditions alive among the many generations were well on display as Jorge Gonzales invited the youth to join him during his hoop dance performance. "I will be demonstrating the men's hoop dance. This is a storytelling dance for those feeling sick, whether it be physically, emotionally or spiritually," Gonzales said.

Gonzales credited the Lehi Boys & Girls Club with introducing him to hoop dance. "I have been dancing for 12 years and counting," he said.

Additionally, the Hopi Traditional Dancers and the Cibecue Creek Apache Crown Dancers group danced underneath the ramada tent installed and maintained by Dev Begaye and his team, which is comprised of his grand-children.

Bird Singing and Dancing by The River performed as the daytime sun slowly rested behind the mountaintops to bring in the night.

The group's leader, Annette Vest, shared how important it is to represent both the Xalychidom Piipaash and the Akimel O'odham. Although the focus for the group is *chiyer* (bird songs), they showcased O'odham dances: the basket dance, what kind of flower, and a social dance. Each had a story to share as the dancers glided gracefully through the grass.

Later, dinner was served as the O'odham giveaway dance, which was sponsored by the Salt River Traditional Dancers, helped greet the moonlight. The dancing and singing ended at 10 p.m.















All photos by: Zoe Hernandez



## **Glow Walk Helps Community Members Heal**

#### 3 Takeaways:

- The Glow Walk was held on Oct. 14 to recognize September's Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- Over 200 people preregistered for the 14th annual Glow Walk.
- Native Americans have the highest rates of suicide and domestic violence of any racial or ethnic group.

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Editor's note: This article contains content that involves suicide and domestic violence.

As the sun set on the evening of Oct. 14, a group of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and employees lined up behind the offices of Health and Human Services' Prevention & Intervention Services with glow sticks and supportive signs held up high.

They were about to embark on a one-mile Glow Walk around the government campus in support of suicide prevention and putting a stop to domestic violence. Miss Salt River Emma Scabby and Jr. Miss Salt River Tiaré Begay-Smith led the way.

More than 200 people preregistered for the walk, and about 100 people came out to participate in the 14th year of the event.

The Glow Walk recognizes two months, September's Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Each year we host this walk to bring everybody together to show support for those who have been affected by both suicide and domestic violence. It's also to reduce the stigma around



Miss Salt River Emma Scabby and Jr. Miss Salt River Tiaré Begay-Smith lead the way as the Glow Walk begins. The Glow Walk recognized September's Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

suicide and domestic violence," said HHS Community Health Educator Melanie Nosie, who feels it's powerful when someone can share what they've been through.

Talking about these issues and showing support can help affected Community members and employees heal.

"Domestic violence and suicide awareness are two very important topics that touch Indian Country today. Unfortunately [Native Americans] have the highest rates of suicides and domestic violence," said HHS Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, referring to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data that shows American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) are at higher risk of dying by suicide compared with other Americans.

In 2019, non-Hispanic AI/AN people had a suicide rate 60% higher than that of the general population. AI/AN wom-

en and girls experience higher rates of violence than in any other racial or ethnic group, according to the National Congress of American Indians.

"We want people to know that when they come out for this walk it's a time for healing and a time to honor the loved ones we've lost to domestic violence and suicide," said Notsinneh-Bowekaty.

Twenty years ago, she lost her older sister to domestic violence.

"When I [participate in something like this], I do it in her memory," she said.



Participants of the mile-long Glow Walk hold their glowing sticks as they travel down Longmore Road.

## U.S. DHS Officials Meet with SRPMIC 'To Build Relationships'



SRPMIC President Martin Harvier welcomes U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials during their Sept. 16 meeting with Community leaders at Two Waters.

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials and advisors met with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, SRPMIC Emergency Management leaders and Salt River Fire Department leaders on Sept. 16 to discuss a variety of topics related to the security of the SRPMIC

Rodney Lockett, DHS senior director of intergovernmental affairs in the Office of Partnership and Engagement, led the meeting and brought with him officials from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and DHS headquarters.

"For this effort, what we did is bring a lot of the components together, instead of you seeing them one at a time," Lockett told Harvier at the meeting.

Lockett said the meeting was "an opportunity for relationships to be built, and then in the future to continue building those relationships."

The senior DHS official at the meet-

ing was Senior Tribal Advisor on Indian Affairs David Flute (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate), a former chairman of his tribe, who shared a prayer in his language. Flute also served Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem when she was governor of South Dakota.

"I certainly want to help my colleagues who are going to be here for the long term to build some new relationships with tribes; or if there have been some good relationships, we can improve upon and enhance [them], and that's really the purpose of me being here," Flute said.

Among the topics discussed were the acceptance and use of enhanced Tribal ID cards, prison gang and drug cartel issues in tribal communities, use of heat-sensing drones to find escaped criminals, ICE enforcement and protecting government buildings.

After the meeting, the group went out to the top deck by the President's Office for a group photo and to hear stories from Harvier about the mountain ranges in the distance.

According to Flute, the DHS officials visited the Gila River Indian Community the previous day to talk with Community leaders there.

### Ryan Andrews Sworn In as Associate Judge for Yavapai-Apache Nation

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The Yavapai-Apache Nation has a new associate judge.

Ryan Andrews, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and former SRPMIC chief judge from 2010 to 2019, was sworn in by Chairwoman Tanya Lewis in October.

About a year ago, former Yavapai-Apache Nation Associate Judge Brian Utsey, who was also a former judge pro tempore for the SRPMIC, as well as staff attorney and acting director for the SRPMIC Legal Services Office, called Andrews to ask if he was available to help him out.

"He needed a judge pro tempore for some work," recalled Andrews. A judge pro tempore is someone who serves as a temporary judge if a sitting judge is unable to perform their duties.

"I was in the middle of schooling at the time. They said they might have a couple of cases, and I started doing that."



Ryan Andrews. Photo courtesy of Ryan Andrews.

#### 3 Takeaways:

- SRPMIC Member Ryan Andrews is back in the courtroom.
- Andrews replaces Judge Brian Utsey, who is the new chief judge for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.
- Andrews recently graduated from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University with a master's degree in legal studies.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is located in the Verde Valley. Andrews would take the roughly two-hour drive up north about two or three days a week to help with the docket. Now, Andrews drives that route daily back and forth from the Valley. He said he is lucky that he misses the heavy traffic on the way in and back.

In June, Utsey started a new role and was sworn in as chief judge of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, while Andrews was graduating from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University with a master's degree in legal studies.

"It's a great program," said Andrews, who took the school's hybrid learning course half online and half in person. He said the law school classes were rough, but it prepared him for his new role.

"For me, this being a judge is the one thing I love to do. I love to be of service to the communities," said Andrews.

"This is the one thing that I'm meant to do, and I enjoy doing it, whether it's [at the Yavapai-Apache Nation] or back at SRPMIC. I enjoy being a judge."

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## Sialik King Crowned Miss Indian Arizona

King participated in the 64th Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, which also featured contestants Chloe Eskey (Navajo Nation), Kiyasha Harvey (San Carlos Apache Tribe), Susanna Osife (Gila River Indian Community), Marilyn Lomayesva (Colorado River Indian Tribes) and Hannah Nockideneh (Navajo Nation).

Previous winners of the Miss Indian Arizona pageant from the SRPMIC are Charlene Enos (1971–1972), Yvonne Schaaf (1980–1981), Rebecca Makil (1990–1991), April Gutierrez (1993–1994) and Sistine Lewis (2022–2023). King now officially becomes the sixth young lady from the SRPMIC to win the Miss Indian Arizona pageant, which has been a mainstay for nearly seven decades.

The Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program is held annually to celebrate and uplift citizens from the 22 tribes in Arizona. In addition to naming a new queen, a first and second attendant are also chosen.

The new tribal royalty court will represent Arizona on the local and national level by showcasing Indigenous values and principles from their respective communities.

#### The Welcoming

Darion Kootswatewa (Hopi) of KUYI 88.1 FM Hopi Radio served as emcee for this year's event. "I'm from Second Mesa," began Kootswatewa. "A lot of people think Second Mesa is close by here to Chandler, or Mesa, but no, it's about a four-hour drive from here," he said with a chuckle.

Isabella Newman (San Carlos Apache Tribe), Miss Indian Arizona 2024–2025, sang the national anthem and provided the introduction.

Additionally, Tonana Ben (Navajo), Miss Indigenous Arizona State University 2025–2026, provided the invocation.

Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke welcomed everyone and added humorous insight to the annual event. "I've attended a few of these events," he began. "I love seeing the talented and beautiful women competing."

He later added, "This has grown into an incredible scholarship program, focusing on academic achievement [and] community service while bringing the culture to us."

Following his words, the contestants performed a dance routine for the "Spirit of the Dance" segment to the Justin Timberlake song "Can't Stop The Feeling!"

#### **King Shines During Pageant**

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier escorted King to center stage during the formalwear presentation. Kootswatewa narrated King's achievements, such as her enrollment at ASU, where she is majoring in mathematics and American Indian studies.

Kootswatewa revealed King's goal of becoming a math teacher in the Com-

munity. "She also enjoys playing online games with her friends and collecting Pokémon cards," he said.

As part of the pageant competition, each contestant had to submit their platform stance to the committee of judges. "If selected as Miss Indian Arizona, King's platform would be promoting cultural learning for the youth using traditional singing and dancing," Kootswatewa said.

During the talent showcase, King shared the traditional story of the coyote and the toad. "This story teaches us not to give in to those who harm us with their words and actions," she explained. "Because when we respond in the same way, we too can face negative consequences that can harm us."

For King's traditional reflection, she spoke from the heart while paying homage to those who laid the groundwork before her. She said, "In my own Community, the late Dorothy Lewis was one of the first ones to form a dance group. In forming these dance groups, they aided in teaching our youth about our traditional songs and dances. We are living in the future our ancestors fought for, and by continuing to practice our traditions through language, song and dance, we are persisting for an influential future for all our communities."

#### A Winner Must Be Crowned

When it was time for the committee of judges to crown Miss Indian Arizona for the 64th time, the crowd began to

quietly converse as they all tried to guess who would win.

Second attendant was awarded to Hannah Nockideneh (Navajo Nation), and Chloe Eskey (Navajo Nation) was selected as the first attendant.

Kootswatewa then waited for a few brief moments before revealing the new Miss Indian Arizona. "Your new Miss Indian Arizona is ... congratulations to contestant No. 4, Sialik King!"

The crowd then exploded with applause and cheers.

King also received the Oral Presentation, Talent and People's Choice awards. Emotions ran high and tears of joy

ran down King's face as Newman placed the Miss Indian Arizona crown on her head. King was given bouquets of flowers in addition to receiving hugs and cheers from family, loved ones and supporters.

"I'm just thankful for the opportunity to represent my Community," began King post-ceremony. "I want to get myself out there more and visit one school from each of the 22 tribes in Arizona."

King's reign will last for one calendar year. She will now embark on implementing her platform of representing the traditions and cultures of the SRPMIC to all tribes in Arizona.















### **Construction in Indian Country Conference Celebrates 22 Years**

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#### 3 Takeaways

- The October conference was held at the Wild Horse Pass Conference Center in Chandler, Arizona.
- 3D concrete is on the rise, as many construction companies in Indian Country have begun introducing it into various construction projects.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) can be used to create in-depth infrastructure plans, but beware of "AI hallucinations" that contain incorrect data.

"Construction in Indian Country" is a program curriculum within the Del E. Webb School of Construction (DEWSC) at Arizona State University. For 22 years, the program has held an annual conference to further enhance tribal partnerships between communities, leaders and businesses.

This year's CIIC conference was held at the Wild Horse Pass Conference Center in Chandler on Oct. 8.

Presentations this year featured discussions involving economic development in tribal communities, best design practices and workforce training. Guests also took advantage of networking opportunities.

Jacob Moore, vice president and special advisor to the president on American Indian Affairs for Arizona State University, provided the welcoming address inside the banquet conference room.

"This conference is two powerful days of learning, collaboration and innovation at the intersection of architecture, engineering and tribal development," said Moore.

He continued, "We can all gain insights as to how our tribal communities can shape the interests of our own design and of our own makings."

Darrell LaRoche (Lower Brule Sioux Tribe), acting deputy director of the federal Indian Health Service, provided the opening remarks.

Before his remarks, LaRoche extended his appreciation to the tribal leaders, elders and students in attendance.

"Everybody in this room can help each other. I'm looking forward to meeting students; it's a good thing to talk with them about the future and to get their ideas. One of the biggest things we need to know moving forward is construction is part of our communities and cultures."

#### **3D Concrete: What Is It?**

Kendra Bennett, national account manager for Skyland 3D, facilitated a presentation about the inner workings of utilizing three-dimensional (3D) concrete for construction projects in Indian Country. Skyland 3D is owned by the Kaw Nation, a tribe in Oklahoma and Kansas. Three-dimensional concrete technology can be used to build walls, houses, bridges and other projects while generating less waste than traditional construction methods.

For 3D concrete technology, a robotic printer layers concrete in three dimensions: length, width and height. It's referred to as 3D because it can create infrastructure that individuals can stand inside of.

Traditional 3D printers, like the ones

found in homes and schools, use plastic to create toys, accessories and various items. Skyland 3D uses a specialized concrete mix deposited in layers via a robotic arm to complete their construction projects. The concrete mix is light enough to travel through the machinery and application nozzle but heavy enough so that individuals remain safe and secure while inside a 3D concrete building.

Skyland is considered one of the premier leaders in 3D concrete printing, as they also construct affordable and energy-efficient homes for single-family, multi-family and tiny home villages. Additionally, each Skyland 3D project is fire-resistant and engineered to last for generations, helping with the affordable housing crisis currently experienced by many in the United States.

To date, the Skyland 3D team has completed ample building and construction projects for tribal departments and housing communities throughout Indian Country.

"We truly care about the future generations in our communities," said Bennett.

Interested individuals looking to include 3D concrete into their next projects can reach out to Bennett directly via email at kbennett@skyland3d.com or by dialing (405)-604-1542.

### A Better Understanding of AI and Its 'Hallucinations'

"It's important to understand that artificial intelligence can give you incorrect data," began Tessa Chandler, founder of Mule Deer Consulting. "I call these 'hallucinations," she explained. According to her website, Chandler helps "tribes and non-profits navigate funding, compliance and technology"

At the conference, Chandler presented "Building Sovereignty: Aligning AI with Tribal Infrastructure Goals."

Mule Deer Consulting blends grant strategy, AI, compliance and tech integration. Chandler has assisted the Indian Health Service with securing general funding and has collaborated with agencies on projects for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act as well as state-run Tribal Housing and Homelessness Assistance Programs.

"Artificial intelligence can help define a project's name, location, scope, budget and regulations, as well as identify stakeholders," explained Chandler. "However, these details are so unique to your project, AI can't guess what these are going to be. You must give AI detailed information, otherwise it will give out hallucinations, or incorrect data."

Chandler explained how standard AI programs like Microsoft's Copilot and ChatGPT have default settings that easily agree with the user, no matter the prompt. She reiterated that when using programs and software such as Google's NotebookLM, giving AI detailed tasks and prompts helps "turn the chaos into coordination."

Chandler added, "Always check AI's reasoning. You, as a human in the real world, and your experiences, must decide what makes the final deliverables."

Interested individuals may contact Chandler directly by dialing (310) 600-5592 or by emailing strategy@muledeerconsulting.com.

To remain up to date on all things construction in Indian Country and/or to inquire about facilitating a presentation during next year's conference, contact the ASU Del E. Webb School of Construction at (480) 727-3105.

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## U.S. Supreme Court Denies Rehearing to Save Oak Flat

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The U.S. Supreme Court for the second and final time has decided not to reconsider petitions for rehearing *Apache Stronghold vs. United States*.

Apache Stronghold, a nonprofit group fighting to preserve Oak Flat, has been in religious freedom courtroom battles to halt construction of the proposed mine since 2021.

The decision rejects the claim that under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act the mine would place a substantial burden on the religious practices of tribal members and Native Americans who hold the site sacred.

Some tribal members believe the destruction of Oak Flat will close off a portal to the Creator forever and will completely devastate the Western Apaches' spiritual lifeblood.

Chinese majority-owned mining company Resolution Copper looks to soon begin extracting copper ore from a large deposit at Oak Flat (Chi'chil Bildagoteel in Apache) in accordance with a land exchange with the federal government initiated in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2015.

When the copper deposit was first discovered by the Magma Copper Company in 1995, two multinational mining companies, Rio Tinto and BHP, joined forces to form Resolution Copper, which lobbied Congress for permission to mine the site.

On Oct. 6, Apache Stronghold shared in a statement that it will continue pressing the case in the lower courts. The statement mentioned that in addition to this case, three other cases are also seeking to protect Oak Flat, and that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will hear oral arguments in those cases on Jan. 7.

In a statement, Apache Stronghold leader Wendsler Nosie Sr. said of the decision, "By this undertaking, we now live with a third entity, who was created to take and destroy every blessed gift God gave us through our Mother Earth. We know this evil as Corporations, which comes from capitalism, which colonizes people."

In 2022, Shane Anton, SRPMIC tribal historic preservation officer, talked with *O'odham Action News* about the mine.

"While there are other cultural reasons we oppose the mine, one of the basic necessities for tribes is water," said Anton. "Our own description of who we are—'On Akimel O'odham'... Salt River People—should indicate our intimate association with and reverence for water."

In September 2021, O'odham Action News reported on a water study released by the San Carlos Apache Tribe showing that the mine will use an estimated 250 billion gallons of water over its lifetime.

The study touches upon water usage that could affect the eastern part of the Salt River Valley:

"Even if one accepts Resolution [Copper]'s highly optimistic estimate for water usage, the mine will use about 775,000 acre-feet of water—or about 250 billion gallons—over the life of the mine, of which approximately 70% will be pumped from a large network of new extraction wells in the East Salt River Valley about 15 miles west of the mine, closer to Phoenix and its eastern suburbs. The amount of water Resolution Copper proposes to withdraw from the Desert Wellfield represents nearly 7% of the total available groundwater in the East Salt River Valley subbasin. It is hard to visualize the immensity of this amount of water. That means Resolution Copper could develop an unlimited number of wells and pump an unlimited amount of water from the East Salt River Valley even as agricultural uses and cities are forced to cut back."

The study also shows that the mine's tailings, or waste materials left over after a commodity is mined from the earth, would permanently threaten groundwater and surface water quality in the region, including the Gila River.

According to Resolution Copper, the mine is expected to take 10 years to construct, have a 40-year operational life and will be followed by five to 10 years of reclamation.

This story is part of *O'odham Action News'* 

ongoing coverage of Oak Flat.

### **Native Football Camp Held at Scottsdale Community College**

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On Oct. 8, the Fiesta Sports Foundation held a football clinic for youth ages 6-17 at the Scottsdale Community College football field. Kids had the opportunity to participate in drill stations that were designed to enhance skills.

Stations were managed by the San Carlos High School football team and Sammy Moore, a former Washington State University wide receiver, was a special guest.

"Whenever I was growing up, I was never able

to do things like this, but seeing their energy, seeing how happy they are and seeing how they don't have a care in the world, and they are able to be kids, that's the message I want to give these kids, to continue being kids," Moore said.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has had a special connection with the Fiesta Sports Foundation and for three years they have reached out to the Community's Recreational Services to host the clinic for Community youth.

[Fiesta Bowl] "usually partner up with us and ask us if we'd be open to having some of our kids come out and do some football drills and just get

them involved with what they have going on," Recreation Coordinator Jacob Schurz said.

Each participant was given a white t-shirt with the Fiesta Bowl Clinic logo and Fiesta bowl mascot, Spirit, was out motivating and engaging with participants as they ran drills. After, as the camp concluded, all participants gathered for a photo and were given a football-shaped bag with goodies.

"Continue to be great, continue to see yourself bigger than what you are, do not let anyone tell you that you can't become something because the sky is the limit," Moore said.



## Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebrated Across Valley



















At The Post in downtown Mesa, Matriarch Ways celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day with fun filled day. Laughter and smiles filled the room leaving everyone with good

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vibes all around.

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Indigenous people around the country celebrated and acknowledged the land on Oct. 13 for Indigenous Peoples' Day. In 2021, an official proclamation to commemorate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day was issued by then-President Joe Biden.

In Arizona, starting off the day

strong, Matriarch Ways celebrated by organizing an Indigenous Peoples' Day event at The Post in downtown Mesa. The event included Indigenous guest speakers, a panel, vendors and Indigenous performers such as Yavapai-Apache hip-hop artist Ash Da Hunter.

Matriarch Ways focuses on restoration and strengthening of Indigenous communities. It is working toward restoring balance and reclaiming power within Indigenous communities to align with the natural balance. Other events throughout the Valley included the "Rise and Thrive" Indigenous Peoples' Day Nite Market hosted by Cahokia PHX. The night included 50-plus vendors and performances from Dirt Rhodes, One Way Sky and many more. The event also included a run to promote Indigenous resilience on O'odham land.

A family day took place at S'edav Va'aki Museum (formerly Pueblo Grande Museum). The day included crafts and honoring Hohokam history. At the Heard Museum, you could find yourself at a dance party. Dancing at the Heard included a mix of traditional dancing, rock, pop and country.

Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs shared through a social media post, "Indigenous Peoples' Day is a reminder of Arizona's deep Native roots and our responsibility to honor tribal sovereignty, protect sacred lands, and build a future grounded in respect and collaboration."

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Hinojosa, MaryJane Azule - Civil Complaint Hearing

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Matter of Juanita Kay James Case: P-21-0007 Court Date: November 14, 2025 at 2 PM

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**Pilcher,** Floyd - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-25-3624 Court Date: December 8, 2025 at 10 AM

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**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

Webster, Crystal Margo - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4594 Court Date: December 1, 2025 at 10 AM

Williams, Bryann Lynn - Probate Hearing in the Matter of Juanita Kay James Case: P-21-0007 Court Date: November 14, 2025 at 2 PM

## 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

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The full text of the proposed ordinance can be found by

visiting https://srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposedordinances/ or by scanning the QR code at right:



#### **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: October 15, 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

- 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.
   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)
- 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.
- 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
- If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
   DATED: October 7, 2025

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

#### **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

#### **SRPMIC Athletes in Ironman Arizona**

#### STAFF REPORTS

O'odham Action News oan@srpmic-nsn.gov

The final edition of Ironman Arizona taking place on Sunday, Nov. 16, has a familiar route that includes the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The Tempe course includes swimming, biking and running. The bicycle portion of 112 miles includes a section of the Community, along Beeline Highway. The race lasts all day and causes traffic closures throughout Tempe and the Community.

This year's sponsored SRPMIC athlete is Community member Kyle Dallas. The members of the three relay teams are Vanessa Ozoran, Elisha Bishop, Angel Miles, Fantasia Painter, Rachel Seepie, Patrick Shaw, Tiffiny Shilow, Ray Rivera and MaLorie Charley.

Ozoran, Miles, Painter, Seepie and Shaw are Community members. The others are part of the Salt River Triathletes group.

See flyer for road closure details.



Beeline, Alma School Road and McKellips Road.



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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: <a href="mailto:FinTaxForms@srpmic-nsn.gov">FinTaxForms@srpmic-nsn.gov</a>.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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In the first 15 years of his career with Phoenix Cement Co., he eventually was named Technical Services Manager while also serving as Terminal Manager at the Phoenix Cement Lower Buckeye Trans-load Facility. After a 20-month stint with Synthetic Industries (Fibermesh) as Territory Manager, Clinton returned to Phoenix Cement Co., serving 5 years as Product Engineer responsible for product development and marketing functions.

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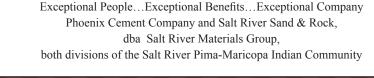


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#### TALKING CIRCLE FOLLOWING WELLBRIETY, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** 

CRAFT COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING, Support group for families of loved ones battling substance

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.

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**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, resil-

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

7 VETERANS DAY PROGRAM, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Two Waters Courtyard. Join us as we come together to honor and recognize our SRPMIC community veterans and employee veterans for their service and dedication. This joint celebration is a time for our community to express gratitude, share stories, and pay tribute to all who have served. We hope to see everyone there as we honor and celebrate our veterans.

8 LEHI COMMUNITY YARD SALE, 8 am - 1 pm Call RSVP for SPOT to sell!! Bring your own canopy, tables and chairs!! Travis (480)-622-6917 Gloria (480)-532-5996

8 HUHUGAM KI: MUSEUM 38TH ANNIVER-SARY CELEBRATION, Mesquite pancake breakfast begins at 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., Museum exhibit opens at 9 a.m., Arts and crafts vendors until 2p.m. See ad on page 8 for full details!

10 COMMUNITY MEMBER ONLY MEETING,

5:30 p.m., presentation begins at 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Building. Join us for a presentation from the Strategy "P" Team, which focuses on language emphasis and storytelling—how our name reflects who we are as a Community. This meeting is intended for Community Members only and provides an opportunity to learn about the ongoing name change discussion and share input. Text questions to 602-816-3131

11 VETERAN'S DAY - SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED, Please plan accordingly.

13 CM DOKA DISTRICT C MEETING, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 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)

15 COMMUNITY SENIORS MEETING, Breakfast 9:00 am | Meeting 10:00 am Salt River Community Building – 1880 Longmore Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 Agenda to Follow: The meeting agenda will be released shortly. We appreciate your patience. This meeting is for enrolled SRPMIC community member seniors (55+ years).

18 CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS DISTRICTS F & G (LEHI) MEETING, 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Building – 1231 E. Oak Street, Mesa, AZ 85203. 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

22 SRPMIC THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION,

Office: (480) 362-7469.

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

28 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - SRPMIC OFFICES CLOSED