



Salt River Schools and Special Olympics Arizona Tag-Team for Field Day



Salt River Schools and Special Olympics Arizona staff join Community partners in participating in games with students at the ALA soccer field on Nov. 7. Photos by Zoe Hernandez.

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Salt River Schools (SRS) and Special Olympics Arizona partnered on Nov. 7 at the Accelerated Learning Academy soccer fields to provide about 60 Salt River Elementary School special education student-athletes a field day filled with athletic and skill-building activities they would not soon forget.

The kids participated in yard games, putting, bowling, cornhole, soccer, baseball, bocce and a relay race with members of the Salt River Police Department (SRPD).

"We're excited to have some elementary school kiddos come out here and participate in certain events that simulate what Special Olympics is like, so that hopefully at some point they can come out and participate in some of our sports and activities with the rest of the communities," said Jamie Heckerman,



A Salt River Schools student successfully completes the obstacle course as an officer volunteering from the Salt River Police Department follows close behind.

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Aleta Ringlero Provides Insight During 'America at 250' Event

Ringlero was selected to provide insight at a lecture titled 'America at 250: Indigenous Voices,' hosted at Phoenix's Heard Museum on Nov. 12 in collaboration with Arizona State University and PBS.

3 Takeaways:

- The United States will celebrate its 250th birthday in July 2026.
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community senior Aleta Ringlero served on a panel that discussed Indigenous insights about America's inception.
- The event was part of the world premiere of the new PBS film "The American Revolution" produced by Ken Burns, Sara Botstein and David Schmidt.

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America is celebrating its 250th birthday next year. Are you ready?

A new 12-hour documentary film by Ken Burns, Sara Botstein and David Schmidt titled "The American Revolution" received its world premiere on PBS on Nov. 16.

Days before, on Nov. 12, an exclusive screening was held at the Heard Museum in Phoenix at which Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community senior Aleta Ringlero, a curator, author, art historian and calligrapher, participated in a panel discussion that also included Maurice Crandall (Yavapai Apache Nation) and Manuel Pino (Acoma Pueblo).

The exclusive presentation was a collaboration between the Heard Museum, Arizona State University and PBS. The event featured excerpts from the film, as well as a panel discussion which covered the roles that Indigenous communities played during the American Revolution.

Carol Yancho, senior director of content at Arizona PBS, served as the moderator during the discussion. Ari-

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Ringlero detailed the history behind The Pima Revolt of 1751.

Huhugam Ki: Museum Celebrates Anniversary with New Exhibition



A Huhugam Ki: Museum visitor stands in front of the new exhibition *Good Morning, Class... A History of the Salt River Day School*. Photo by Zoe Hernandez.

3 takeaways

- A new exhibition titled *Good Morning, Class... A History of the Salt River Day School* officially opens to the public.
- The Day School building reopens as the *Kavad/Kushov Cultural Center* in 2026.
- The 38th anniversary of the Huhugam Ki: Museum featured demonstrations and yummy food: mesquite pod milling, mesquite pancakes and freshly made tortillas!

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The 38th anniversary of the Huhugam Ki: Museum featured demonstrations and yummy food: mesquite pod milling, mesquite pancakes and freshly made tortillas!

The Huhugam Ki: Museum celebrated its 38th anniversary on Nov. 8 with the opening of the new exhibition *Good Morning, Class... A History of the Salt River Day School*.

Created under the direction of Elisa Pongyesvia, exhibit lead and museum archivist assistant, with the help of museum staff and support

clerks, the exhibition is a look back in time and examines the future the former Bureau of Indian Affairs Day School that was located near the intersection of Longmore and McDowell roads within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.



Construction of the Day School, which was the third school built in the Community, was completed in 1935.

At this location, in 1996, the Salt River Elementary School opened for the first day of school ever and stayed open until 2007.

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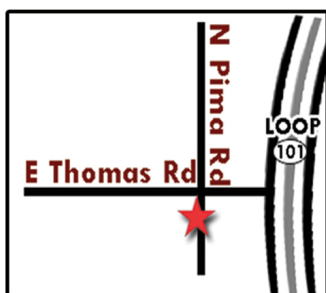
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Aleta Ringlero Provides Insight During ‘America at 250’ Event



TOP: Aleta Ringlero, SRPMIC senior, curator, author, art historian and calligrapher, provied remarks during the post-discussion following excerpts played from the documentary.

BOTTOM: Manuel Pino (Acoma Pueblo), provided insight as to how the United States government at the time described Indigenous communities in the Declaration of Independence as, "merciless Indian sav-ages."



zona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes also provided remarks.

Ringlero previously directed the Na- tive American Public Programs office for the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., in addition to working with the Califor- nia State Railroad Museum as well as the Tahoe National Forest.

It is important to understand that Indigenous communities are the original caretakers of the land we today call the United States. The impacts of coloniza- tion forced Indigenous communities to lose their languages, traditions and histories, which has left a dark stain on America’s history and its origins 249 years ago.

The Film

“The American Revolution” features some of Hollywood’s top talent as voices and narrators. Tom Hanks, Mi- chael Keaton, Meryl Streep, Josh Brolin, Samuel L. Jackson and Jon Proudstar are just a few of the many actors featured in the film. Across six feature-length episodes, the documentary covers U.S. history starting from May 1754.

The film uses archival materials to feature perspectives from the people involved at the time, including military personnel and members of Indigenous communities.

Filmed over the course of a few years, the documentary combines audio, video and photographs to detail and showcase the inner workings of how this country came to be.

Ringlero’s Insight

“The year 1776 has very little mean- ing in terms of Indigenous awareness,” began Ringlero. “As a member of an Indigenous community, our concerns at that time were more about daily living—our families, our farms. We are incred- ible farmers.”

The Onk Akimel O’odham and Xalychidom Piipaash were responsible for the sophisticated canal system which laid the groundwork for the Phoenix Val- ley’s irrigation system in use today. The canals supported farming of corn, beans, squash and cotton, with some irrigation canals reaching 15 miles long.

Ringlero continued, “The daily life of the people is what concerned our communities; how we get along with each other. In terms of Arizona, some of the finest examples of how tribal people got along are represented by the com- munities here that were present at that time and continue in modern-day Indian Country.”

She added, “There was a system of cooperation that existed, not only between our tribal communities, but also tribes that we traded, intermarried and traveled with. I think, for the East Coast, it is centric around the British and the Americas. Arizona is something com- pletely different. Fortunately, we didn’t have the [American Revolution], the Battle of Bull Run or Gettysburg. But we did have the Pima Revolt of 1751.”

The Pima Revolt of 1751 was a battle between the O’odham and Spanish set- tlers that began on Nov. 21, 1751. The conflict occurred in the Santa Cruz and Altar river valleys, located in southern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mexico.

The revolt was a result of decades of abuse and mistreatment of the O’odham by the Spanish and is considered one of the largest coordinated Indigenous revolts in the Southwest.

Check your local PBS listings for showtimes to view “The American Revolution.”

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Next year, the Day School building will reopen with a new purpose as the Kavaḍ/Kushov Cultural Center. An open house is scheduled for Jan. 24. The SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department will be housed there, as well as O’odham and Piipaash language classrooms, ceremonial and gathering spaces, indoor and outdoor kitchens, and more.

It is clear by the way that Pongyesvia talks about the project that the exhibition was a labor of love for her.

“On a personal level, I love photos. I am an archivist. So, getting to pick and choose which photos I wanted to highlight to celebrate the students was really important to me,” said Pongyesvia.

“I didn’t attend

the Day School, but I have loved ones and friends who did and seeing them in their childhood years really was just like, ‘Oh, how cute!’”

Pongyesvia feels fulfilled by seeing so many of the children in the photos on display all grown up and contributing to the Community in their own way. She said she is excited for the connections and sense of community in classrooms of the original Day School to be reborn within the walls of the new cultural center.

The celebration of the museum’s 38th anniversary also included a live demonstration of mesquite pod hammer mill-

ing. Community members could bring up to 4 gallons of dried, clean mesquite pods to be ground into flour.

Staff from the Huhugam Ki: Museum and the Cultural Resources Department cracked the eggs and mixed the mesquite flour and other ingredients for a delicious mesquite pancake breakfast. Freshly made tortillas were sold at the komal behind the museum.

Arts and crafts vendors lined up along the museum’s driveway; meanwhile, the gift shop offered discounts.

Before the new exhibition was unveiled to the public, Hu Huhugam Ki: Museum Manager Gary Owens said that the new cultural center “becomes once again a place of learning and can be

used by the Community to practice and teach one another about the importance of the way of life.”



Museum Manager Gary Owens opens the celebration with a few words about the new Day School exhibition.



The public brought in their mesquite pods to be milled.



ABOVE: Tortillas are made fresh on the komal.

BELOW: A person hand-stretches tortilla dough before it is put on the komal to cook.



ABOVE: Museum and CRD staff in the kitchen mixing ingredients for mesquite pancakes.



BELOW: OAN Reporter Zoe Hernandez interviews exhibit lead Elisa Pongyesvia.



ABOVE: Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Aiyana Toya shares a joyful moment in front of the new exhibition.



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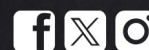
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Featured Artist at S’edav Va’aki 48th Indian Market: August Wood



Award-winning work by August Wood (pictured center) was on display at the Heard Museum. Photos courtesy of August Wood.

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In 1977, the S’edav Va’aki Museum, formerly Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park, held its first Indian Market. The event was hosted by the museum’s auxiliary, a nonprofit organization established to raise additional funds to support the museum. This year will mark the 48th annual Indian Market, which will be held on Dec. 13 and 14.

Each year, Indigenous artists gather at the market to showcase their traditional arts and crafts, with pieces ranging from mixed media and beadwork to textiles and basketry. Along with more than 100 traditional arts booths, there will be Native American music

and dance performances, hands-on demonstrations and Native foods.

This year the featured artist is August Wood, a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member. Wood is Akimel O’odham, Tohono O’odham and Diné. He learned traditional basketry from Sally Antone of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and traditional pottery making from Ron Carlos baq. He will be showcasing both his traditional baskets and pottery at the event.

“Basketry is my first traditional skill,” said Wood. “For me, I just wanted to learn how to do these things, and, you know, growing up here in the Community, I’d seen baskets at different people’s houses, or I’d see baskets in museums and stuff like that.

I was always curious how they were made, so I finally got the opportunity to learn,” said Wood.

Wood explained the process of gathering and processing the materials and making the final product. He began, “Well, they’re all very labor intensive and time consuming. My dad, he would say anything you do traditionally is going to be very time consuming.” The process of making baskets and pottery requires dedication and willingness to mess up. “Everybody is so used to seeing the finished product, you know,” said Wood.

“It’s become my main focus, you know, working on these things, always making something,” Wood said. He has found a passion for traditional crafts and has made it a priority in his

life. Through learning these traditional crafts, he has now had the opportunity to teach classes and demonstrate his work at different events.

“I’m looking forward to the [S’edav Va’aki Indian Market]. I’ve been a demonstrator at the event, but I’ve never been the featured artist before,” he shared excitedly.

The 48th Annual Indian Market at S’edav Va’aki Museum takes place Dec. 13-14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for Native Americans, military and first responders, with free admission for children 12 and younger. The museum is located at 4619 E. Washington St. in Phoenix. For further information, call (602) 534-2442 or email market@svmfoundation.org.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Receives Grant



Spirit, the Fiesta Bowl mascot, was in attendance to the check presentation on Nov. 3. Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale.

3 Takeaways:

- The grant will fund STEAM programs.
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community staff attended the check presentation.
- The grant will fund programs and activities for both the Lehi and Red Mountain club branches.

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The fun continues at the Boys & Girls Clubs’ Lehi and Red Mountain branches.

On Nov. 3, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale celebrated a \$25,000 donation from Fiesta Sports Foundation to eight club locations, including the Red Mountain and Lehi branches. The grant will go toward creating and maintaining classes and opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) makerspace programming.

The presentation was also held to showcase the all-new Fiesta Sports Foundation makerspace signage, which is now featured throughout the Club branches.

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“At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, we believe every young person deserves the chance to imagine, create and explore—and our STEAM programming helps them do just that,” said Elizabeth Muncal, chief development officer.

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Tori Paukgana, SRPMIC Youth Services director, and Brian Yazzie, SRPMIC Youth Services assistant director, were in attendance during the check presentation held at the Lehi branch.

Additionally, families and children were in for a treat as Spirit, the Fiesta Bowl mascot, made an appearance during the check presentation.

The Lehi branch is located at 1231 E. Oak St. in Mesa. The Red Mountain branch is located inside of the Ske:g Himdag Ki at 11725 E. Indian School Road in Scottsdale. Those interested in what the clubs have to offer can call the main line at (480) 344-5520.



Gobble Gobble! SRPMIC Celebrates Thanksgiving

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Bellies and the dancefloor at the Two Waters Complex were full as the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted its annual Community Thanksgiving on a cool, mostly sunny Saturday, Nov. 22.

SRPMIC Community Relations Office Events Coordinator Kym Tyler served as event emcee.

The celebration featured live music performed by D Faktion Nyne, a videogame truck, bounce houses, mini-games, prizes, as well as a COVID-19 and flu vaccination station.

“Thank you all for joining us today, and Happy Thanksgiving,” began Tyler during her introductions.

After her introduction, the Pledge of Allegiance was performed by the Salt River Girls Scout Troops #2516.

“Thank you all for being here,” began 2025-2026 Jr. Miss Salt River Tiaré Begay-Smith. She was joined on stage by Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Aiyanna Toya as the duo provided a blessing and opening prayer.

Later, 2025-2026 Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King made an appearance during the Community meal and joined her sash sisters in greeting all in attendance. King was chaperoned by her mom, Cynthia Claw-King.

Afterwards, Young River People Council President Jizelle Juan greeted and welcomed membership and their loved ones to the celebration. “This event wouldn’t be possible without those who are here helping serve and putting up all the chairs and tables for us. Make sure you’re eating and drinking water so you can go out and dance later,” she said.

Members of SRPMIC’s Tribal Council, department managers, staff and others volunteered to help serve the meal. A delicious menu was curated by Round House Café team for families to enjoy, which featured all the fixings like ham, beans, turkey, corn, stuffing, pumpkin pie and more.

As all enjoyed their meals, puppets River, Rainn, and Blu, also known as the Flu Fighters, provided a presentation on the platform stage. The Flu Fighters are a puppet group performed by River People Health Center staff to promote a positive and healthy lifestyle that includes staying up to date on vaccinations.

“Please stay safe this holiday season. Get your testing kits, come on over to public health. If you have questions about exposure, give us a call, we’re here for you,” explained Haley Bodmer, River People Health Center disease investigator and Flu Fighter puppeteer.

The Flu Fighters will return with a holiday float entry in the upcoming SRPMIC Light Parade on Dec. 6.

After, D Faktion Nyne played a few songs which packed the dancefloor, and emcee Tyler returned to announce the start of the official turkey gobble contest. Four children and seven adults entered with winners in both categories receiving prizes, including a tablet.

The celebration neared its end with a performance by Paz the Sports Guy, an entertainer who specializes in performing circus tricks with sports equipment. Paz has performed at countless state fairs in the United States, as well as Canada, and is a former member of Cirque du Soleil. “I’m actually from Scottsdale, so it’s great to be back,” said Paz.

Following his performance, the Young River People Council hosted family bingo to help bring the day to a close.



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Scholarship for Healthcare Students

Scholars:

Healthcare students who have shown interest and previous self-study of medicine that is indigenous, ancestral, ancient, natural, food-based, nutrient-based, botanical, alternative or integrative are welcome to apply.

Indigenous healthcare students who plan to practice on indigenous lands are urged to consider this opportunity to explore the medicine of the ancestors, and are urged to apply. One student will be selected to receive the scholarship each term.

Learning experience:

Aside from patients' visits and consults, pending each patient's permission, scholars will be assigned reading and further self-directed research on topics related to biochemical, metabolic and pharmacological impacts of medicinal plants and foods native to the region of and surrounding SRPMIC, central Arizona and the desert southwest generally, and how those plants are used medicinally today and in centuries past. Emphasis will be given to exploring the root causes of disease, treating the whole person, and First Do No Harm.

Send your CV and Letter of Interest to Office@NatureWorksBest.com

Sponsors:

First Nation Medical Board, together with Nature Works Best Medical Clinic and Dr. Colleen Huber are funding this scholarship. Colleen Huber, NMD, CTP is a Naturopathic Medical Doctor and Certified Tribal Practitioner.

When:

Each semester, one day per week, during daytime business hours.

Where:

Dr. Huber meets with patients on tribal land, at the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC).

Award and Certificate:

Scholars will receive a stipend for the semester of \$2,000. A Certificate of Completion will be provided at the last weekly meeting of the semester.



A Salt River Schools student throws a bullseye on the dart board at the Field Day event held at the ALA soccer field on Nov. 7.



Salt River Schools students and teachers stand at the bleachers for the national anthem.

“We have a huge turnout of volun-



Two Salt River Schools students hold medals they won for participating in the Field Day.

teers today, which shows the support for our children,” said Houston. “This is really important when we think about educational supports and funding for

SRS Communications & Public Relations Administrator Taté Walker felt it was especially important for Community-member kids to have this experience as Native American youth with special needs. “We’re at a time in our society when those needs across the board are not being met by the federal

“It’s more than just the surface-level feathers and powwows. It’s our kids who need quality education, and they need funding for that quality education, and we need to come together to do that somehow. Hopefully that opens the conversation.”

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY



SALT RIVER COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION



UNITY Hosts Earth Ambassador Gathering in Salt River



Jizelle Juan, SRPMIC student and UNITY Earth Ambassador, served as emcee for the Community Connection portion of the UNITY gathering.

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Indigenous youth will undoubtedly be the ones who will help lead us into the future.

United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) held its Earth Ambassador Western Regional Gathering Nov. 14-16 at the Great Wolf Lodge in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Western Regional Earth Ambassadors Jizelle Juan (SRPMIC), Laylalanai Gocobachi (Pascua Yaqui) and Vydell Willie (Navajo) attended the gathering and highlighted many of the breakout sessions. UNITY Earth Ambassadors range in age from 14 to 24.

As ambassadors, they are viewed as leaders in climate advocacy, peer education, environmentally safe project planning and implementation, and much more.

Community Connection: SRPMIC

Juan served as emcee for the Community Connection portion of the gathering on day one, which was held inside the SRPMIC Council Chambers. Special guest speakers included SRP-



Patricia King provided the UNITY group with a few words of encouragement and then sang a traditional song.

MIC President Martin Harvier, Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King, SRPMIC senior Patricia King and Discover Salt River Tourism Manager Maleena Deer. After each guest spoke, they were given a gift on behalf of the ambassadors and UNITY.

"It's a true honor to welcome each of you to my homelands," began Juan. "This session celebrates the unity between our people [and how] the land, leadership, cultural teachings and environmental stewardship work together to create a resilient and sustainable future."

During his presentation, Harvier detailed his personal history, which included his tenures as SRPMIC vice-president and president, as well as his younger days. "I never felt I'd be in a position like this. Growing up, I was pretty shy; I didn't say much," said Harvier. "But things happened in my life which forced me to speak up. As we all come together, don't ever feel that what you have to say isn't important. It is."

Sialik King's focal point during her presentation was about how UNITY



Maleena Deer showcased how Discover Salt River helps the Community stay modern while honoring O'odham and Piipaash traditions.

helped shape her into the leader she is today. "My first UNITY [conference] was in Oklahoma [in 2016]; that's the first time I was exposed to what's happening outside of our state," she began. "[That conference] shaped me as a person," she admitted. King said the Oklahoma UNITY conference showed her a different world and perspective of life outside the Community.

She continued, "We are the original stewards of this land before anybody else was here. We know how to take care of the land best. Even today, our canal systems are being used by cities and other populations of people living in Arizona. The idea of land ownership was never thought of. You never thought you could own a mountain, or an acre of land. Instead, the thought was, you care for the land."

Patricia King followed Sialik King's presentation. "It's kind of hard for me to speak in front of you. I see a lot of young people. It makes me feel very honored to be in front of you. I know other times, a lot of people say that about elders, but I say that about you all," she began.

When King was informed of the age range of the UNITY members, she laughed and jokingly admitted, "I don't even remember being 14 years old."

Her presentation explained how the people existed before running water,

3 Takeaways:

- The two-day conference was held for United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Earth Ambassadors who live in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.
- Jizelle Juan, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King and others provided remarks.
- The gathering was held to allow UNITY members to continue networking and collaborating on plans and projects with fellow environmentally conscious youth from across Indian Country.

electricity and the internet. "Growing up, we had dirt floors," she said. "When I think about those things, I think about how far we've come and where you're at now. Think about your grandparents and how they lived. Now we don't have dirt floors anymore; we have inside plumbing too. It makes me feel good to see you all here because you're all working so hard wherever you go."

She added, "Culture and environment are the same thing to me. Culture is our language, stories, families, plants and the sky. All of that is what we call our *Himdag*. I pray for you all that you may experience good things in your life."

Deer was the final guest speaker. She detailed how the Community and its enterprises work in tandem to improve the Community and the environment.

"In order to protect our sovereignty, the Community, back in the 1980s, decided we needed a source of revenue to support the environment and programs here and to do it responsibly while honoring our Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash cultures. When you go out into the [enterprise] area, look at the buildings. The buildings are unique because those designs are specific O'odham and Piipaash designs."

Following the presentations, the UNITY ambassadors traveled to the Cottonwood Wetlands for a tour.

The night came to an end at Friendship Park with a traditional dinner catered by Ernie's Catering, as well as traditional games and social round dancing sponsored by the SRPMIC Young River People's Council.

Senior Services Offers Personalized Home Care Assistance

SUBMITTED BY SRPMIC SENIOR SERVICES

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Senior Services provides compassionate, personalized in-home care to qualified seniors and adults with adaptive needs. Their goal is to help clients safely remain in their homes while preserving independence and dignity.

Wanda White Eyes has benefited from the program since 2022, following the partial loss of her leg.

"They help with things that can be difficult [for me], like making breakfast and light cleaning or helping with grocery shopping and other errands—either doing them or going with me and assisting me in doing them," said White Eyes. "They also help me keep track of appointments and take me, like when I have to go to Phoenix to see my leg doctor. And, they stay instead of dropping you off and leaving so you have to wait for them to come back. They are such an asset to me."

The level of care offered is determined through a needs assessment, followed by the creation of a personalized service plan tailored to each client's unique needs.

"At the heart of what we do is truly understanding each person's unique needs," explained Home Care Manager Felicia Thomas. "We create a personalized care plan that supports not just their physical health, but also their emotional and social well-being. We help our clients stay as independent as possible—it boosts their confidence and preserves their dignity. And often, with a little gentle support, they discover

they're capable of more than they thought. That sense of self-worth really shines through."

Senior Services Home Care provides three levels of assistance:

Level I: Basic housekeeping, mopping, sweeping, laundry, companionship and nutrition

Level II: Level I tasks plus personal care assistance with bathing, dressing and walking

Level III: Light housekeeping and more extensive personal care assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, transferring and toileting

"We want family members to know that housekeeping focuses on keeping our clients safe and comfortable, usually in the areas where they spend most of their time—like their own room if they live with family," explained Thomas. "This approach helps empower families to take an active role in their loved one's care. Our goal is to create a safe, healthy and happy environment, and we've seen how this can really bring families closer together."

Though her daughter also helps, White Eyes is concerned for other seniors who may not have the support of family and friends.

"My daughter also helps with things like laundry, but some seniors don't have anyone else to help them, so this program is very important," she said.

Beyond in-home care, the team organizes social and recreational activities to promote emotional and social well-being.

"We prioritize the emotional and



LEFT: Wanda White Eyes enjoys a nutritious breakfast prepared by Sheresa Denetdeel, her home care assistant. Senior Services provides three levels of care to help seniors safely remain in their homes while preserving independence and dignity. Photo by Isaac Torres.

social well-being of our seniors. That's why we organize a variety of monthly activities, both on- and offsite. From game days and craft sessions to cultural outings like visits to museums and the zoo, these events provide wonderful opportunities for residents to socialize, enjoy new experiences and get out of the house," explained Thomas. "It's a great way for them to connect with their peers and stay engaged."

White Eyes encourages other seniors who may need assistance to call and learn more about the program.

"I am really glad the Senior Services has this program available for us seniors who can't manage everything for ourselves, and I wish other seniors who might need the help would reach out and ask about getting the assistance they need," said White Eyes.

If you or someone you know may need home care assistance, call (480) 362-6350 and ask for the intake coordinator.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY: HOLIDAY GOURDS A HIT



Leading up to the annual Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Employee Holiday Luncheon, a group from the Dayworker Program helped create dozens of special centerpieces for the event. SRPMIC hosted the luncheon on back-to-back days, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, at Talking Stick Resort to accommodate all the tribal government employees. The annual luncheon is organized by the Community Relations Department's Events division. This year's centerpieces included more than 100 gourds that had to be cleaned and painted. Under Events' coordination, Dayworker Program workers spent days creating the festive gourds. More photos and coverage in our next issue!

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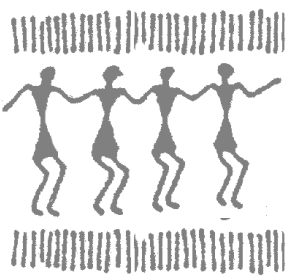
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Howard, Edward James -Evidentiary Divorce Hearing Case: CV-25-4253 Court Date: December 15, 2025 at

11 AM

Hunt, Trina Solana - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-25-4981 Court Date: December 4, 2025 at 4 PM

Jefferson, Ryan Reed - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-25-4937 Court Date: December 18, 2025 at 9 AM

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

Melendez, Nicole- Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CV-24-5856 Court Date: December 18, 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

Washington, Edward Lynn - Entry of Default Judgement Hearing Case: CV-25-3181 Court Date: December 18, 2025 at 10:30 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:



Salt River Public Works Department

Memorial Services & Cemeteries

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

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

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

For Any Questions Call:
(480) 278-7050

CONTRACTED MORTUARIES

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

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

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

CARLOS, LAILA ATHENA
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-25-3178

Country Club Cars v. Laila Athena Carlos

To: Laila Athena Carlos, 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.
4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED: October 20, 2025

CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL 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

4th Quarter 2025 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE:
December 31, 2025

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the January 2026 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

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.

***Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

If you have any questions regarding:

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



DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR
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Contact **Newspaper Assistant Kari Haahr** at

(480) 362-2698 or **kari.haahr@srpmic-nsn.gov**

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

GOT A STORY IDEA?

Email us at **oodhamactionnews@srpmic-nsn.gov** or call **(480) 362-7750**



FALL FUN WITH SRMG

AT THE ALA SPOOKTACULAR & ECEC GOODIE GATHERING

Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) really got into the Halloween spirit this year!

The festivities began on Tuesday, October 28th. SRMG staff participated in Salt River School's annual Spooktacular, hosted by the School Security Staff. SRMG's Bryce McGertt, Arlena Moreno, & Kay McAnlis showed up in their favorite Toy Story characters to hand out candy and run a ring toss game that drew plenty of excited kids!

The celebrations continued on Thursday, October 30th as Arlena Moreno & Nadine Nguyen attended the ECEC Goodie Gathering on behalf of SRMG, where they handed out healthy snacks and juice to children ages 4 and under. Both ladies enjoyed interacting with the families and seeing the little ones dressed up as their favorite characters

Salt River Materials Group extends a big **THANK YOU** to Salt River Schools for having SRMG at both events! Our team enjoyed interacting with the community and being a part of the fun.



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



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ONGOING

- DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in room 3104 (Cloud), 3rd floor of RPHC. This free, confidential, and safe group of individuals support one another by utilizing their collective experiences and learned wisdom. This gathering is for adults diagnosed with diabetes. For more information, contact (480) 362-3355.
- SENIOR BOOK CLUB**, 2nd 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/Triballbrary@SPRMIC-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.
- 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.

- DECEMBER SKO:MAGI MAŞAD XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK XVIK**
- 5 O'ODHAM PIIPAASH TRADITIONAL ARTISTS CHRISTMAS ART SALE**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cultural Resources.
- 6 HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**, Two Waters Courtyard, program begins at noon. 1 p.m. Senior Bingo and lunch served at

- Round house Cafe. Visit Santa, Art and Craft Vendors, a Gingerbread House Village and more!
- 6 HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE**, Longmore Road closed at 5 p.m. for light parade to begin at 5:30 p.m.
- 7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**, 10 a.m. at Salt River USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River Fields. See ad on page 14 for full agenda or visit ussarizonasaltriver.com
- 11 READING ALL THE WAY**, 5:30PM - 7:30PM at ALA Gymnasium. Join the Literacy for All team at Reading All the Way, the annual holiday celebration at Salt River Schools filled with all things books, reading, and storytelling. The event takes place Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the ALA gym! There will be lots of giveaways, prizes, and special visitors from the North Pole! This event is free and open to the public. Park in the Highland Avenue lot south of the football field. Questions? Contact Trinidad Yazzie at 480-362-2023 or Trinidad.Yazzie@saltriverschools.org
- 11 ASTRONOMY NIGHT**, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Scottsdale Community College. Join us for a night beyond the telescope with stories in the planetarium, then view the stars outside on the field. Open to Community members and Ske:g Himdag Ki: members. Questions? Contact Liesure Education or Tribal Library at 480-362-6600
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**, Offices closed. Please plan accordingly.
- 26 DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**, Offices closed. Please plan accordingly.
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**, starting at 4 p.m. at Salt River Community Building. See ad on page 12 for full agenda, and a list of where to get your wristband to attend!

- JANUARY 'AUPPA HIOSIG MAŞAD XLY'A SHENTHIK**
- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY**, Offices closed. Please plan accordingly.
- 10 SENIOR SERVICES OPEN HOUSE**, Calling all Community seniors 55+ and their family members! Join us for a fun, interactive tour to explore the many services available to you. Meet our friendly staff and learn how we can help support your goals for healthy, happy living! Meal for the first 200 guests. Seating will be outside, so bundle up! Sat, Jan. 10 | 9 am - 1 pm Salt River Senior Center Parking available in rear and dirt lots. Questions? 480.362.7386
- 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**, Offices closed. Please plan accordingly.
- 24 SRPMIC O'ODHAM PIIPAASH DAY**, Save the date! Additional details will be shared as the event date gets closer.

FOR THE LATEST DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:

