

World Series Champions!

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3 Takeaways:

- Na7ive Na7ions created a 14U girls' all-star team composed of 12 Indigenous student-athletes to participate in the annual 2026 Babe Ruth World Series in Florence, Alabama.
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community student-athlete Naomi Anton played for the 14U girls' softball team.
- The softball team defeated Puerto Rico in the championship game.

You can't spell champion without N-A-O-M-I. Anton, that is. Fresh from her recent selection to the Na7ive Na7ion 14U girls' all-star softball team, superstar student-athlete and Salt Riv-

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Naomi Anton (top row, far right) and her Na7ive Na7ions teammates were recently crowned champions of the 2026 Babe Ruth World Series in Florence, Alabama. Photo courtesy of Na7ive Na7ions.

FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL



Photo by Kari Haahr

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CASINO ARIZONA
TALKING STICK RESORT

Patricia Tate Named CEO of Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises

Historic appointment marks the first time a woman and tribal member will lead the organization overseeing Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ariz., July 29, 2026 — Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises (SRCGE) today announced the appointment of Patricia Tate as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective August 1, 2026. An enrolled member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tate becomes

the first woman and first enrolled tribal member to serve as CEO of the Gaming Enterprises. She steps into the organization's top leadership role following more than two decades of distinguished executive service, during which she has helped guide the continued success and growth of Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort.

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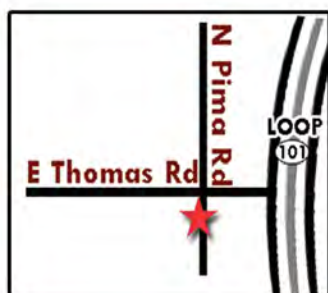
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SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY HEARING

The Land Management Board has scheduled a Community Hearing. The SRPMIC Planning Services Division of the Community Development Department is proposing a General Plan Map Amendment Resolution and Zoning Text/Map Amendment Ordinance as further defined below:

General Plan Map Amendment Resolution

The General Plan Map provides allocation and distribution of different land uses in the Community. Application #26-GPA-01 is proposing land use changes to Tribal owned lands to allow for potential future Community government projects. One land use alignment change is proposed to allotted land with permission from the landowners as the property has split land use designations.

Zoning Text/Map Amendment Ordinance

The Zoning Ordinance provides standards and regulations that apply to land and buildings in the Community. Application #26-ZN-01 is proposing to repeal and replace the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, Chapter 25 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances. The Ordinance was updated to support community projects and design flexibility, modify land use permissions, provide clear application procedures, accommodate technical changes, and address development trends. The Zoning Map includes changes to Tribal owned lands and one allotted land to comply with the proposed General Plan Map.

DATE: Tuesday, August 25, 2026

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Salt River Community Building, 1880 N Longmore Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256

You may view the recorded presentation starting Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Public comments can be made by email at public_hearing_comments@srpmic-nsn.gov, by phone at 480-362-7470, by text at 623-282-5757 or by mail CDD, Attn: Public Comments, 10005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

For more information about the project, contact Debbie Pfeil, Senior Planner at 480-362-7385

The meeting presentation, recordings and proposed supportive documents to include all maps are available on the Community website at:
<https://srpmic-nsn.gov/government/1879-phc/>

You may also scan this QR Code with your phone for easy access to all Community Hearings:



Patricia Tate Named CEO of Salt River Community Gaming Enterprises

“Today’s announcement marks an important milestone for our gaming enterprise and our Community,” said Martin Harvier, President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. “After 22 years of dedicated service, Ms. Tate brings a deep understanding of our organization, strong financial leadership, and a long-term commitment to its success. The Community’s selection reflects confidence in her experience and vision, and I look forward to working alongside her as we continue to strengthen our gaming enterprise for the benefit of our Community.”

Tate joined the Gaming Enterprises in 2004 as Controller, was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in 2006, and served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2011 through 2026. During her tenure, she provided key leadership during a period of significant growth, including the expansion of Casino Arizona and the opening of Talking Stick Resort. Her strategic financial leadership, operational insight, and commitment to excellence helped position the Gaming Enterprises for long-term success while supporting the Community’s vision for economic growth and opportunity.

As President and Chief Executive Officer, Tate will oversee all aspects of Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort, with a focus on sustainable growth, operational excellence, employee development, and continued investment in initiatives that support the economic well-being of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

“Serving the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in this capacity is both a privilege and a profound responsibility,” said Patricia Tate. “I am grateful for the trust placed in me and remain committed to leading with integrity, accountability, and respect for our Community’s values, culture, and long-term vision.”

Tate holds a Master of Finance & Accounting and a Master of Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Arizona.

Her professional achievements have earned significant recognition, including being named a 2026 Phoenix Business Journal Outstanding Women in Business honoree, 2015 Female Executive of the Year, a 2015 AZCentral Highest Ranking Executive Woman, a 2014 Phoenix Business Journal Outstanding CFO, and one of Arizona’s 50 Most Influential and 50 Most Dynamic Women in Business in 2013.

Beyond her executive leadership, Tate has a long record of civic and charitable service. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Humane Society and her past board roles on the Board of Governors for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale and Florence Crittenton. She has also held leadership board roles supporting financial education, commercial development, and programs that serve youth and families throughout Arizona.

Stay tuned for an O’odham Action News interview with Patricia Tate in our next issue!

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Veterans Services Recognizes National Purple Heart Day



Examples of Purple Heart medals were passed around during the Purple Heart information sessions on Aug. 7 at the Round House Cafe.

3 Takeaways:

- SRPMIC Veterans Office recognized National Purple Heart Day on Aug. 7 with an information series about the history of the Purple Heart.
- The SRPMIC has 31 Purple Heart recipients.
- In 2022 the SRPMIC was designated a Purple Heart Community. You can find signs at various entrances to the Community displaying the designation.

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Each year, National Purple Heart Day is held on Aug. 7 during Purple Heart Month. The Purple Heart medal is presented to any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who has been wounded or died from wounds suffered in any action against an enemy of the United States. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor estimates that an estimated 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded throughout history. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has 31 Purple Heart recipients. In 1782, President George Washington created the original Purple Heart, which was known as the Badge of Military Merit. It was a cloth badge in the shape of a heart with the word “merit.” He awarded it to three Revolutionary War soldiers. The award was not presented to anyone again until 1932. A few years earlier, the Army had begun efforts to revive the award. In 1931, General Douglas



Purple Heart recipients Charles “Chuck” Byers (back left, seated) and Ron Capek (back right, standing) give a presentation about the history of the Purple Heart medal during Purple Heart information sessions on Aug. 7 in the Round House Cafe.

MacArthur restarted work to redesign it as a medal, working with the Washington Commission of Fine Arts and a heraldic specialist, keeping the badge’s original heart shape and purple color while adding a profile bust of George Washington. It was President Herbert Hoover who officially reauthorized the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932, in honor of Washington’s 200th birthday. The SRPMIC Veterans Services Office recognized Purple Heart Day by inviting Community members and employees to three Purple Heart information sessions on Aug. 7 in the Round House’s Café Nyaa meeting room, where Purple Heart recipient Charles “Chuck” Byers, vice-chair of the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services Advisory Commission, talked at length about the history of the Purple Heart. Byers was National Legislative Director in 2022 when the SRPMIC was designated a Purple Heart Community. He was present at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River for the official ceremony and unveiling of the first Purple Heart Community sign.

“[It was] great to be here in 2022 for the dedication, and to come back out here and talk about the Purple Heart and what it means,” said Byers. “There is such a huge history that we can present that a lot of people don’t know. They know maybe their grandfather or uncle received a Purple Heart, but they really don’t know much about it. A lot of times, a lot of the veterans don’t talk about their Purple Heart. That’s why it’s important to talk about it and where it came from. It’s the oldest (military) decoration out there.” Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society member Ron Capek, former finance officer for Chapter 691 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, also spoke about the award. The two took turns passing around examples of a Purple Heart medal during each session. Veteran’s representative Troy Truax Jr. presented information about where you can find the different “Welcome Purple Heart Community” signs throughout the Community.

SAVE THE DATE!

SRPMIC VETERANS DAY PARADE

Wednesday,
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The Veterans Office invites the Community (families, departments, Community businesses, and enterprises) to participate in this year's SRPMIC Veteran's Day Parade.

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Siant	One hundred
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Numbers

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COMMUNITY GARDEN CHICKEN COOP UPDATE



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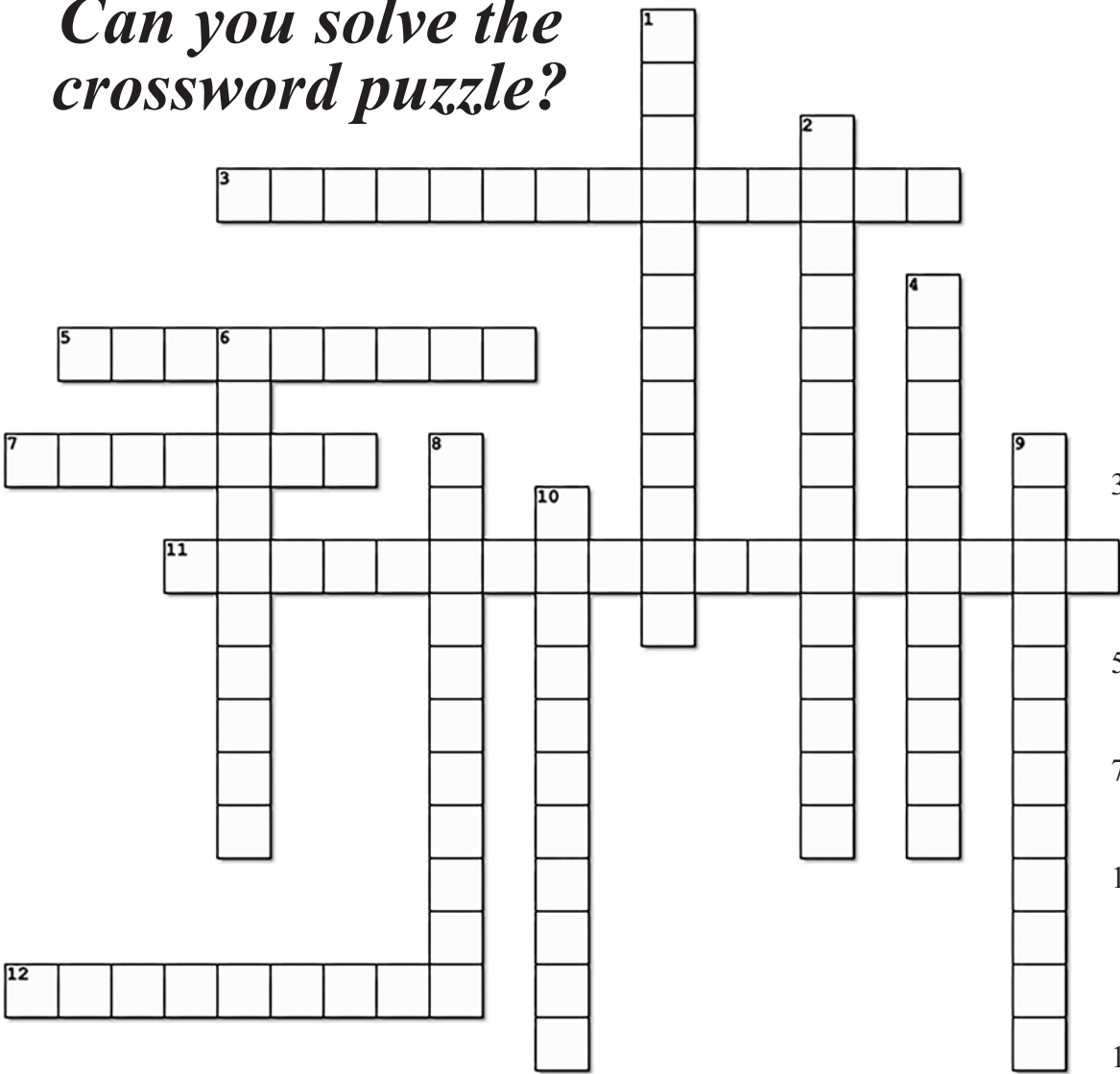
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Can you solve the crossword puzzle?



The answers to this crossword puzzle can be found in the stories throughout this issue of O’odham Action News. Enjoy!

Across

- 3. The name of the gastro-intestinal illness that has appeared in pre-packaged iceberg lettuce from Taylor Farms.
- 5. The number of Oral History Project tour stops completed by NABS.
- 7. The team that won the 2026 Southwest Baseball Tournament.
- 11. Created by Proposition 131 in 2022, what is the name of the new position Arizona voters will vote on this November?
- 12. The number of Purple Heart recipients from the SRPMIC.

Down

- 1. The new CEO of Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort.
- 2. The name of the superstar 12-year-old starting at Stapley Junior High who attended Journey Through Middle School Maze.
- 4. The name of the lead teacher in the Eagle (Ba’ag/Xshpaa) Classroom at ECEC.
- 6. The SRPMIC community member who made history being on the Na7ive Na7ions all-star softball team.
- 8. The number of years NABI has hosted its annual basketball tournament.
- 9. The SRPMIC member who plays the role of “Louis” on Season 1 of the Netflix show, “Little House on the Prairie.”
- 10. The SRP staff member who facilitated a training regarding electrical shock in the Community.

Colors Word Search

Find the O’odham and Piipaash words from the list below!



O’ODHAM

- SVEGI, Red
- SVEGIUM, Pink
- SOAM, Yellow/orange/brown
- SCEDAGI, Blue/green
- SIBHAIMAGI, Purple
- SCUK, Black
- STOA, White
- SKOMAGI, Gray

PIPAASH

- XWETM, Red
- XVSHUUK, Blue/green
- XASHAMI, Dark green
- QWESHM, White
- PILYXWETM, Pink
- KALYAAPK, Purple
- THNYAMK, Dark
- XM’UULYK, Light / gray ashy

News and Events In and Around Indian Country

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New Netflix Show Has SRPMIC Actor

Season 1 of “Little House on the Prairie” is now streaming on Netflix. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Thosh Collins plays a character named Louis. Netflix calls the show a reimagining of Laura Ingalls Wilder’s “Little House” books. The eight-episode series premiered in July and has been renewed for another season. The books follow a white settler family on the frontier. In a social media post, Collins said he plays an Osage character. Collins is also Osage himself from his maternal side.

Gila River Creative Named Featured Artist at Upcoming Market

Gila River Indian Community member Antoinette Avis Pinon was named the featured artist for the 49th S’edav Va’aki Museum Indian Market. The market is scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 12 at the Phoenix museum. Pinon specializes in pottery. A museum social media post said, “Antoinette is known as a pillar of her community and shares as much as possible to try to keep this tradition alive and thriving.” Learn more about the market on the museum’s website or social media pages.

Native American Children’s Pageant Set for October

Native Health in Phoenix is hosting its 17th annual Native American Children’s Pageant on Oct. 3. The pageant

will take place at the Bulpitt Auditorium at Phoenix College. There are three categories: age 3 and younger, age 4 to 6, and age 7 to 10. Winners receive laptops. The free event starts at 10 a.m. More information can be found on Native Health’s website. New Police Chief Named in Gila River The Gila River Police Department has named Michael Angstead its chief of police. The department made the announcement on Aug. 3. Angstead has more than 28 years of law enforcement experience, including six years as the Gilbert Police Department assistant chief of police. He’s from Phoenix. Learn more about the new chief of police on the Gila River Police Department Facebook page. National Indian Gaming Commission Announces Revenues The National Indian Gaming Commission reported an increase in gross gaming revenue. In a news release, the commission said its gross gaming revenue for fiscal year 2025 was \$46.2 billion. This figure reflects a \$2.3 billion increase compared with the prior fiscal year. The revenue figure is derived from financial statements submitted by 545 gaming establishments operated by 246 tribes across 29 states. Seven of the NIGC’s eight regions showed an increase in revenue. The commission uses gross gaming revenue as an industry measure and collects this information annually to assess trends and help guide policy in support of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Do you have information or knowledge on the history of the SALT RIVER WATER TOWER? We want to hear from you! Reach out at 480-362-3443 or email andreea.miguel@srpmic-nsn.gov



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World Series Champions!

er Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Naomi Anton traveled to Florence, Alabama, to participate in the annual 2026 Babe Ruth Softball World Series from July 26 to Aug. 1.

Anton was joined by fellow Indigenous athletes from the Navajo Nation, the Comanche Nation, the Gila River Indian Community and beyond. Together, the team was the first and only all-Indigenous softball team to participate in this year’s event. It was also the first time the players competed as a team after being selected to the roster.

In the 75-year history of the tournament, no Indigenous team had won the Babe Ruth World Series. That streak ended as the girls played against some hard-hitting teams, which included Puerto Rico, Texas and North Carolina.

Na7ive Na7ions started the Babe Ruth World Series by winning eight straight games, blowing out teams with scores like 10-5 and 13-1. They also had a close one, where they won 8-7 against Supper Optimist from North Carolina. The team finished with a dominating record of 9-1.

Anton played well in the outfield, commanding both right and left field during the games. Despite facing some stellar pitching from her opponents, Anton also contributed the intangibles that helped her team secure the championship.

Coached by former Major League Baseball pitcher DJ Carrasco, the all-star team also faced some severe weather while participating in the near weeklong tournament.

Etching their names into the Babe Ruth World Series record books, this year’s NN team proved that a simple idea by husband-and-wife duo DJ Carrasco and Autumn Lopez has already begun transforming the future lives of Indigenous student-athletes across the country for the better, including here in the Community.

O’odham Action News will be conducting an exclusive interview with Naomi and her time winning the 2026 Babe Ruth World Series in an upcoming edition.

Naomi Anton can now officially add, “2026 Babe Ruth World Series Champion” to her already impressive student-athlete resume. Photo courtesy of Na7ive Na7ions.



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13 community announcement boards have been placed throughout Salt River and Lehi for community departments and public use. These boards are ONLY used for flyers & announcements. Please use the clips provided on each board.

Out of respect for all utilizing the boards, DO NOT REMOVE ANY POSTED FLYERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS. If you find no available empty clips please overlap flyers.

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SRPMIC Talent Shines at NABI

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3 Takeaways:

- NABI took place July 15-18 across a dozen Valley gym locations.
- Several basketball clubs from the SRP-MIC participated in both the boys' and girls' divisions.
- The annual tournament also hosted an education and job fair.

The squeaky sounds of tennis shoes returned to Phoenix hardwood courts in July to remind many that it was once again time for the popular Native American Basketball Invitational.

The tournament is simply known by basketball heads as NABI.

This year marked the tournament's 23rd year. Games were held at nearly a dozen gyms across the Valley. One big difference was that championship Saturday was shifted from the Mortgage Matchup Center, where it was held in past years, to the Phoenix College campus.

Teams are guaranteed three pool-play games before shifting to the knock-

out stage, where a team must win at least six or seven straight games to be crowned champion.

The SRPMIC featured several teams in the boys' and girls' divisions. In the boys' division, fan favorites The River attempted to bring home top honors. In the girls' division, Natives with Talent (NWT) and Tribal Dynasty played well, with many fans and supporters packing the bleachers cheering them on.

As it has in previous years, during the near weeklong tournament NABI also hosted education and job fair events for student-athletes and coaches.

The River

Sporting their fresh NABI jerseys, The River got off to a bumpy start, so to speak. They lost a winnable game to Zuyá 53-46 but bounced back quickly by winning three straight games, two in pool play, by defeating Snowbirds from Alaska, Rez Dogs from Arizona and RezElite Mescalero from New Mexico. They ran into some slightly faster and taller competition in the knockout rounds, bowing 56-43 to Cheyenne & Arapaho from Concho, Oklahoma.

NWT (Natives with Talent)

Always living up to their team's name, the stars on this year's NWT team proved why they're one of the top Native girls' basketball teams around. NWT started off with a nail-biting victory against Salish Hoops from Bellingham, Washington. In their next game, they defeated Bird City, 54-6. They added two additional victories against Eesha and Wi'he Elite as well as a single-bucket victory against Lady AZ Newest, 31-29. However, that's where the run ended. Native Soldiers from Hollywood, Florida, defeated NWT, 58-35.

Tribal Dynasty

This year's Tribal Dynasty team began NABI with a three-point victory against Northern Thunder from New Town, North Dakota. They then notched two additional victories, against N8V Eyepatch from Chambers, Arizona, and 505 Thunder from Albuquerque, New Mexico. SRPMIC superstar Mani Williams led the charge, operating the court like a floor general, dishing the ball to her open teammates with ease while also making tough layups in the paint. They were bested by NSAP from Oklahoma, 52-21.

In the championship games, team

Warrior Movement from Montana won the boys' championship and Team Rezbombers from Arizona won the girls' championship.

Warrior Movement featured players from the Chippewa Cree, Blackfeet, Crow, Lummi, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, and Northern Cheyenne tribes.

Team Rezbombers featured players from the Navajo Nation, Samoa, the Sioux Tribe and the Chippewa Cree Tribe.



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SALT RIVER'S Southwest Baseball Tournament Brings the Heat



After holding nothing back during the championship games, the Guadalupe Chiefs let it all loose as they celebrated their victory over the Guadalupe Ice Boys.

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Baseball season has not slowed down in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. It rarely does, at any age.

At the end of July, when the desert heat is at its peak, baseball teams from around the area eagerly enter the SRPMIC's annual Men's Southwest Baseball Tournament.

Registration began in June. The tournament had slots available for 20 teams, with the first games beginning on July 23 and through that weekend. Games

were played at the Salt River Baseball Field, Lehi Baseball Field and the Accelerated Learning Academy baseball fields.

Of the 20 teams entered, two represented SRPMIC, the Lehi Raiders and Salt River Eagles. Both teams battled tough opponents in the tournament and were unfortunately knocked out before the medal rounds.

This year's tournament belonged to Guadalupe talent.

The third-place game took place at the Salt River Baseball Field on Longmore Road. The Guadalupe Yaquis and Guadalupe Ice Boys played a well-fought game. In the end, the Ice Boys came out on top,

allowing them to advance to the championship game. That left the Yaquis with the third-place trophy.

The Ice Boys tried to keep the fire alive. They faced a strong Guadalupe Chiefs team in the championship game but gave up first place and, perhaps more importantly, bragging rights to the tournament-winning Guadalupe Chiefs.

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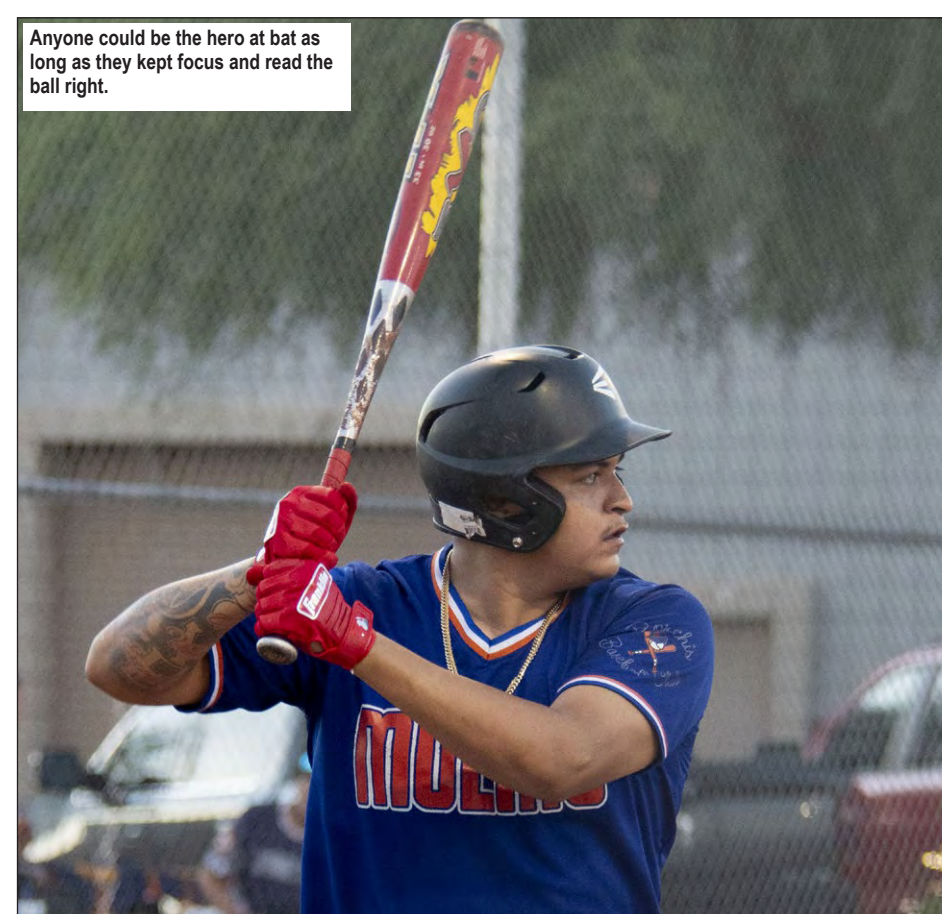
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Players from the Lehi Raiders line up after a tough match to shake hands with their opponents.



Every pitch was a chance to apply pressure.



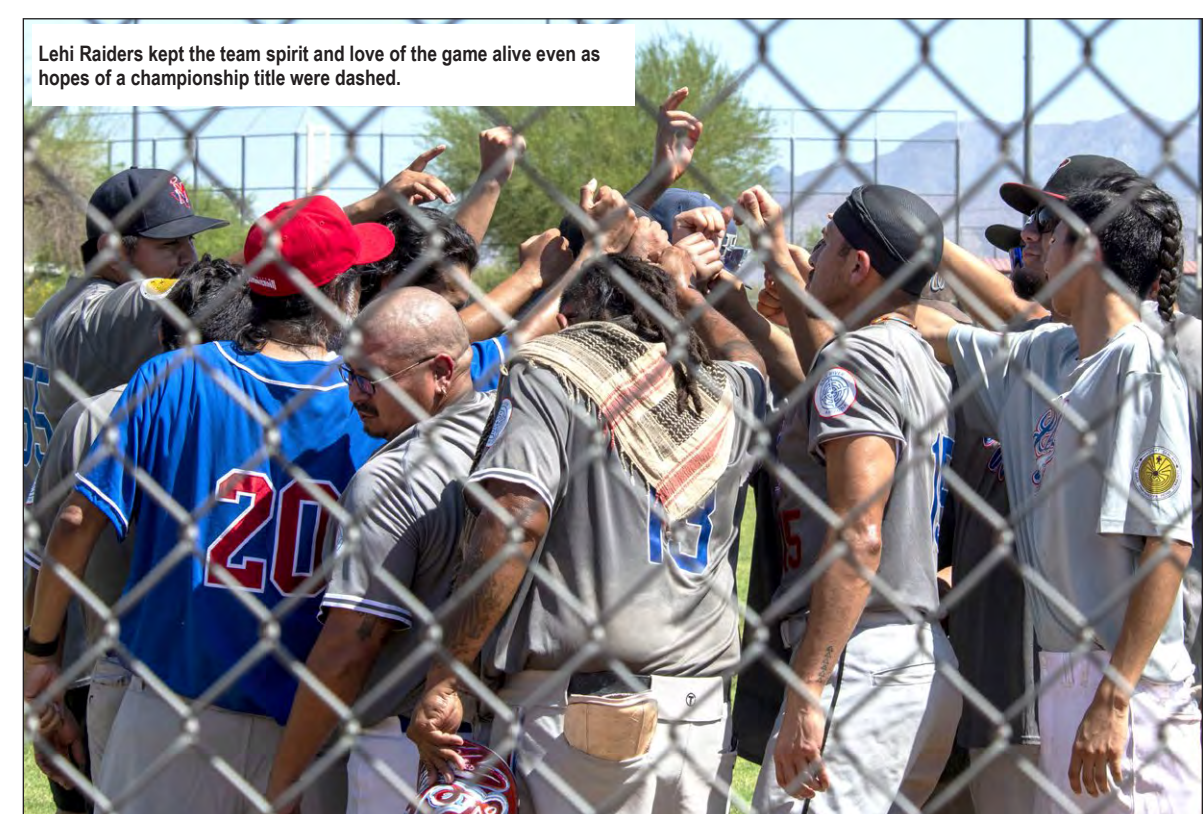
Anyone could be the hero at bat as long as they kept focus and read the ball right.



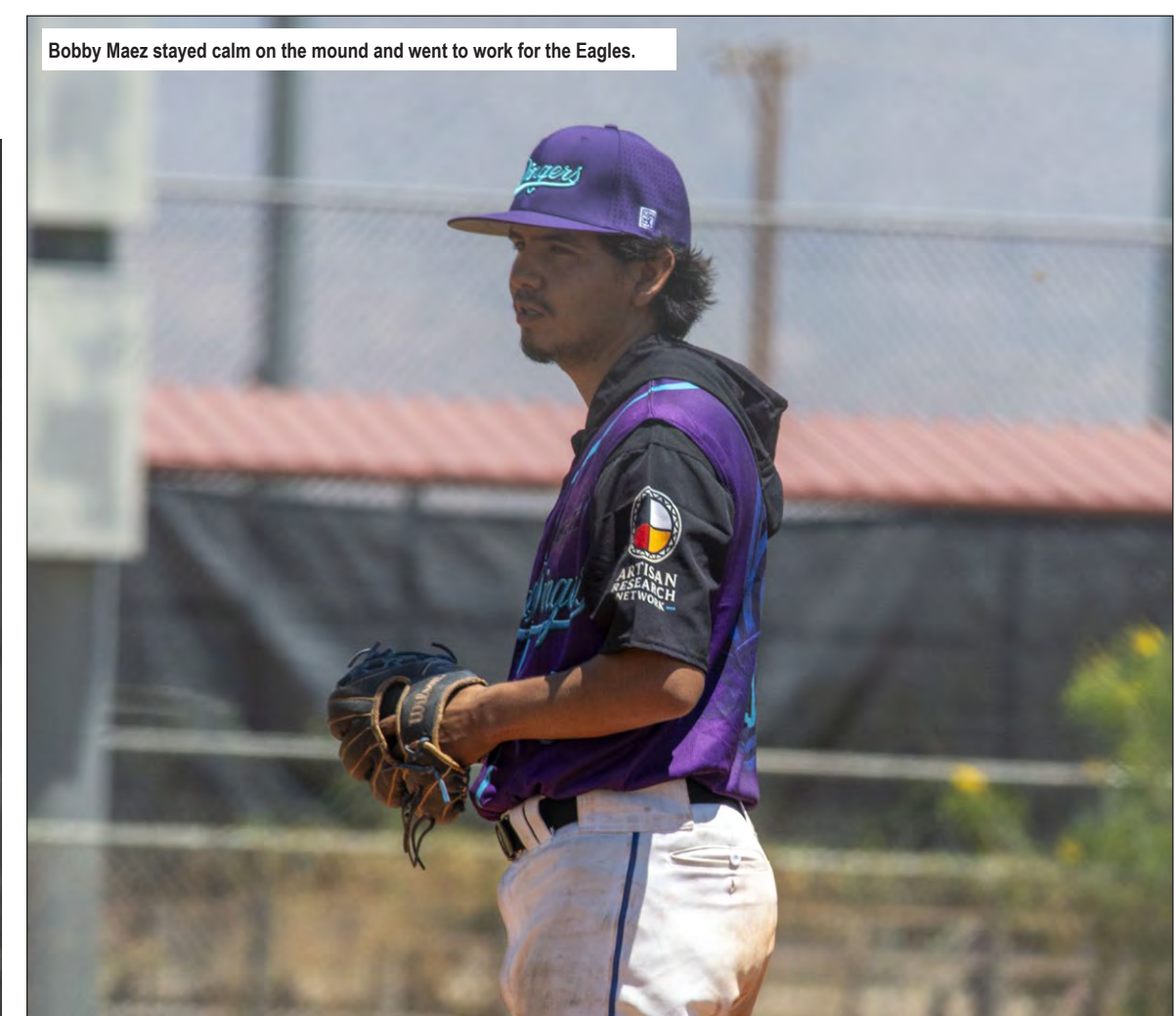
The Guadalupe Chiefs took time for a celebratory group photo after they showed up in full force for the Southwest Baseball Tournament.



Arnold Thomas hit a home run to help the Lehi Raiders smile through the pain as they put up a tremendous effort in their bracket.



Lehi Raiders kept the team spirit and love of the game alive even as hopes of a championship title were dashed.



Bobby Maez stayed calm on the mound and went to work for the Eagles.

First Day Back at School

Caspian Schurz zooms to the classroom on the first day of school! Photo courtesy of Salt River Schools.

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A yellow school bus approaches students and a few parents in their vehicles near an intersection in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The steady rhythm of the engine and the sound of the door slowly opening is familiar, and the Community's young minds are on their way to learn.

It's Monday, Aug. 3, and a brand-new school year has begun after summer break.

The first day back started at 7 a.m. at Salt River Schools' Early Childhood Education Center welcome line, where families and students pulled up to meet with staff and celebrate a new chapter for everyone.

As the students walked up to ECEC, staff celebrated with welcome signs, pom-pom cheers, photo opportunities and plenty of bubbles.

Students have much to look forward to this year. The school opened new classrooms and hired new staff members to serve more families this year. Additional rooms and staff are planned.

A new specially designed entryway for the kids will begin construction within the next couple of months according to ECEC leader Heaven Sepulveda. There will also be a brand-new tricycle path with a little parking area, a "charging" spot, a garage to park them in, a bridge, bumps in the pathway and road signage.

Tanya Romans is the lead teacher in the Eagle (Ba'ag/Xshpaa) classroom. She's one of ECEC's longest-employed staff members. She said the students love the classroom, and she is excited to teach them the O'odham and Piipaash languages and help them become independent.

What's something that students worry about that they don't need to?

"Being safe," said Romans. "All teachers are here to keep them safe."

In Sepulveda's second school year as leader, she plans on having the kids be more involved in cultural events such as sewing, making traditional skirts, beading and cooking.

"It's really important for me to have culture in every aspect of ECEC," said Sepulveda. "I want you to be able to walk into any room and know that you are within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community."

She said one of the biggest reasons why families choose ECEC is because of their cultural program.

As the new school year begins, Sepulveda reminds staff they are appreciated and that they matter.

"My staff are on the front lines with the kiddos," said Sepulveda.

Community member staff can particularly be an important cultural bridge between home and school in the early years of a child's life.



Smiles and high fives at the SRES welcome line on the first day of school! Photo by Kari Haahr.

"I want to give the Community members the ability [to teach culture to the kids]," said Sepulveda.

"They're not [all] lead teachers, but they can still teach that lesson. They can still incorporate it into their classroom."

Sepulveda hopes that as time goes on, more Community member staff will be interested in growing within ECEC and obtaining their education certifications.

Salt River Elementary School started the school year at 7:45 a.m. There was some construction down the street, outside the school campus, that closed Center Street at Camelback Road. The Accelerated Learning Academy started its first day of classes at 8:30 a.m.

Journey Through the Middle School Maze

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Salt River Schools and the Community Relations Office of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted a July event designed for youth entering their middle school years.

The Journey Through the Middle School Maze event, held on July 22, helped prepare new middle school students for the journey ahead.

Salt River Schools provided student photos and information from the event.

Participant Isaiah Alvarado, 12, is set to attend seventh grade at Stapley Junior High School in Mesa. He's glad he attended the event, he said, because it helped him feel less nervous about going to middle school, knowing it's a much bigger school with more people. He said he feels excited and ready to attend middle school now.

Thirteen-year-old Tyler Lopez is also attending Stapley Junior High. He was a raffle winner of a MacBook donated by the Salt River Children's Foundation. He said, "I'm happy I have my own laptop now. I'll be able to do schoolwork with it and maybe play some PC games too."

Another participant was 12-year-old Oniya Silversmith. She's heading to Carson Junior High School in Mesa. Silversmith said she enjoyed the event, especially the cup-stacking activity.

"It was hard at first because I couldn't grab the cups with my hands," she said. "I had to use rubber bands and string instead. Our group worked together to build the pyramid of stacked cups. It was rewarding when we completed it."

Violet Andrews, 12, is also headed to Carson this school year. Andrews says attending the event helped her feel less nervous about going to middle school. Her favorite activity was cookie decorating with Tigg Bakes. "It was really fun! I liked how I got to take home the cookies I decorated," she said.



A group of students participate in the Journey Through the Middle School Maze event held in late July in preparation of the start of the new school year. Photos courtesy of Hannah Lewis, Salt River Schools.



Tyler Lopez, 13, Stapley Junior High School.



Isaiah Alvarado, 12, Stapley Junior High School.



Violet Andrews, 12, Carson Junior High School.

Boarding School Healing Coalition Completes Oral History Project

After two years traveling throughout Indian Country, including Arizona, the coalition completed its 22nd and final stop in Oklahoma.

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Though there still is plenty more work to be done, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition staff can rest easy knowing they have completed a major milestone.

Over the past two years, coalition officials have been recording and archiving testimonies from survivors of the federal boarding school system with the goal of adding the recordings to the Library of Congress' boarding schools collection and the Smithsonian American History Museum.

The initiative was established by former U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo).

Headlined by an all-Indigenous team, the coalition conducted 22 visits across 19 states, including a stop in Arizona last year.

Their final stop was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June. Oklahoma was also the first stop for the Oral History Project. That state is home to the largest number of federal Indian boarding schools.

Among the 22 stops, the coalition traveled to Pellston, Michigan; the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota; Anchorage, Alaska; Harbor Springs, Michigan; and Chandler, Arizona.

The project contains 300-plus testimonies from survivors who shared their stories. Prior to their visits to tribal communities, officials connected with survivors over the phone to ensure they were still willing to participate in the project.



3 Takeaways:

- The Oral History Project could be made public as soon as next year.
- The coalition traveled to the Gila River Indian Community in December as part of an Arizona stop.
- Three healing circles will be offered in the Pacific Northwest.

At each of the stops, project officials created a safe space for each survivor, offering 90 minutes of recording time in a confidential and comfortable area. Everyone shared a meal following the recording session.

Additionally, all participants received a copy of their recorded testimony. Reports state that the Oral History Project will be publicly available in 2027.

Additionally, Healing Circles will be offered later this year. On Sept. 15 and Oct. 6, the coalition is hosting in-person healing circles at the Northwest Healing Center, located on the Northwest Indian College Tulalip campus in Washington state. The first meeting was on Aug. 18. The coalition created these three efforts to help bridge the gap between Indian boarding school survivors and descendants in the Pacific Northwest.

The Northwest Healing Center provides resources, support and education on the many ways individuals can heal from the atrocities of the federal boarding school system.

With more healing and work to be done, the coalition will continue to remain on the front lines of helping Native people heal and process the traumas they experienced.

O'odham Action News will continue to monitor this topic.

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What's on November's General Election Ballot in Arizona?



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Election Day on Nov. 3 is right around the corner.

With the July 21 Arizona primary election in the rearview mirror, *O'odham Action News* is here to help you learn more about who and what will be on your general election ballot.

“Stand Up. Stand Tall. Vote.” is the slogan of this year's election information campaign from the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The campaign invites Community members to become more involved in helping to shape the decisions that impact federal and state policies affecting Native communities.

The OCLA put together a voting guide for 2026 Community voters, which can be found at SaltRiverVotes.com. At the website, the OCLA provides information about each candidate on the ballot, such as key endorsements, prior experience and any statements on tribal policy issues.

Here is what will appear on the ballots for those voting in Arizona. Note that it's an off year for Arizona's two U.S. Senate terms.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

This year, Arizona will vote for both governor and lieutenant governor, which is a new position created when voters approved Arizona Proposition 131 in 2022. The new law changes Arizona's line of succession from secretary of state to lieutenant governor if a sitting governor is unable to perform their duties for a variety of reasons. The gubernatorial nominee selected in the primary chooses a running mate to run with on a single ticket.

Incumbent Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, who won the Democratic primary election unopposed, recently named former Mesa Mayor John Giles as her running mate for lieutenant governor. Giles, a former Republican, is now an Independent.

Republican gubernatorial nominee Andy Biggs chose former state Sen. Sine Kerr as his running mate. Biggs won 71.5% of the vote in the Republican primary. His closest competition was U.S. Rep. David Schweikert, with 15.6% of the vote. Schweikert has represented Arizona Congressional District 1, which includes the SRPMIC, since 2010 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressional District 1 U.S. Representative

Arizona's first congressional district also includes the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation. According to the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, the U.S. representative in this district will need to represent tribal interests in the U.S. Congress.

Republican Jay Feely and Democrat Amish Shah both won their primaries and will face off in the general election to represent the SRPMIC and the rest of the district at the federal level.

Legislative District 8 State Senate and House

Arizona's eighth legislative district includes the SRPMIC. Voters of the district elect one person to serve as state senator and two individuals to serve as state representatives in the 30-person body. Some candidates are incumbent, meaning they are currently holding the office and are seeking re-election.

-State Senate:

(Incumbent) Lauren Kuby (D) won her primary

-State House:

(Incumbent) Janeen Connolly (D)
(Incumbent) Brian Garcia (D)
Donald Hawker (R)

Other Notable Arizona General Election Races

-Attorney General:

(Incumbent) Kris Mayes (D)
Warren Petersen (R)

-Secretary of State:

(Incumbent) Adrian Fontes (D)
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-Treasurer:

Nick Mansour (D)
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County Propositions

Proposition 413 will appear on the general election ballot in Maricopa County. According to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, the proposition would establish a jail facilities excise tax of one-fifth of one cent (\$0.002) on transactions, which is the same rate as the jail facilities excise tax that has been in place since 1998 and is set to expire in March 2027. A publicity pamphlet will be sent to each Maricopa County household with a registered voter in the fall.

3 Takeaways:

- Arizona's primary election was July 21. Now, the countdown continues toward Election Day on Nov. 3.
- Arizona voters will elect their first lieutenant governor; a new office created by Proposition 131 in 2022. The lieutenant governor candidates will be running mates of the gubernatorial candidates.
- Get local and statewide election updates for SRPMIC voters.

How to Vote

To vote in Arizona, you must be registered 29 days before an election. You have three options to register: online at www.azmvdnow.gov (fastest; requires an Arizona driver's license or state ID); by mail (voter registration form at www.azsos.gov or mail or drop off at the Maricopa County Recorder's Office); or in person (you can visit the OCLA at 10061 E. Osborn Road at Two Waters and complete your registration form).

Once registered, you can vote by mail (early voting) or in person. If you're voting by mail, ballots are mailed to you before the election and must be returned by mail at least a week before election day (no postage necessary) or dropped off at a drop box or voting center by 7 p.m. on Election Day. You can vote in person early at any voting center, including one at Scottsdale Community College. Early voting locations open weeks before Election Day. You can also vote at the Salt River Community Building on Election Day, Nov. 3.

For more information about voting, contact the OCLA by phone at (480) 362-5520 or by email at vote@srpmic-nsn.gov.

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CERTIFIED CANDIDATES

FOR SRPMIC COUNCIL SEATS

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Election Board, in coordination with the Office of Membership, met on Thursday, August 6, 2026, to certify the nominees who accepted their nominations for Council.

After reviewing each nominee’s qualifications, the Election Board certified that the individuals listed below meet the requirements to become candidates and will be placed on the Primary Election ballot.

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- Ryan Andrews
- Mikah Carlos
- Selena Espinoza
- Wi-bwa Grey
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- Joe Jimenez Sr.
- Thomas Largo Sr.
- Henry Osif
- Jeremy Phillips
- Denelle Prieto
- Leonard Rivers
- Melissa Thomas
- Lisa Trevino
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- Stephanie Wilson

DISTRICT II – LEHI

- Carla Banuelos
- Benny Johnson
- Kimberly Manuel
- Francia Neisen

FOR SRPMIC PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Election Board, in coordination with the Office of Membership, met on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, to certify the nominees who accepted their nominations for the offices of President and Vice-President.

After reviewing each nominee’s qualifications, the Election Board certified that the individuals listed below meet the requirements to become candidates and will be placed on the Primary Election ballot.

PRESIDENT

- A. David Antone
- Jacob Butler
- Raymond Jimenez
- Ricardo Leonard

VICE-PRESIDENT

- Michael Dallas Sr.
- Cheryl Doka
- Rito Lopez



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SALT RIVER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLE

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Residential containers **WILL BE SERVICED** as regularly scheduled on these holidays:

✔ **New Year's Day**

✔ **MLK Day**

✔ **President's Day**

✔ **Good Friday**

✔ **Memorial Day**

✔ **SRPMIC Day**

✔ **Juneteenth**

✔ **Independence Day**

✔ **Labor Day**

✔ **Native American Recognition Day**

✔ **Veteran's Day**

*and any other council proclamations that may occur

The SR Public Works Department will be **closed** on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Please contact PW Customer Service for their schedules.

☎ 480-362-5600 ✉ PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES	
ISSUE	DEADLINE AT NOON
SEPTEMBER 3	AUGUST 21
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OCTOBER 15	OCTOBER 2
NOVEMBER 5	OCTOBER 16
NOVEMBER 19	NOVEMBER 6
DECEMBER 3	NOVEMBER 20
DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 4
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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 Walmart #2112 located at 4915 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251, shall be held at the SRPMIC Community Regulatory Agency (CRA) on August 27, 2026, 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 Eric Marquez at (480) 362-7382.

LEGAL NOTICES

JUVENILE COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

DOE, JOHN - Mother: Michelle Johnson (DOB: 05/18/1984) Child: K.O. (DOB: 04/26/2024)
Termination Trial/Evidentiary Hearing Case: JV-26-0209 Court Date: October 21, 2026 at 11 a.m.
Kavoka, Jessica Ann - Default Judgement Hearing Case: JV-26-0095 Court Date: September 28, 2026 at 10 AM
Makil, Samantha - Truancy Fine Review Hearing : JV-26-0151/JV-26-0153/JV-26-0154 Court Date: September 17, 2026 at 3 PM
Pete, Karen R. - Probate Hearing Case: CV-26-4706 Court Date: September 16, 2026 at 1:30 PM
Salazar, D'Angelo - Default Hearing Case: JV-26-0112 Court Date: October 8, 2026 at 9 AM
Salazar Jr., Jose - Default Judgement Hearing Case: JV-26-0095 Court Date: September 28, 2026 at 10 AM
Toney, Kaneesha - Truancy Adjudication Hearing : JV-26-0183 Court Date: September 17, 2026 at 3 PM
Van Winkle, Nesha - Truancy Hearing Case: JV-26-0188 Court Date: October 1, 2026 at 3 PM

CIVIL COURT
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315
CIVIL COURT CASES REPORT TO COURTROOM #1/ #2 ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Castro, Damian Shane - Default Judgement Hearing Case: CV-26-3249 Court Date: September 14, 2026 at 9 AM
Gonzales, Vanessa – Civil Complaint Hearing CV-26-4233 Court Date: September 14, 2026 at 9 am.
Harrison, Aliyah Aryanna - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-26-4221 Court Date: September 8, 2026 at 9:30 AM
Johnson, Brandi – Civil Complaint Hearing CV-26-4231 Court Date: September 8, 2026 at 9:am.
Lewis, Maxina - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-26-2425 Court Date: September 14, 2026 at 9:30 AM
Nahsonhoya, Damian – Probate Hearing P-21-0007 Court Date: September 18, 2026 at 2 PM
Parker, Damien - Evidentiary Hearing Case: CV-26-4284 Court Date: September 8, 2026 at 9 AM
Smith, Karilyn D. - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-26-4566 Court Date: September 21, 2026 at 10 AM
Webster, Crystal - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-26-4228 Court Date: September 10, 2026 at 9:30 AM
Webster, John James - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-26-4228 Court Date: September 10, 2026 at 9:30 AM
Williams, Bryann – Probate Hearing P-21-0007 Court Date: September 18, 2026 at 2 PM

JULY – DECEMBER 2026

COMPUTER CLASSES
For Community Seniors 55+

Come have fun learning the Microsoft Office applications such as Word and PowerPoint, including other technology topics. No computer experience is required.

WHERE: Salt River Senior Center Annex Building
TIME: 9:00AM – 11:00AM

15 SEP

PHOTO EDITING BASICS
ONLINE PHOTO APPS

13 OCT

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS
IT DEPT PRESENTATION

10 NOV

KEYBOARD & MOUSE
ONLINE TYPING GAMES

08 DEC

MICROSOFT WORD
CREATE A GREETING CARD

FOR MORE INFORMATION
(480) 362-7431

SRPMIC IT DEPARTMENT
CUSTOMER CARE DIVISION

3rd Quarter 2026 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE:
September 30, 2026

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the **October 2026** General Welfare Payout.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: **Friday, October 16th 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 **OCTOBER 2026** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **JANUARY 2027** payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: **Friday, October 16th at 5:00 PM.** This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit. ***Failing to notify the General Welfare department when an account is closed may delay your payment.

General Welfare Eligibility: **Tuesday, October 20th at 5:00PM.** This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member’s General Welfare Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the October 2026 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of November 2026.

If you have any questions regarding:

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

Salt River Public Works Department
Memorial Services & Cemeteries

"Providing a hospitable place to honor loved ones at the end of life's journey."

MAIN OFFICE LOCATED AT
Memorial Hall
9849 East Earll Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Monday-Friday
8 AM- 5 PM

CONTRACTED MORTUARIES
Bunker Family Funerals & Cremation
(480) 964-8686

Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home
(602) 840-5600

For Any Questions Call: (480) 278-7050

DEFAULT NOTICES

CASTRO, DAMIEN
CV-26-3249
JADEN CASTRO V. DAMIAN CASTRO
To: Damien Castro, RESPONDENT
1. A Complaint / Petition 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) Call 480-362-6315 for copy of documents.

DATED this 13th of July, 2026.
CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMS-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

NOTIFICATION TO DWAYNE OLIVAS:
The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court, trial division, issued a final judgment on July 2, 2026, in a probate proceeding entitled In re Probate of Byron Timer, DOD 08/06/25, CV-26-1419. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the decision by submitting a written request to the Clerk of Court, 10040 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

SR-R. Civ. P. 5-13(e)(2): “The Process Server or Clerk shall have published a summary . . . at least twice in the Community newspaper (or with the tribal newspaper of the defendant if the defendant’s tribal affiliation is known and such publication is possible), and at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Maricopa County for non-Community residents. Also, the summary shall be posted at the Court, PHS Clinic, administration building, Lehi Community Center, and at least one other bulletin board within the Community.”

SALAZAR, D'ANGELO
CV-26-0112
IN THE MATTER OF: A.M.S. (D.O.B. 9/28/2015)
To: D'Angelo Salazar, RESPONDENT/PARENT
1. A Complaint / Petition 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

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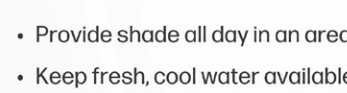
NOTIFICATION TO CARLOS A. YBARRA:
The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court, trial division, issued a final judgment on August 28, 2025, in a probate proceeding entitled In re Probate of Ethel M. Gloria, DOD 11/29/10, CV-25-1511. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the decision by submitting a written request to the Clerk of Court, 10040 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256.

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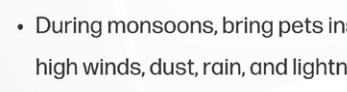
Tethering Your Dog?
Keep Them Safe!

Dogs may be tethered to keep them from roaming, fighting, or getting hurt, but tethering can become dangerous in heat, storms, and around loose animals.

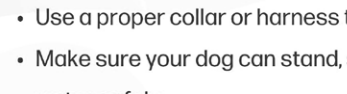
Here are a few ways to help keep your pets safe:



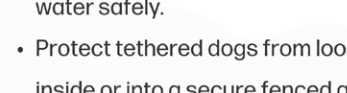
• Provide shade all day in an area with good airflow.



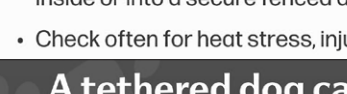
• Keep fresh, cool water available at all times.



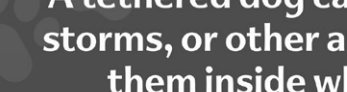
• During monsoons, bring pets inside or move them to a safe, covered area away from high winds, dust, rain, and lightning.



• Use a proper collar or harness that will not choke, pinch, tighten, or tangle.



• Make sure your dog can stand, sit, lie down, turn around, and reach shade and water safely.



• Protect tethered dogs from loose dogs, wildlife, and other threats by bringing them inside or into a secure fenced area when possible.



• Check often for heat stress, injuries, tangled lines, spilled water, or signs of distress.

A tethered dog cannot protect itself from heat, storms, or other animals. Check often and bring them inside when conditions are unsafe.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism. The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050

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August 20, 2026

NON-LEASE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LIST

Monetary Property

Pursuant to SRO-503-2019, the Finance Department is required to publish a periodic list of individuals for which the Community has unclaimed property. Please note, due to the nature of the property, lease property is handled differently than non-lease property. Please see below for detailed lists and instructions.

Below is the most recent list of NON-LEASE property:
SRPMIC Unclaimed Non-Lease Property List as of 7/20/2026 (see link below)
<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/#FinanceUnclaimedProperty>

To claim unclaimed property (lease and/or non-lease), begin by completing this form and following the directions therein:
Claim for Unclaimed Property (see link below):
https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Unclaimed-Property-Claim-Form__Rev030624.pdf

For further questions, please contact the Community Unclaimed Property Division at (480) 362-7225. Or visit <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/finance/#FinanceUnclaimedProperty>

COMPANY	PROPERTY ID		LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROPERTY ID
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF		001142A	CASSADORE	Jordan	042677J
ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE		004791A	CHARLEY	Kaycee Lorene	018861K
CANAR		030661C	CHIAGO	Auneesa Antoniee	029351A
CHABOT COLLEGE		070563C	CHIAGO	Bennett Leroy	065734B
COUNTRY CLUB VERANDAS		058050C	CHIAGO	Mary Edwina	042644M
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC ATTN PAME		050486D	CHIAGO	Tatum Ann	036545T
LUNA BEAR 454 WEST LLC		006071L	COLBERT	Chloe Anne	047080C
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIA		043787S	COLBERT	Deanna	046265D
WALMART STORES INC - 2112		015188W	CONGER	Aaron Tyrone	033547A
WIND DOWN ESTATE		050486W	CONGER	Barton	004445B
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROPERTY ID	CONGER	Nadia Marie	049158N
ADERONMU	Jessica	0JE	COOPS	Celeste J	004134C
AGUNDEZ III	Raul	082908R	COOPS JR	Marvin Leonard	011217M
ALVAREZ	Cynthia Delores	095940C	CROSS	Robert Milo	087028R
ALVAREZ-PILGER	Chrissa N	021658C	CUMMINGS	Scott	0S
ANDERSON JR	Austin	020920A	DAVIS	Lloyd D	022614L
ANDREAS	Aiyana Lyn	049426A	DELACRUZ	Laney	057706L
ANDREWS	Janet F	040250J	DIAZ	Victoria	093329V
ANDREWS	Kiara	013974K	DOCKERTY	Christian Daniel	068147C
ANDREWS	Spencer D	049320S	DOCKERTY	Randy Nephi	071493R
ANTON	Forrest James	099005F	DOCKERTY	Victoria Elisabeth	027158V
ANTON	Melvin Cheerless	048886M	DOMINGO	Manuel Chiago	0M
ANTONE	Andrew D	048521A	ENAS	Kayzehn David	007612K
ANTONE	Lisa Rowena	030426L	ENOS	Ella M	003978E
ANTONE	Michael Ee'kum Ha'hak	033420M	ENOS	Yolanda D	014185Y
ANTONE	Nathaniel William	029791N	ENOS JR	Truman Claude	002603T
ANTONE	Nia Nevaeh Rose	064404N	FIGUEROA	Alexander P	012854A
ANTONE	Nicole S	076528N	FLORES	Elonzo A	084354E
ANTONE	Sivilano Lee	087047S	FRANCISCO JR	Domingo Rey	032897D
ANTONE JR	Gary Eric	094077G	FRANCO	Consuelo	0CO
APODACA	Patricia F	0PA	FREDERICK	Brittani Alyia	011962B
ARTEAGA	Liliana	097582L	FREDERICK	Joseph Steven	086327J
BAPTISTO	Gloria Jean	064411G	FREMOUW	Abigail Louise	0AF
BARRAZA	Michelle Ann Marie	066219M	FREMOUW	Alexis Kaya	042694A
BODMER	Haley	009270H	FRENCH	Windsong	011732W
BONI	Andrew Daniel	061457A	FRITZ	Dylan Joshua	098949D
BONI	Sophia Leslie	027422S	FULWILDER	Gilland Leland Olan	054964G
BONI III	Arnold	092893A	GALLEGOS	Christina M	062032C
BRIONES	Rebekka A	039400R	GANNAWAY	Martha Smith	046787M
BROWN	Hailey E	089995H	GARCIA	Daniel	040719D
BURKE	Cecil D	028285C	GARCIA	Rocynthia G	056372R
BURKE	Claudina A	048130C	GARCIA-BRAZIL	Isac Anthony	027590I
BURKE	Norene Iris	005422N	GARZA	Izaya Santana Carlos	062811I
BURKE	Veronica Jean	088023V	GOODWIN	Guy Gabriel	078257G
BURNS	Donna K	078334D	GREEN	Everett	0EV
BURNS	Sandra Louise	072812S	GUTIERREZ	Julia Maye	004974J
BUTLER	Cheryl D	0CH1	HANCOCK	Jay L	057051J
BUTLER	Jeffrey Lynn	071586J	HARRIS	Ambrose	014905A
BUTLER	Shawn Owen	040617S	HARRISON JR	James	075918J
CAMPOS	David Joaquin	020184D	HAYES	Brianna Kellene	042320B
CARD	Denise	027567D	HAYES	Deborah J	012601D
CAREAGA	Rafael	082278R	HERNANDEZ	Juanita Lorena	010985J
CARLOS	Laurice E	092008L	HERRERA	Carlos	055612C
CARLOS	Leonard	023911L	HIGHT	Nicholas Dylan	049488N
CARLOS	Marinita Bernadine	086810M	HILL	Kathleen Monique	054822K
CARLOS	Tara	034231T	HILL	Nahemah	030903N
CARMEN	Mreanna Marie	092901M	HOLLOWAY	Divandre Zion	027348D
CASHOYA	Diane	086809D	HOOD	Maurice T	054270M
CASHOYA SR	Harold A	0H	HOWARD	Jennifer Ardell	004270J

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PROPERTY ID
HOWARD	Jonas C	064293J
HOWARD	Nadine Autumn	036825N
HOWARD	Roderick	072019R
HOWARD	Sylvester Sullivan	029375S
IBARRA GUTIERREZ JR	Ricardo Renee	040545R
JACKSON	Davis Jerel	092663D
JACKSON	Thomas	082424T
JACKSON JR	Louis M	049924L
JACKSON JR	Victor E	053603V
JANIS	Jaden Wayne	066776J
JAUREGUI	Angelica L	058635A
JOHNSON	Bernadette Lois	035232B
JOHNSON	Craig	0CR
JOHNSON	Leland	057674L
JOHNSON	Wilma R	085372W
JOSE	Alonzo	0A
JUDGE	Justin Floyd	097305J
KEENE	Teresa	0TE
KEY	Frances A	048832F
KING	Matthew E	063341M
KING	Nayland	044022N
KING	Rayanna Lorraine	061398R
KING	Sialik S	044666S
LANDIS	Michael John	018481M
LEONARD	Alyssa E	069810A
LEWIS	Eric	090158E
LEWIS	Jissell Raven	045102J
LEWIS	Shannon Tara	002597S
LEWIS	Valerie A	062782V
LEWIS	Wayne Douglas	083897W
LEWIS JR	Erwin R	031625E
LIMA	Lillianna V	032079L
LOPEZ	Devon Avery	019143D
LOPEZ	Monica Marie	095654M
LOPEZ	Shealee A	093621S
LORING	Darcy Sylvester	056611D
LORING	Lynette	036513L
LORING	Natalie M	017222N
LORING	Szazen Samuel	024722S
LUDLOW	Joseph M	056910J
MAHLE	Brenten Tyresse	094621B
MARRERO	Geneva Ann	062747G
MARROQUIN	Anna M	059420A
MARTINEZ	Adrian Isaiah	091993A
MARTINEZ JR	Hector Lorenzo	051457H
MCANLIS	Cheyenne L	000433C
MENDOZA	Juan E	041120J
MENZIES	Zamain Verleen	060742Z
MERCADO	Kevin Urvano	058455K
MILES	Ricardo Robert	006882R
MILLER	Donna Jean	057616D
MONTENEGRO	Ciena Angel	065925C
MORATAYA	Maria M	002470M
MORENO	Gary D	046062G
MORGAN	Bryanna Grace	004966B
NAHSONHOYA	Hale Alexander	037005H
NAHSONHOYA	Merwin	026235M
NAMOKI	Della	046298D
NAPELEE	Betty Jo	066300B
NAVENMA	Jennifer Lee	048027J
NEIS	Daniel John	058447D
NORRIS	Leo Leander	041844L
NORRIS	Rossalynn M	041846R
OCHOA	Rhea Ann	070056R
ONTIBEROS	Carol M	081904C
ORTIZ	Marisella Sharlisa - Shenee	014239M
OSIFE JR	Dushane Lloyd	056691D
PACHECO	Ebodio	0EB
PATRICK	Beldon J	057714B
PENN	Geronimo Michael - Andrew	074089G
PERCY	Felicity Dominique Chasity	073270F
PETERS	Christina Marie	010091C
PHILLIPS	Anna Lori	073578A
PHILLIPS	Flora M	060548F

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PINTO	Rosemary	081346R
PORTEE	Raymond Melvin	058071R
PRIETO	Ricky E	087751R
RABAGO	Summer R	003369S
RAGLAND	Delaina Danae	057406D
RAMIREZ	Gabriel Mark Jr	0G1
RAMIREZ	Ryan Alexander	071305R
RAY	Haze Alexander	083731H
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Shocking Stuff: Risk Reduction Training Targets Electricity Awareness

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You’ve likely felt a shock before, a small bit of static electricity that gets discharged easily on contact between people and objects. But when the voltage goes up, things can become dangerous quickly. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Risk Reduction Division wants to make sure that if anyone finds themselves in a situation where there is a chance of electrical shock, they know exactly what to do to stay safe.

For the division’s second scheduled presentation in the education series, Salt River Project staff were invited to share their knowledge on different types of electrical shock, identifying risks when dealing with potential electrical shock and best practices for different scenarios. The first suggestion? “Call us,” said Maximus Sego, senior safety and health specialist with SRP. Sego, who facilitated the presentation, does a lot of outreach on workplace safety. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, as the saying goes.” Sego advised that before undertaking any project, it’s important to look above, below and around the jobsite for potential hazards. If your work is taking place near overhead power lines, the standard minimum approach distance of 10 feet is recommended. Treat every power line as energized.

Power lines can be identified pretty easily above ground, but they can just as easily be running underground, out of sight. That’s why it’s important to call 811 or Blue Stake before beginning any projects that involve digging. “Even if you’re planting one tree, call and have them map out what’s running underground before you dig,” Sego said. He suggests marking where you’re planning to dig to get the clearest answer and find alternative approaches if necessary. “If you dig down and hit a wire, you’re not just risking electrical shock, but also a lot of headaches downstream from the damage,” he added. Even if you have no plans to work around electrical equipment, there’s still the possibility of encoun-

tering a downed power line, an increasing risk as monsoon thunderstorms and El Niño loom in the forecast. If you are in an accident that takes down a power line or encounter one on your commute, it’s important to always assume the lines are energized. Do not touch a downed power line. Instead, call 911 and they will contact the appropriate parties to responsibly handle the situation. This is especially important in the event of a vehicle collision where contact is made with wires. Because electricity flows much like water through a pipe, contacting the energized lines can add you and your vehicle into the circuit, an invisible risk that isn’t apparent until the circuit is broken and energy is released in the form of an electrical shock. A specific technique is required to exit a vehicle or equipment that has come into contact with a power source and may be electrically charged. In this dangerous scenario, it’s best to stay in the vehicle. What’s called “step potential exposure” can put each foot into a different voltage area if they are spaced too far apart, which causes the electrical charge to be released into the person conducting it. The electricity moves between the two ranges, using the person as a path. That’s where the hop-shuffle technique comes in. This technique should only be exercised if you are unable to remain in the vehicle until help arrives. First, the person needs to jump out of the vehicle and land on their feet, with both feet together. Then, they must shuffle their feet across the ground without breaking contact until they are a safe distance away, at least 30 feet. As the presentation ended, Sego shared his five rules to prevent opportunities for electric shock (see sidebar). SRPMIC staff and employees left with a greater understanding of electrical shock risks and the knowledge about how to maintain safety for

5 Rules for Preventing Electrical Shock

01 Assume energized:

Every power line is dangerous until confirmed otherwise.

02 Look up and around:

Check before moving equipment, materials or ladders.

03 Maintain clearance:

Use SRP public safety and OSHA crane clearances.

04 Call 811:

Use safe excavation practices around underground utilities.

05 If contact occurs,

stay where you are, warn others, call 911/SRP, and shuffle/hop only if necessary.

Bottom line:

When distance, voltage or ownership is uncertain, stop and verify before continuing.

themselves and others should they ever find themselves working around power lines and other electrical hazards. The next presentation from the Community Risk Reduction Division will be on Sept. 8 for National Preparedness Month, highlighting Salt River Emergency Management: Personal, Home and Community Preparedness Training.



FUN FACT:

The reason birds are able to land and leave power lines freely is because they only touch one wire (or voltage level exposure) at a time and aren’t grounded. Since they don’t complete a circuit, the electricity passes right through. It’s the same principle at play in the "hop" portion of the hop-shuffle technique.

Round House Café Does Its Part to Fight Cyclospora

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3 takeaways:

- *Cyclosporiasis is a gastrointestinal illness that has appeared in headlines across the country recently.*
- *The illness is caused when people eat food or drink water that is contaminated with fecal matter.*
- *All produce and vegetables at Round House Café are thoroughly cleaned and prepared before being served.*

With a wide array of fruits and vegetables and an ample supply of greens, the Round House Café in the Two Waters complex in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community continues to help guide the people toward healthier eating habits, regardless of the recent cyclospora outbreak. Cyclosporiasis is a gastrointestinal illness caused by the parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis*. This parasite may be found in food or water that has come into contact with fecal matter. Fatigue, loss of appetite and watery diarrhea are a few of the symptoms caused by cyclospora. Illness can begin as early as two days or as long as two weeks after becoming infected. Without treatment, the symptoms can last anywhere from a few days to a month or longer. In most cases, the illness is not life-threatening; however, cyclosporiasis can still impact a person’s overall health and wellness. If you have symptoms, contact your healthcare provider to be tested. In mid-July, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced to the public their findings on a cyclosporiasis outbreak caused by prepackaged iceberg lettuce sourced from Taylor Farms in central Mexico. The lettuce was supplied to grocery stores and restaurants. Infections from the lettuce began to spread across the country, leading to two deaths in

Michigan. As of Aug. 5, nearly 6,400 illnesses have been reported in 15 states, according to the CDC. Arizona was not among those states as of that date. Taco Bell, the popular fast-food chain, reported that their iceberg lettuce was from Taylor Farms and has since properly disposed of their inventory. Recently, Taco Bell published a press release which welcomed guests back and revealed that it is no longer serving that brand of lettuce. CDC officials have strongly advised restaurants and homeowners to dispose of all prepackaged Taylor Farms iceberg lettuce. The CDC also suggests cutting out damaged or bruised areas on fruits and vegetables, as well as refrigerating cut or cooked fruits and vegetables. People can help reduce the spread of the cyclospora parasite by washing their hands before every meal, staying hydrated and cooking produce to a temperature of at least 158 degrees Fahrenheit. If you have questions about cyclosporiasis cases in a particular state, the CDC recommends calling that state’s health department. As always, the Round House Café staff pays close attention to food safety. “All of our fresh produce is washed using a vegetable wash before being prepared and served,” said Aramark Workplace Hospitality General Manager Dan Barolli. “Our corporate food safety team also closely monitors the Food and Drug Administration and supplier recall notices and immediately notifies us if any products we receive are affected.”





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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.

REZ READERS, Third Thursdays through April. 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 February 19th, Rez Readers will meet every 3rd Thursdays, February - April from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Copies of the books will be available for check out (while supplies last). Questions Contact 480-362-6600 / Triballibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS, Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m.,

Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. This ancient Chinese martial art uses slow and continuous movements to improve the mind and body. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

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NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP, First Wednesday of each month from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3203. Contact (480) 278-7742 for more information.

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.

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

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

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

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP, Every 1st Thursday of the Month, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Lehi Community Building Room 109. This 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.

ELEVATING ELDERS, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. Physical Fitness Specialist Nevelle Howard leads a fun, energizing class that boosts strength using body weight and light dumbbells. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

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20 SRPMIC PRIMARY ELECTION PRESIDENT FORUM 2 OF 2, 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Lehi Community Building. For election information or to request an absentee ballot, home voting, or general election information contact Erica Harvier or Ardell Moore. Phone: (480) 362-7466 or (480) 362-7465; Email: SaltRiverElections@srpmic-nsn.gov

21-22 FREE PET SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC, Held at Salt River Ballfield, open to SRPMIC

members and residents with Tribal ID or proof of residency. Pets must be brought by legal owner, aged 18 or older. Cats must be in their own carrier and dogs must be on leash. Offering: Surgery, Vaccines, Flea/Tick Treatment, Microchipping. Contact info@nagifoundation.org or (602) 7302092.

24 TRIBAL COURT ADVOCATE PATHWAY PROGRAM: INFO NIGHT, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Two Waters Building B-B106. Join us for an information night where you can discover a career in advocacy and law. Learn the skills to become a trusted advocate for our Community members! Available to: Enrolled Community Members, 18 years or older, High school diploma or GED. For more details, contact the Conflict Counsel Office: 480-362-5536 | Lesa.Engle@srpmic-nsn.gov

24 SRPMIC PRIMARY ELECTION VICE-PRESIDENT FORUM 1 OF 2, 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Salt River Community Building. For election information or to request an absentee ballot, home voting, or general election information contact Erica Harvier or Ardell Moore. Phone: (480) 362-7466 or (480) 362-7465; Email: SaltRiverElections@srpmic-nsn.gov

25 SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES: THE SCIENCE OF HAPPINESS & HABITS, Join us at SRPMIC Council Chambers for a presentation featuring Dr. Jyoti Patel. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - ALL ARE WELCOME. Dinner: 5:00 - 6:00 pm; Presentation: 6:00 - 7:00 pm, 45min presentation, 15 min Q&A

26 WIC WALK-IN WEDNESDAYS, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at SRPMIC WIC Office - River People Health Center 10901 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256. WIC is here to help families thrive through nutrition support, education, and resources for healthy living. Questions? 480-362-7300 | WIC@SRPMIC-NSN.GOV.

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28 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING, 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to include: Mental Health Code Update, (tentative) National Wellness Month Information, Community Member Comments.

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SRPMIC PRIMARY ELECTION COUNCIL FORUM DATES:

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 - 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm at Salt River Community Building

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