



The 2026 Echoes of the Akimel Mural Festival added seven new murals to the community, including this one at the Salt River Community Building.

The Echoes of the Akimel Mural Festival Returns to the SRPMIC

The spray paint festival returned for its second consecutive year, with Community artists creating seven brand-new murals.

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3 Takeaways:

- The second annual Echoes of the Akimel festival introduced seven new murals located throughout the Community.
- The festival was a collaboration between SRPMIC Youth Services, Ske:g Himdag Ki:, the Young River People's Council and more.
- Paul "Nox" Pablo, Douglas Miles, Tim "Ingen" Pasqual and other featured artists mentored and provided hands-on assistance to Community youth artists.

The hisses from countless spray paint cans were heard throughout the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community during the week of March 16.

It was the return of the Echoes of the Akimel Mural Festival, with artists creating new murals at locations across the Community.

Ten celebrated artists from Indian Country mentored Community youth artists who worked on the murals, ranging from fifth-graders to seniors in high school. Jeanette "Lady Rise" Rocha, Paul "Nox" Pablo, Vyal, Douglas Miles, Allen "After" Lewis, Alania "Rogue" Pierce, Tim "Ingen" Pascal, Natasha "Rezmo" Martinez and many more artists were on hand to provide guidance and outlines for the youth to complete the murals.

Seven murals were created at this year's mural festival. Locations are the Salt River Pool, the Com-

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Annual Horse Camp Educates Community Youth about Identity, Unity and More

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Nearly 40 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community children participated in the annual horse camp this year, which began on Friday, March 13.

The three-day event teaches horsemanship fundamentals while also providing youth ample time with adults and seniors who help them continue to learn their O'odham and Piipaash traditions.

Families, children and loved ones traveled to the campsite and pitched their tents outdoors. Angie Silversmith, Andrea Stepp and many more assisted with the camp's daily operations, which included making coffee the old-fashioned way, by simply boiling the grounds over a campfire without the use of a coffee filter. "We make coffee the cowboy way; it's strong," said SRPMIC Senior Environmental Specialist Brian Gewecke. He added, "Never drink that last sip, either; that's where all the grounds are."

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On Saturday, Amson Collins facilitated a presentation about traditional foods and seeds to horse camp attendees.

Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo Features Many from the SRPMIC

After last year's celebration was cancelled due to safety precautions, this year's Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo took place in Sacaton over the March 13 weekend and featured singers, dancers, rodeo ropers and more from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

3 Takeaways:

- The 61st annual Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo returned to Sacaton this year.
- Adilynn Thomas, 5-year-old daughter of Arnold Thomas, participated in mutton busting.
- AntoineX, Nataanii Means and One Way Sky headlined the fair's weekend concert series.

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To the delight of many, the Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo returned to Sacaton this year over the March 13 weekend for several days of culture, cuisine and community.

Down on Seed Farm and Bluebird roads, the rodeo and fairgrounds were packed with folks from Indian Country as well as out-of-town visitors looking to enjoy some weekend festivities.

When you look at it one way, the number of people attending proved that this year's celebration offered much-needed

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Adilynn Thomas, 5-year old daughter of Arnold Thomas, participated in the mutton busting competition during Mul-Chu-Tha. Photo courtesy of Arnold Thomas.

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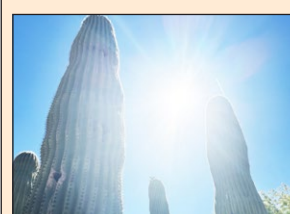
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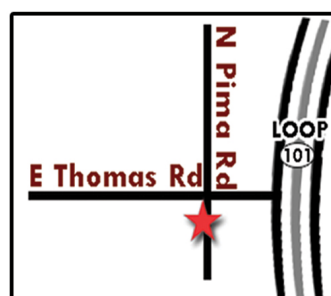
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The SRPMIC events department team. From left to right: Adrian Sixkiller, Nalani Lopez, Yvonne Schaaf and Sommer Lopez. Photos courtesy of Sommer Lopez.

relief from a world and a country experiencing uncertain times.

This year's theme was "Celebrating Traditional Artistry Across Generations." The festivities included a bird singing and dancing competition on Saturday, a *sho'ngivu'* tournament and *gins/komai*, as well as a car show on Sunday.

Another fan favorite, Saturday morning's Mul-Chu-Tha parade, saw many from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community participate. Community royalty, Council members, and department directors, staff and more made their way to Sacaton for this year's event.

Thanks to an idea from SRPMIC Events Department Coordinator Nalani Lopez, the SRPMIC Community Relations Office participated in Saturday morning's parade and brought a piece of the Community with them, a 7-foot-tall inflatable balloon rendering of the SRPMIC water tower.

In the months and weeks leading up to the fair, Lopez had to reach out to several businesses to bring her idea across the finish line in time. Thankfully, with the help of her events department, she was able to complete the project and showcase the customized inflatable during the parade.

Additionally, Arnold Thomas' 5-year-old daughter, Adilynn Thomas, participated in the mutton-busting competition.

Thomas' other daughter was originally scheduled to participate as well, but, according to her dad, she decided to participate in next year's Mul-Chu-Tha instead.

AntoineX, Nataani Means, One Way Sky and more rounded out the fair's weekend concert series. Saturday also saw a performance by Women in the Waila World featuring Gertie Lopez, the world-famous musician from the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Continuing the two-day celebration of culture, an all-day pow-wow was held on both weekend days. Joe Cooper served as the head gourd dancer; the colors were presented by the Pee-Posh Veterans; and Kenny Cozad (Kiowa/Comanche) was the master of ceremonies for both days.

After Gila River canceled last year's event due to safety precautions, this year's Mul-Chu-Tha Fair and Rodeo proved that the annual celebration of community and culture remains an important and even crucial highlight for many.



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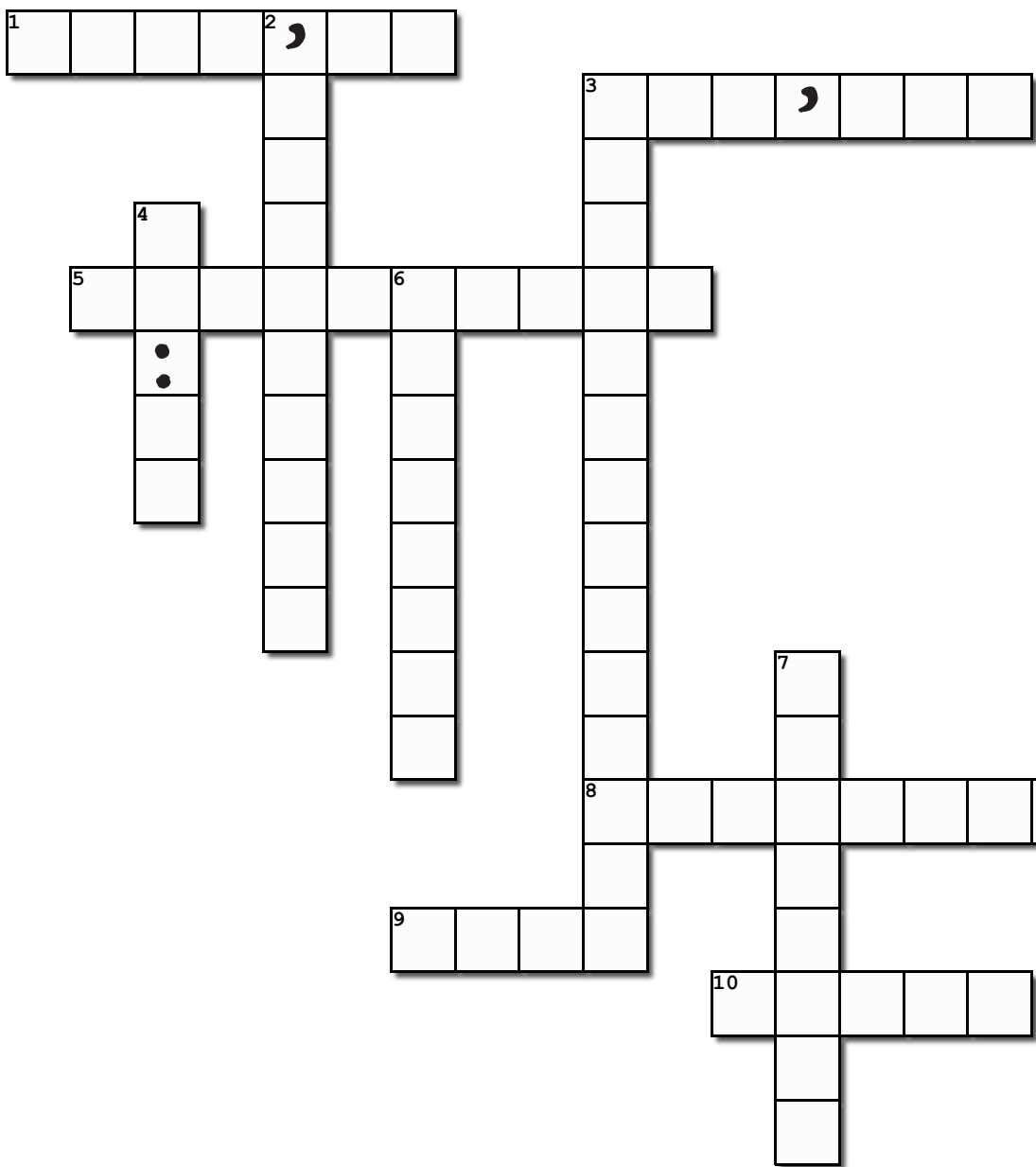
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1. The Piipaash word for cottontail rabbit
3. The Piipaash word for go play
5. The O'odham word for eggs specifically from chickens
8. The Piipaash word for carrot
9. The O'odham word for dress
10. The O'odham word for Sunday

Down

2. The Piipaash word for candy
3. The O'odham word for the Blooming of the Mesquite Month, also known as April
4. The O'odham word for jackrabbit
6. The Piipaash word for spring
7. The Piipaash word for be happy

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munity Building, the Food Bank, Helping Hands Thrift Store, the containers housed at Engineering and Construction Services, as well as a private residence.

Artists spent March 18 and 19 completing each of the murals—doing so in triple-digit heat for the first time this year. Thankfully, at each mural location, artists and staff were provided with tents, chairs, port-a-potties, plenty of water and, of course, music.

While working on the mural at ECS, located at Alma School and McKellips roads, 10-year-old artist Jace Washington detailed his creative process. “So, what we’re going to do is ... add in some blue and yellow together,” he said as he was painting the sky and sun on the mural.

Washington also revealed some of his favorite music and anime programs that help keep him inspired. “I like rap, jazz, other sorts of things. I’m into Goku,” he said.

Mentoring artist Tim “Ingen” Pascal assisted with the mural located at the Community Building. He said, “The kids are helping me paint. I came by on Tuesday and dropped the outline for them, [and] they’ve been rocking and rolling ever since.”

Ingen is from the Tohono O’odham Nation and helped create the saguaro harvest mural located on the Community Building, near the front entrance. “It’s that time of the year of being thankful for the good year that we had and we’re waiting for the new year; hopefully, a good year is coming,” he added.

All eyes turned to Friday night’s unveiling of the seven new murals, in addition to a new event for this year’s festival: a fashion show.

Friday’s Festivities

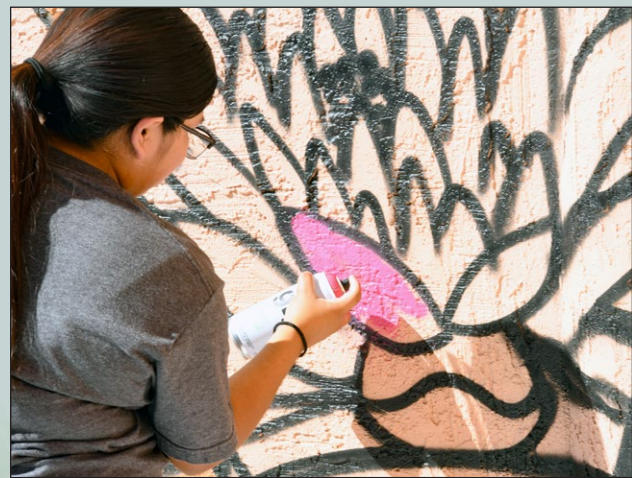
Friday’s events took place at the Ske:g Himdag Ki: on March 20, signifying the conclusion of the

festival. On the field, music was heard through the speakers as participants visited informational booths from departments around the Community packed with goodies and resources.

Other booths offered crafts like spray painting, diamond art painting, special string art and much more. As the night went on, raffles and giveaways gave everyone the opportunity to be a winner.

This year, Natasha “Rezmo” Martinez held a fashion show for young designers to show off their work to the audience. First-, second-, and third-place prizes were awarded.

The event concluded with full bags of goodies, laughter, and walls that once were a blank canvas now filled to the brim with graffiti art. The festival provided young Community artists the perfect opportunity to leave their mark in a fun and creative way.



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Dynamic Duo Dwayne Manuel and Bobby Dues Take on Heard Market

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Booth D-17 was the place to be during the 68th annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market in Phoenix on March 7 and 8.

This is where the dynamic duo of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community artist and painter Dwayne Manuel and artist and comedian Bobby “Dues” Wilson set up shop for the weekend.

Dues (Wilson goes by the name “Bobby Dues”) already had a booth and invited Manuel to share the stage with him.

In their booth, a bicycle wrapped with deerskin and antlers that Dues designed and built as a functional piece of art hung over a dresser filled with his beaded jewelry and medallions.

Manuel’s acrylic paintings on display combined surrealism and traditional impasto, a painting technique using thick, textured paint.

“It’s an old way of working,” Manuel said, describing his artistic process.

“My work talks a lot about the modern O’odham culture. A little bit of politics as well. I also use humor in my work, too, so it’s a mixture of all those elements to create these compositions.”

Dues had several people inquire about his bicycle.

“I kind of don’t want to sell it,” said Dues, half-joking after a potential buyer walked away empty-handed.

His gregarious and witty humor paired perfectly with Manuel’s quiet and subtly funny demeanor. Anyone passing through or stopping by would have heard a constant string of jokes between the two artists.



Two of Dwayne Manuel's paintings on display at his shared booth with Bobby Dues.

3 Takeaways:

- SRPMIC artist Dwayne Manuel and artist and comedian Bobby “Dues” Wilson partnered up to sell their art at the 68th annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market in March.
- Dues displayed a bicycle made of deerskin and traditional beadwork, while Manuel’s vibrant acrylic paintings attracted visitors.
- Both artists lamented a lack of O’odham representation at local Native art markets.

“Sape! All you O’odhams with your aunts running around with your popovers. I’m here with Dwayne Manuel, ‘Dwayno Insano,’ and we’re here selling, presenting, authentic ‘award-losing’ Native American art,” joked the self-deprecating Dues as he introduced the pair to O’odham Action News.

In addition to the bicycle and jewelry, Dues also sold prints of the map of Indian Country that he created for the television show “Reservation Dogs.”

Manuel was thankful to Dues for allowing him to share the space at the market, which is held every year. The Heard Museum sits on traditional O’odham land in central Phoenix.

“The reason for me to join [Dues] was because I feel like O’odham representation is lacking here at the Heard Market. The museum is on O’odham territory,” said Manuel.

“I felt it was my duty to represent the O’odham, as



Artists Bobby “Dues” Wilson and SRPMIC member Dwayne Manuel at their Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market in Phoenix on March 7.

we need more numbers here at the Heard Market and in the overall Phoenix area in general.”

Dues agreed that there needs to be more O’odham representation on their traditional lands.

“There needs to be more of y’all out here. Keep these doors open, man. You guys got giants like Dwayne Manuel here,” said Dues.

“He don’t kick open doors. He lifts up the building while all y’all come on in.”

Dues thinks there should be some O’odham preference in selling Native artwork, especially at institutions that are here in their traditional homelands.

“That doesn’t just go for the Heard Museum, that goes for the Phoenix Art Museum, S’edav Va’aki Museum, any one of those museums,” said Dues.

“I do absolutely notice a lack of inclusion for O’odham at a lot of these markets. And so that’s just my two cents on it. That’s what I wish I had said while I was on O’odham Action News.”

Manuel is proud to be an O’odham representative at the art markets and wants people to know that there is a large movement of contemporary and traditional O’odham artists who are continuing to create all the time.

“Keep a lookout, because O’odham artists are growing,” said Manuel.

Hekiu Artists Continuum Members Collaborate with Tempe on Bus Shelters

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As part of the Downtown Tempe Refresh Project, in 2024 Tempe Arts and Culture and Tempe Public Art commissioned shaded bus shelters to be designed by members of the Hekiu Indigenous Artists Continuum.

The fabrication process was completed in February and three bus shelters are now installed along Mill Avenue. One more shelter is to be installed southbound on Mill Avenue off University Drive.

“This project reflects Tempe’s commitment to enhancing public transit infrastructure while honoring the Indigenous cultural heritage of the land,” said Tempe Public Art Coordinator Sarah Nieto.

“Partnering with Native artists, especially those whose ancestors are from the land where a project is being built, is not just a symbolic gesture. It creates deep cultural benefits that are unique to this landscape and a contemporary understanding of native people.”

O’odham/Diné weaver and digital artist Joshua Yazzie and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Jacob Butler designed the shelters and collaborated with the city.

This was Yazzie’s first public art project. After initial talks with the city about working on the installation, Hekiu member Amy Davila called Yazzie and asked him if he was up to the task.

Yazzie took on the challenge and provided a design to fit the guidelines for the project.

“I am confident I brought my quiet observance to the project,” said Yazzie. “And Jacob Butler’s natural leader tone was needed from the beginning and was very insightful.”

Yazzie’s design is called “Birds.”

“In my mind this has a 3-in-1 representation of my home in Vak-ki (District 5, Gila River Indian Community),” said Yazzie.

“The center fork-like lines are from Huhugam pottery, [it has the] continuous ‘water’ variation (canal systems), then finishes with dots for the blackbirds on top of telephone lines and a single coyote paw.”

Yazzie said Hekiu member Selina Martinez was a huge help in perfecting his design.

Butler wasn’t part of the original conversations involving Hekiu and Tempe. He came aboard during the next phase in planning. Hekiu wanted a Continuum member who had previously done public art to work with a member who hadn’t worked with a municipality before.

The city representatives were helpful and patient during the project, according to Butler. Most importantly, the Continuum brought their own creative take on how they envisioned cultural representation.

“They helped navigate concerns with design and functionality between multiple entities well,” said Butler.

“When I pitched my design, I wanted to highlight *I:hug*.”



One of the bus shelters designed by Hekiu Indigenous Artists Continuum members in a project collaboration with Tempe Public Art. Photos courtesy of Amy Davila and Chandra Narcia.

I:hug is the O’odham word for devil’s claw.

Butler said O’odham basketry is easily recognized widely, but not many people can identify the plants used to make the baskets. He wanted to bring to the forefront a foundational material responsible for the images we all see and utilize today.

During his basketry demos, Yazzie said he meets too many people who say things like “I didn’t know this tribe was here and I’ve lived here my whole life.”

“I believe the entire Phoenix valley is the canvas for O’odham to be represented through infrastructure, and it is the responsibility of all O’odham to remind everyone else where they continue to occupy,” said Yazzie.

Butler said he appreciates having worked with Nieto and her help with the process. Yazzie also thanked Nieto and Tempe Manager of Public Art Rebecca Rothman for their collaboration.

“We’re honored to have the opportunity to collaborate with Hekiu and artists Joshua Yazzie and Jacob Butler to elevate Indigenous narratives while addressing community architecture and infrastructure needs, such as shaded bus shelters,” said Nieto. “We found value in how the artists took elements from basketry designs and traditional materials utilized in basketry like the martynia plant (devil’s claw) and translated it into a transit shelter design that deeply resonates with the landscape and its Indigenous presence.”

Nieto said that providing opportunities to Native artists from this land is about authenticity and cultural accuracy.

“Indigenous artists carry lived knowledge, stories and traditions directly tied to these places,” said Nieto.

“No one can tell that story better than them.”

Nieto continued, “When those voices are missing, or told by people interpreting Indigenous culture, designs can fall into stereotypes, pan-Indigenous motifs, the use of sacred imagery or incorrect symbols that may be disrespectful and or misrepresent local Indigenous cultures.”

Both Butler and Yazzie think highly of their public art having added functionality as a shaded space for people to wait for public transportation, as well having a cultural meaning behind it.

“I think it’s awesome! We say we claim affiliation with our ancestral lands and that relationship still matters to us,” said Butler. “The more representation through public art, the more people will be reminded that this relationship still exists.”

For Butler, having this opportunity to deliver public art from O’odham perspectives and culture helps reinforce understanding of the relationship the O’odham have with the lands surrounding O’odham communities.

“The more representation within the cities, the more that relationship is understood by the general public,” said Butler.

“Artwork helps as visual reminders of things unique to a person or place.”

Annual Horse Camp Educates Community Youth About Identity, Unity and More

Across the camp's three days, Gewecke ensured that the campgrounds were properly maintained and the participants and speakers had the resources and supplies they needed.

Day one of horse camp began with an opening prayer provided by Patsy King. Silversmith, who was assisted by members of her family, headlined the official introduction to horse camp and reviewed the weekend's rules. Later that night, the girls participated in a sweat lodge, which was facilitated by Serena Padilla.

The mountains and desert landscape provided an eyeful to the Community children and their families as the daytime sun peeked between the clouds. The area is home to wild horses, coyotes and other wildlife, so the adults told the children to leave the wild horses alone, allowing them to graze the land as they normally do.

"We camp out here for three days. [Friday night] it got down to about 50 degrees," said Gewecke. "You might wake up a few times during the night when that happens, because the ground gets hard."

Thankfully, the campers had a few modern additions, such as port-a-potties, to ease the outdoor experience. The campgrounds also featured a massive tent that provided shade and covered the kitchen and dining areas.

A water storage container provided water to the group over the weekend. Still, everyone was "roughing it."

"There ain't no McDonald's out here," Gewecke said with a grin.

On Saturday, SRPMIC Engineering and Construction Services Survey Technician Amson Collins provided the children with an overview of the traditional seeds and plants in the Community, as well as a brief history of how the O'odham and Piipaash united.

"I've spent many years out here with my dad," said Collins to the children. "We used to hunt deer and rabbits out here; we still do to this day. I got used to hiking around six or seven years of age, around the age some of you are now."

Collins detailed how he learned how to speak to the land and the plants to learn more ways he could help improve Mother Earth, which provided him with more insight into who he is and the traditions, language and cultures he comes from.

"Tobacco is a very powerful medicine; it's even more powerful in prayer. I would put tobacco on a cactus, and I would talk to the cactus. I would say, 'This is what I want to learn: I want to learn how to use your medicine. Can



Kiddos from the SRPMIC spent three days in the great outdoors where they learned more about their language, history and culture.

you teach me about your medicine? And I'd leave an offering out, and another to the ancestors, and I'd pray to them," he said.

He added, "Then I would leave an offering to the sun and land itself and talk to them, too. Talk to everything. I did that, and then over the years, things started happening. I started having dreams about birds and different animals, and I would see different energies coming from the plants. I was told that you learn those things from the medicine. You ask them and they see your sincerity out of your heart."

Following Collins' presentation, the SRPMIC Fire Department appeared at the campgrounds to give everyone some water fun with the firehose. Later, the

campers broke off into groups and the boys participated in a sweat lodge during the night.

The weekend fun continued Sunday, the final day of camp, as SRPMIC Council member David Antone and family brought out calves for a demonstration on how to properly tag, brand and castrate them.

"For some of these kids, it's the first time they'll see something like that," said Gewecke.

Afterward, the campers ate lunch and got to spend time with the horses, which included tips on proper grooming and riding techniques.

"It's fun being out here every year with the kids," said Gewecke.

Eagles Club Students Learn All the Angles of Storytelling

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On Thursday, March 5, students from Salt River Elementary School's Eagles Club visited the Community Relations Office at Two Waters to meet the O'odham Action News staff and get a firsthand look at how journalists collaborate both as a team and across departments to tell the stories of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The Eagles Club is an after-school program in which elementary students have opportunities to practice digital photography skills along with other activities that promote communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

The students arrived and introduced themselves before the staff took turns explaining the different roles they play in getting the news out to the Community. Beyond describing how the newspaper is designed, news team staff shared that stories go beyond ink and paper into visual and audio mediums to reach as many people as possible through news videos and podcasts. As they toured the Community Relations

Office, students became familiar with the different divisions that coordinate important events in the Community.

The last stop on the tour was the Creative Ki: Studios, where the youngsters were divided into two groups. They took turns experimenting with lighting in the photo studio and recording Q&A sessions in the podcast studio with expert assistance from Community Relations Multimedia Specialist Amy Davila and Administration Multimedia Podcast Production Editor Jessica Joaquin.

The students left with valuable insights about turning their hobbies into professions and a goodie bag that included a custom O'odham Action News cover page featuring their own work.



Eagles Club students spent time understanding lighting in the Creative Ki: studio.



The podcast studio showed behind the scenes of audio storytelling techniques.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 10 | 8AM-5PM

Tribal Historic Preservation Program

OPEN TO SRPMIC COMMUNITY MEMBERS

REBURIAL CEREMONY OUTREACH MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2026 | 6 pm
Salt River Community Building

Come out for an informational meeting with the Cultural Preservation Program.

Items to be covered:

- Cultural Preservation Program Overview
- Overview of burial discovery laws in Arizona
- History of the SRPMIC Reburial Ceremony

- Provide answers to frequently asked questions about the event and prohibited activities.
- Learn what the Annual Reburial is about and how you can participate.

Questions are encouraged and welcomed!
Light Refreshments will be served.

Please contact Martha Martinez | 480.362.7954 | www.saltrivercrd.org | @saltriverCRD

ALL WELCOME!

Gathering of Ganado Mission Panthers

WHEN: Saturday, APRIL 18, 2026
at 10am (MST)

WHERE: Salt River Presbyterian Church - Fellowship Hall
1803 North Longmore Rd.
Scottsdale, Arizona. 85256

*Lunch Provided

CONTACT:
Theresa Price, President
480.278.4146

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928.419.0777

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Sundays April 12, 19 & 26 • 2PM – 4PM

10 lucky winners will win a share of cash prizes, with increased prizes each week! Earn 1 entry for every 100 points beginning April 1. Earn 2x entries every Wednesday.

FOMO Fridays

Daylight Dollars -
Grab Yours Before It's Gone!

Fridays in April • 11AM – 1PM

Every Friday, 8 lucky winners will win a "can't miss" cash prize! Earn 1 entry for every 100 points beginning April 1. Earn 3x entries on Sundays.

Bloomin' Bucks • Bingo

Win a Share of up to \$15,000!

Saturdays in April • Evening Sessions

Sundays, April 19 & 26 • Matinee sessions

Begin earning entries March 29. Get 1 entry for every 3 bingo points earned. Swipe and win up to 500 bonus entries daily. Play 1 kiosk game for every 90 bingo points earned. Limited to 3 plays per day. Earn 1,000 entries for every 60 bingo points earned on Saturday drawing days from 9:45am until 7:30pm and Sunday drawing days from 9:45am until 1:30pm.

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Icon Member Exclusive

Sundays in April • All Day

Icon members (Seniors 55+) can win up to \$1,000 Free Play!

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Get \$15 FREE PLAY + 15% off Dining

Visit Salt River Rewards and present your Valor card to claim your \$15 Free Play. Redeem this one-time offer any day of the month. PLUS, receive 15% off dining anytime, all month!*

*Must show a valid Military ID or Valor card to redeem dining offer. Offer valid for up to four covers. Alcohol and gratuity not included. Restrictions apply. See Salt River Rewards for details.

NATIONAL HIGH FIVE DAY



A "HIGH FIVE" Hour of Prizes!

Thursday, April 16 • 5PM – 6PM

Meet Luis Gonzalez, Arizona Diamondbacks World Series Champion, and get a complimentary D-backs clear tote! Celebrate the win with over 100 Free Play prizes.

Guests must present D-backs Salt River Rewards card to participate in Meet & Greet. Free Play voucher must be redeemed the same day by 11pm.



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Arizona Baseball Museum in Mesa Now Open Year-Round

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO

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The Arizona Baseball Museum in the Lehi neighborhood of Mesa is now open to visitors. Doors to the museum opened officially to the public on Feb. 21.

Located in the old Lehi Auditorium off the corner of North Horne and East Lehi roads next door to the Mesa Historical Museum, the Arizona Baseball Museum houses a vast collection of baseball memorabilia from around the state.

The Mesa Historical Society owns and operates the Arizona Baseball Museum and is the steward of the Mesa Historical Museum.

Arizona Baseball Museum Executive Director Susan Ricci said that the museum has been busy since its opening. Much of the traffic so far has come from spring training fans.

"It seems that people are coming here before they go to the games," said Ricci.

"From about 10 a.m., when we open, until about 12:30 p.m., we're really busy. Then people go to the game, and we get another wave of people towards the end of the day."

Ricci wants to drive home the fact that the museum is open the year around, not only during spring training season.

After paying for your ticket at the Mesa Historical Museum, you'll walk down the sidewalk a bit until you hear a compilation of famous radio calls from baseball history blasting from speak-

3 Takeaways:

- The Arizona Baseball Museum opened to the public on Feb. 21 and is open all year.
- Featured exhibits include *Baseball in the Arizona Territory*, *Birth of the Cactus League*, *Diversity in Baseball—Japanese Internment Baseball* and *Fan Experiences*.
- An exhibit on *Native Americans and baseball* is planned for next year.

ers above the entrance to the Arizona Baseball Museum.

When you enter the museum, you'll see a vast room with a tall ceiling and featured exhibits such as *Birth of the Cactus League*, *Baseball in the Arizona Territory*, a diversity exhibit recognizing Japanese internment baseball, *Fan Experiences* and more.

"Arizona has a rich baseball history, starting way back in the early frontier days when soldiers were on the military outposts, and for a lack of things to do, they started playing baseball," said Ricci, who found many old newspaper stories talking about the different games that took place.

"And then these friendly games started happening between small outpost towns. And then that morphed into the Copper League, where a lot of the mining towns started to form baseball teams, and they played each other."

With the introduction of spring training and the formation of the Cactus League in the 1940s and 1950s, Arizona became a hot spot for the sport. Now, over half of the Major League Baseball teams call Arizona home before the regular season starts.

Memorabilia from teams that play in Mesa, such as the Oakland Athletics and the Chicago Cubs, is heavily on



Arizona Baseball Museum visitors check out the Early Days of Baseball exhibit.

display. So are jerseys and game-used equipment from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

One of the baseball treasures on display is a commemorative home plate from the Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies spring training inaugural game at Salt River Fields on Feb. 26, 2011.

The exhibit on baseball during Japanese internment is a rotating exhibit focused on diversity, according to Ricci. This exhibit tells an often-overlooked story of the Japanese baseball teams that formed and the games that took place within the internment camps during World War II.

Next year, Ricci plans to have an exhibit dedicated to Native Americans and baseball. She said that she has been in discussions with Kelly Washington, director of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Cultural Resources Department, about what this exhibit would look like.

In the meantime, Ricci encourages Community members to reach out with their fan experiences.

"We welcome tribal members to contact us and let us know if they have



Home plate artifact from the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick spring training inaugural game in 2011.

some stories that relate to baseball and the tribal community. We would just love to hear from them!" said Ricci.

You can submit your stories and learn more about the Arizona Baseball Museum at www.mesahistoricalmuseum.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IF CONTACTED BY ICE

- Stay Calm
- Be respectful
- Do not argue or resist

IF APPROACHED OR DETAINED

- Do not resist
- Do not sign anything
- Ask for a lawyer

You do not have to answer questions. You may say:

"I am a U.S. Citizen and a member of a federally recognized tribe. I choose to remain silent and request legal counsel."

Do not consent to searches. You may say:

"I do not consent to any searches."

IDENTIFICATION

- You are not required to carry documents
- Copies may help (Tribal ID, CIB, State ID)

WHEN ID IS REQUIRED

- If lawfully detained or arrested
- When driving
- Entering secure facilities
- By court order

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Triple-Digit Temperatures Arrive Early in the Valley of the Sun

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE
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Whether we're ready for it or not, the hot Arizona weather has made its way here, setting the stage early for another nine months or so of triple-digit daytime temperatures.

Though some of us are used to the heat, long stretches of days reaching temperatures over 100 degrees can still take a toll on our bodies.

According to a report by the Arizona Department of Health Services, in 2024, there were 966 deaths throughout Arizona that were attributable to extreme heat.

More than half of those people had lived in the state for 20 years or longer.

Most of the heat-related deaths in 2024 occurred during the summer, with 45% of deaths occurring in July alone. In 2025, Maricopa County saw 427 heat-related deaths.

Statistics like these are heartbreaking and eye-opening; however, locally and nationally, resources, organizations and tools can help people beat the heat.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention operates a special website at www.heat.gov that offers the Heat Risk dashboard, which gives current heat and air-quality data by zip code. The tool provides users with an interactive map of heat advisories and warnings as well as a seven-day forecast, with a heat index ranging from little/none to extreme heat.

To protect your health during extreme heat—whether you are indoors or outdoors—the American Red Cross suggests individuals hydrate frequently, drinking about three-quarters of a gallon of water daily (96 ounces). Everyone's hydration needs vary; an easy way to

check hydration level is to look at the color of urine. Dark yellow means the urine is concentrated due to a lack of water, while light yellow to clear urine generally means a person is well hydrated.

When it comes to other beverages, try to limit intake of sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks. The athletes who enjoy a good sweat out on the ballfields during the summer months should drink ample amounts of water and a sports drink to replace the minerals lost due to sweating.

Eating snacks such as watermelon, cucumber, strawberries and oranges can also aid in fluid replenishment. Watermelons and other melons are over 90% water and are considered excellent for staying hydrated.

Peanut butter on celery, the popular schooltime treat, is another snack that can help a person stay cool and hydrated.

Greasy and high-fat foods, such as cheeseburgers with French fries, can add additional heat to a person's body temperature when outside. High-fat foods also negatively impact digestion and can cause inflammation, which results in a sluggish feeling.

In the coming months, the Salt River Community Emergency Response Team (SR-CERT) will be authorizing Community cooling centers to be set up in several areas and departments throughout the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The centers are for individuals who feel they need some relief away from the hot temperatures. Official cooling center locations and times will be provided soon.

Spring is in the Air! WORD SEARCH

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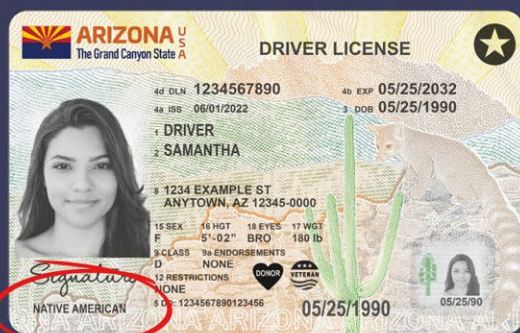
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WHAT IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN AN UPDATED ID?

A new application photo and proof of enrollment in federally recognized tribe including one of the following:

- Enhanced Tribal Card
- Tribal Identification Card
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- Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs Affidavit of Birth

Visit azdot.gov or go to any Arizona MVD location to begin the process of obtaining your updated ID.

NOXIOUS WEED ALERT!

Stinknet

Also known as Globe Chamomile

Scientific name: *Oncosiphon piluliferum*

It looks like a pretty flower, but it is a highly invasive weed.

And it is spreading quickly!

Appearance, you ask?

Leaves appear "carrot-like" and dark green. They have a strong odor. Flowers are bright yellow and ball shaped.

Most Importantly!

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Stinknet, as an allergen, can cause skin irritation, including rashes and burns.

Stinknet can and should be **pulled or manually dug out** as soon as possible.

For more information: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/epnr/compliance/#weeds>
Or call the EPNR hotline: 480-362-7500

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

Andrews, Dracy Devon - Adjudication Hearing (reset) Case: JV-26-0039 Court Date: May 4, 2026 at 1:30 PM

Baptisto Sr., Angelo Terry - Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-26-0027 Court Date: April 27, 2026 at 11 AM

Gonzalez, Denise Michelle - Initial Termination of Parental Rights Hearing, Case: JV-26-0025, Date: April 15, 2026, at 9 A.M.

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

Jefferson, Ryan Reed - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-25-4937 Court Date: May 19, 2026 at 9 AM

Juan, Hatti Louise - Entry of Default Judgement/Order to Show Cause Case: CV-25-4591 Court Date: April 21, 2026, at 10:30 AM

Lewis, Roxanne - Evidentiary Support Modification Case: CF-11-0089 Court Date: April 7, 2026 at 10 AM

Lyons, Randall - Evidentiary Dissolution Hearing Case: CV-26-1537 Court Date: May 5, 2026 at 9 AM

Manuel, Leah - Probate Hearing Case: CV-25-4620 Court Date: April 20, 2026 at 9 AM

Manuel Sr., Sampson Eric - Probate Hearing Case: CV-25-4620 Court Date: April 20, 2026 at 9 AM

Martinez, Daniel Frederico - Adjudication Hearing *father* Case: JV-26-0041 Court Date: May 4, 2026 at 10 AM

Olivas, Dwayne Anthony - Probate Hearing Case: CV-26-1419 Court Date: May 7, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Osif-Thomas, Daniel - Evidentiary Custody Hearing Case: CV-25-1935 Court Date: April 27, 2026 at 10 AM

Paddock, Nicole - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-26-2301 Court Date: May 4, 2026 at 4 PM

Pongysevia, Joseph Paul - Probate Hearing Case: CV-26-1851 Court Date: May 7, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Renteria, Jose - Evidentiary Dissolution Hearing Case: CV-26-0444 Court Date: April 27, 2026 at 11 AM

Richardson, Takisha - Restraining Order Hearing Case: CV-26-2944 Court Date: May 11, 2026 at 4 PM

Shaw Jr., Garvin Lawrence - Probate Hearing Case: CV-26-1851 Court Date: May 7, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Timer, William - Probate Hearing Case: CV-26-1419 Court Date: May 7, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Webster, Crystal - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-25-4594 Court Date: April 21, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Wood, Adia - Probate Hearing Case: CV-25-4620 Court Date: April 20, 2026 at 9 AM

DEFAULT NOTICES

BAPTISTO SR., ANGELO SUMMONS JV-26-0027

In The Matter of: John Doe (D.O.B.: 7/26/2012)
 TO: Angelo Baptisto Sr., parent

A Dependency Petition has been filed in this Court alleging that you neglected or abused a child or that the child is otherwise a dependent child.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Honorable Judge Heath, the Salt River Juvenile Court on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 11:00 AM, in Court Room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

WARNING: Failure to attend any hearing without good cause shown may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights to be present and defend against the allegation(s) in the petition. The hearing may go forward without you and may result in a finding of dependency, and the Court could make permanent orders by motion. Further, failure to appear at Court hearings or to participate in services may result in the termination of your parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship.

Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to

Follow Court Orders.
 COURT CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

JEFFERSON, RYAN REED DEFAULT NOTICE CV-25-4937

Christina Lopez v. Ryan Reed Jefferson
 To: Ryan Reed Jefferson, 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: February 19, 2026

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

JUAN, HATTIE LOUISE DEFAULT NOTICE CV-25-4591

Country Club Cars v. Hattie Louise Juan
 To: Hattie Louise Juan, 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.

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6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)

DATED: March 17, 2026

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

JUAN, HATTIE LOUISE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CV-25-4591

Country Club Cars v. Hattie Louise Juan
 TO: Hattie Louise Juan

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 21st day of April 2026 at 10:30 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing that was heard on December 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM after being duly notice.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 17th day of March 2026.

ARISTINA SANCHEZ, JUDGE, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

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

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

Salt River Public Works Department Memorial Services & Cemeteries

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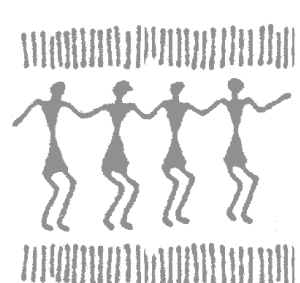
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- ☑ Memorial Day
- ☑ Veteran's Day
- ☑ SRPMIC Day

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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 as 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.

LOVE AND HARMONY COUPLES GROUP, Tuesdays | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM | Behavioral Health Services, River People Health Center. 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.

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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.

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

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

YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m., Ske:g Himdag Ki: Senior Room. Standing or chair options available. Guided movements improve strength, balance and flexibility. For seniors 55+ and adults with adaptive needs.

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2 SALT RIVER EDUCATION FAIR, 5 - 7:30 p.m. at ALA Gymnasium. Explore and engage with 40+ resource and activity tables! The highlight of the event will be student science fair demonstrations and contests, plus a tradish-ish O'odham dinner and dessert by award-winning Chef Shannon Reina! Visit saltroverschools.org for more information.

3 GOOD FRIDAY - GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED, Please plan accordingly.

3-4 SPRING PIIPAASH MATASHEEV, Everyone is invited to attend the 9th Annual Piipaash Matasheev, a free public gathering celebrating culture, community, and tradition. Bring your family and friends for a weekend filled with bird singing, dancing, cultural activities, and community fellowship. Lehi Gathering Area 3221 N. Stapley Drive Mesa, Arizona 85203. Bird singers and dancers welcome! Volunteers are also welcome. For more information: Ardell Moore - (480) 362-7465; Emily King - (480) 362-2626

4 COMMUNITY EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT, Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt at the Salt River Ballfield! Festivities begin at 9 a.m. with fun activities for everyone in the family! Questions? Contact Community Relations - Events: 480-362-7740.

5 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, Doors open at 6 a.m. at Salt River Community Building. Program begins at 6:30 a.m. Come together in fellowship as we celebrate the Easter morning sunrise with prayer, worship, and an uplifting message. All are welcome to start the day in reflection and community. For questions or more information, please contact the SRPMIC Council Chambers Office at (480) 362-7469. ***This is in lieu of the Prayer Breakfast that would take place on April 6***

7 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS CHALK-N-WALK, 5 p.m. at Friendship Park. Join FAC in recognizing the First Tuesday of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month Day of Action, a day dedicated to standing up, speaking out, and showing visible support for survivors. Register: <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/10C0849AFAB2EAAFC16-63150284-sexual>

9 SRPMIC PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR, 4-6:30 p.m. at Two Waters Complex. Join the public health team and partners for an interactive booth and learn how we are all Public Health. See flyer on page 15 for more information!

10-12 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY, an opportunity for participants 18 and older to get a deeper understanding of policing today.

11 THUNDERBIRD THROTTLE, See ad on page 7 for full details!

15 BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED SENIOR WELLNESS EXPO & WALK, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Ske:g Himdag Ki: Front Fields. Plant the seed for good health at our morning of wellness and movement. Take a step in the right direction with our fitness walk and enjoy a boxed breakfast! Music, giveaways & more! For community seniors 55+, caregivers and adults with adaptive needs. Sign up by April 13 with Celinda Joe Request transportation if needed. celinda.joe@srmic-nsn.gov or 480.876.7180

16 ADULT WIOA ORIENTATION, 9 a.m. at Two Waters Building-B Room B102 X'aa (Cottonwood). Connect with Us! Learn about WIOA eligibility requirements; program services for enrolled participants; guidance toward obtaining career goals through education & training. Contact: SRPMIC WIOA Program @ (480) 362-3360

18 GANADO MISSION PANTHERS RE-UNION, 10 a.m. at Salt River Presbyterian Church. See page 10 for more information!

26 THE BREAKTHROUGH WITH SRPD, 5:30PM at Ske:g Himdag Ki: classroom #56

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