

Chef Pyet DeSpain

hosts cooking demonstration at Casino Arizona



Chef Pyet DeSpain, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, hosted a cooking demonstration inside of The Showroom at Casino Arizona on March 25.

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Though she serves on a different kind of plate, Chef Pyet DeSpain truly is in a league of their own.

Read more about her visit and cookbook giveaway on Page 11!

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Joseph Christopher's family waiting to be escorted out to the field in his honor. Photo courtesy of SRFD.

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Banana Ball has become famous as the most entertaining game in sports, turning the traditional game of baseball into an entertaining, fast-paced spectacle that keeps both its players and the audience engaged.

On March 28 and 29, Banana Ball made its way to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The Texas Tailgaters and the Firefighters battled against each other at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick in front of sold-out crowds. Bringing chaos and excitement, each team added their own unique

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Alex Goodwin Stars In "Shakespeare In Love"



Alex Goodwin's commanding stage presence was on display during dress rehearsals for the stage adaptation of "Shakespeare in Love" on March 24.

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Down in the heart of Tempe, a new legend of the stage was created on March 24 at The New School for the Arts and Academics.

This was the day that Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community student artist Alex Goodwin starred in

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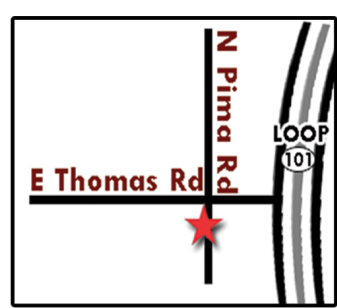
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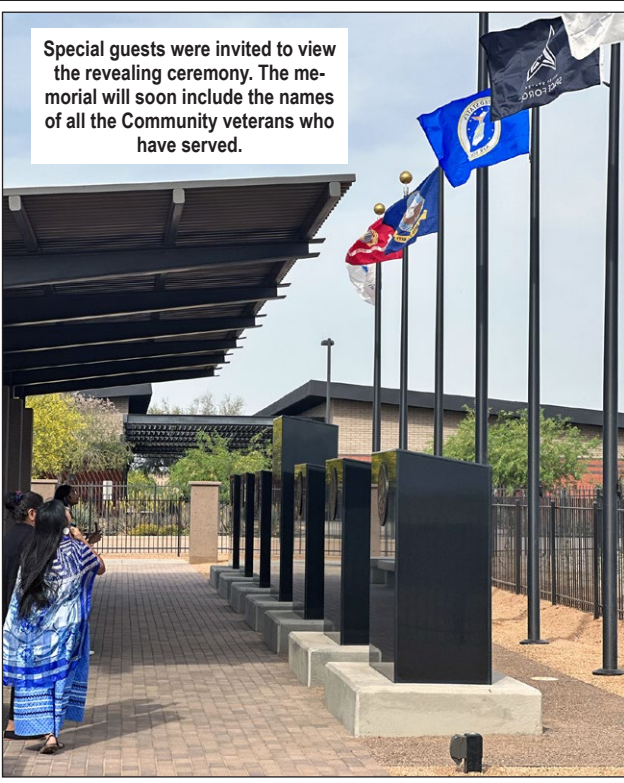


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Special guests were invited to view the revealing ceremony. The memorial will soon include the names of all the Community veterans who have served.



David Dallas provided heartfelt words as he detailed the several construction phases the memorial underwent.

SRPMIC Hosts Veterans Memorial Revealing Ceremony in Lehi

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After less than two years since the groundbreaking and several years of planning, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Memorial in Lehi is now complete.

On the morning of March 29, SRPMIC held a revealing ceremony for the new memorial. Members of the SRPMIC Tribal Council, the SRPMIC Veterans Department, as well as Lynwood Vest and more participated.

The SRPMIC Veterans Memorial consists of six monuments, one for each branch of the military. The names of military veterans who are no longer with us

will be etched onto the monuments.

“Thank you for joining us this morning for this significant occasion. This memorial pays tribute to the courage of the individuals who have served this country and our Community,” began SRPMIC Veterans Representative Amanda White.

She added, “I remember in 2021, we came out here with Bob Aguilar, Garnet Gates, Robert Chiago and more. There were two concrete blocks and a water spigot out here, and we just envisioned how it was going to look. I remember the guys brought sticks and started planning where everything would be.”

Following her introduction and welcome, White called Lynwood Vest to the lectern to sing two traditional songs and provide a few remarks.

“A long time ago in our Piipaash way, before they went off to battle, they would have gatherings, sing and tell stories,” began Vest. “A lot of the songs they would sing were songs that some of the warriors wanted to hear. They’d get together and have a feast,” he said.

Afterwards, SRPMIC Council member Michael

Dallas Sr. spoke from the heart as he addressed the audience. “Some few years back, the Veterans Department took veterans to Washington, D.C. We got to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and they took part in the Memorial Day Parade.”

Dallas Sr. continued, “A gentleman came up to me and he said, ‘I never realized there were so many Native Americans that served in the conflicts. Thank you for their sacrifice.’ Sometimes our history isn’t taught in regard to how we served. This is a free country we live in, [and] there is a sacrifice. When you see right now with the military that’s going overseas, I ask you to continue to pray over them and their families.”

After his words, several birds began to soar in the sky before resting nearby on land located behind the memorial.

Dallas Construction President David Dallas also provided a few words. “First, I want to thank the Community, the veterans and their families for their dedication. As a Community member, this project means more to me than just another job. This is personal. This is about honoring our people—those who served, sacrificed, carried our name and values wherever they went.”

During his speech, Dallas revealed that work on the site had to be temporarily halted for about two months as the team discovered significant cultural and archaeological findings during construction.

“The spirit was always honored in the work that was done,” said Dallas.

White then called for the laying of the wreath, which was performed by the family of Derek Dalton. “Today we are especially honored to have the family of a respected Lehi veteran, the late Derek Dalton. Derek was a proud member of the United States Navy and a familiar presence with us at our veterans meetings over the years. He generously shared his insights, voice and heart in helping shape this memorial. For that, we are truly grateful.”

As the revealing ceremony neared its end, SRPMIC Council member Deanna Scabby provided closing remarks and a prayer, asking for the continued protection of all veterans and their families, as well as the Community as a whole.

“It’s important that we know the reason we’re here to enjoy this land is because they went and they served,” she said.

Arizona Sports Medicine Center Holds Beam Signing on Tribal Land

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Arizona Sports Medicine Center, an orthopedic medical practice, marked a major construction milestone on March 27 with a ceremonial beam-signing for their new 34,000-square-foot medical office building, bringing the project one step closer to completion.

Arizona Sports Medicine Center is part of the Abrazo Medical Group. The new building is located on tribal land, inside the northwest boundary of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community just south of Via Linda and east of the Loop 101. It is a key addition to Sierra Bloom, a 43-acre mixed-use comprehensive healthcare and lifestyle campus that began construction in fall 2017.

Stakeholders, landowners and others involved in the project wrote their signatures with permanent markers on the beam, which will be placed atop the building before the scheduled completion of construction in the third quarter of 2026, according to a press release from Abrazo Health.

Landowner spokesperson Nancy Young and family and landowner Debbie Ludlow were present for the beam-signing on the unseasonably scorching spring day. Young had never been to a beam-signing before and said she had a good experience.

"We got to meet everybody. I thought it was nice," said Young.



Landowner spokesperson Nancy Young and family members Keith and Marisa Young's signatures on the beam. Photo courtesy Nancy Young.

Community member and landowner spokesperson Broderick Antone couldn't make it to the event but said that there will be more opportunities for him to sign other beams in the coming months.

"It's like autographing the outside of a time capsule, and it is a part of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community history," Antone said of the beam-signing events.

Attendees stayed cool by sipping iced coffee beverages from Chickies Coffee under a canopy on the dirt lot.

Brian Elisco, Arizona Group CEO for Tenet Healthcare and CEO of Abrazo Health, said that he is excited for the opening of the facility, which is expected to be handed over to Abrazo Health by September or early October.

"It's the perfect location to make sure patients can get access to some high-quality orthopedic care," Elisco told O'odham Action News.

Elisco said that the comprehensive orthopedic care services provided will include general sports medicine, nonoperative and operative sports medicine, and specialty care of the hands, feet, ankles and shoulders. The facility will also provide physical therapy and imaging services.

Amon Ferry, MD, head team doctor for the Arizona Diamondbacks and assistant team physician for the Arizona Cardinals and Phoenix Rising, is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine surgery. His team will be based out of the Sierra Bloom campus.

"We'll have on-site x-rays within our office and will likely have advanced imaging within the building such as MRIs, CT scans and diagnostic ultrasound," said Ferry.

The Arizona Sports Medicine Center will be able to provide injectable treatments such as platelet-rich plasma, cortisone and stem cell injections, as well as other nonsurgical treatments including shockwave therapy.



Landowners signed the beam with permanent markers.

Above: Landowner Debbie Ludlow

Below: Landowner Nancy Young

Photos courtesy Abrazo Medical Group.



Council Member Mikah Carlos Hosts District E Resource Fair



Guests visited booths and participated in fun raffles at the District E Resource Fair.

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Victory Acres II (VAII) Park was packed with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members for the family-friendly District E Resource Fair on March 31. Along with information and resources at the department tables, attendees enjoyed raffle prizes and a meal was provided for the first 200 people.

Music was heard throughout the park while Community members and families carried bags filled to the brim with goodies and brochures. The smiles on their faces indicated that it was a perfect day to get out and have fun with their neighbors and friends.

SRPMIC Council member Mikah Carlos hosted the Resource Fair as a way to provide helpful information and connect the Community, with everyone having a good time out in the nice weather.

U.S. Government Hands Oak Flat to Mining Company

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The U.S. government has officially handed the keys to Oak Flat (Chí'chil Biiłdagoteel in Apache) over to mining company Resolution Copper in a land swap deal that was approved in 2014 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015.

This comes after numerous courtroom battles since 2021 between 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization Apache Stronghold and the federal government, with the Stronghold looking to halt construction of the mine.

A large copper deposit exists at the site, 7,000 feet below the surface on what was federally owned land in Ari-

zona's Tonto National Forest before the deal. Now, the site is privately owned.

The transfer was opposed by many San Carlos Apache tribal members and religious freedom advocates who said the mine would cause environmental destruction and prevent tribal members from practicing their traditional religious ceremonies.

Resolution Copper aims to begin mining at Oak Flat to meet the demand for copper while creating jobs for San Carlos Apache tribal members and other residents in the area.

There are currently three lawsuits from opponents of the mine challenging the decision from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to complete the land exchange.



Oak Flat, preparing for a sunrise dance. Photo courtesy of Molly Peters.

APRIL DISTRICT MEETINGS:

CM ANTONE DISTRICT B: Saturday April 18, 9 a.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers

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QUARTERLY LEHI MEETING: Saturday April 18, 11 a.m. at Evergreen Neighborhood Center

Costco Comes to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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Have you ever wanted to grab an iconic hot dog and soda combo, a pizza or a chicken bake on your lunch break? Well, soon you can, because Costco will be coming to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community!

This is the first Costco to be built on tribal land within the United States. The new store will be located at Indian School Road and Pima Road at the Loop 101 freeway north of the Scottsdale AutoShow at Salt River. The SRPMIC and developer Mullin360 have teamed up once again to move this from an idea to reality. They worked together before to create the Scottsdale AutoShow at Salt River.

The new Costco will span 21.5 acres, comprising a 162,000-square-foot building with about 1,000 parking spaces. The store will feature a tire center, fuel facility, carwash, food court and so much more.

A formal groundbreaking is planned for June 2026. Jim Mullin, CEO of Mullin360, said, "We are incredibly proud to begin work on this new Costco location. Costco is one of the most popular and impactful retailers

in the last 100 years, and this development is further ratification of the incredible momentum SRPMIC has brought to the Loop 101 Salt River Corridor."

Costco will be easily accessible to both Community members and visitors. SRPMIC President Martin Harvier said, "Welcoming a retailer as respected and impactful as Costco is another milestone that will bring jobs, services and meaningful economic returns that support our tribal members for generations." Costco has agreed to follow Community-member preference in its hiring process and will offer more than 250 positions.

Community members Dominick Smith and Katerina Thomas are excited to experience Costco on tribal land.

"I avoid Costco because it is so far and so packed at the locations near me, but I am excited for it to be more accessible," said Smith.

"I am so excited for Costco to come to the Community, most importantly for the taxes that will be generated that will fund our Community services. I'm so excited for myself to shop tax-free, as I'm an avid Costco shopper," said Thomas.

Kirkland will be leaving its signature in Salt River!



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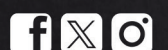
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Future softball and baseball legends ages 12 and under got a chance to refine their skills thanks to the Na7ive Na7ions team, headlined by former MLB starting pitcher DJ Carrasco and SRPMIC community members Whitney Grey Jr., Bobby Maez and many more.

Na7ive Na7ions Baseball Hosts Showcase Clinic in Salt River

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"Let's get something clear," began Na7ive Na7ions founder and CEO D.J. Carrasco on the morning of Saturday, March 28, as he paced along the third-base line and addressed about 50 Indigenous baseball and softball athletes ages 12 and under out on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ballfield.

"I don't care how hard you can throw the ball. I want to see you throw strikes."

Carrasco is a former Major League Baseball starting pitcher who played from April 2003 to May 2012. He has Tewa-Puebloan roots from his father's side. He has played for several MLB

teams, including the Arizona Diamondbacks, the New York Mets and the Atlanta Braves.

During his days as a starting pitcher in the MLB, Carrasco boasted an 89- to 93-mph fastball, as well as impressive curveball and change-up pitches.

Therefore, when you look at it one way, Carrasco's baseball knowledge knows no bounds.

"I don't want to see you get up here and walk someone in four straight pitches just because you can throw the ball really hard. I want to see you throw strikes," Carrasco reiterated.

Now enjoying life post-retirement, Carrasco has made it his mission to motivate and help the next generation of Indigenous baseball and softball athletes to make it to the next level, just

like he did.

This is where Na7ive Na7ions comes into play. The organization helps promote baseball and softball to Indigenous youth looking to make it to the professional leagues one day by hosting clinics, showcases, tournaments and more.

Na7ive Na7ions was in the Community last year for the annual Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament, which was held at Salt River Fields last summer.

Currently, the president of the board of Na7ive Na7ions is Nathan Levi Esquerro, former chairman of the Chemehuevi Tribe. Associate board members from Indian Country include Hopi Tribal Chairman Tim Nuvangyaoma, former Puyallup Tribe Chairman David Z. Bean and more.

During the showcase clinic, young baseball and softball athletes from Indian Country got a taste of what it was like to be recorded, measured, evaluated and ranked by baseball and softball professionals, some for the very first time in their young careers. The all-day showcase featured many rising athletes from the SRPMIC, as well as from Ak-Chin and other tribes.

Whitney Grey Jr., an SRPMIC member and one of the program direc-

tors for Na7ive Na7ions, assisted the athletes with their fielding skills and demonstrated textbook form when batting. Grey coaches the Desert Dingers, the SRPMIC baseball club that participates in several baseball tournaments throughout the year, including the Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament.

Athletes got a chance to refine their offense and defense on both sides of the baseball diamond with expert help at the ready. Key points such as "glove to the ground" when fielding ground balls and clear communication among teammates while catching fly balls in the outfield were strongly emphasized.

They also had the opportunity to utilize a professional pitching radar gun, with some pitchers hurling 55-mph fastballs with ease.

The showcase also provided time for families and loved ones to participate in wiffle ball mini games for the littler athletes who are just becoming familiar with baseball and softball. Wiffle ball is a fun and easy alternative that helps improve a player's hand-eye coordination and teaches base-running basics.

Carrasco spent time mingling with the athletes, as well as their families and loved ones. He made sure to ask the families if their athlete required additional support or guidance during the showcase.

To put the cherry on top of a home run of a day, during batting practice, an eagle soared over the Salt River ballfield by the water tower—twice. "That's a blessing! Say thank you," yelled an elder watching the showcase from the ballfield's bleachers.

With the amount of raw talent on display at the Na7ive Na7ions 12U showcase, it will only be a matter of time before some of these athletes make it to the big leagues like all the superstars who came before them.

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twists to the game, reminding us that you can never have too much fun playing baseball.

As part of the opening ceremony on the second day, the Firefighters requested a fire engine, adding visuals and paying tribute to the fire service. The ceremony featured Salt River Fire Engine LT293 in center field. As the game progressed, the third inning held great significance for the Salt River Fire Department as the Firefighters team honored Joseph Christopher as the "Firefighter of the Night."

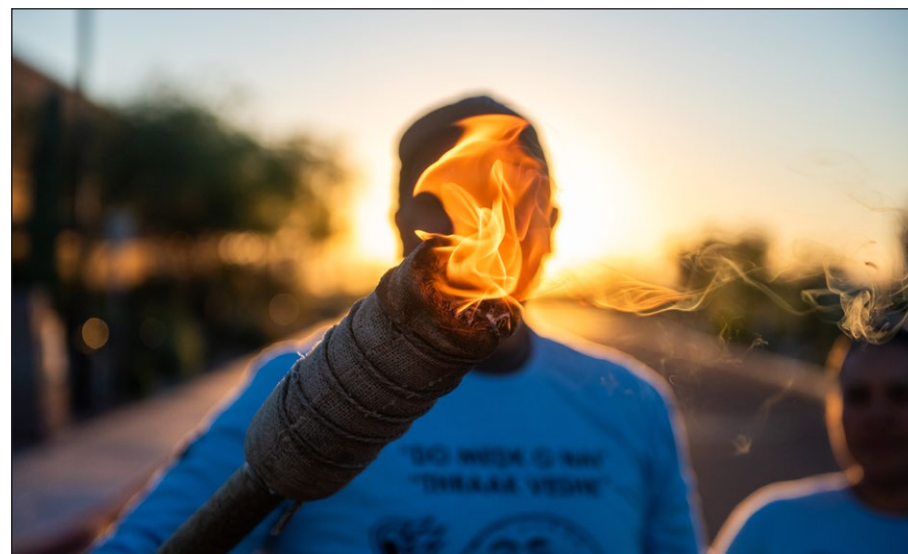
Unfortunately, Christopher was unable to attend the game as planned due to health-related issues with his cancer treatment. His girlfriend, Julienne, and their kids stood at home plate in his honor as the crowd roared in applause with a standing ovation recognizing his service.

During the tribute, it was noted that Christopher has been with the SRFD for six years, and his goal is to overcome his diagnosis and return to work, continuing to serve the Community.

The game concluded with the Firefighters coming out on top, splitting the two-game series with the Tailgaters.



Torch Run Signifies Beginning of Tortilla Festival



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Rd., and ending at the Huhugam Ki Museum. At each intersection along the way, fire crew from SRFD handed off the torch to the next runner. The last runners lit a fire under the komal/madily cooking discs to signify the beginning of the Tortilla Festival.

At sunrise on March 21, a torch run was held beginning at the SRPMIC Huhugam Ki: Museum Cultural Repository, heading north up Longmore



Runners heading north on Longmore Rd. pass the torch ahead of the Salt River water tower.

Left to Right: Firefighter Daniel Garcia, Captain Robert Scabby Jr, Firefighters Gabriel Scabby and Ali Randall, Fire Marshall Dustin Zamboni, and Firefighters Jayden Waterman and Mike Juan.

Read all about the Tortilla Festival on Page 10!

Hot Times at the 6th Annual Tortilla Festival

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The sixth annual Tortilla Festival, Cemait/Modiily 2026, began on March 21 with an early-morning torch run that started at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Repository and ended at the Huhugam Ki: Museum grounds.

Salt River Fire Department runners finished their trek by lighting a fire under the komal/madiily cooking discs to signify the beginning of the festival.

“Who knew that the fire’s flames would set the tone for the day?” asked Huhugam Ki: museum manager Gary Owens.

“It was a great surprise that by 9 a.m. we had about 100 people on the grounds. And I’m not including working staff.”

The day was unusually hot for this time of year, so museum staff members were prepared to shut down early if the heat became too much. It was so hot that only one burrito race was held, and the dancing tortilla mascot could only perform to two cumbia dances. Winners took home RoadHouse Cinemas and Medieval Times tickets as prizes, courtesy of Discover Salt River.

Waila Style 87 provided the chicken scratch music this year, with the stage facing toward all the food and jewelry vendors.

Owens said that the tortilla makers got straight to work and were soon flapping out tortillas and selling them to the growing crowd.

“Salt River got things going with the tortilla samples and the wheat tortillas for the hungry group,” said Owens, who also had a booth where he showcased tortilla making and folding etiquette to observers.

Tortilla makers from sibling tribes the Tohono O’odham Nation, Ak-Chin Indian Community and Gila River Indian Community also had demonstration stations where they prepared and cooked tortillas for sale.

Cultural Resources Department staff prepared and handed out samples of traditional foods next to information tables operated by Diabetes Prevention and Public Health. There was also a “tortilla toss” game similar to cornhole for visitors to play.

Owens said that by 11 a.m. the event had swelled to about 300 people.

“Thank you to all who survived the hottest March date so far,” Owens told the crew who participated in the festival. “You are all to be commended and much appreciated for making this year’s festival a memorable one.”




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'Food is Medicine' with Chef Sandra Miller and Diabetes Prevention Services



Chef Sandra Miller from N8V KTCN talks to dinner guests about her upbringing and relationship to food as medicine.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Diabetes Prevention Services department invited a select few Community members out for an early evening of traditional foods as the sun began to set at the River People Health Center’s patio on March 16.

Diabetes Prevention Services partnered with Tohono O’odham chef Sandra Miller from N8V KTCN to present a meaningful dinner experience called Traditional Foods: Food Is Medicine.

Miller started N8V KTCN with her daughter two years ago to figure out how to better Indigenize traditional foodways and plates.

The dinner program was intended to make this idea of healing through food a reality.

Community health educator Karina Watson and Diabetes Prevention Services manager Elissa Caston facilitated the event and introduced Miller to the

guests after Bowie Leonard performed a traditional song.

Watson said that one of the important things growing up that brought her family together was food.

“When we came together, it was always celebrated in a certain way. Whether it was through tradition or through celebration, that food nourishes our body not only through the

nutrients but also through our heart, our feelings,” said Watson.

While a full-course meal was being served, Miller gave a presentation on the importance of Indigenous foods, food sovereignty and strengthening family connections through traditional foodways.

“I just felt like it was time to have other offerings,” Miller said of the menu choices.

“When we go to powwows or other gatherings, it’s always fry-bread when we go to eat. We love it. It’s comfort food. It’s good food, but we can’t eat it all the time. So, I created [this menu].”

The main dish was a savory traditional po:sol stew made with chunks of seasoned roast beef, brown tepary beans, wheat berries, zucchini and onions.

Black tepary beans were the star of the side dish: a two sisters bean salad with diced squash,

roasted sweet potatoes, peppers, carrots, red onions, arugula and mixed greens in a citrus vinaigrette. A warm, pillowy traditional whole-wheat yeast roll complemented the plate.

For dessert they served a pumpkin/chocolate chip/mesquite wheat cookie. Some of those in attendance apparently enjoyed it so much that they asked for seconds.

“I’m really proud of those cookies,” Miller told the dinner guests.

People also raved about the traditional O’odham cinnamon black brewed iced tea. Community members were overheard talking about how they have relatives who also make a similar tea. The tea was refreshing and had a robust, full-bodied flavor.

To Miller, the kitchen is a vital and central place in the home.

“I feel it’s so important to remember that the hearth in our homes is our safe place,” said Miller.

3 Takeaways:

- Tohono O’odham chef Sandra Miller shared a special full course menu of traditional O’odham foods on March 16 at the River People Health Center.
- Diabetes Prevention Services staff helped facilitate the program.
- Dinner included po:sol, a two sisters salad, a pumpkin chocolate-chip mesquite wheat cookie, and more.

“Make sure our kids are not running around in the kitchen or throwing things, jumping around or misbehaving. A table is where we sit and gather, and we pray before we eat and talk about good things and about our day, and we share what goes on in our lives.”



A bowl of po:sol and a plate of the salad is prepared for guests.

Chef Pyet DeSpain Hosts Cooking Demonstration at Casino Arizona

On March 25, DeSpain hosted a cooking demonstration inside the Showroom at Casino Arizona for special guests that included Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and elders and Community department staff members. The event was designed to celebrate Native American cooking and the release of DeSpain's new cookbook, *Rooted in Fire*.

"It's a cookbook, but it's so much more than that," said DeSpain as she prepared her materials for the cooking demonstration.

The book contains Indigenous and Mexican dishes while also sharing DeSpain's personal histories and stories. DeSpain is an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation with Sac and Fox ties. Her father is Mexican-American, and she grew up on the Osage Nation in Oklahoma, although she is not Osage.

A self-described "city Native," DeSpain grew up in Kansas as well as neighboring Oklahoma. The name "Pyet" is short for Pyetwetmokwe.

"My name translates to 'something loud coming over the mountains and the sky towards you'. That name was given to me by my great-grandmother, Cecilia Mitchell. I think that name fits me well," she said.

DeSpain has worked tirelessly to become a renowned chef. She won Season 1 of the reality cooking television competition "Next Level Chef" and received support, mentoring and backing from the competition's organizers. "I would do it all over again," she said.

She's also traveled to London to participate in other cooking competitions and demonstrations.

Locally, chef DeSpain was brought

3 takeaways:

- Community seniors, membership and invited staff got a chance to attend and taste chef Pyet DeSpain's curated menu as she hosted a cooking demonstration inside of the Showroom at Casino Arizona.
- The event was a collaboration between StrongHeart Study, SRPMIC Senior Services, Casino Arizona, the SRPMIC tribal Library and Native Lifeway.
- At the conclusion of the cooking demonstration, attendees were provided with autographed copies of chef Pyet DeSpain's cookbook, *Rooted in Fire*.

to the SRPMIC thanks to the Strong Heart Study staff and SRPMIC member Samantha Ishak. The Strong Heart Study is a study of heart disease and its risk factors among American Indian men and women.

"We met at a conference, and we just got to talking," said Ishak. The two became fast friends, and Ishak invited DeSpain to visit and tour the SRPMIC.

DeSpain's visit to Arizona marked the first time she has visited the SRPMIC as well as the first time she visited an Arizona tribe. She already mentioned returning to the Community soon.

"I've been here for two days, but it seems like I've been here for two weeks! I really love it here," said DeSpain.

When it came time to cook, DeSpain showed why she's a rising chef in today's culinary world. She curated an exclusive menu which featured poblano and corn tamales, braised beef Colorado, salsa verde, three sisters salad and a bistro blend apple salad.

The braised beef Colorado is her grandmother's recipe that was handed down to her.

Guests enjoyed seconds (and thirds, to the unseen eye) as DeSpain demonstrated her process when making her poblano and corn tamales from scratch.

As she was presenting, DeSpain showcased her witty sense of humor to the crowd. "Before we get going, let's remember one thing. Keep your

cast-iron pan moisturized, just like your elbows," she said with a cheeky grin.

Following the demonstration, DeSpain posed for photos with guests and spent moments with everyone who asked for photo with her.

After the event, DeSpain stayed for a few more days in the SRPMIC, visiting with additional elders and spending time in the Community Garden. Also, during her visit, she made sure to stop at one of the most legendary food vendors in the Community, the Stand.

After her visit here, DeSpain returned to her home in Los Angeles to prepare for a joyous celebration, her upcoming wedding to Lumbee hoop dancer Eric Hernandez.

"I will be Chef DeSpain-Hernandez soon," she said with a smile.

Aside from her wedding, DeSpain will also be embarking on another big occasion: finishing the plans for her own brick-and-mortar restaurant.

"That's what I want to do; that's one of my biggest goals I have," she said.

Whether it's finalizing plans to create her own cooking show, writing another cookbook, planning her wedding or



In addition to her web series cooking show, book tour and upcoming wedding, Chef DeSpain is also currently putting together plans to create her own brick-and-mortar restaurant.



A legend meets a legend. During the Q&A session, Salt River Schools Chef Shannon Reina called DeSpain an inspiration and someone she looks up to. Reina mentioned she had just finished serving breakfast at Salt River Schools and dashed over to the cooking demonstration to meet DeSpain.

opening her own restaurant, it is more than apparent that Indian Country fully supports chef Pyet DeSpain, especially now the SRPMIC.

Chef Pyet DeSpain Hosts Cookbook Giveaway at the SRPMIC Tribal Library



On March 25 at the Salt River Tribal Library, chef DeSpain shared personal histories which detailed the Indigenous and Mexican cultures she comes from.

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It's not every day that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community gets the chance to host a world-famous celebrity chef who also just happens to be Indigenous.

On March 25, chef Stephanie Pyetwetmokwe (known simply as Pyet) DeSpain hosted a cookbook giveaway at the SRPMIC Tribal Library to celebrate her new cookbook, *Rooted in Fire*. DeSpain won Season 1 of the TV reality cooking competition "Next Level Chef" hosted by Gordon Ramsey.

The 288-page cookbook details DeSpain's journey thus far as she reclaims her identity as someone of Mexican heritage who is also an enrolled mem-

3 takeaways:

- Pyet is short for Pyetwetmokwe and is from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation with Mexican heritage roots.
- DeSpain won season one of the TV reality cooking competition, *Next Level Chef*, hosted by Gordon Ramsey.
- With the collaboration between SRPMIC's tribal library and Strongheart Study, DeSpain spent time with membership and gave out nearly 100 autographed cookbooks and posed for photos with membership and supporters.

ber of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She also is from the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma. Her father is Mexican-American.

Community members and cooking fans made their way to the Ske:g Himdag Ki: to meet DeSpain for the giveaway.

"I just want to welcome everyone here tonight," said Melissa Rave,

manager of the SRPMIC Recreation Education Division. "We want to thank the Strong Heart Study for their partnership in bringing chef Pyet here to the Community."

The Strong Heart Study is a study of heart disease and its risk factors among American Indian men and women. This was DeSpain's first-ever trip to the SRPMIC and the first time she has visited an Arizona tribe's homelands.

Rave added, "I love Chef Ramsey. We've been paying attention to chef Pyet for a while now, and I'm excited for her to be here tonight."

Sporting vintage 2024 turquoise Nike shoes from the N7 line, chef DeSpain greeted the guests and complimented the Community on one of its most prized accomplishments, the Community Garden.

"Who knows Jared Butler?" DeSpain asked the crowd. Literally, the entire room raised their hands. "Really cool guy," she said.

She continued, "I could spend all day there in the garden just following him around. Listening to him talk about the plants, it's really amazing to see that much passion in somebody."

DeSpain revealed that during her trip to the garden, Butler gave her massive amounts of plants, seeds and food.

"But I'm staying at the hotel casino," admitted DeSpain. "So, I was walking through the casino with these big heads of collard greens and onions and people in the casino were looking at me like, 'What is this girl doing?'"

She added with a slight chuckle, "All of the plants and foods he gave me are currently in water in my hotel bathtub."

Discussing her time on the reality television cooking show "Next Level Chef," she explained how challenging the competition was, but she was proud to admit that she rose to the occasion, winning the grand prize in Season 1.

On the program, DeSpain's winning dish was a roasted rack of lamb with fingerling potatoes and prosciutto-wrapped green beans with a red wine reduction. "Gordon Ramsey looked at me like I was crazy when I told him I was going to cook a rack of lamb in 22 minutes," she said.

Throughout the meet-and-greet book giveaway, DeSpain detailed the drive and motivation she experiences when creating new dishes for people to enjoy. She also made sure to explain her "why."

"Indigenous people are so proud to be where they're from. I know our communities live differently across Turtle Island, and I know our struggles, language and culture are different, but the thing that unites us is how proud we are of where we come from," she said.

She added, "I was on national television representing everybody, even you all here, just to say, 'Hey, we exist and we matter, and our food is delicious. If you just give us a chance and opportunity, we'll make the most of it.'"

Alex Goodwin Stars In "Shakespeare In Love"



"I am the money," said Goodwin in the role of Mr. Hugh Fennyman during dress rehearsals for "Shakespeare in Love" at the New School for the Arts and Academics in Tempe, Arizona.

the role of Mr. Hugh Fennyman during dress rehearsals for a stage play adaptation of "Shakespeare in Love."

All eyes were focused on the school's performances on March 27 and 28 of the 1998 film of the same name, which won the Academy Award for Best Picture and six other Academy Awards.

The role of Fennyman was made famous by Tom Wilkinson, an English actor known for his roles on the stage and screen.

The film is a romantic comedy about William Shakespeare and his love affair with Viola de Lesseps during the writing of the play "Romeo and Juliet."

In the story, Fennyman is unruly and known as the money man. He helps fund Shakespeare's newest play at a London theater called The Rose, owned by Philip Henslow. As the story progresses, it's revealed that Henslow owes Fennyman money and a successful play would result in a hefty payday for Fennyman, which would also clear the debt Henslow owes Fennyman. In his own words, Fennyman says, "I am the money." Later, Fennyman has a change of heart and transforms from a harsh businessman focused on only money into an eager and participating actor in Shakespeare's play; he receives the role of an apothecary, someone who mixes potions and medicines. It's a forerunner of today's pharmacist.

Fennyman is quick-witted, fierce and cunning with a lush voice that can travel

miles—a perfect fit for Goodwin, as his booming voice joyfully danced throughout the campus' auditorium stage during rehearsals like a future megastar.

Goodwin's commanding presence on stage was impressive as he consistently hit his marks and recited complex Shakespearean dialogue with ease, much to the delight of Goodwin's teacher, Luke Young, M.Ed.

The New School for the Arts and Academics was a Tempe concert venue in the 1990s called the Electric Ballroom, known by the people as "The music capital of the Southwest." Music legends such as Iggy Pop, Henry Rollins, Weezer, Social Distortion, the Cars and many more played sets when the location was a concert venue. Later, the venue closed and reopened as a public charter school in 2002.

Presently, students can attend The New School for the Arts and Academics to further develop their artistic talents in music, theater, fashion and more as they approach their postsecondary educations.

The school will be hosting upcoming piano concerts, additional stage performances and a fashion show later this year.

For more information on tickets or to receive information on how to enroll your student at The New School for the Arts and Academics, call (480) 481-9235.

Whittier Elementary School O'odham-Piipaash Club Gets a Look Behind the Lens

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Students at Whittier Elementary School capped off a week of career-focused class time with a visit from the O'odham Action News team on Friday, March 27.

The young students meet monthly through the Mesa Public Schools Native American Education Program. The visit from OAN was coordinated so the students could see some of the different ways their interests can turn into careers that give back to their communities.

Staff members from the news team brought cameras and microphones along so students could get an idea of the tools we use to help tell the stories of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The hands-on experience provided an exciting and engaging opportunity to see how capturing images helps tell stories and how those stories can shape our day-to-day. By taking pictures themselves and seeing immediate results, the students left with memories they can look back on as they consider their career plans.



All photos by Whittier Elementary School O'odham-Piipaash Club Students.

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SRPMIC Tribal TANF invites community members to share their input on the upcoming 3-Year Plan (June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2029). Your voice will help guide programs and services that support families on their path to self-sufficiency.



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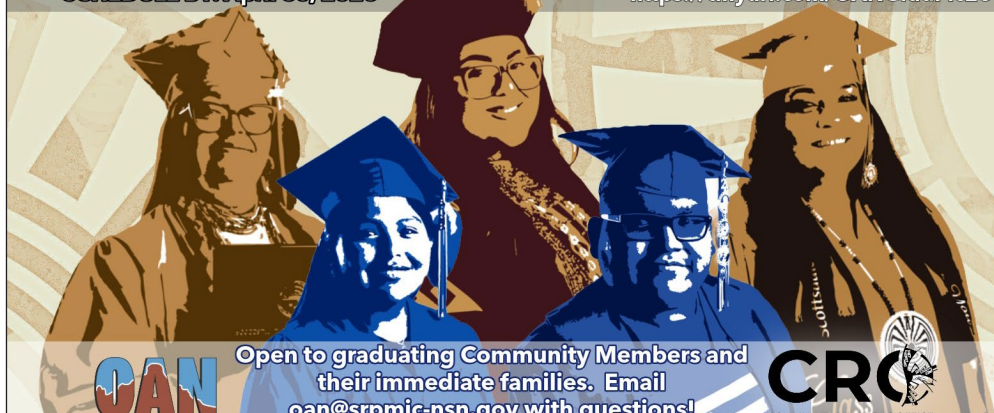
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20 Years of Tradition and Community at the Annual Westwood Powwow

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The 20th Annual Westwood High School Social Powwow took place at the school's baseball field on March 27 and 28.

Westwood has been celebrating Indigenous cultures for 20 years, with a brief intermission during the COVID-19 pandemic. At last year's powwow, for the first time the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community dance group Bird Singing and Dancing by the River was invited to perform. The Westwood Native American Club members and spectators enjoyed the performance so much that they invited the group back again this year.

The powwow featured Southern Host drum Strictly Southern from the

Keams Canyon Hopi and Northern Host drum Medicine Butte from Hopi. Rick Yazzie was the master of ceremonies and Colby AfraidofhisTracks was this year's arena director.

Over the course of the two-day powwow, six specials were held: Sibling Showdown, 18+ Men's Northern Traditional, Junior Girls Jingle Dress, All-Ages Grass, Hat and Boot Special, and a drum contest.

Westwood's Native American Club, the Mesa Public Schools Native American Education Program, and community partners and supporters came together to host an amazing powwow.

"This takes all year to plan. The 2025-2026 Westwood [Native American] club officers have all worked very hard throughout the year. I'm very proud of all of the officers. They put in a lot of work and stepped up to

be leaders at this powwow. I'd also like to shout out the Native American Education Program of Mesa Public Schools for helping us out, as well as Dr. [Chris] Gilmore at Westwood High School, everyone who donated, all the Native American Club members, and most importantly everyone at the powwow who came to support. Go Warriors!" said Westwood Native American Education Program Liaison and Powwow Coordinator Jaden Bird.

Eli Smith, co-president of the Westwood Native American Club and an SRPMIC member, expressed his gratitude for all the help the club received leading up to the powwow.

"I'd like to thank all the other officers in the club, the members and the volunteers because they really helped a lot. I have a lot of faith in the younger students and look forward to next

year's powwow," said Smith.

Westwood High School Principal Chris Gilmore showed nothing but support for the Native American Club. "It's an honor to be in the circle tonight where we give respect to our elders, our ancestors, our parents and our grandparents; but most importantly, the power of the circle represents the support for our students here. I can't thank them enough for hosting this event tonight. I can't appreciate them enough," Gilmore said.

Westwood hosted an amazing powwow and now looks forward to the 21st Annual Social Powwow. For questions about the Westwood Native American Education Program, contact Jaden Bird at jebird@mpsaz.org or Kristen Lee at krlee@mpsaz.org



Dancers light up the night at grand entry.



Everyone is welcome in O'odham socials.



Miss Indian Arizona Sialik King gives the crowd a wave.



Westwood's Native American Club during their honor song at the end of the night.



Westwood Native American Club Co-President Eli Smith thanks attendees.

Students Finish Strong During Salt River Week at Westwood High School

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In each quarter of the academic year, over the span of a week, the Westwood High School Native American Education Program partners with Salt River Schools and Community Relations to meet with every Salt River student who is enrolled at Westwood. Chris Dinehdeal and Lorena Clashin are the counselors who meet with the students to go over their attendance, grades and transcripts to make sure they are on track to graduate.

On April 1, Westwood held its Salt River Assembly, where SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Salt River Board of Education Chair Kyland King and Westwood Principal Christopher Gilmore, along with Bird Singing and Dancing by the River and other dance groups from neighboring tribes, gathered to provide motivation to Salt River students during their last seven weeks of school.

During the assembly, Jaden Bird, Westwood's Native American Education Program High School Liaison, explained the goals of the program.

"We are committed to building strong relationships with our Native American families, tribal communities and community partners. We are dedicated to cultivating inclusive and respectful learning environments that promote Native American traditions,

cultural values and identity while achieving academic success," said Bird. He also highlighted the resources available through the Native American Education Program, such as fee assistance and school supplies.

Harvier talked about his journey throughout high school and how he wished that opportunities like Salt River Week had been presented to him.

"I want to encourage you to try hard and learn as much as you can. When they say education is power, it truly is power to understand what people are talking about at certain levels." Harvier finished by sharing some encouraging statements with the students.

"At Westwood, everybody is somebody. Through cultural growth, we create impactful learning experiences that connect our community and prepare us for the opportunities of today and tomorrow," said Gilmore. Westwood strives to incorporate cultural resilience onto its campus every day. Gilmore also shared, "When we say 'Everybody is somebody,' we mean you. That means your identity, your heritage, your language, your family and your community. Those are not things that are set aside when you walk onto our campus."

Westwood continues to strive for the betterment of Salt River students and all Native American students. For questions about the Native American Education Program at Westwood, contact Jaden Bird at jebird@mpsaz.org or (480) 472-4606.



Students listen attentively to presenters throughout the morning assembly.



Bird Singing and Dancing by the River showcase Piipaash bird songs and dances.

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DEFAULT NOTICES

ANDREWS, ELIJAH WADE
NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:
CV-25-4582

Country Club Cars v. Elijah Wade Andrews
 TO: Elijah Wade Andrews

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number: CV-25-4582

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Elijah Wade Andrews, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Elijah Wade Andrews, shall pay Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within sixty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315.

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.
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: March 17, 2026
 CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

41) of the Code of Ordinances.
 ORDERED this 17th day of March 2026.
 ARISTINA SANCHEZ, JUDGE, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

SCOTT, JAYLEN ANTHONY
SUMMONS
CV-25-3819

TO: Jaylen Anthony Scott

Notice is hereby given that probate proceedings have commenced in the Community Court concerning the estate of Jonathan Rene Scott, DOD: 04/26/2025. Alleged heir of the estate, Jaylen Anthony Scott, is hereby noticed that the next court hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 9 a.m.

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
 DATED: March 24, 2026
 CLERK OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

CARLOS, LAILA ATHENA
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-25-3178

Country Club Cars v. Laila Athena Carlos
 TO: Laila Athena Carlos

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 11th day of May 2026 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing that was heard on February 9, 2026 at 9:30 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 11th day of March 2026
 JUDGE ARISTINA SANCHEZ, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

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

Country Club Cars v. Hatti Louise Juan
 TO: Hatti 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-

THOMAS, ELIZABETH
DEFAULT NOTICE
CV-26-0669

Country Club Cars v. Elizabeth Thomas
 To: Elizabeth Thomas, 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

THOMAS, ELIZABETH
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-25-0669

Country Club Cars v. Elizabeth Thomas
 TO: Elizabeth Thomas

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 26th day of May 2026 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to appear for a Civil Complaint Hearing on March 24, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

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 24th day of March, 2026.
 JUDGE ARISTINA SANCHEZ, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

J.A.S. C/O MOTHER, SKEK HYOSIK JACKSON
SUMMONS
CV-25-3816

TO: J.A.S. C/O mother, Skek Hyosik Jackson

Notice is hereby given that probate proceedings have commenced in the Community Court concerning the estate of Jonathan Rene Scott, DOD: 04/26/2025. Alleged heir of the estate, J.A.S. C/O mother, Skek Hyosik Jackson, is hereby noticed that the next court hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 9 a.m.

WASHINGTON, EDWARD
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CV-25-3181

Country Club Cars v. Edward Washington
 TO: Edward Washington

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 12th day of May, 2026 at 11:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to comply with the Default Judgement that was ordered on February 18, 2026.

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

ORDERED this 24th day of March, 2026.
 JUDGE ARISTINA SANCHEZ, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

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SERVICES: Sunday 11 a.m. English, 1:30 p.m. Spanish, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information. Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.

**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 | **CONTRACTED MORTUARIES**

Memorial Hall | Bunker Family Funerals & Cremation
9849 East Earl Drive | (480) 964-8686
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Monday-Friday | Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home
8 AM- 5 PM | (602) 840-5600

For Any Questions Call: (480) 278-7050
Cultural Resources Department | Tribal Historic Preservation Program

**35TH ANNUAL
REBURIAL CEREMONY
JUNE 5, 2026**

Procession will begin at Sundown at Center Street & Thomas Road
Traditional dinner following the Ceremony at the Memorial Hall

Please be respectful by observing the following:

- o Open to SRPMIC & other Native American only
- o No alcohol, drugs, firearms, or weapons
- o Recording of any kind is strictly prohibited
- o No gang activity or attire.
- (no pictures, no voice recording, no video)
- o No posting to social media.

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

Public Input Requested on Roads Program
The Community has a Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) showing the road projects planned over the next 5 years. The plan includes new roadway construction, reconstruction, safety improvements, pedestrian facilities, pavement rehabilitation and road maintenance. A copy of the TTIP can be found on the Community's website at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/roads/#Planning>.
A hardcopy is also available for pick up at the Public Works Utilities and Roads office located at 9010 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. Please contact Jennifer Jack, Public Works Department, Roads Section Manager, with any questions at:
480-362-7747 or jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov.
Comments may be submitted at the address or email indicated above. The deadline for comments is May 1, 2026.

If we CANNOT contact you by phone or email, your business will be removed from the listing. Call O'odham Action News at (480) 362-7750 to have your business put back on the listing.

SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MEMORIALIZING PAST GENERATIONS OF PARISHIONER/MEMBERS

Saturday April 25, 2026
11am to 3pm

11am Devotional Rev. Sharon Selestewa
12pm Potluck Lunch
1pm Sharing of memories, photos, memory cards

We welcome all to join us in this memorialization of the Salt River Presbyterian Church.
If your past relatives were long-time members or as a child you attend church, we invite you to join us for this time of sharing.
For additional information and Potluck food donations contact Patricia "Patsy" King 480-415-7035.
Sharing of photos is encouraged, memory cards will be available to write and share a memory.



FROM ROCKS TO STEM: SRMG JOINS SALT RIVER SCHOOLS 2026 EDUCATION FAIR

On Thursday, April 2nd, Salt River Materials Group's (SRMG) Aggregates unit participated in the **2026 Salt River Schools Education Fair**. This year's theme, "From Roots to STEM," aligned perfectly with the company's industry and the educational opportunities it provides.

The Aggregates team showcased a variety of rock products produced at SRMG's aggregate plants to the children and families in attendance. **Director of Aggregate Operations Kyle Henderson** and **Purchasing Manager** and Community Member **Joseph Tahmahkera** were present to share their knowledge about the different rock products, how the rocks are crushed and processed, and how they are used in everyday construction and infrastructure.

Families also had the opportunity to take home a rock painting kit, which included a river rock, paint, and brushes. Each kit was carefully packaged so children could easily pick one up and enjoy a fun, creative activity inspired by the materials showcased at the booth.

Overall, the Aggregates team thoroughly enjoyed their time interacting with families and members of the community. Events like the Education Fair provide a meaningful opportunity to showcase SRMG's products while educating youth about the industry in an engaging and hands-on way.

SRMG thanks **Salt River Schools** for the invitation to participate in this year's Education Fair and looks forward to being part of future events.



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



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR THE COMPLETE SRPMIC CALENDAR, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:



ONGOING

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

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.

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.

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP, First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.

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.

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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18 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING, 9 a.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers.

18 QUARTERLY LEHI MEETING/MEET & GREET, 11 a.m. at Evergreen Neighborhood Center.

20 CM FULWILDER DISTRICT D MEETING, 6 p.m. at ALA Lecture Hall.

20 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION AT SKE:G HIMDAG KI:, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Join us for corn dogs, popcorn, and a frozen treat with chances to earn prizes and photos with Star Wars characters, Baxter the Bobcat, and more!

21 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS DISTRICT F & G MEETING, 6 p.m. at Lehi Community Building.

25 EARTH DAY, Join us at Two Waters for a day full of family-friendly Earth-centered fun!

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

28 CM CARLOS DISTRICT E MEETING, 5 p.m. at Ske:g Himdag Ki: Room #56.

30-MAY 1 SENIOR CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, Join Community Recreational Services at the Salt River Community Building for two days of chair volleyball featuring 32 teams!

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1 LAW DAY, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Salt River Justice Center. Join Salt River Tribal Courthouse for LAW DAY - Rooted In Tradition, Rising Together! Stop by to connect with community partners and explore resources provided for all ages. Dinner provided - first come, first serve. Harkins Truck and Ice Cream Truck. Come early, grab a meal, and dive right into the fun!

2 KAVAD / KUSHOV CULTURAL CENTER GRAND OPENING, 9 a.m.-noon at 1691 N. Longmore Rd. Join the Cultural Resources Department as they welcome the public to view their new office space and cultural campus. Ribbon cutting | Tours | Breakfast | Vendors | Social dancing | Giveaways & more!

5 MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AWARENESS DAY, A day to honor, remember, and raise awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP):

• **WEAR RED DAY:** Show you care by wearing red or traditional attire.

• **TWO WATERS AMPHITHEATRE RED WRAP** 8:30am - 10:30am **WRAPPED IN RED** - Join us at 8:30am to help wrap the Two Waters Amphitheatre in red. Please bring your photos/or other memories to the Amphitheatre in memory and acknowledge MMIP loved ones. **MMIP RED HANDPRINT WALL** - add your handprint to the back wall of the Amphitheatre to bring awareness. Continental Breakfast Served.

• **LIGHT UP THE NIGHT: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING** 6:00 p.m. All members of the community & employees are invited to attend, extending a warm welcome to families affected by these tragedies to set up tables adorned with pictures and information about their loved ones or to bring banners and signs. Endorsed by the StrongLife Community Wellness Program & WellPath

• **WALK & LUMINARIAS:** Participate in a walk of remembrance illuminated by luminarias in honor of those lost. Light Dinner Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/26MMIPWalk>

This is a NO Alcohol/Drug/Gang and Tobacco/Vaping Event. NO Pets, Firearms/Weapons or Outside Ice Chests/Grills/Food/Glass Allowed. Bags Subject to Search. Light Up the Night: Walk of Remembrance is . This event is being held in conjunction with the Family Advocacy Center & Office of the Community Prosecutor. For more information, please contact the Community Relations Office at 480-362-7740.

27 VIA LINDA BEHAVIORAL HOSPITAL SYMPOSIUM - INNOVATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF TRAUMA: THROUGH THEIR EYES, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 27 at the Showroom at Talking Stick Resort: 9800 E Talking Stick Way | Scottsdale, AZ 85256. This event is a trauma-informed care symposium designed to educate healthcare workers in the community, so that we can make waves of positive change with empathy, compassion and innovation. We will have guest speakers sharing personal stories on the importance of trauma-informed care (TIC), teaching the principles of T.I.C., educating members on new technological innovations designed to treat trauma (VR headsets to deliver exposure therapy), Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, and neurofeedback therapy. In addition to this being an educational event offering guests Continued Education Units (CEUs), this event is also a demonstration of Via Linda's dedication to sharing empathy and T.I.C. values with the public. To reflect our mission, we are encouraging all attendees to donate to Not Our Native Daughters as well as Salt River Community's Children Foundation. To RSVP, email the Name/Title/ Employer of all parties in your guest list to ViaLindaRSVP@uhsinc.com

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

