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New Year's Eve Family Celebration Rings in 2023

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As the sun set on the evening of December 31, the Community gathered at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Building to celebrate the end of 2022 and the beginning of a new year at the SRPMIC New Year's Eve Family Celebration. It was in the year 2022 that public social events came back strong after a couple of years of enduring the COVID-19 pandemic, which put a hold on many gatherings. "It was a great turn out! We had all new rides this year, ones that everyone seemed to enjoy," said Yvonne Schaaf, SRPMIC Events Manager. "All of our dance areas

were well attended and the fireworks show was one of the best we have ever had. Happy New Year!" A total of 3,000 wristbands were sold for the rides, which means there were well over 3,000 attendees of the event. Attendees enjoyed a variety of rides and games along the midway, and there was an abundance of fry bread and beverages for attendees. DJ Reflekshin provided beats for everyone to dance to as everyone began to enter the gym and pick their seats. At 8 p.m., the celebration kicked into another gear as the party favors were handed out and Ramoncito & Company began playing chicken-scratch music at the gym.

The gym was packed all the way back to the bleachers, and the dance floor was busy all night. SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard's O'dham & Piipaash Social also began at 8 p.m. at the Salt River Community Building, with a traditional dance area and refreshments. As the clock struck midnight, 2023 began with a bang with a balloon drop and fireworks show.

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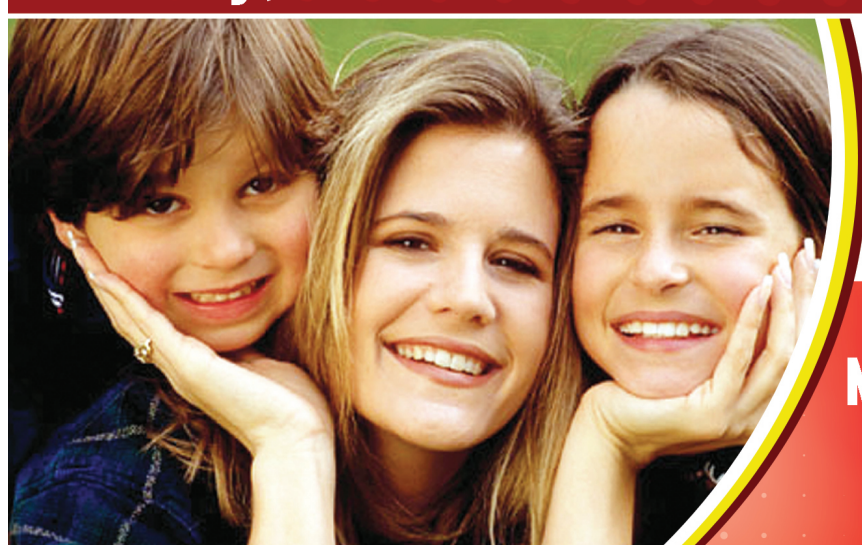


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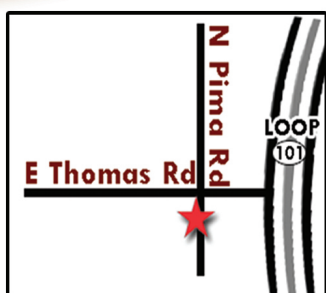
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SRPMIC Employees Honored at Annual Luncheon



President Harvier congratulates the 2022 SRPMIC EOY nominees for their dedication to service to the Community. Below, entertainment and recognition for Council Representative Tom Largo and tribal employees, were among the highlights of the SRPMIC Christmas employee luncheon.



The 2022 EOY Eric Burke is presented with a plaque by President Harvier.

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On December 12, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community employees gathered for the Christmas employee luncheon and to see who would be named the 2022 Employee of the Year.

Ahead of the big announcement, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier congratulated the 16 people who were nominated for Employee of the Year. "I want to congratulate all the candidates for being recognized by their departments and being recognized today by the

whole government staff," said Harvier.

He said a lot of work has been accomplished over the past two years during the COVID-19 pandemic, when much of the SRPMIC workforce took to working from home while trying to maintain a steady flow of services for Community members.

According to SRPMIC Human Resources Director Steve Haydukovich, "We recognize our employees for their excellent work, and they are a critical component for a healthy and happy workforce." He said that each year, departments are asked to nominate an

employee for Employee of the Year, one of their peers who demonstrates ethics, community service/involvement and leadership qualities.

The 16 nominees received a \$500 gift card, an Apple Watch and a certification of appreciation, along with a goodie bag. The Employee of the Year received a \$2,000 award in addition to the items.

This year, Cemetery Supervisor Eric Burke, with the Public Works Department Memorial Services & Cemetery division, was named SRPMIC Employee of the Year.

"I want to thank everybody; I appreciate it. I am

fortunate to work for my Community," said Burke. He said that although the COVID-19 pandemic created hardships within the Community, the job still needed to be done to ensure the Community members that they have staff they can rely on in their time of need.

According to Burke's director, Dawn Sinoqui, Burke and his staff are part of "one of the most crucial sections of the Public Works Department. Eric is nominated for Employee of the Year not only because of his very important and difficult job, but because he truly is an employee who cares about his Commu-

nity."

She added, "After hours and during the weekends, we can always count on Eric to respond. An example of his dedication: Whenever it rains and he knows there is a [memorial] service [scheduled for] the next day, he will go and check to make sure everything stays dry for the family's service."

Gretchen Scott, the Public Works assistant director of community services, recalled a story from when Burke was a young member of the Salt River Fire Department Explorers program. She said in that capacity he learned a sense of responsibility to serve the people.

As an Explorer, Scott recounted, Burke pulled a child from a ditch filled with water. "Eric began attempts at resuscitating the boy with chest com-

pressions until paramedics arrived on scene. In that instance, Burke's efforts were not in vain, because the boy started to bring up the water he had swallowed and was able to breathe on his own."

"I appreciate the words shared by my director and my assistant director," Burke said. "I am very fortunate to be enrolled in this Community and to provide for our Community members and our employees." He said he takes pride in the fact that he works with dedicated employees who are always there to help with the burial assistance for SRPMIC families or with employee functions that take place throughout the year.



SRPMIC Youth Visit Tempe Butte

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The December 15 issue of *O'odham Action News* featured an article on the Labriola National American Indian Data Center's November 19 tour of Tempe Butte and surrounding sites that are culturally significant to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Four Southern Tribes.

A week after that tour, on November 26, ten Community youth ages 9 to 15 took a similar tour of the butte led by newly elected Council Member and now former Community Garden Coordinator Jacob Butler.

The youth are from group homes situated within the boundaries of the Community that are a part of the Social Services Department. The department provides immediate care to youth who have come from traumatic situations such as neglect and abuse.

Senior Behavioral Health Counselor Ryan Farquharson said that he believes the tour meant a lot to the youth.

"The older [youth] aged 10 and up were able to identify the challenges the Community faces through Butler's stories," said Farquharson.

Farquharson gave an example of one of Butler's stories about how an enterprise wanted to build a hotel right by the butte, and they wanted a pool on the side of the hotel that would require them to excavate part of the mountain. Butler explained how the Community took action and defended the site.

"I was able to have follow-up conversations with the youth about their thoughts around this story," said Farquharson. "They were able to see the importance of standing up for the Community's sites and how one day they will be the protectors of the Community, just like how Butler and others are currently protecting it."

The youth also learned about the original use of the Salt River, and they were taken to the part of the river that was important for trade. Six of the kids chose to hike all the way to the top of the butte for their first time, and they enjoyed learning about the petroglyphs on the side of the butte. Butler shared with the youth that the petroglyphs were most likely created about a thousand years ago.

Farquharson said a huge part of the work at the



The northwest corner of Tempe Butte. SRPMIC youth who are from youth homes that are a part of the Social Services Department visited the site in a tour guided by Jacob Butler. OAN Archives

group homes is helping youth find their social identity. "When older generations pass down the Community's culture to younger generations, it is called cultural transmission," he said.

He also said that the youth identify with Butler as a positive role model due to his method of physical and communal connection "that really helps create a knot around the cultural anchor linking the youth to their identity."

"By identifying with Jacob, some of our youth can see themselves becoming leaders and positive figures in their Community," said Farquharson. "I want to thank Jacob for taking the time out of his busy schedule to meet with our kids and to help them develop their identity by connecting them to their culture. One

of the most important tools a community has to heal their own is through the restorative power of culture."

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The 2022-23 high school basketball season has begun, and as the Westwood High School girls' basketball reaches the middle of their season, they are sitting at No. 1 in the 6A East Valley with a record of 6-3. On Monday, December 12, the freshman, junior varsity and varsity played against Cesar Chavez. The varsity Lady Warriors team beat the champions, 59-50.

This year the Lady Warriors have seven seniors, including Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members Kristine Scabby, Alexis Smith and the late Royce Manuel's daughter Shandiin Manuel. SRPMIC member Angelina Montoya is one of four juniors on the team and is this year's team captain, along with Scabby.

The varsity Lady Warriors beat Mountain View on Wednesday, December 14, with a score of 63-62, before going on their winter break.

A newcomer to the Lady Warriors organization is freshman Taylor Moore, who plays on both the freshman and junior varsity teams.

"It feels really good because I get to be around people who I have a lot of fun with and really support me. We just have a really good vibe together, we work as a team, and we really just get the job done and win," said Moore. She looks up to the older players and considers them her inspiration. "Mostly I'm watching just the way they play basketball, and I hope I can be as good as they are. I want to up my game to varsity and just be a better player in general."

For more information and the upcoming schedule, visit www.maxpreps.com/az/mesa/westwood-warriors/basketball/girls/.



Top Left: Christine Scabby makes her way to the basket.
Top Right: Angelina Montoya dribbles her way past Champions player.
Left middle: Freshman and Junior Varsity player Taylor Moore.
Bottom Left: Alexis Smith guards Champion player.



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The Community Health Representative (CHR) Program is looking for qualified Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members to fill out its ranks. The SRPMIC CHR Program wants to inspire Community members to think about a career in the medical field and offer them an opportunity to serve their Community.

“Our CHRs have a lot more medical responsibility than other tribal CHR programs, which in their own important way act as a liaison,” said Marianne Bennett, Community Health Services manager for SRPMIC Health & Human Services.

She said the Community’s CHR Program is integrated within the Community Health Nurses (CHN), who, under their supervision, allow them to have greater impact on patient treatment. “We have teams of CHRs ... we have a team of transportation CHRs who take individuals to appointments or to the pharmacy to pick up their medications, while the home-care CHRs and CHNs will go out and do home visits to Community members.”

The transportation CHRs transport patients over an area of 656 square miles, which covers a majority of the Phoenix metro area. The other team of CHRs provides

a support system, such as case management, medication management and wound care for patients who are treated at the River People Health Center.

In some cases, the CHRs will assist patients with understanding their medications and how to take them. For patients who have an intellectual disability or other limiting factors, the CHRs will try to help them to better understand their medical treatment.

“If somebody is interested in [becoming a] Community Health Representative, they need to be a certified nursing assistant (CNA). We do consider experience that is equal, so we’ve hired some medical assistants even though they’re not CNAs. We have hired medical assistants in the past, but then we send them to get CNA training because CNA is more hands-on than a medical assistant,” said Bennett.

She said there are misconceptions about CHRs, such as the amount of training they go through and what their role is within the health system. “CHR’s have to go through pathophysiology classes, they have to do case management training, and then every year they do between 30 and 40 hours of training to enhance their skills,” said Bennett.

Part of a CHR’s training includes one-on-one mentoring with an experienced CHR or CHN for at least six weeks before they go out into

the field, so they become familiar with their role and how to interact with patients.

The work of the Community’s CHR Program has not gone unnoticed, as their team was recognized during a CHR Summit in Henderson, Nevada. A team of SRPMIC CHRs was nominated for “CHR Team of the Year”: Delena Jill, PHN, Clinical Services Program; Mallory Thomas, the supervisor of transportation; Kevin Jose, Transport Driver I, Transportation Services (Community member); and Nazhonii Leos, CHR for HHS Community Health Services (Community member).

Although they did not receive the award, they made a presentation at the summit. Bennett said the transportation team gave a presentation on how to support the CHR and provided an overview of their unique approach to patient care at home and in transporting patients to their medical appointments.

Roadrunner Lake Resort Site Assessed by SRPMIC Brownfields Program

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Through the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community’s Brownfields Program, from November 8 to December 7, 2022, the Roadrunner Lake Resort site was assessed (Phase II) for asbestos, and soil sampling and lead-based paint testing were completed.

The Community Development Department’s (CDD) Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division (EPNR) has a Brownfields Program that works to find brownfield sites within the Community and clean them up.

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.

The end goal for the Community is to have clean land and redevelopment, whether it be a home site, park, open space or business.

According to Lily Bermejo, senior environmental specialist—Tribal Brownfields, the historical knowledge of the Roadrunner Lake Resort and its mismanagement led the CDD-EPNR Brownfields Program to submit a proposal for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Multipurpose Grant funds.

In October 2021, the CDD-EPNR Brownfields Program was awarded \$800,000 from the U.S. EPA and a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the Roadrunner Lake Resort were completed in 2022.

The next phase of work for the Roadrunner Lake site is to complete a report from the Phase II findings and analyze the alternatives for cleanup. The



Northwest corner of the Roadrunner Lake Resort Site. Senior environmental specialist- Brownfields- Lily Bermejo looking at are where potholing was conducted while searching for asbestos. Photos courtesy of Lily Bermejo

Brownfields Program will continue to do Community outreach as the project progresses, and new sites are often added to the Brownfields inventory.

Bermejo said that it is important for the program to have Community input about the past and historical uses of SRPMIC land.

“It is the Community members who have all the historical knowledge of past contamination or practices that may have left blighted sites behind,” said Bermejo. “Helping the Brownfields Program find these sites helps the Community have cleaner and healthier land.”

A Brownfields Multipurpose Grant presentation about the Roadrunner Lake site was presented at the Senior Breakfast on December 7. A survey about the program and site was handed out to

attendees who were able to complete it on the same day, and Bermejo said that an adequate number of surveys were received.

“The Brownfields Program hopes to reach Community members of all ages to bring awareness of environmental dangers and provide best environmental practices for the SRPMIC,” said Bermejo.

Bermejo, who is originally from Peru and is fluent in four languages, has worked in her current position in the Community since 2010. She has a bachelor’s degree in wildlife habitat management and ecological restoration and a master’s degree in international environmental management.

Before working at SRPMIC, Bermejo worked for the Arizona Department of



Equipment is used to dig through the site to remove harmful materials.

Environmental Quality doing inspections and compliance and provided outreach to citizens.

Cultural Resources Program Comes Together to Raise Funds



Various items up for auction, were handmade by CRD employees, who contributed their time and effort towards the silent auction.

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The Cultural Resources Department (CRO) held its annual silent auction, with the proceeds going to an important cause. From December 12-14, CRD held their silent auction at the Round House Café, auctioning off handmade items.

The silent auction raised \$1,450 in proceeds, that went towards a fam-

ily in need this holiday season.

“For the past years, there has been a certain goal and a certain amount that [we planned to] raise for someone in need,” said Steve Hoza, museum archivist for the SRP-MIC Cultural Resources Department. Hoza, who oversaw the auction, said it is a group effort to organize the activity, which includes each staff member making items that will be auctioned off.

Although CRD does

not want to identify the individual who will be receiving the funds, the impact of the silent auction and the funds raised ... will go a long way, according to Kelly Washington, CRD director.

“We want to raise as much as we can, especially for the individual that we have identified, who was affected by the big storm back in July of last year,” said Hoza.

“A few years ago, we brainstormed ways to raise money that would

go towards a charitable cause,” Washington said. For previous recipients, he said, “[We] simply do select the Christmas angels; other times we have directly purchased presents for families that we knew had experienced hardships.” He said that, in one year, they used the proceeds to assist a staff member whose home had burned down.

About this year’s recipient, Washington said, “When the storms hit a while back her house was damaged, and her family was staying in a hotel for a while. They’re still recovering and trying to replace things that were ruined from the rain.” He added that the individual also suffered from a bout with COVID-19, which impacted their health and was the reason for a recent unexpected expense that required them to dip into their Christmas funds.



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ECEC Turned Into a Winter Wonderland

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On December 18, the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) invited families to experience special holiday activities and meet Santa Claus at their traditional Winter Wonderland event.

Four "Santas"—James Osife, Jeremy Hagar, Travis Cuch and Frank Perez—made appearances at different times in the classrooms and gave out gifts to students.

While some children did not want to meet the man in the red suit with the big white beard, others

embraced Santa and gave him a high-five as he sat outside on a chair to meet the kids.

"It's so fun to watch the different reactions to Santa from students," said Taté Walker, Salt River Schools communications and public relations director. "Some are hesitant and observe from afar, while others bravely and eagerly greet Santa. The excitement is palpable regardless, and one can't help but smile."

Due to ongoing construction on-site, faux snow was not trucked in this year for the kids to play in, but the kids still had fun singing, dancing and playing musical instruments along to Christmas carols.



Community Artists Featured at the 45th Annual Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market

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The Pueblo Grande Museum in Phoenix held its 45th annual Indian Market on December 10 and 11, welcoming more than 110 artists whose work includes pottery, paintings, jewelry, beadwork, weaving/basketry, photography and more to demonstrate and sell their work to the public.

This year's Indian Market Featured Artist was Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community artist Dwayne Manuel. He featured his acrylic paintings, drawings and digital drawings at the Featured Artist tent.

"The Pueblo Grande Museum was looking for more of an O'odham presence, and I was asked to be a Featured Artist for this year's Indian Market since I am an O'odham artist doing contemporary artwork and I'm still active," said Manuel. "I guess my reputation preceded me. They reached out and asked me if I would be willing to be the Featured Artist here at the Pueblo Grande Market."

Manuel showcased a variety of his work, including paintings, drawings and some digital artwork printed on canvas.

"It's all current work with the exception of the drawings; those were created within the last 14 years," said Manuel.

Manuel currently is a teacher at Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC), where he is passing on his knowledge of drawing and painting.

At the start of the new year, he will be holding a free eight-week art workshop for those enrolled in any of the four O'odham tribes to learn about Native arts such as pottery making, basketry,



shell etching, and contemporary painting and mural art. He also worked on a major project in collaboration with the Phoenix Suns as a part of their Originative Celebration Nights.

Other O'odham artists at the Pueblo

Grande Indian Market were Maricela Hinojosa, who showed her jewelry/beadwork; Jacob Butler, who demonstrated shell etching; and Cory Hubbard, who demonstrated pottery making.

For information on upcoming event



at the Pueblo Grande Museum and Archeological Park, visit www.phoenix.gov/parks/arts-culture-history/pueblo-grande.

SRPMIC Council Holds Special Recognition for Outgoing Council Representatives

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council held a special recognition for outgoing Council Representatives Diane Enos and Tom Largo on Wednesday, December 14, at the Council Chambers following their executive session and general Council meetings.

The two representatives were able to say a few words and receive well wishes from Community members and SRPMIC employees before being presented with gifts.

"About this Council, they care for the welfare of each and every one of you. If we look at the issues that we face as a governing body, I couldn't be prouder," Largo said as he addressed Council and those in attendance. "[I want to thank] the president, vice-president and every member here for the time that you put in, and the dedication. I'm going to miss all the meetings and things that we do as a governing body."

In his retirement, Largo plans to take up ministry work and is also thinking about learning how to fish.

"I thank all of you as a Community for allowing me to serve you. It's been my pleasure," said Largo. "I look forward to watching this governing body continue to do what you do. Thank you."

Enos thanked Community members for calling her and presenting her with their issues, asking for solutions.

"Thank you for your criticisms and thank you for your praise; thank you for your asking that certain things be done. That's what it's really all about.



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council hold their last Council meeting with Tom Largo and Diane Enos on Wednesday, December 14; the two were gifted with wood carven plaque thanking them for their years of services to the SRPMIC Council.



We're here to serve in many ways," said Enos. "Our service doesn't end; we'll be around."

Enos will continue to serve the Community in any way she can as a member of the bar and may continue her work as a lawyer.

"I want to thank Council member Enos and Council member Largo for ... just being a great example of leadership," said SRPMIC President Martin Harvier. "They are really good role models, and I appreciate them for the years of experience that they brought to this table. We are losing two senior members of this body. I'm really grateful for their leadership."

Council members expressed their thoughts and memories of the two outgoing representatives. Many of them thanked them for their friendship, leadership and guidance in helping them become good leaders for the Community. While the two senior representatives will be departing and taking along their knowledge with them, everyone said they hope that they continue to keep in touch and share advice in the future.

Many Community members and SRPMIC employees also offered well wishes and thanked Enos and Largo for playing a positive role not only in their lives, but in the entire Community.

The two were presented with wooden art pieces that reflect their years of service to Council. Enos also received a piece of pottery and Largo received a large O'odham basket. Afterward, everyone enjoyed cake and refreshments.

Construction Job Fair Attracts SRPMIC Members with Trade Skills

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A construction job fair for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members is making connections with contractors. On December 13, the SRPMIC Human Resources Community Jobs & Underfill Department held a construction job fair at the Community Building.

"There are several facets to it," said Russell Williams, employment compliance coordinator with SRPMIC Human Resources. "One of them is to maintain communication with the contractors by initiating that conversation to ask about their current [employment] needs and who they will be looking for in the future," said Williams.

He said maintaining a good relationship with local contractors helps them stay informed on what individuals are actively seeking employment and the skills they possess. "We look at the



Community members came out to the construction job fair, hosted by the SRPMIC HR Jobs & Underfill Department at the Community Building on December 13. The job fair invited local construction companies to interact with individuals with experience in building.

possibilities and what we can do to assist both the Community members and contractors," said Russell.

Russell said for upcoming projects either on the Community or elsewhere, contractors are looking for qualified individuals to take them on, creating a win-win situation for both parties. "To design a job fair around the interests on the construction side, you nail down how to best meet the needs of

the contractors. For the Community members, you can create a breadth of trades [with possible employment opportunities]."

Now that the job fair has come and gone, Williams said it's a matter of having the applicants keep in touch with the contractors so they know of individuals who are ready to work on ongoing or future projects.

Although they encour-

age other contractors to take part in job fairs, it is also about working with current businesses that the Community utilizes on construction projects. "Here at employment compliance, [our role] is to work with the contractors and the business tenants that operate within the boundaries of the Community," Williams said.

"If a new employer is coming to the Community

and if their intention is to expand their existing operations here, then we try to create employment opportunities for SRPMIC members. For instance, when we did the Great Wolf Lodge, there was a large amount of jobs that they needed to fill, so it created many opportunities," said Williams.

Williams said there are potential future road projects related to the SRPMIC that may open the

way for employment, but these still are in the early stages, with a contractor expressing interest in hiring from the Community. "There's good opportunity there with these new large projects coming on, as well as existing work. There is a good pool [of potential employees] for a future event as well," said Williams.

New Year's Eve Family Celebration Rings in 2023



New Years Resolution
"My New Year's resolution is to not make any! I hope to focus on my health this year and just stick to my principles."
- Jacob Butler

New Years Resolution
"To have more of a positive mind-set."
-Julian S.

New Years Resolution
"Continue doing what I'm doing with my sober life."
-Desiree Lewis



New Years Resolution
 "To keep being blessed, lose some weight, and just be happy with my kids. Mama's home!"
 - Lorenza Martinez

New Years Resolution
 "Get on a better sleep routine, find more time to spend with my family & focus more on my floral designs, it's what started me on my event path in the first place."
 - Yvonne Schaaf

New Years Resolution
 "Ah, ah, ah, ah, stayin' alive."
 -Tasha Silverhorn

Biden Pledges New Commitments, Respect for Tribal Nations

BY FELICIA FONSECA AND
FATIMA HUSSEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden on Wednesday pledged to give Native Americans a stronger voice in federal affairs, promising at the first in-person summit on tribal affairs in six years that he will bolster tribal consultations, inclusion of Indigenous knowledge in decision-making and funding for communities struggling with the impacts of climate change.

Biden spoke on the opening day of the two-day White House Tribal Nations Summit to representatives from hundreds of Native American and Alaska Native tribes, reiterating and announcing a series of new commitments. The summit coincides with National Native American Heritage Month, which is celebrated in November.

The Biden administration said its goal is to build on previous progress and create opportunities for lasting change in Indian Country, which isn't guaranteed without codified laws and regulations.

"Administrations can bring in their priorities, but they shouldn't be telling us who have lived here since the beginning of time how to manage our resources, which resources we can even access," said Richard Peterson, president of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. "These are things that are inherent in our sovereignty."

Among the pledges from the Biden administration is to establish uniform standards for federal agencies to consult with tribes and go beyond a "check the box" exercise, finalize a 10-year plan to revitalize Native languages and strengthen tribal rights like hunting and fishing that are outlined in existing treaties.

Biden also said he intends to designate Avi Kwa Ame, a desert mountain near Laughlin, Nevada, that's considered sacred to Native Americans, as a new national monument. Last year, he restored the boundaries for Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.

On climate change, Biden said \$135

million in federal money is going to 11 tribal communities in Alaska, Arizona, California, Louisiana, Maine and Washington to help plan for and relocate to safe ground because of climate-related environmental threats.

"There are tribal communities at risk of being washed away," he told summit participants. "It's devastating."

A 2020 study from the Interior Department found that \$5 billion would be needed over the next 50 years to relocate tribal communities and Alaska Native villages at risk of severe infrastructure damage due to coastal erosion and extreme weather events.

On health care, Biden reiterated a commitment to push for \$9.1 billion for the Indian Health Service, which provides health care for federally recognized tribes, and make the funding mandatory.

That news was welcomed by Lummi Nation Chairman Tony Hillaire. The tribe based in Washington state took out a loan to build a new health care clinic and plans to offer services to treat substance abuse, Hillaire said.

"Part of our understanding of the trust and treaty responsibility of the federal government is to ensure resources for the work we do in taking care of our people at home," he told The Associated Press.

Whether Congress will act on the request for increased funding for health care and other tribal issues is another matter.

Navajo President Jonathan Nez said he's been advocating for a speedier process to get infrastructure projects approved on the reservation that stretches 27,000 square miles (70,000 square kilometers) into New Mexico, Utah and Arizona. He said it requires constant advocacy.

"Even when it's legislated, it takes a significant effort especially when, at times, tribal issues take the back seat to larger, national issues," said in an interview.

Thomas Lozano, chair of the National American Indian Housing Council,

wants to see a federal grant program for housing in tribal communities reauthorized and a boost in funding that takes into account inflation and supply chain costs. Housing ensures tribal elders who are historians and children who will be future leaders are safe, he said.

"It's important to keep a roof over their heads and not just in substandard living, but in comfortable living that every family deserves," Lozano, who is from the Enterprise Rancheria tribe in California, told the AP.

Federal agencies in the Biden administration have been creating tribal advisory councils and reimagining tribal consultation policies with a goal of garnering consensus among tribes. Some of the more significant commitments from the Biden administration involve incorporating Indigenous knowledge and practices into decision-making and federal research.

The Commerce Department is the latest federal agency to sign on to an effort to work with tribes to co-manage publish resources, such as water and fisheries. The Agriculture Department and the Interior Department have signed 20 cost-sharing agreements with tribes, and an additional 60 are under review, the administration said.

The tribal nations summit wasn't held during then-President Donald Trump's administration. The Biden administration held one virtually last year as the coronavirus pandemic ravaged the U.S. and highlighted deepening and long-standing inequities in tribal communities.

Both administrations signed off on legislation that infused much-needed funding into Indian Country to help address health care, lost revenue, housing, internet access and other needs. The 574 federally recognized tribes in the U.S. received a combined \$20 billion in American Rescue Plan Act money under the Biden administration.

Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which provided \$8 billion to tribes and Alaska Native corporations but had

more rigid guidelines on how it could be spent. The Treasury Department was sued over how that funding was allocated and faced harsh criticism for the time it took to get the money to tribes.

Biden's Treasury Department said it prioritized tribal engagement and feedback in distributing funding from the latest aid package. A report released Wednesday by the administration outlines how tribes spent the money on more than 3,000 projects and services.

The Karuk Tribe in northwestern California, for example, used some of the aid for permanent and temporary housing after a wildfire that burned 200 homes in the Klamath Mountains displaced tribal members.

The Native Village of Deering and other tribal governments in Alaska pooled funds to ensure access to pre-school and free meals, along with extra servings in an area where food has been scarce.

Other tribal communities across the U.S. have spent the money on housing for tribal members, transportation to veterans hospitals, after-school facilities, language and culture programs, emergency services and health care facilities.

Tribes celebrated the opportunity at the summit to visit in-person and connect with U.S. officials.

Biden promised to make official presidential visits to Indian Country, saying "the United States owes a solemn trust and treaty obligation that we haven't always lived up to. I will do so in the enduring spirit of our nation-to-nation relationship, the spirit of friendship, stewardship, and respect."

He stressed the need for "respect for tribes as nations and treaties as law, ... respect for Indigenous knowledge and tribal consultations as a key part of federal agency decision making."

Fonseca reported from Flagstaff, Arizona. Associated Press writer Darlene Superville contributed to this report.

2023 JANUARY 2023 DISTRICT MEETINGS

MEETING DATE/TIME	LOCATION:
Council Representative TBD District A	To Be Determined (TBD)
CM Antone District B Saturday, January 14, 2023 9 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probate Ordinance CDD – Environmental Protection Division (<i>Tentative</i>) Community Member (CM) Comments SR Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Doka District C Monday, January 9, 2023 6 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probate Ordinance Suicide Awareness and Mental Health Discussion CM Comments SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, AZ 85256
CM Grey District D Thursday, January 12, 2023 6 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Agenda items to be added</i> CM Comments ALA (SRHS) Auditorium 4827 N. Country Club Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Council Representative TBD District E	TBD
CM Scabby / CM Dallas Lehi District Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gilbert Road Bridge Update McDowell Road Speed Bump Consideration CM Comments Lehi Community Center 1231 E. Oak Street Mesa, AZ 85203

January Council Meetings

Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: January 11, 18, 25 Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

REGULAR SESSIONS: January 11, 18, 25 Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

WORK SESSIONS: January 5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469

TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 -Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466
 -Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469

TO CONTACT PRESIDENT HARVIER OR VICE PRESIDENT LEONARD:
 -Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465

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Arizona Ironman Makes Its Way Through the Community

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
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The Arizona Ironman made its way through the Community on November 20. This year, there were three relay teams representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, one individual athlete, and a SRPMIC-sponsored athlete.

The Ironman race is a full distance triathlon that consist of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a full marathon (26.2 miles).

Salt River Team 1 consisted of Fantasia Painter (swimmer), Aaron Mireles (cyclist) and Malorie Charley (runner). Salt River Team 2 consisted of Rueben Malin (swimmer), Brady Dohrmann (cyclist) and Caroline Sekaquaptewa (runner). Unfortunately, Malin was unable to participate due to a family emergency. Salt River Team 3 consisted of Felicia Sekaquaptewa (swimmer), Amanda Rosenberg (cyclist) and Sherrie Log (runner).

The individual participant was Kyle Dallas, and the SRPMIC-sponsored athlete was Rachel Seepie.

We asked some Ironman participants about their experiences with the competition.



Ironman participants ride 112-miles from Tempe Town Lake to border of the SRPMIC on Beeline Highway.

RACHEL SEEPIE

Age: 51
Tribe: SRPMIC

What made you decide to participate?

I haven't participated in an Ironman as an individual for five years. I'm 51, and I know a lot of people who are older who are still doing triathlons or the Ironman. When my sister Michelle put it out there about anyone wanting to participate, I told her if they didn't get anyone to participate, I would do it. I found out I was one of the Community members participating for the SRPMIC in May 2022.

Describe your training regimen.

I started training in June, and to prepare myself I found a program that I've done before. It was a beginner's program, so I started following that and it prepared me for getting back into the water. Actually, the Way of Life Facility helped out a lot with the pool. I was able to utilize lap lanes when it was available for lap swimming. That was convenient because it's near home, but I would also utilize El Dorado pool in Scottsdale.

As far as riding, when I couldn't go out riding I would use a spin bike during the shutdown. Somebody had it and they didn't utilize it, and they knew I liked to spin, so they offered it to me. So, I used that for the times I wasn't able to go to the WOLF for the spin classes or if I wasn't able to go out and ride on the road.

Running-wise, during the pandemic I got a treadmill, so I utilized that until I got the courage to run out in the Community along routes that I made myself, [as well as] on the trails such as South Mountain and Papago Park.

How do you fit training into raising a family, a career, etc.?

Life gets busy. Although I have grown children, I am a caregiver to my mother. Earlier this year our household caught COVID, and my mom caught the worst of it. She is a kidney transplant recipient, and it hit her hard even though she had the vaccine. Her recovery took longer. With me finding out I was going to be doing the Ironman, we were busy taking her to her appointments and being there with her as she recovered. I was fortunate to be in school online, so I could do that when I needed to. I also contract work with Fort McDowell as an exercise teacher. I had to fit training into all my regular activities.

What was your experience like?

Overall, I think I was just surprised that my swim was a lot faster than I expected, with the weather being windy and cold that morning. The water was very choppy; we got a lot of swells in the lake due to the kayaks, boats and wind. When I was on my bike, the wind was a challenge again. As we went up the Beeline going toward Shea, that was giving me a lot of problems, but going down the wind would just push you more, making you go really fast. I did stop at one point, because not only was my knee giving me problems, but also I was feeling funny. I got worried that my blood sugar was low, so I had an EMT check it, and it was okay. I ate something and continued on, but my knee continued to give me trouble and I was about to throw in the towel. But as I finished my last bike lap, I thought I



Rachel Seepie waves at her sister Michelle Long before entering the Tempe Town Lake. Photo submitted by Michelle Long

had one more lap to go, but they told me I was done and to move on to the running portion of the race. I was mentally drained. When I went to get changed for the run, I had to build myself up and get out there, but my knee continued to bother me. I ended up doing 17 to 18 miles of the run before calling it, so I was unable to complete this year's race.

Give us a bit of insight as to what goes on inside your head during a competition and how you keep yourself going.

I was trying to think of things in my head that could help motivate me: I am doing this for my Community and for former triathletes, those who passed away and who are not here with us anymore. But sometimes you don't have that mental strength.

Would you participate in the Ironman again in the future?

Yes, I am hooked on triathlons. I'm looking for smaller ones [right now], but I think I would do it again. There is this woman who is older and she has participated in a number of Ironman races and will be going to Kona for the Ironman. That race is one that you get invited to, and you have to complete a number of Ironman races [to qualify]. She is an inspiration to me and I would like to continue to do Ironman races in the future.

What advice would you give to someone who is just starting triathlons?

Ask people who are doing Ironman or smaller triathlons for help; the people in that community are willing to help those who are interested. There are always opportunities to get hold of people who have participated in triathlons and talk with them about it. That's how I started. We have the Way of Life Facility that can be utilized for training. If you are young and in high school, you have the opportunity to join the swim team or track. And out in the Phoenix area there are bike clubs or groups as well as walking groups.

KYLE DALLAS

Age: 33
Tribes: SRPMIC, Hopi, Cochiti Pueblo

What made you decide to participate?

In 2017 I was on the Salt River relay team as a cyclist. During that relay I saw the competition, and I really wanted to see if I could complete the full Ironman triathlon. Six years later, I have one relay cycling finish and four Ironman Arizona finishes.

Describe your training regimen.

This year was different; I was ahead of schedule with my training and goal weight. But I ended up injuring my back and shoulder really bad. It set me back a lot as far as what I could do. It was at this point when I seriously contemplated pulling out of the race; this was in late September. Michelle Long and I went back and forth on this, but I ultimately decided to continue with the race. I had to modify my training so that my injuries were not negatively affected before my race. I couldn't train for very long before my back and shoulder flared, so I focused on strengthening areas that I knew I'd have to depend on later in the race.

How do you fit training into raising a family, a career, etc.?

Fortunately, my time was only dedicated to work, training and leisure. So, it wasn't too bad. My repetitive training got boring and kept me from leaving town, as I enjoy hiking, camping and off-roading on the weekends.

What was your experience like?

I knew that this year's race was going to be an uphill battle for me. My shoulder injury had me concerned about finishing the swim, so I told myself that if I could get through the swim, then I knew I could finish the race. My strongest leg is usually my cycling and the weakest is the swimming. But all three parts of the race had their own hurdles and setbacks. My back and shoulder held me back on the swim; the cold water locked up my back and my shoulder was useless. My back and shoulder hurt during the cycling from being in the aero position for more than 30 minutes, so I had to keep pulling over to stretch out my back and shoulder. On the run, my back, hamstrings and knees were screaming. Plus, some new foot blisters weren't helping me. This year it was most difficult and I definitely came out mentally stronger than I ever have.

What was your finishing time?

It was my slowest time, that's all I have to say.

Give us a bit of insight as to what goes on inside your head during a competition and how you keep yourself going.

I always have to manage my emotions, but this year my stress and anxiety were off the charts, especially the month before since I had injuries that I knew I'd have to overcome throughout the day. But I think I had a good poker face; I didn't want to worry anyone, because that in turn makes me more stressed and anxious. We have this phrase in my family that my dad and brother would text me every day leading up to the race: "Stay Focused!"



Kyle Dallas participates in his individual Ironman Triathlon. Photo submitted by Michelle Long

Stay Strong!" So, I kept repeating those words whenever I'd catch myself mentally caving. The last 5 miles were a struggle; my body was seriously breaking down. As soon as I finished, I went straight to the first-aid tent.

Would you participate in the Ironman again in the future?

After last year's race I said I wouldn't ever do it again, and I ended up doing it again this year. So I think I'm done for a while, but I'm not sure how long. We'll see how I feel in a year or two.

What advice would you give to someone who is just starting triathlons?

Reach out to the SRPMIC Tri-team and maybe train for a half Ironman or even a sprint-tri. I would focus on swimming, because swimming 2 to 4 miles is not easy. Also, consider the cost for everything, because it is a pricey sport. Your swim, bike and running gear all add up really quick. The cycling equipment is the costliest, as you need a bike, shoes, pedals, helmet and any other upgrades and accessories. Design an extended training plan and dedicate your free time and weekends to training. I usually start two months before race day, but don't do this. Start at least four months in advance. Finally, expect to finish. Don't go into this with any thoughts of quitting. Because if you're not mentally strong, you will quit as soon as you start to mentally cave. I wanted to quit a few times, but I knew that the regret of quitting after all the training and time dedicated would be worse than finishing at a crawl. My goal was to finish, and I accomplished it. Now I can say I have four Ironman Tri's under my belt. I think that's pretty cool, considering I never thought I'd finish even one.

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NOTICE
2023 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2023 Agriculture Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be NO in person payout.

On Friday, January 20, 2023, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729
 (staff is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arizona time).
 The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022. Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20, 2023. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 12, 2022.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 20, 2023.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.

*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 3, 2023.

NAGI Foundation, RezHawk Towing, Volunteers Help Provide Pet Food to Community Pet Owners

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On Thursday, December 15, the NAGI Foundation, along with the Arizona Pet Project, RezHawk Towing and a number of Community volunteers, delivered dog, cat and bird food to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community pet owners.

With help from RezHawk Towing and SRPMIC Senior Environmental Specialist (Range Management) Brian Gewecke and his 10-horse trailer, he and a number of volunteers were able to load the trailer and deliver the donated items to the Salt River Ballfield, where cars lined up to be loaded with pet food and other items such as cat trees and other pet accessories.

"Eric Schurz from RezHawk Towing is one of the biggest assets in my book. He always brings his truck and trailer to pick up bulk items to service the Community's fur babies, never asking for a dime in return," said NAGI volunteer Elaina Osife. "Brian Gewecke was a big help this year and did the same this go-round."

This was one of the NAGI Foundation's biggest giveaways since contracting with SRPMIC, explained Osife. Schurz and Gewecke made two trips to southwest Phoenix to pick up the bulk items for the giveaway. Through the years, volunteers usually have traveled into Buckeye to pick up the donations.

"We could not do this if it was not for the generous donation from the Arizona Pet Project. They are our generous givers who give to the NAGI Foundation and in turn give to our Community," said Osife.



SRPMIC Senior Environmental Specialist (Range Management) Brian Gewecke helps load bags of pet food, during a distribution at Salt River Fields on December 15. At right, a Community volunteer helps organize pet supplies that were available to SRPMIC members, from pet food, cat litter and other essentials.



"The NAGI Foundation Pet Food Giveaway shows what great synergy between several different departments the NAGI Foundation has been able to cultivate over the past several years of service. It exemplifies just how much tribal leadership and the people of this Community care for and love their animals," explained NAGI Foundation founder Sheila K. Iyengar.

"I would also like to note that Elaina has been a backbone to not only our Pet Food Pantry, but several of our other programs," said Iyengar. "She is driven by a heart of true service to her Community. Elaina's first priority is to be sure the elders and those struggling with transportation and mobility can also benefit from the NAGI Founda-

tion's programs."

For more information and to stay updated on the upcoming NAGI Foundation Animal Health Clinic and other events, follow their social media at www.instagram.com/nagifoundation or www.facebook.com/nagifoundation. They have a website at www.nagifoundation.org.

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Arizona Ironman Makes Its Way Through the Community

AMANDA ROSENBERG
 Tribe: Navajo Nation

What made you decide to participate?
 I wanted to see what it would feel like to ride 112 miles on a bike. I participated on the Salt River Team 3 along with Felicia Sekaquaptewa and Sherrie Log. It wasn't too bad; I was actually riding a bike before they asked me to be in the team. I started riding the bike just to have an alternative way of being active.

Describe your training regimen.
 It was usually long rides on the weekends with my friends. We would go early, probably about 4:30 in the morning. We would go out for three hours and then build up to four, five and six hours as the year went by. So, I spent the time on the bike and built up slowly throughout the months leading up to the Ironman. By the time I was asked, I had already had a little bit of riding time under my belt, so I felt like I could do it.

What was your time?
 It was just about seven hours.

How do you fit training into raising a family, a career, etc.?
 It was on a Saturday and usually the rides were early in the morning when everybody was still sleeping. Michelle asked me to be on her team and said that I could go to spin classes or we could go to spin classes over at the Way of Life Facility. That really helped me build strength to take on the hills.

What was your experience like?
 Well, the first loop I went out I actually started getting some inner-thigh pain, so I said OK, it's going to hurt for the next two loops. After I came back for the first end of the loop, I stopped at the aid station. I got off the bike and walked around a little bit, stretched out my legs, and I ate. I took in some of the nutrition and some of my water, and then got back on the bike. By the time I was going out for my second loop on the Beeline, slowly that pain was going away. By the time I was turning around by Shea, it was mostly gone. Then the rest of the way it was gone and I just



Brady Dohrmann and Amanda Rosenberg members of the Salt River Triathlete group. Photo submitted by Michelle Long

felt good. All the training really helped; I felt I wasn't like dying out there. I was tired, but it wasn't ever in my mind that I couldn't finish.

Give us a bit of insight as to what goes on inside your head during a competition and how you keep yourself going.
 It's kind of daunting when you first do that first loop, then you're heading up and you can see all the way up the Beeline. You're like, Oh, I have to make it all the way up there! So, during that first loop you're thinking you can get through this. You just got to finish, get this loop done, you'll be okay and all you're doing is trying to finish. You still have to remember to eat and take your nutrition, drink water, and at the same time you have to be careful of the other riders who are out there. That road is really rough, so a lot of the bikers, their water bottles were falling off of their bikes.

Would you participate in the Ironman again in the future?
 Yeah, I wouldn't mind. It didn't scare me. I know I can do it.

What advice would you give to someone who is just starting triathlons?
 I would say take your training seriously. If you slack off and don't do the training, it would be a hard race.

Crazy 8's Math Club Added to Salt River Tribal Library

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The Salt River Tribal Library has added a new club for young Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community patrons in grades 3-5 called the Crazy 8's Math Club.

With the newly formed Educational Division under Community Recreational Services, the library had a chance to bring a new club into the equation.

"This [club] was something the library has wanted to do for a long time," said librarian Melissa Rave, who worked by herself for the most part until recently. "Now that that we have a staff on board, we can put more services out there for Community families and their students and make things more enriching."

Rave will be overseeing the club, which will meet for eight weeks on Wednesdays from January 11 to March 1 and will focus on math skill-building games and activities to engage students.

Families had been looking for more support for their students, and Rave said that the club is the library's response to that problem.

"The Way of Life Facility is an accessible point for most families since we are centrally located in the Community," said Rave. "I think that there is more to come. We are looking for a great turnout and we are looking for some families who want to attend all dates and see the benefit in attending all sessions so that we can offer more in the future."

In order to measure how the library can best estimate the dates, times and days of the week to offer clubs like this, Rave said that she looks forward to hearing feedback from families.

To provide feedback and for more information about this club and other clubs, call Melissa Rave at (480) 362-6696 or email TribalLibrary@SRPMIC-nsn.gov.



MEMORIAL SERVICES

Wake and Funeral Services

As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning

CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

- Memorial Services and Cemeteries office open regular hours: 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday—Friday
- Family may meet staff in office or cemetery

FULL WAKE AND FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED AT FACILITIES

- One (1) wake or funeral service per day at each facility: Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash
- If a family chooses to keep loved one at the facility overnight, family allowed to stay with loved one
- Overnights in the facilities will be allowed
- Families will be responsible for overseeing and running the kitchen during services to include the serving of food and removing personal items and leftover food after services. Day labor may not be available
- Nursery and family room will be open
- Memorial Services will create and post funeral announcements, if requested by family
- Wakes and/or overnight services are allowed at the homes
- Facilities will be available to hold family meetings
- Masks will be required, and if you are sick please stay home
- Families can have services at churches, if they receive permission from churches

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- Tent, tables, and chairs provided
- Staff will assist with burial
- Casket cart or table for urn
- If family wishes to dig grave, tools available
- Handwashing station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john available
- No requirement for mask or social distancing at cemetery

Please call Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 for any questions

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.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On December 7, the Salt River Police Department (SRPD) Christmas Caroling Squad donned matching scarves and performed a medley of Christmas songs for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community seniors at the senior breakfast at the Community Building. SRPD team members who performed were Chief Karl Auerbach, Sgt. Edgar Caraveo, Ofc. Bobby Davis Jr., Sgt. Christopher Davis, Lt. Anselm Flores, ACT Cy Goseyun, Det. Erica Jakupi, Ofc. Brandon Lewis, Ofc. Kayleigh McCoy, Ofc. Martin Quezada, Tanesia Scott and Julia Smith. The songs performed included "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." "[The squad] all got together and picked some songs that we thought everyone knew and would get some crowd participation, [and] they did participate, so that was awesome," said Det. JakuOfc. Bobby Davis crowned a rendition of Nat King Cole's version of "The Christmas Song" after the seniors cheered for an encore.

4th Quarter 2022 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

December 31, 2022

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the January 2023 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Tuesday, January 10 at 5 p.m.. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. **All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers.** Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the April 2023 payout.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Tuesday, January 10 at 5 p.m. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit. *****Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.**

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, January 17 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by

this date will be effective for the January 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of February 2023.

Tax Withholding Changes: Tuesday, January 17 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing finpercap1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions regarding: Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600

Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita @ (480) 362-7710

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

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

Antone, Jordan James - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0089/0090 Court Date: February 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Baptisto, Nathaniel Allen - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: January 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Becerra, Oscar Garcia - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: January 9, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Burke, Brandee Lyn - Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-23-0014 Court Date: February 13, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Burke, Brandee Lyn - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-19-0007/J-21-0063 Court Date: February 2, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Chiago (Burke), Rosalinda Pauline - Truancy Hearing Case: ATR-22-0019 Court Date: January 12, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Doe, Manuel - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: January 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Hayes Jr., Kelly William - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091/0092/0093 Court Date: January 31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Kill, Cedella Summer - Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091/0092/0093 Court Date: January 31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Olivas, Lindsey Lorraine - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-22-0135 Court Date: January 15, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Olivas, Lindsey Lorraine - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0120 Court Date: February 15, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Paul, Derek Lloyd - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: January 26, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Sampson, Colletta Richenda - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0147 Court Date: January 23, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Santo, Carmelita - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: January 9, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Spex, Erica Victoria - Relinquishment of Guardianship Hearing Case: J-16-0235/J-13-0259 Court Date: January 26, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Unknown Father - Disposition Hearing Case: J-22-0150 Minor D.M (8/29/2022) Mother Sabrina Merina Sampson (11/07/1989)

Court Date: January 12, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Valencia Sr., Victor Patrick - Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: January 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.

CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION

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

Acevedo Jr., Alexis Audel - Separate Maintenance Hearing

Case: SM-22-0001 Court Date: February 7, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Avila, Frank - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0060 Court Date: January 31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Flores-Rodriguez, Theresa Marie - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0063 Court Date: February 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Gonzales, Denise - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0003 Court Date: February 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Herrera, Xia Rae - Entry of Default Judgement Case: C-22-0141 Court Date: February 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Lewis, Kaylene Littledove - Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-22-0046 Court Date: January 17, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Manuel, Roy - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-22-0144 Court Date: February 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Manuelito Vest, Laree - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0001 Court

Date: February 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Martinez, Justin Nathaniel - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-23-0003 Court Date: February 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Masawistewa, Moriah W. - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CF-22-0094 Court Date: February 1, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Scott, Ryan T - Modification Hearing Case: CF-18-0160/CFCS-18-0064 Court Date: January 9, 2023 at 9 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

BURKE, BRANDEE BURKE SUMMONS J-23-0014 TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS OF: X.L.B. (D.O.B.: 2/8/2016) TO: Brandee Burke

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on November 30, 2022 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren).

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Achin, the Salt River Juvenile Court on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 9:00 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.

NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, 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. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

CHIAGO-BURKE, ROSALINDA SUMMONS ATR-22-0019 SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY V. N.V. (MINOR) TO: Rosalinda Chiago-Burke

A Truancy Citation has been filed in this Court alleging that your child violated the truancy laws.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a Truancy Hearing before the Salt River Juvenile Court on January 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in Court Room #3.

WARNING: If you fail to appear at the hearing after receiving this Summons, the Court may conduct the hearing without you and substantiate the allegations in the petition; or continue the hearing and either order a show cause hearing or issue a bench warrant for your failure to appear.

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.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

HERRERA, XIA RAE DEFAULT NOTICE C-22-0141 COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. XIA RAE HERRERA TO: Xia Rae Herrera, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 5th of December, 2022

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

HERRERA, XIA RAE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE C-22-0141 COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. XIA RAE HERRERA TO: Xia Rae Herrera,

225 N Gilbert Rd #240 Mesa, AZ 85203

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 14th day of February, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failure to appear for Civil Complaint Hearing held on December 05, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom #1.

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 13th day of December, 2022.

RAYMOND L. DEER, JUDGE OF THE SRPMIC TRIBAL COURT

MANUEL, CHERISH NOELLE DEFAULT NOTICE C-22-0137 LETICIA VERONICA/JOSEPHINE HILL V. CHERISH NOELLE MANUEL TO: Cherish Noelle Manuel, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed

against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 10th of November, 2022

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

MASAWISTEWA, MORIAH W. DEFAULT NOTICE CF-22-0024 MICHAEL LEE WASHINGTON V. MORIAH W. MASAWISTEWA TO: Moriah W. Masawistewa, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.

2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.

3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.

4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 6th of December, 2022.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

SARMIENTO, MARISSA NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-22-0022

NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST RESPONDENT, MARISSA SARMIENTO, IS HEREBY ENTERED. IT IS FURTHER, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT RESPONDENT, MARISSA SARMIENTO, SHALL PAY \$1151.23 TO 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).

SILVERSMITH IV, JAMES SUMMONS J-22-0087/0088 TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS OF: J.E. (D.O.B.: 6/6/2019) J.E. (D.O.B.: 4/1/2021) TO: James Silversmith IV

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court against you which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren).

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Salt River Juvenile Court on February 9, 2023, at 11:15 a.m., in Court Room #3 before Judge Achin.

NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, 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. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.

CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY SALT RIVER JUVENILE COURT 10040 E OSBORN ROAD, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85256 (480) 362-6315

S.R.O. Section 11-100, Basic Rights, reads:

(a) Right to Be Represented by Counsel. All parties have a right to be represented at their own expense as provided in Section 4-4 in all proceedings under this chapter, to introduce evidence, to be heard on his or her own behalf, to examine witnesses, and to be informed of possible consequences if the allegations of the petition are found to be true. All parties shall be entitled to advance copies of court documents, including

petitions and reports, unless deemed inappropriate by the court.

(b) Appointment of Counsel.

(1) Dependency proceedings. A parent, guardian, or custodian shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, who may be either an attorney or an advocate admitted to practice in the Community Court, in any dependency proceeding, beginning at the first hearing and throughout all stages of the proceedings. A parent, guardian, or custodian may request the appointment of counsel at any stage of a dependency proceeding.

Counsel shall be appointed immediately upon the filing of a petition alleging child abuse and neglect. A parent, guardian or custodian may knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive appointed counsel at any stage of the proceedings and inform the court of the intention to proceed without representation or to retain counsel at their own expense.

(2) Delinquency proceedings. A juvenile shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, who may be either an attorney or an advocate admitted to practice in the Community Court, in any delinquency proceeding, beginning at the first hearing and throughout all stages of the proceedings. A juvenile or his or her parent or guardian may request the appointment of counsel to the juvenile at any stage of a delinquency proceeding.

Counsel shall be appointed immediately upon the filing of a juvenile delinquency petition or complaint, petition to revoke probation, or citation in any delinquency matter. A juvenile may knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive appointed counsel at any stage of the proceedings and inform the court of the intention to proceed without representation or to retain counsel at their own expense.

(3) The right to be represented by counsel shall include the right to consult with counsel as soon as practicable. This right shall also include the right to obtain and inspect, through counsel and/or counsel's staff, any juvenile court records related to the case.

(4) Failure of a parent, guardian, or custodian to appear at any dependency hearing, or failure of a juvenile to appear at a delinquency hearing, does not waive the person's right to counsel or the right of counsel to appear on their behalf

Simple Home Safety Solutions for Aging-in-Place

Dear Savvy Senior,

Falls and fires are the two things I worry most about for my elderly father who lives alone. Do you have any suggestions on what we can do to help keep him safe, and keep an eye on him from afar?

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

Of course! There are a number of small adjustments and modifications you can make to your dad's home to help protect him from falls and fires, both of which cause thousands of injuries and deaths each year. Here are some tips to get you started.

Eliminate tripping hazards: Since falls are the leading cause of home injury among seniors, a good place to start is to pack away your dad's throw rugs which are common tripping hazards or use carpet tacks or double-sided tape to secure them. You may also need to adjust your dad's furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through and position any electrical or phone cords along walls and out of the way.

For hardwood steps, consider at-

taching a nonslip tread to each one to provide traction and help him see the edge. And for added protection in the bathroom buy some nonskid rugs for the floors and use adhesive nonslip treads or a mat with rubber suction inside his tub or shower stall.

Improve his lighting: Good lighting is essential for safe aging-in-place, so check the wattage ratings on your dad's lamps and light fixtures, and install the brightest bulbs allowed, and add supplementary lighting if necessary.

You should also purchase some dusk to dawn nightlights for the bathroom and in the hallways that light up when the sun goes down. And mount some motion sensor lights outside the front and back doors and in the driveway that automatically come on when he comes and goes after dark.

Get grab bars: These can significantly reduce his risk of bathroom falls. Install them where he enters the shower or tub and on a wall inside the stall, but don't use grab bars that attach with suction. Instead, have wall-mounted bars put in by someone who can affix

them to the wall studs. It's also best to choose bars whose surfaces are slightly textured and easier to grip.

Ensure railings are stable: Whenever he has steps – stairways, entryways or basements – he needs sturdy railings. Ideally, they should be on both sides of the steps.

Prevent cooking fires: There are several affordable products you can purchase to help your dad prevent home cooking fires like BurnerAlert discs that attach to a stove's knob and will continuously blink or beep after the stove has been in use for a preset amount of time, and Ome smart knobs that can control a stove's heating settings from an app. Or you can invest in a more expensive iGuardStove sensor that shuts the stove off when it doesn't detect motion for five minutes.

Install smoke alarms: Install a smart smoke alarm in your dad's house (buy one for each floor) that will alert him when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected. These smart devices will also send alerts to your phone to let

you know when a problem is detected. Google Nest and First Alert both smart smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Add fire extinguishers: Get portable multipurpose fire extinguishers for each level of your dad's house and in the garage.

Consider a medical alert: To ensure your dad's safety and provide you some peace of mind, consider getting him a medical alert device that comes with a wearable SOS button that would allow him to call for help if he were to fall or need assistance.

For more tips, get a copy of AARP's "HomeFit Guide" (see AARP.org/HomeFit), which has more than 100 aging-in-place suggestions that can help make your dad's home safer and easier to live in.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

S. Dakota AG Hires Missing Indigenous, Trafficking Positions

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's attorney general on Wednesday announced that he has filled a position to coordinate efforts from state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies, as well as non-profit organizations, to tackle alarming rates of Indigenous people going missing or having their deaths remain unsolved.

The attorney general's office has put a new focus on crimes against Native American people, recently hiring two women to address problems Vargo described as interrelated: human trafficking and missing or murdered Indigenous people.

The state's Native American communities suffer from what advocates describe as crisis-level rates of people going missing or killed. Cur-

rently, 57% of people who are listed in the attorney general's database of missing people are Native American, despite them representing less than 9% of the state's total population. It's a problem that is not restricted to South Dakota. Tribes, federal agencies and state governments nationwide are trying to tackle a decades-long crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

Allison Morrisette, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who previously worked in the Pennington County State's Attorney's office, will be South Dakota's new Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator. Mary Beth Holzwarth, who previously directed an organization dedicated to child sexual assault prevention

called Endeavor 52, will be the Human Trafficking Coordinator.

Vargo said they would focus on pulling together resources to address crimes that often cross tribal and state boundaries.

"No single entity or agency can solve the problems that we face," he said at a news conference. "We all face some of the same problems and we have to face them together."

The hirings, however, come almost two years after the Legislature created the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator in the attorney general's office.

Rep. Peri Pourier, a Democratic state lawmaker who spearheaded the effort to create the position, said at the news conference that she was frus-

trated that it had taken so long to hire someone, though she credited Vargo with making it a priority once he was appointed to the office in June.

"I am actually glad it took Attorney General Vargo to come to the table," she said. "This is a problem that is going to take all of us."

Vargo has also proposed a commission, made up of advocates, state leaders and tribal officials, to advise the attorney general's office.

The hiring delay had come under the previous attorney general, Jason Ravnsborg. He had told the Legislature that he was supportive of the position, but he had not received the funding from the Legislature to do it.

Native Hope, an organiza-

tion affiliated with St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, stepped in to fund the position with a grant for the first three years. Vargo said the funding will help the position get started and anticipated the state would fund the position after that.

Morrisette, the new Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator said in a statement she was determined to change how Native Americans see the state's law enforcement.

"A lot of my relatives feel they are overlooked," she said. "My job with the Attorney General's Office is to ensure that is not true."

O'odham & Piipaash Storytelling Night

Join the Education Native Language Culture (ENLC) team for their annual O'odham & Piipaash Storytelling event, a night of learning & celebration.

Thursday, Jan. 26
5:30-7PM
ALA Cafeteria

Questions? Call ENLC Director Sophia McAnlis at 480-362-2500.



This event is open to Salt River Schools staff, students, and families, as well as the entire Community. It will be held inside the cafeteria at the Accelerated Learning Academy. A light meal will be available while supplies last.



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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Thru. Jan. 15 PHOENIX ZOOLIGHTS**, 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. You'll find adventure EVERYWHERE at the Valley's favorite holiday tradition, ZooLights! This season promises to be bigger and brighter than ever before, with all new animal lanterns and light displays.
- 3 - April 30, DINOSAURS IN THE DESERT**, Phoenix Zoo, 455 N Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona 85008 They're baaack! And this time... they've brought friends... Journey back in time at the Phoenix Zoo! Immerse yourself in a world where colossal dinosaurs and other ancient beasts dominate the landscape in this not-to-be missed prehistoric experience.
- 7 MESA FESTIVAL FOREST**, 5:30-9 p.m., Food Trucks in the Park!! Join us in Pioneer Park each week for 10-20 Trucks with Gourmet Street Food. Every week features a different group of trucks.
- 9 DISTRICT C MEETING CM DOKA** – 6 p.m., SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E Osborn Rd Scottsdale, AZ Agenda: Probate Ordinance; Suicide Awareness and Mental Health Discussion; Community member comments. Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469

- 10 HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES EVERY TUESDAY IN JANUARY** – 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Way of Life Facility (WOLF), 11725 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ Week 1: **Healthy Mind with Ginger Martin**. Open to all WOLF members and enrolled Community Members. Sign up to attend all classes at <https://sugeni.us/dGEV> Contact: Julian Rivers (480) 362-7909 or Email: julian.rivers2@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 11 CRAZY 8'S MATH CLUB** – 5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, January 11, 2023 - March 1, 2023 Salt River Tribal Library 11725 E Indian School Road, Scottsdale, AZ. This is a math support club that will meet for 8 weeks, each meeting will be math skill building games and activities to engage students in grades 3-5. Registration begins January 2, 2023; Limited to 16 enrolled students Open to all WOLF Members and enrolled Community members. Contact: Melissa Rave (480) 362-6696 Email: TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 12 DISTRICT D MEETING CM GREY** – 6 p.m., ALA (SRHS) Auditorium 4827 N Country Club Rd Scottsdale, AZ Agenda items to be added. Community member comments. Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469.
- 14-15 ROCK N ROLL MARATHON** This marathon and half marathon, winds through Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe, and concludes with a finish line

- festival at Tempe Beach Park. Kids' races and a 5K, Jan. 14; and a 10K, Jan. 15, are included. It's the Valley's signature running event. runrocknroll.com/arizona
- 14 DISTRICT B MEETING CM AN-TONE** - 9 a.m. Saturday, Salt River Community Building 1880 N Longmore Rd. Scottsdale, AZ Agenda: Probate ordinance; CDD-Environmental Protection Division; Community Member comments. Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469
- 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY** - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SRPMIC Tribal Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Business will resume on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.
- 17 HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES EVERY TUESDAY IN JANUARY** – 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Way of Life Facility (WOLF), 11725 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ Week 2: **Healthy Body Well For Culture**. Open to all WOLF members and enrolled Community Members. Sign up to attend all classes at <https://sugeni.us/dGEV> Contact: Julian Rivers (480) 362-7909 or Email: julian.rivers2@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 20 2023 AGRICULTURE LEASE PAYMENT** - Friday, January 20, 2023, The 2023 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail to your address on file, direct deposit to the financial institution on

- file, or SRPMIC Pay Card which will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 20th, 2022. There will be no in person payout.
- 20 CAVE CREEK INDIAN ART MARKET** – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday – Sunday, January 20-22, 2023 This multicultural celebration of tribal and regional arts, crafts and entertainment show-cases handcrafted creations by Native American and Southwestern artisans, along with unique health and wellness products. Local food trucks and concessions are available on-site. Frontier Town, 6245 E. Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek, cavecreekaz.gov
- 24 LEHI DISTRICT MEETING CM SCABB / CM DALLAS** – 6 p.m., Lehi Community Center 1231 E Oak St Mesa, AZ Agenda: Gilbert road bridge update; McDowell Road speed bump consideration; Community member comments. Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469
- 24 HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES EVERY TUESDAY IN JANUARY** – 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Way of Life Facility (WOLF), 11725 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ Week 2: **Healthy Eating with Ernie Lopez**. Open to all WOLF members and enrolled Community Members. Sign up to attend all classes at <https://sugeni.us/dGEV> Contact: Julian Rivers (480) 362-7909 or Email: julian.rivers2@srpmic-nsn.gov

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FEBRUARY

- 3-5 84TH ANNUAL TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION RODEO** – Friday, Saturday & Sunday February 3 – 5, 2023. Eugene P. Tashquith Livestock Complex Sells, AZ Hwy 86 milepost 110. Admission fee into Rodeo: \$5 per person, 55 & over, children under 5yrs, and Veterans FREE. Face coverings strongly encouraged! NO CARNIVAL, NO POW WOW. For more information visit www.tonation-nsn.gov or call the Tohono O'odham Nation Rodeo and Fair Office (520) 383-2588
- 4 WALK FOR O'ODHAM & PIIPAASH**, look for more information in the next O'odham Action News.