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# SRPMIC Veterans Son Finds History of Own Fathers Service

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The son of a World War II veteran in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is sharing his father's story of heroism during one of the most infamous battles of World War II. Clarence Chiago, a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, received a Bronze Star with "V," which denotes valor under intense enemy action, and a Purple Heart for wounds he sustained during the Battle of Iwo Jima in February and March of 1945.

As National Purple Heart Day approaches on August 7, the story of Chiago's achievements came to light through a headstone request by his family. "He lived in the Community most of his life; he was born [here]," said Clarence's son, Robert Chiago, while combing through some photos of his father's experiences in the war.

National Purple Heart Day was created "to remember and honor the men and women who bravely represented their country and were wounded or killed while serving," according to a description on Disabled Veterans National Foundation webpage.

In the SRPMIC Veterans Services Office, representative Amanda White said, "As a Purple Heart Community, we need to start engaging [more] with our Purple Heart recipients and their family members."

She said someone who makes a headstone request for a deceased veteran needs to provide their military records, like the DD214,



Clarence Chiago (middle) stands for a photo taken with fellow Marines during World War II. Inset photo of Chiago with his Bronze Star with "V" for heroism. Photos courtesy of Robert Chiago.

which are discharge papers that service members receive when exiting the military. "In some cases the family has [the records], and [in other cases] it take some time to get the documentation needed," said White.

During the fighting on Iwo Jima, Clarence was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for his actions from February 19 to March 16, 1945. During that time, he took charge of his platoon after the platoon leader became

a casualty and someone else needed to take charge. Though he also was wounded, Clarence refused evacuation and continued to lead his platoon in carrying out their objectives under intense fire, which consisted of mortar and small-arms fire.

"He got [that] medal for his bravery," said Robert, as he pulled out a piece of paper with

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# Vice President Harris Visits Tribal Community as Part of Invest in America Tour



Vice President Harris addresses the audience at Gila River Indian Community.

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In early July, the Vice-President of the United States, Kamala Harris, visited Arizona to address the Indigenous communities across the state. On July 6, as part of the White House's "Investing in America" tour, Harris visited the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) with a message for all of Arizona's tribal communities that underscored the Biden Administration's commitment to

Indian Country. Harris began her visit at the Gila Crossing Community School in GRIC District 6. The visit was a significant event, because it was the first time a sitting U.S. president or vice-president has visited one of the four Southern Arizona tribes.

GRIC leadership and members, including youth from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, welcomed the vice-president and her group. Two SRPMIC youth

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# ITCA Luncheon Marks 75th Anniversary of Native Right to Vote in Arizona, Honors Tribal Efforts



Native American leaders from SRPMIC and around the state pose for a photo at the ITCA Native Right to Vote Luncheon.

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On July 15, 1948, the Arizona Supreme Court, for the first time ever, recognized the right of Native Americans to vote in the state.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of that important decision, and on July 14, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) held a luncheon in honor of the anniversary at the Gila River Indian Community's Wild Horse Pass. The luncheon recognized members of local tribal communities who have made a

difference by promoting voting initiatives. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Intergovernmental Relations Project Manager Angela Willeford and Gila River Indian Community Director of Communications & Public Affairs Roberto Jackson were both recognized for their efforts at the luncheon.

"We're here to celebrate history. We're here to honor legacy. We're here to recognize the strength that we have within each other. It's a great day to celebrate," said Alex Castillo-Nuñez, ITCA civic engagement

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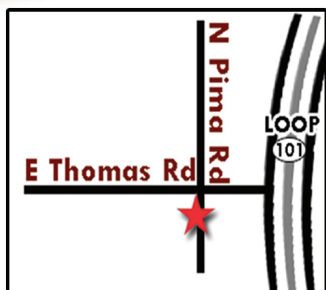
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# SRPMIC Veterans Son Finds History of Own Fathers Service



Robert Chiago goes through his father's album of pictures from the Iwo Jima battlefield.

a description of his father's combat award. "I think it's the fourth-highest award in the Marine Corps ... the Bronze Star with the Combat 'V' device is higher than the regular Bronze Star."

Robert found out about his father's award through the assistance of the SRPMIC Veterans Office when it initiated the headstone request for Clarence.

John Ellsworth Collins from Onalaska, Wisconsin, was a friend of Clarence Chiago's and a fellow Marine with the 4th Marine Division. Through letters, he described the many harrowing moments on Iwo Jima. In one of his letters,

Collins explained how he and other Marines were up against a gauntlet of heavy shelling and small-arms fire, including a situation where he and others had to take cover behind a tank, inching their way forward to take enemy positions.

Through Collins' letters, Robert gained insight into the day-to-day fighting on Iwo Jima, which he said was seldom shared in his father's own letters home.

For a time, Collins and Clarence were separated on Iwo Jima when Marine forces made a scramble to find cover

across the barren volcanic island. Eventually they linked up with each other after a reprieve in the fighting, which happened at night, with sporadic fighting along the battle lines.

"He never mentioned about the war and what he went through in his letters," said Robert. He said most of his father's letters were asking about how the family was doing with life back home. "He just talked about his family, his children, things like that," said Robert. Clarence also has a daughter and sister to Robert.

Robert said the only thing his father

mentioned relating to combat was when Robert himself was going off to Vietnam as a captain in the Marines, where he would be deployed for 13 months. "Before [I] was going to Vietnam, he said something about, you know, 'Just be careful' and 'Try not to get yourself killed' ... things like that," said Robert.

The Bronze Star Medal, according to the USMC website, is "Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the armed forces of the United States, distinguishes himself (or herself) ... for heroic or meritorious achievement or service."

In the Battle of Iwo Jima, U.S. service members totaling 20,000 strong, with the majority being Marines, were tasked with taking the island, which would later serve as a jumping-off point for U.S. Army Air Force bombers to conduct aerial operations over mainland Japan.

After 36 days of fighting, U.S. forces sustained 19,217 wounded and 6,871 killed in action. Of the estimated 21,000 Japanese soldiers ordered to defend the island, 216 survived, while 3,000 resorted to guerilla warfare against the U.S. forces, who held the island.

As Purple Heart Day approaches, White said it is important for families to collect all the information they can on their military family members so they have a history of their service.

"People should put together their photos and other documentation, including stories that can help bring to light their service and if they received medals like the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat," said White.

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## ITCA Luncheon Marks 75th Anniversary of Native Right to Vote in Arizona, Honors Tribal Efforts



Above: SRPMIC Council Member Mikah Carlos, President Martin Harvier, Angela Willeford and Legislative Affairs Assistant Gary Bohnee.

Left: Angela Willeford accepts her award with former and current SRPMIC Youth Council members.

Right: Gila River Indian Community Director of Communications & Public Affairs Roberto Jackson accepts his award.



coordinator, as he opened the program.

Willeford thanked the SRPMIC Ad Hoc Get Out the Vote Committee for their work and told tribal leaders, dignitaries and colleagues who have worked in the trenches each election season that she was truly honored by the recognition.

"The reality is, there are still issues going on today [in regard to the Native vote] in Indian Country," said Willeford. "I want to thank our Council for being here, [and for providing] financial support and [standing] by our side to encourage everyone to vote."

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier and Council members Deanna Scabby and Mikah Carlos attended the luncheon to show their support for Willeford.

"Angela has always had the Youth Council in-

involved in the vote and any kind of democratic process. When I was on Youth Council, that's when we passed the ordinance for no texting and driving. She's always been a champion for how government works and how we play a role in it," said Carlos.

Carlos also talked about how every single vote counts in an election.

"Some people have [been elected] by one vote, so it shows the power of one person to sway an election and [determine] who is sitting at the table to discuss things that are important to our longevity," she said.

Speaking at the event were ITCA Executive Director Maria Dadgar, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation President Bernadine Burnette, and Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen R. Lewis.

"When we talk about the significance of the Native right to vote, it's the O'odham tribes and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation," said Lewis. "We're tied to that. We're tied to this protection of our sacred civil rights, the right to vote. Protecting our voting rights doesn't end once you leave the borders of our sovereign nation. Protecting our rights on reservation is just as important as protecting our rights off reservation."

While the guests enjoyed lunch, a film was screened about the history of Indian voting rights in Arizona.

Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs and Secretary of State Adrian Fontes sent in prerecorded messages recognizing the Native right to vote.

# Vice President Harris Visits Tribal Community as Part of Invest in American Tour



Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland speaks about the many projects within Indian Country.

policy to strengthen tribal sovereignty and to strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship,” said Newland.

Newland looked to the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent decision to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act and what it strives to protect, an act which Haaland’s office represented in the nation’s high courts. He said, “At the Department of the Interior and within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, we are really at the center of the administration’s commitment to tribal nations.”

Support from the Biden-Harris Administration takes the form of clean-energy projects and economic development among tribes while addressing past injustices to tribal communities, such as those that took place during the federal boarding school era.

“The unprecedented level of investment in Indian Country in the first two years of [this] administration through the president’s Investing in America initiative is what drives the nation .... The United States has invested \$45 billion into Indian Country for the past two years, and that is remarkable,” said Newland.

“It is so wonderful to be here today. Thank you for the partnership and the work that we have done together and will continue together,” said Harris, referring to the administration’s work with tribal communities on various infrastructure projects.

“President Biden and I believe that the bonds between our nations are

sacred. We believe that we have a duty to safeguard and strengthen those bonds, including [upholding] our trust and treaty obligations,” said Harris.

She said tribal self-determination is one part of strengthening those bonds, through investing in projects that involve clean energy and education. Those are two areas in which tribes have fallen behind in past administrations but now are thriving under the current administration.

“We have to address the deep disparities that persist across Indian Country ... disparities that are the result of decades of broken treaties, harmful assimilation policies, displacement and dispossession,” said Harris.

Harris talked about the pursuit of the American Dream and how that should also apply to tribal communities and individuals who want to be entrepreneurs, get an education and start a family.

“Turning the dream into a reality requires talking about an economic opportunity where there is access to capital and financial loans for homes and small businesses. ... We know many Native communities are cut off from these essential resources,” said Harris.

In making good on the promise to help more Indigenous persons reach that dream, she said the administration has invested more than \$500 million into Indigenous entrepreneurs and small businesses. She said, “We are investing into community banks now ... it is the community banks [that] predominantly



Vice President Harris meets with attendees after delivering her speech on investing in tribal communities.

operate in overlooked and underserved communities.”

Harris echoed Newland’s remarks on the ICWA decision and voter rights, which the administration is working with the Haaland’s office to improve or uphold. Other topics included the ever-looming drought conditions in the Southwest and the importance of tribal access to water resources.

She said that from financial to natural resources, and from access to voting precincts to access to high-speed internet, these are all freedoms that members of tribal nations should have access to.

“Together we will work with our tribal leaders toward a future where all of our children can realize their God-given potential ... a better future for this generation and the seven generations to come,” said Harris.

had the chance to meet Harris during a roundtable discussion to talk about important issues facing Indigenous youth.

YRPC President Liam Enos and Vice President Roman Judge shared information about the Community and presented Vice President Harris with a gift.

Before Harris could take the podium, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland shared a few remarks. Newland said that it has been a privilege to serve under Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Harris, which is indicative of the progress made with regard to women serving in seats of leadership.

He said the visit by the vice-president is a demonstration of how much Indian Country means to her administration as policies are being made that may impact Indigenous people. “The Biden-Harris administration is pursuing a buildup of

## Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Court Participate at 36th Annual Gila River Youth Conference

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On July 15, the Akimel O’odham/ Pee-Posh Youth Council held their 36th Annual Gila River Youth Conference at the Gila River Indian Community.

The Miss and Jr. Miss Salt River Court was invited to attend the conference to be part of the shared experience, discussing topics that will help each other through young adulthood and working on icebreaker exercises.

“The icebreakers we did taught me that it’s important for us to get to know each other and learn our kinship. We may find out we are related!” said Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt, “... or find that others share similar thoughts and experiences as ourselves. The ladies and I had a wonderful time building relationships and creating meaningful memories with everyone.”

McGertt said that one of the presenters shared that as Indigenous people, “there is a need for us to be more of a ‘community’ or ‘family,’ meaning that rather than put each other down, you build one another up.

“I agree that we need to see more kindness not only toward each other, but toward ourselves as well.”

Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan participated in a first-aid workshop as well as a Piipaash Protocol workshop.

“I wanted to learn more about the Piipaash to better represent the members of our Community,” said Juan. “I am looking forward to more experiences and interactions with our sister tribe over the next year.”

Juan also wants to encourage SRP-MIC youth to get involved with the Young River Peoples’ Council or any



Salt River Royalty visit GRIC for Gila River Youth Conference. L to R: Patricia Woody 1st Attendant to Jr. Miss Salt River, Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan, Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt.

type of cultural or intertribal group or organization.

Patricia Woody, 1st Attendant to Jr. Miss Salt River, said the conference was a fun experience. It was her first time attending a youth conference, and she learned how to properly call 911 to give them the most vital information during an emergency.

“I may not use this technique now, but it doesn’t hurt to know for the future. I can’t wait to attend future events!” said Woody.



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# Deal Sets The Stage For Congressional Action To Fund Federal Agencies And All Tribal Programs

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Tribal communities can breathe a sigh of relief for a moment, after the federal government passed a bipartisan bill to relieve the nation's debt and set a framework for federal spending over the next two years. With the enactment of the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA), the law now outlines all federal spending that goes toward programs like education, the environment, and all tribal funding, such as the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The FRA was the result of contentious negotiations that tested the values of Democratic President Joe Biden and the Republican-led Congress. After he signed the FRA into law, President Biden remarked, "No one got everything they wanted, but the American people got what they needed."

As explained by Gary Bohnee of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, when President Biden signed H.R. 3746 into law, it did not propose any cuts to federal discretionary spending over the next two years. "This means funding will remain at the fiscal-year 2023 level that provided significant increases for both the BIA and the Indian Health Service."

However, according to Bohnee, Congress will need to pass all 12 appropriation bills that fund the federal government in order to fulfill the agreement that was made. Because there are some members of Congress who still want to trim back funding to fiscal-year 2022 levels, which would result in large funding reductions to the BIA and Indian Health Service, these appropriation bills still face a slew of changes that may impact the final amounts allocated for discretionary spending. Exactly how the final budget will look is still under discussion.

For example, during the middle of July, a U.S. House of Representatives Interior Appropriation Subcommittee met to review and pass a bill that funds the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, the Indian Health Service and many more programs. In their deliberations, the subcommittee recommended a slight increase in funding, ranging from 2% to 5%. What this means is that the BIA and IHS will see increased funding.

Currently, the BIA FY23 budget is \$2.582 billion and IHS funding will top out at \$7.078 billion. Bohnee says the funding levels for the BIA, BIE and IHS could change in the House because of Republican political pressure to reduce funding to FY22 levels, whereas in the U.S. Senate, the Democratic major-

ity is more inclined to support the proposed budget with the original increase in funding.

Furthermore, he said, "Politically, the leadership in the House may continue to propose reductions in spending through the congressional appropriations process, in spite of the agreement."

Departments and programs that are under consideration for funding decreases in the House are Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Interior (environment), Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education, which may see an 18.3% decrease.

Time is not on the side of the Congress. With the end of the fiscal year rapidly approaching, Congress has only until September 30 to send all spending bills to the president to be signed into law. With the Congress in recess for the entire month of August, it will leave very little time to act on what will likely be very controversial spending bills. Inaction may lead to a government-wide shutdown beginning October 1.

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# Youth Take the Challenge for Health & Wellness During Summer Break



Kids in the Early Education Program group rack-up the laps, during the Move with Miles challenge at the Way of Life Facility's indoor track.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Youth Services Department at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF) sponsored the Move with Miles fitness challenge in June and July. This is the second year for the running/walking challenge, which promotes health and fitness during the summer months while

youth are on school break.

"This is our second year . . . Last year was our first round, but this year it was more organized and a smoother transition with the groups to form the teams," said Debra Apodaca, YSD Youth Services program manager.

She said the six groups of students range from the Pre-K Program (Early Education Program) to the Teen Wolf Program (7th through 12th grade). The

participants are determined to get their miles in and hope to surpass last year's total of 10,822 miles.

"The whole purpose behind it is getting the kids moving, especially during the summertime. We promote physical activity for the youth, at least 30 minutes a day," said Otellie Honanie, Diabetes Services Program Physical Fitness Specialist.

She said it has been quite a challenge to get the youth to move 50 to 100 miles a week (the groups' combined mileage). "These kids come in and get 30 minutes of movement around the indoor track, some doing 10 laps each, which is equal to one mile," said Honanie.

As the kids made their way around the indoor track, they collected Popsicle sticks that let them know how many times they have completed a lap. Honanie and Apodaca tally up the laps and then award the top three groups who put in the most miles.

Honanie said the competitive but friendly nature of Move with Miles has also interested the staff members, who are challenging themselves to see who can rack up the most miles. Although running may be the main way to get the miles down, Honanie said everyone is encouraged to walk as well. Every step equals motivation toward progress.



A member of the EEP group sprints around the indoor track. Throughout the months of June and July, seven groups of youths took part in the Move with Miles challenge.

This year, all the groups beat last year's goal by 90.46 miles, totaling 10,912.46 miles. The top three groups were, Hawks (142.3 miles), Roadrunner (118.2 miles) and Hummingbird (97.2 miles).

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An annual basketball tournament for Indigenous teams from across the United States reached an important milestone as the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) marked its 20th anniversary this year. And the NABI showed no signs of slowing down as it hosted 144 teams for a week of basketball competition July 18-23.

The midsummer tournament has become an annual tradition for several Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community teams who all vie for the championship.

Teams either representing the Community or with Community members on the roster were AZ Warriors Red, AZ Warriors, EN Akimel and SR Ba'ag in the boys' division, and AZ Lady Warriors, Natives With Talent (NWT) and Lady Rebels in the girls' division.

The AZ Warriors started the tournament by winning five straight games before meeting their match against OKR-Kiowa Tribe (from Oklahoma) and Unconquered (Seminole Tribe of Florida). They finished the tournament with a record of 8-2.

Next up was Arizona Warriors Red, who put in a solid effort on the court with a mix of urban members from various tribal nations and the Community. They

led close games against their opponents and would drop three games to Showtime (Navajo and Choctaw tribes), Knik 8 Stars (Knik Tribe from Palmer, Alaska) and the Rookies (Navajo Nation). Their run would stand at 5-3, leaving them out of contention for the championship.

The Lady Rebels entered the girls' division looking to build as a team; they played against teams from Florida, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Washington state. Although the Lady Rebels played with a lot of energy, it was a tough road to the championship, as they posted a record of 0-4.

In light of the AZ Warriors dropping one of their





# of Indigenous Basketball

games during the tournament's bracket play, they still had a shot at the championship entering the final stretch on Saturday against their opponent, Unconquered. While AZ Warriors put up an aggressive attack to the basket to stay at arm's length from Unconquered, the visitors from the Sunshine State would not let go of their lead and eventually won 90-64 over the AZ Warriors.

Elsewhere across the tournament, other teams representing the Community in some manner took to the hardwood. In Boys' Division 1, SR Ba'ag had a dominant run to begin pool play, winning their first four games. Ba'ag defeated a few tough teams, including

Gunnerz and Lakota Ballerz. However, Ba'ag couldn't stop Unconquered, who were one game away from making it to the championship game.

In Girls' Division 1, AZ Lady Warriors gave it their all and played some fun basketball for four games. In a defensive nail-biter vs. CGB Squad, the Lady Warriors fell just short, 33-31.

The girls' team NWT had an explosive start in pool play, winning their first five games and going 5-2 overall. They notched notable wins over Rezbombers and Rim Rockers. Ultimately, NWT was no match for Run N Gun, who went on to lose to Legendary Elite, the team that won the championship.

On Sunday at the Footprint Center in Downtown Phoenix, the Akichita boys' team with players from North Dakota and South Dakota took home the championship, defeating their opponent, OKR-Kiowa Tribe, with a score of 85-61 in Division 1 play. Both teams led impressive runs to the big game, with records of 9-0 and 8-3, respectively.



# What Do SRPMIC Wild Horses Eat?

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Hours before one of the hottest days on record in the Valley, Brian Gewecke, senior environmental specialist (Range Management) for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, maneuvered his truck through the rough terrain of the range at first light.

With his truck full of alfalfa bales, Gewecke passed by wiry creosote branches that danced with the warm summer breeze. He peered out into the distance.

"They'll be here unless something disrupted their pattern," he said.

"There isn't a horse alive that can add one plus one. Their intelligence is measured in their memory, so I have this routine out here with the treats. 'The ice cream truck is here!' And you'll see a big cloud of dust as they're moving in."

And that they did. What looked like one or two horses in the distance slowly dissolved into an entire herd as the dust settled. Leaning against the truck, you can feel a slight rumbling as the horses approach.

Up close, Gewecke can look over the horses while they're snacking to see who's getting old, who just had a foal or who might be pregnant.

He tosses one bale of alfalfa hay on the ground per 40 horses. The hay comes from Associated Farms, a farming company operating on leased SRPMIC land.

Besides the snack, Gewecke said that the horses must survive on the available forage provided by the environment.

"Wild animals that can't survive in the wild will weaken and die," he said.

The Community's wild horses are descendants of the Spanish barb horses that arrived in the Americas with the Spanish conquistadors in the mid-1500s. Some of them ended up here in the Sonoran Desert. How they survived and thrived here is up for debate, but the Verde and Salt rivers provided water and foliage nearby.

Foals will survive on their mothers' milk usually until they can properly chew solids when their teeth come in, and in some cases foals can continue to nurse through the first year of life or more on the range. But after that the food options are limited in the desert.

The range is made up of several natural grasses, such as Mediterranean grass (*Schismus barbatus*), that the horses will eat throughout the day. Mediterranean grass is not a native grass, but it occurs throughout the deserts of the Southwest.

The horses won't touch creosote, but they can eat and digest mesquite pods, which are a higher source of protein compared with the dead grass on the range. Mesquite beans are rich in calcium, potassium, magnesium, iron and zinc. The seeds are too hard for the horses to digest, and they will come out mostly intact in their manure.

Gewecke explained that when a horse's stomach is two-thirds full, it will start to empty and be expelled as manure. A tame barn horse will eat large meals two or three times a day, which means they will expel food that hasn't been digested completely. Wild horses don't get large amounts of food at one time.

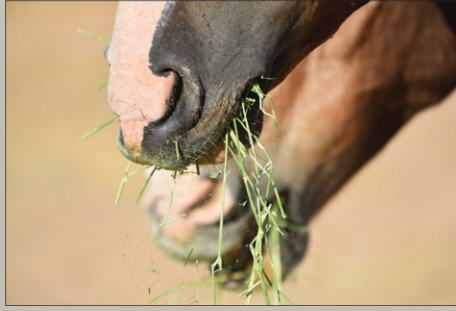
"[Wild horses] are constantly eating a bite, walking a bit and eating another bite. That means their stomach doesn't fill up as fast or as much. When a wild horse expels manure, it's been in the body long enough to be completely digested."

Horses need food that contains 8% to 10% protein. Pregnant, lactating and growing horses will do better with about 16% protein in their diet, according to Gewecke.

Typically, winter rains provide the forage on the range. The summer monsoon rains can be substantial, but Gewecke said that the 100-plus-degree summer heat the day after a rain doesn't allow the seeds to germinate and grow.

"They burn up on the ground before they even get started," said Gewecke.

The Community's herds rotate from range to range, consuming the grass. The horses then move on to the next water and food source, repeating the cycle the next season.





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Danielle Galvan, Housekeeping Inspector Supervisor for Staybridge Suites.



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# Summer Day Camp Brings out Inner Youth Talent



Photos courtesy of Kasey Kauakahi, SRPMIC Community Recreational Senior Multimedia Specialist

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On July 19, youth gathered at the Community Building for session 2 of Summer Day Camp, which is hosted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Recreation Social Programs Division.

As in previous talent shows, the event gave Community youth an opportunity to perform or demonstrate something they have interest in or learned during their Special Interest Class, which is of-

fered during the day camp sessions.

According to Kevin Riding-In, Recreation Coordinator II, the summer camp offers classes in bead making, hip-hop dance and photography, as well as science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) subjects and a book club.

Riding-In said there were 25 performances at the summer camp talent shows, which included singing, dancing, "guess the masked singer," stand-up comedy and other talents of all varieties.

# Ways to Stay Healthy and Hydrated During Record Temperatures

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During the record-breaking heat wave this summer in the Valley, it is especially important to keep cool and stay hydrated.

But with convenience foods and beverages readily available everywhere, it is increasingly difficult for consumers to make healthy dietary choices on the go that not only provide vitamins and minerals, but also provide additional hydration that the body needs to sustain itself during the hot summer months.

The Nutrition Services team at the River People Health Center, which includes Derek Vidinha, MS, RD, and Kat Latour, MPH, RDN, has a unique skill set tailored to Community members and other Native Americans to help them become more educated about nutrition, which often involves learning the nutritional content of traditional foods.

For those who are working and commuting daily in these hot temperatures, the team recommends planning meals ahead of time so you can incorporate healthy ingredients. They recommend a few different recipes from "Cooking the Wild Southwest" byCarolyn Niethammer, which is a part of the WIC Cookbook Library shared with the WIC clinic and Diabetes Prevention Services.

Recipes include a heritage cholla salad, a tepary bean salad in lettuce cups, and a nopalito slaw. Prickly pears in the slaw provide hydration.

Fruits and vegetables such as melons, squash, strawberries, cucumbers, cabbage and tomatoes provide water for your body as well.

Interestingly, there is some evidence that eating spicy foods like chile peppers

## Heritage Cholla Salad

Makes 4-6 servings

- 1/2 cup cleaned fresh cholla buds
- 1 cup wheat berries
- 1/4 cup chopped mixed olives
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar or lemon juice

Steam cholla buds in a steamer basket over boiling water until tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Drain and spread on a baking sheet in a warm spot to dry until they are slightly shriveled, from 1-2 hours. Rinse the wheat berries, cover with water in a small sauce-pan, and simmer for about an hour until tender. Cool. In a bowl combine the cholla buds, cooked wheat berries, and chopped olives. Dress with olive oil and vinegar or lemon juice

actually helps cool the body off (albeit only slightly) by inducing perspiration. When it is 110+ degrees out, the slight decrease in body temperature can be helpful.

"It seems counterintuitive, because when we eat spicy foods, we temporarily feel hotter. But it triggers sweating, which will actually decrease our body temperature," said Vidinha. "Maybe it's not a coincidence that some of the hottest foods and dishes eaten around the world come from warmer climates!"

On July 19, Nutrition Services held a class in how to make healthy popsicle-style treats and frozen yogurt bars as healthy snacks during the hot weather. The class was very popular and filled to capacity.

Nutrition requirements vary from individual to individual. If you would like to learn more about healthy eating for yourself and your family, reach out to your primary care provider to inquire about a referral to meet with a dietitian from Nutrition Services at the River People Health Center.

## Piipaash Word Search

Clothing Bingo Words

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**Discontinue Direct Deposits:** Thursday, September 28th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.  
\*\*\*Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

**Per Capita Eligibility:** Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00PM. 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 October 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of November 2023.

**Tax Withholding Changes:** Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00 PM. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

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**Becerra, Oscar Garcia** - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: August 31, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Burns, Christine** – Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0055 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. Courtroom #3

**Curtis, Lila Star** - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101/J-21-0031 Court Date: September 5, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Doe, John** – Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3008 Minor: S.B.: 02/22/2016, Mother: Amber Leigh Elena Baptisto Court Date: August 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Doe, Manuel** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0044 Court Date: August 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Nicholas Gutierrez**, – Mother: Dracy Andrews (DOB: 07/07/1993) Children E.J.G.A. (01/04/2023), A.V.G.A.(01/17/2014), R.E.A. (01/01/2017). Evidentiary Paternity Hearing and Adjudication Hearing: J-23-0040/J-23-0041/J-23-0042 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

**Hernandez, Dion Jvon** - Mother: Maria Arteaga DOB:

03/22/1997, C.M.H - 01/30/2015, J.H – 08/22/2017, Z.S.C – 04/15/2021- Review/Initial Paternity/Name Change Hearings Case: J-23-0018/0019/0020 Court Date: August 16, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

**Kavoka, Jessica Ann** - Status for Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: August 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Losey, Devyn Robert** – Permanency/Exceptional Care hearings Case: J-23-0056 Court Date: September 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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**Paul, Derek Lloyd** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0117 Court Date: August 16, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Percy, Garrett Cecil** – Review/Permanency Hearings Case: J-22-0030/0031 Court Date: September 7, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Romo, Emmaleigh Rose** – Permanency/Exceptional Care hearings Case: J-23-0056 Court Date: September 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Salazar Jr, Jose** - Mother: Jessica Kavoka (DOB: 10/11/1990) Children: M.A.S. (DOB: 05/12/2007) and J.B.S. III (DOB: 08/05/2008). Status Hearing for Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/J-22-0129 Court Date: August 24, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Swan, Dajuan Anthony** - Mother: Sabrina Sampson Merino 11/07/1989 Child: D.M 08/29/2022 Review Hearing Case: J-22-0150 Court Date: September 7, 2023 at 9 a.m.

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**Vest, Jacob Sean** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: August 22, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Wellington Sr., Spencer** - Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0055 Court Date: September 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

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**Clapp, Monica** - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: August 21, 2023 9 AM

**French, Tracy Serina** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0101/C-23-0102 Court Date: August 9, 2023 at 9 AM

**Jackson, Lana Michelle** - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0034 Court Date: August 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Martinez, Ambria Jean** - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0009 Court Date: August 21, 2023 9 AM

**Thomas, Vanessa B.** - Probate Hearing Case: P-21-0012 Court Date: August 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Tracy Serina French**, - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0101/C-23-0102 Court Date: August 9, 2023 at 9 AM

**MIGHTY TOTS**

Every Second Thursday of the Month  
10:30am-11:30am  
WOLF Room 247

- August 10, 2023
- September 14, 2023
- October 12, 2023

This exciting program is offered for children ages 3 to 6 with their adult caregiver.  
**\*\*Must be WOLF member or enrolled with SRPMIC WIC\*\***

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Eric Makil at 480-362-7320

**Public Comments on Proposed Amendment to Chapter 4, Section 92, Advisory Opinions**

**Comment Period: July 19, 2023 – August 18, 2023**

is a judicial function, the Commission recommended a change to section 4-92 Advisory Opinions permitting the Commission to seek guidance directly from the SRPMIC Court of Appeals on points of law and custom. This would greatly expedite the Commission’s review rather than staying the proceeding while seeking a ruling of law from the courts through a case and its appeal.

The Community’s code section 4-92 currently authorizes judges of the Community Court and state or federal courts to seek advisory opinions on points of law directly from the Court of Appeals.

This proposed one sentence amendment would authorize the Commission to request an advisory opinion from the Court of Appeals on questions of Community law and custom.

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community’s intranet “Ordinance Public Comment” page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

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The Office of the General Counsel  
10,005 East Osborn Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256  
[OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:OrdPublicComment@srpmic-nsn.gov)

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY**

10,005 East Osborn Road

Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

ORDINANCE NUMBER – SRO--23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SCOPE OF ADVISORY OPINONS ISSUED FROM THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY.

**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED that the current Section 4-92 is amended to include the following: Sec. 4-92. Advisory opinions.**

The court of appeals is authorized to issue advisory opinions:

- (1) Upon request by a judge of the Community court on questions of law; and
- (2) Upon request by a state or federal court on questions of law and custom.
- (3) Upon request by the judicial conduct and discipline commission on questions of law and custom.

**C \_ E \_ R \_ T \_ I \_ F \_ I \_ C \_ A \_ T \_ I \_ O \_ N**

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Section 1 (c)(3) of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (as amended), ratified by the Tribe on February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 19, 1990, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in a duly called meeting of the Community Council at Salt River, Arizona, at which a quorum of \_\_\_ members was present, by a vote of \_\_\_ for; \_\_\_ opposed; \_\_\_ abstaining; and \_\_\_ excused.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Martin Harvier, President

**ATTEST:**

Erica Harvier, Secretary

**Summary of Proposed Ordinances for Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction**

**Public Comment Period June 29, 2023 – August 29, 2023**

On June 28, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council authorized a sixty (60) day public comment period for the proposed amendments relating to Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (“STCJ”). The reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) 2022 created an opportunity for Tribal communities to expand criminal jurisdiction over non-Native American individuals. Previously the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (“Community”) only exercised criminal jurisdiction over non-Native American individuals for violations of domestic violence and violations of orders of protection. STCJ replaces Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction that was authorized by VAWA 2013.

The draft statutory changes propose the following changes:

\* Section 6-0(c), 6-0(d), 10-251(b) and 10-

251(c) are amended to assert the Community’s criminal jurisdiction over non-Native American offenders who commit the enumerated criminal acts.

- \* Rule 3.2 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure is amended to ensure compliance with the Indian Civil Rights Act (“ICRA”) by codifying the requirement that written notice of rights be provided to all defendants.
- \* Section 4-31 is amended to extend the requirement for a licensed judge to preside over all case types listed under 6-0(d)
- \* Section 5-35 is amended to extend the expanded jury pool to all cases involving STCJ.
- \* Rule 6 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure is amended to extend the requirement that a defendant has a right to a licensed attorney in all cases involving STCJ.
- \* The following existing statutes will now be applicable to non-Native American offenders: 6-3(b) Kidnapping, 6-31 Resisting Arrest, 6-33

Escape, 6-40 Unlawful Flight from Pursuing Law Enforcement Vehicle, 6-55 Stalking, 6-64 Abusive Sexual Contact, 6-65 Sexual Assault and Aggravated Sexual Assault, 6-85 Custodial Interference, 6-87 Sexual Contact with a Child, 6-88 Sexual Abuse of a Child and 6-89 Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child.

The full text of the proposed ordinances can be found at:

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

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## CHURCH LISTING

### LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak St.  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Mailing Address:  
PO Box 4628  
Mesa, AZ 85211  
Pastor Merrill Jones  
(480) 234-6091  
SERVICES  
-Visit us on Facebook Live and in person. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene.  
-Sun. School, 9:30 a.m.  
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
-Sun. Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  
-Wed. Devotion Night at church, 6:30 p.m.  
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.  
-Mon. night Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.  
-Singspiration, last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

### FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Neil Price  
(480) 278-0750  
SERVICES  
-Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Now available through the Zoom app. Call church for Zoom ID.

### LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak  
Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Annette Lewis  
annette.f.lewis@gmail.com  
(480) 404-3284  
SERVICES  
-Sunday Services 10 a.m.

-Communion First Sunday of every month 10 a.m.  
Birthday Sunday Potluck- Last Sunday of the Month, after services.  
-Youth Devotion/Music (bring your instruments!) last 2 Saturdays of the month at 4 p.m.

### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD

2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256  
(480) 947-1084  
SERVICES  
-Sunday service begins at 10 a.m.

### PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Pastor Marty Thomas  
(480) 874-3016/  
Home: (480) 990-7450  
SERVICES  
-Sunday service 11 a.m.  
-Lord's Supper very first Sunday of the month (potluck after)

### SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(480) 947-5278  
Rev. Winter Elk Valencia Services  
-Sunday Morning Prayer 10 a.m.  
-Worship 11 a.m.  
-No Evening Service till further notice.  
-Thursday Bible Study 6pm

### SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201  
(720) 626-2171  
SaltRiverChurchofChrist.com  
SERVICES  
-Bible Class 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.  
-Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
-Sunday Bible Class 6 p.m.  
-Bible Study Wednesdays 7 p.m.  
-Provides transportation services for Community members call phone number

### SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125 Scottsdale, AZ 85271  
E: SaltRiverPresbyterian@gmail.com  
Visit us on Facebook  
Pastor Charlotte Fafard  
SERVICES  
-Sunday Service, 1 p.m.  
-Communion first Sunday of the month

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(602) 292-4466 (cell)  
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant  
Parish President: Cindy Thomas  
Father Peter McConnell and Father Antony Tinker  
SERVICES  
-Sunday Mass 12 p.m.  
-Holy Hours 1 p.m.

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

### Exclusion Notice

## VINCENT EDWARD RODRIGUEZ



12/9/2022

12/9/2022

### EXCLUSION INFORMATION

On May 3, 2023, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council approve the exclusion of Vincent Edward Rodriguez (DOB: 6/17/69) because it was determined that his behavior and actions were detrimental to the peace, health and morals of the Community.

Mr. Rodriguez is known to frequent the residence at 10882 East Indian School Road within the boundaries of the Community.

If you see Mr. Rodriguez within the Community please report it to the SRPD immediately.



## 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

#### CEMETERY SERVICES PROVIDED DURING

- 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



## TRAILBLAZERS

PHOENIX ZOO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Trailblazers Youth Advisory Council gives young leaders the unique opportunity to actively shape youth engagement programming at the Phoenix Zoo while developing professional and leadership skills to help them become the next generation of conservation stewards and advocates.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must:

- Be in grades 9–12 for the 2023–2024 school year
- Have a passion for the conservation of animals and their habitats
- Have a desire to share their voice and help shape youth programming at the Phoenix Zoo
- Have the ability to work in a team and be a leader

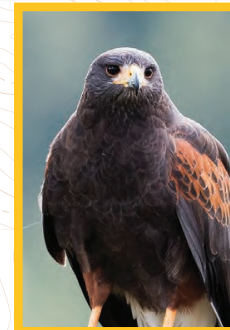
### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Trailblazers will participate in a variety of activities such as:

- Providing input and perspective on what makes for engaging, inclusive and meaningful youth opportunities
- Helping design innovative, relevant and youth-focused programs that align with the Phoenix Zoo's educational and conservation goals
- Developing communication strategies for reaching and engaging youth from all backgrounds
- Collaborating with peers and participating in leadership activities to strengthen core professional skills
- Participating in a team conservation service-learning project in the community

### TIME COMMITMENT

- Full-day orientation and workshop in September
- Monthly three-hour meetings October through May
- Full-day workshop and leadership retreat in January
- Project presentation showcase and ceremony in May
- Some additional time outside of the scheduled meetings is expected to work on projects and meet with teammates



To apply or find more information about becoming a Trailblazer, please visit phoenixzoo.org or email trailblazers@phoenixzoo.org.

Application Closes on August 21, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.



## PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

SRPMIC Council has approved the nightly closures of the Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries due to continued vandalism.

The Salt River and Lehi Cemeteries will be closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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

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### DEADLINE AT NOON

August 17

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SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov

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Closing Date: Until Filled	<a href="#">Complete Online</a>
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<b>Facility Operator I-IV -Cholla, (Joseph City AZ)</b>	<a href="#">Upload resume</a>
Closing Date: Until Filled	California & New Mexico Applicants Only
<a href="#">Please click here to view full job description</a>	<a href="#">CA &amp; NM Application</a>
<b>Facility Operator I-IV -19th Avenue (Phoenix, AZ)</b>	
Closing Date: Until Filled	
<a href="#">Please click here to view full job description</a>	
<b>Mobile Equipment Operator - Batch Plant p.m. Glendale, AZ</b>	
Closing Date: Until Filled	
<a href="#">Please click here to view full job description</a>	
<b>Utilityperson I-Sr (BeeLine Plant &amp; Scottsdale Plant)</b>	
Closing Date: Until Filled	
<a href="#">Please click here to view full job description</a>	
<b>Welder I-Sr / Front End Loader-Bucket Experience Preferred (Dobson Plant - Scottsdale, AZ)</b>	
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<b>Utilityperson I   Clarkdale, AZ</b>	
Closing Date: Until Filled	
<a href="#">Please click here to view full job description</a>	
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# Calendar of Events

## AUGUST

**4 FIRST FRIDAYS WITH HIGHER ED**, 10 AM - Noon via Microsoft Teams. Join Higher Education staff, as well as featured guest speakers the first Friday of every month to learn important information about all kinds of college-related topics, including applications, funding, scholarships, counseling, and more! Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register.

**4 FIRST FOODS-FIRST FRIDAYS**, 5 PM - 7 PM at River People Health Center Teaching Kitchen. Participants will have opportunities to help make recipes and interact during the demonstration. For questions or to register, call (480) 362-3355

**4 & 5 BACK TO THE SCHOOLYARD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**, held at Way of Life Facility / Salt River Gymnasium across three divisions: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th grades. Registration begins July 10th and ends July 21st. For additional information, contact Robin Hendricks - Youth coordinator at (480) 362-6362.

**5 2ND ANNUAL PURPLE HEART RUN/WALK**, Registration begins at 6:30 AM, walk begins at 7 AM at Two Waters Complex. Contact Veterans Services at (480) 362-7884.

**7-11 ENABLING BREASTFEEDING INCENTIVE WEEK**, for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Pick up 8 AM to 5 PM at SRPMIC WIC Office. Contact wic@srmic-nsn.gov with questions.

**8 ART & CULTURE SERIES PART 3: BEADED CAPE MAKING**, 5:30 PM - 8 PM at WOLF, Room 56. Learn to create Piipaash beaded capes with Phillip Smith. Limited to 15 participants, 14 years or older. Questions? Contact Mel Solis at (480) 362-5652

**8 DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS: HEALTHY EATING**, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at WOLF Room 247. This 5 week class series invites you each Tuesday to discuss

diabetes self management and is open to people with diabetes, caregivers to those with diabetes, community members over 18, and Tribal Employees. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278.

**10 MIGHTY TOTS SESSION**, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at WOLF Room 247. This event repeats on the second Thursday of each month. This program is offered for children ages 3-6 with their adult caregiver, where participants will be able to learn about healthy habits while engaging in fun physical activity. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278 or Eric Makil at (480) 362-7320

**10 2ND ANNUAL B-BALL WITH A COP**, 6 PM - 8 PM at Way of Life Facility. Join SRPD for this family and community event along with Youth Services. For information, contact (480) 362-6390

**12 COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL SERVICES ADAPTIVE GYM & SWIM**, 10:15 AM - 12 PM at WOLF Gym and pool. Contact Tammy Thomas or Ethan Larned at (480) 362-3340 with questions.

**12 CM DOKA DISTRICT C MEETING**, 9 AM at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to be determined, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

**12 SECOND SATURDAY AT HUHUGAM KI MUSEUM**, 9:30 AM - 3 PM with traditional food lesson from 9:30 - 12 PM. Gift shop will be open, card transactions only.

**14-18 ENABLING BREASTFEEDING - RAFFLE WEEK**, Answer 2 breastfeeding questions to be entered in a raffle by 8/17/23. Contact wic@srmic-nsn.gov with questions.

**15 DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS: DIABETES MEDICATION AND LIVING WITH DIABETES**, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at WOLF

Room 247. This 5 week class series invites you each Tuesday to discuss diabetes self management and is open to people with diabetes, caregivers to those with diabetes, community members over 18, and Tribal Employees. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278.

**15 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS LEHI DISTRICT MEETING**, 6 PM at Lehi Community Center. Topics to be determined, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

**16 JOIN YOUTH COUNCIL EVENT**, 5:30 PM - 7 PM at WOLF Multipurpose Room. Calling all Salt River youth ages 13-21! Join Youth Services and Young River People's Council for free food, prizes, games, and more! For more information, contact Sommer Lopez at (480) 362-3284

**17 CM CARLOS DISTRICT E MEETING**, 6 PM at WOLF, Room 56. Topics to include Proposed Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Ordinances, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

**17 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR COMMUNITY SENIORS: MICROSOFT WORD**, 9 AM - 11:30 AM at Salt River Senior Center. Contact SRPMIC-IT Customer Care with questions at (480) 362-7555

**17 ASU**, Classes begin, contact administration at (855) 278-5080 with questions.

**19 CM ANTONIE DISTRICT B MEETING**, 9 AM at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to be determined, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

**19 SCC**, Classes begin, contact administration at (480) 423-6000 with questions.

**22 DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS: HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at WOLF Room 247. This 5 week class series invites you each Tuesday to discuss diabetes self management and is open to people with diabetes, caregivers to those with diabetes, community members over 18, and Tribal Employees. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278.

**24 ADULT WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) INFORMATION SESSION**, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Two Waters Building B-102. Join the Salt River WIOA Program for an information session on how the program offers support to individuals toward their career goals through education and training. For questions, contact Illeana Ray, WIOA Specialist at 480-362-3071

**24 COMPUTER CLASSES FOR COMMUNITY SENIORS: MICROSOFT WORD**, 9 AM - 11:30 AM at Lehi Senior Center. Contact SRPMIC-IT Customer Care with questions at (480) 362-7555

**24 ENABLING BREASTFEEDING EVENT**, 10 AM - 23 PM at WOLF. On-site registration will be available for Breastfeeding Awareness Walk (inside track), Baby Yoga and Baby Crawl (Gym) and infused water and healthy snack session (Room 56). Contact wic@srmic-nsn.gov with questions.

**24 CM BUTLER DISTRICT A MEETING**, 9 AM at SRPMIC Council Chambers. Topics to be determined, and community member comments. Please contact Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7469 with questions and to confirm meeting schedule.

**29 DIABETES AMONG FRIENDS: DIABETES WELLNESS**, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at WOLF Room 247. This 5 week class series invites you each Tuesday to discuss diabetes self management and is open to people with diabetes, caregivers to those with diabetes, community members over 18, and Tribal Employees. For more

information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278.

**30 BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE**, 12 PM - 1 PM. Informational zoom session with Q&A. Contact wic@srmic-nsn.gov with questions.

## SEPTEMBER

**4 LABOR DAY**, Tribal Government Offices Closed, please plan accordingly.

**5 ART & CULTURE SERIES PART 3: BEADED CAPE MAKING**, 5:30 PM - 8 PM at WOLF, Room 56. Learn to create Piipaash beaded capes with Phillip Smith. Limited to 15 participants, 14 years or older. Questions? Contact Mel Solis at (480) 362-5652

**9 7TH ANNUAL SALT RIVER FIREFIGHTERS 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB**, Check-in begins at 4 PM at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM and Stair Climb will begin at 7 PM.

**14 MIGHTY TOTS SESSION**, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM at WOLF Room 247. This event repeats on the second Thursday of each month. This program is offered for children ages 3-6 with their adult caregiver, where participants will be able to learn about healthy habits while engaging in fun physical activity. For more information, contact Karina Watson at (480) 362-3278 or Eric Makil at (480) 362-7320

**23 7TH ANNUAL NATIVE YOUTH IDENTITY CONFERENCE**, open to ages 12-18. More details to come. Questions? Call (480) 362-6390