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## Spring Training Opener Showcases Community Members and Culture

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Major League Baseball spring training is underway at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, kicking off with opening day on February 25. Baseball fans filled the stadium to watch the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies take to the field for their first game of spring training. Before the batters took to their boxes and the pitcher headed for the mound, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Isabella Dockerty sang the national anthem

while the colors were presented out on the field by members of American Legion Post 114 "Bushmasters." Dockerty performed a resounding version of the national anthem in O'odham, which also paid homage to the Community's traditional language and service in the armed forces. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown by SRPMIC members Emily Andrews and Jacob Butler, Council representative, who were joined by SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard. Leonard said that he was aware of Andrews' athletic ability and thought it would

be a great opportunity to invite her to throw the first pitch. "For a 12-year-old, she has a great arm and can really throw. It is always good to provide our youth the opportunity to be part of these things, which is often a rare occurrence," said Leonard. Andrews and Butler both pitched their way to Arizona Diamondbacks shortstop Blaze Alexander and Colorado Rockies catcher Willie MacIver, who were posted behind home plate to make the catch. Andrews was thankful that Leonard offered her the opportunity to throw out the

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## Young River People's Council Attends Midyear UNITY Conference



YRPC Members attended the O'odham Cu:dk at the UNITY Conference. Photos courtesy of Janyse Salinas

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From February 23 to 26, the organization United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) held its 2023 Midyear Conference in Tempe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Young River People's Council (YRPC) representatives attended to learn leadership skills and become advocates for their community. UNITY's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native youth,

helping to build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native American through greater youth involvement. The YRPC students participated in workshops on money management, tourniquet application, college readiness, mental health awareness and more. A total of 16 YRPC youth attended the event: Melody Brown, Caleb Dash, Liam Enos, Damien Escovido, Myson Galindo, Mariah Harelson, Jizelle Juan, Roman Judge, RJ Lopez, Ella McGilbary, Adrian McGilbary, Amy Miguel, Aiden

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## Traditional Form of O'odham Calendar Explored

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On February 23, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members came out to Community Building to learn about calendar sticks. The SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department invited scholars Harry J. Winters Jr. and J. Andrew Darling to give a presentation on traditional Akimel O'odham and Tohono O'odham calendar sticks and how these artifacts record the history of the people. The presentation centered on the Calendar Stick of Mehidaj and Benjamin Thompson, from District 5 (Casa Blanca) on the

Gila River Indian Community. This calendar stick, which is housed in the collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, holds important dates in O'odham history. Winters and Darling wrote a research article about this calendar stick that was published in the Spring 2022 issue of the Journal of the Southwest, published by the University of Arizona. Recording History The O'odham from the Gila River Indian Community, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community used calendar sticks to record the story of the people. The sticks were 35 to 55 inches long and inscribed



Community members attend a presentation on traditional O'odham calendar sticks.

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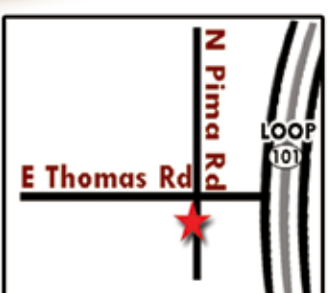
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# Young River People's Council Attends Midyear UNITY Conference

Miguel, Asari Taylor-Lewis, Suzanna Waters and Isiah Wateuma.

YRPC Supervisor Janyse Salinas said that UNITY workshops provide a space and opportunity for youth to practice public speaking and problem-solving as individuals and for the Community.

“Another huge benefit is that youth are able to network with their peers who are from all over the country, which gives them insight and ideas on how others are tackling issues in their communities,” said Salinas.

Youth Development Specialist Sommer Lopez said that the youth were able to group together with other Native youth from across the country to plan movements in their communities on subjects that mattered to them.

“When the youth got together, they found that even though some tribes were hundreds of miles apart, we still had similar experiences to share,” said Lopez.

The group was able to listen to a session with cast and crew from the movie Prey, including actress Amber Midthunder (Assiniboine), producer Jhane Myers (Comanche) and casting director Angelique Midthunder. They discussed their experience in the film industry and how they got their start, and they noted some upcoming casting opportunities for the youth.

UNITY staff brought the four O’odham sibling tribes together to attend the conference, and the youth councils from each tribe coordinated with each other to decide what dance to perform. The Miss Salt River Community also provided guidance, and it was decided that the O’odham Cu:dk social dance would be performed.

YRPC Vice President Roman Judge was able to meet many people, mainly because the people involved in the social dance were very welcoming.

“[I learned] how to [work with] gourds and learned new traditional songs,” said Judge.

Lopez was glad that the youth had this experience to use their voices positively.

“I especially enjoyed seeing our youth council share our O’odham culture with the basket dance and flower dance, along with many hours of social dancing and giveaway dances,” said Lopez. “This is only the beginning of their journey of learning, and I look forward to bringing them to the annual UNITY conference in D.C.!”

The Annual National UNITY Conference will be held from June 30 to July 4.

The YRPC will continue to practice their traditional songs and dances and attend Community events. They are currently planning the morning walk for the upcoming Piipaash Matasheevm taking place on April 1.



YRPC members at a break-out session. Photos courtesy of Janyse Salinas



YRPC Members with Ak-chin Youth Council, Akimel O’odham Peeposh Youth Council (Gila River), and Tohono O’odham Royalty. Photos courtesy of Janyse Salinas



YRPC members at a break-out session. Photos courtesy of Janyse Salinas



YRPC members who attended the conference over the weekend. Photos courtesy of Janyse Salinas

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# Nike N7 Baseball Experience Focuses on Physical Activity for Community Youth

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Nike wrapped up its N7 Sports Experience camps at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on February 18 with a baseball and softball clinic for youth from the SRPMIC, the Gila River Indian Community and the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The clinics offered a chance for youth aged 7 to 17, of all genders and abilities, to attend sports camps with top national and local coaches.

The baseball clinic was held at the Salt River High School football and baseball fields and featured stations for the youth to learn a variety of baseball and physical activity skills.

After a quick warm-up, everyone gathered around the pitcher's mound to hear Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel talk about his experiences trying out with the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds.

Former MLB player Jacoby Ellsbury (Navajo/Colorado River Indian Tribes) was the special guest at the clinic.

"What [the event] is about is moving, learning a new sport, and being active," said Ellsbury. "I know this is a baseball and softball camp, but it's really encouraging youth to go out there and try all the sports and just have a fun time doing it. Childhood obesity is unfortunately becoming more and more prevalent, especially on Indian reservations with the Native youth."

Ak-Chin Indian Community Program Coordinator Wesley Gonzalez brought 16 youth to the event.

"We have a couple of youth who actually play baseball for some club teams or their school, so I know they're happy about being here," said Gonzalez.

Community member Madden Kisto, 16, participated in the event and said that it's always nice to come out and spend time with everyone at a big event like the N7 Sports Experience.

"We started off with batting practice; that was pretty fun," said Kisto. "Then we went to pitching, agility and diving for fly balls."

Gonzalez said, "It's important [for the youth to be at the event], especially because some of these kids know who Jacoby is. [When] they are able to be around him," the youth can see someone like them who has excelled in sports, which makes them believe that "we can make it, and now it's our turn."



Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel shares stories with the youth gathered at the pitcher's mound at the Nike N7 Baseball Experience.



Youth learn stretching exercises before the more rigorous baseball workouts.



Youth take turns trying a hand at batting off a tee.



Youth line up to take grounders by hand to learn hand-eye coordination.



Community member Madden Kisto poses with former MLB player Jacoby Ellsbury.



A youth participant grabs a softball from the bunch during an exercise.

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first pitch on the Community's behalf. Afterwards, Butler said that he was worried that his pitch might not make it all the way to the catcher, but it floated just far enough over home plate and landed with a small bounce into MacIver's catcher's mitt.

In the concourse area of the ballpark, four SRPMIC artists set up to provide live demonstrations and engage with the game's spectators: Reann Brown and her mother Alice Manuel, both O'odham basket makers; Piipaash pottery maker Ron Carlos; and August Wood, an O'odham basket maker.



Scenes from the 2023 spring training opener, which brought out SRPMIC members to represent the rich culture of the Community, combined with America's past time at the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick on February 25.

# SRPMIC Girl Scouts Healthy King and Princess Event

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On March 7, 10 members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Girl Scout troop dressed up as their favorite Native or Disney royalty for the Healthy King and Princess event in collaboration with Health and Human Services (HHS), at the Salt River Recreation social suites.

Troop members brought a male role model or father figure with them for a night filled with fun and education about being a "healthy princess."

Activities began with stretches, followed by a light dinner and the rotating of groups to experience different sessions.

The four sessions were: making a healthy snack (fruit "wands" and a smoothie with HHS Diabetes Services), designing princess frames with Girl Scouts leaders, healthy relationships by HHS Community Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, and a photo station by Michael Schaaf.

"Everyone seemed to enjoy the company with one another by engaging with the crafts and music. Seeing the girls' smiley faces as they left [for] home made it an enchanting event for all," said Seraphania Gould, social program manager.

The SRPMIC Girl Scout troop was established in 1984-1985 by the Salt River Recreation Department, and the program has flourished to include 23 current members. The Girl Scouts are active in the Community from August through May, every first and third Tuesday.

The SRPMIC Girl Scout Mission is, "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place."



All healthy princesses and kings and staff that were present for the event pose for a group photo at sunset.



SRPMIC Girl Scouts healthy princesses and their healthy kings fathers, father figures, and male role models, participated in different sessions dedicated to keeping the scouts and their families healthy.

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# Major League Baseball Players Visit Community Elders



SRPMC Elders had the chance to meet Colorado Rockies baseball players, during the annual senior breakfast on February 28. Top right: Elders were able to take a photo with the Rockies pitchers, which for a lucky few, won a signed baseball through a raffle drawing. Bottom: A Community elder shows her appreciation for the visit and wished the team well on their upcoming season.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community elders were treated to a surprise when four players from the Colorado Rockies stopped by to greet them during the monthly senior breakfast at the Lehi Community Building on February 28.

"Thank you for having us out here today," said Jim Kellogg, vice president of community and retail operations for the Rockies. Kellogg introduced Rockies pitchers Tyler Kinley, Antonio Senzatela, Riley Pint and Jake Bird to the elders.

The elders were invited to ask the players questions about anything from

their morning routine to how they prepare for each game. The elders wanted to know what the players do to stay in shape, whether there are specific regimes they follow to stay competitive, and how being in the big leagues is different from the minor leagues.

Bird said that it is not easy to stay conditioned for each season; it takes a lot of time working out so players can be ready to play at a competitive level. Beyond all the preparation, he said he likes meeting the fans and the local community, because they are a big part of the team's support.

Pint said that pitchers need to find the time to stay active year-round and keep their arms ready for when it's time to get the ball and step onto the pitcher's

mound. Even if it's a time of year when he's resting, "I'm still getting outside and still being active," said Pint.

He added that there is a very big difference between the minor and major leagues, which primarily has to do with the pace of the game and the length of time a team spends traveling from city to city, if it's a long stretch on the road.

After the question-and-answer session, the elders were called up in groups to go into an auxiliary room to have a group photo taken with the players. Some lucky individuals won an autographed baseball signed by the four Rockies players.



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# 'Burritos for Dad' Brings Fathers Together

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Dads and father figures gather around to discuss fatherhood and share stories about their struggles and triumphs as parents.

This school year, the Salt River Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) has held monthly Burritos for Dad events in partnership with the Salt River Life Enhancement and Resource Network (LEARN) Fatherhood Program.

The events are open to any male caregiver in a child's life—dads, grandfathers, uncles, adult older brothers and more.

Participants gather around a table and eat burritos from the Round House Café as they discuss their journeys as fathers and share advice and resources.

Robert Hickem, LEARN Social Worker II, said that it takes an entire village to raise a child.

"Having the fatherhood series to bring dads together does two things," said Hickem. "First, dads are finding out that their presence [in their child's life] is needed and wanted. Second, men can come to a safe space and have honest conversations on parenting, which is hard to find."

Family Involvement Specialist Carmen Briones said that, on average, about a dozen participants come to each Burritos for Dad event.

"Overall, our participants tell us they appreciate the consistency of the staff, the information and resources, spending time with friends, and the food."

Briones said that the history of Burritos for Dad is connected to the Community's Head Start program, which promotes volunteering and aims to engage fathers and father figures as advocates, lifelong educators and a child's first teacher.

"Through our Head Start program,

the ECEC has always prioritized the engagement of fathers and male caregivers through programming and activities," said Briones. "We also felt it was crucial to promote fatherhood engagement as families moved on [from the ECEC] to elementary school, so in 2012 we began working with the Salt River Fatherhood Program, which provides ongoing classes, support and resources wherever families are in their journey."

The final Burritos for Dad event of this school year will take place on Thursday, May 4, at the ECEC.

## LEARN Fatherhood Program Classes

The LEARN Fatherhood Program classes for Native fathers of American Indian youth began on February 23 and

are being held for 16 weeks at Social Services building 32.

Hickem said that the program provides skill building, education and activities designed to increase the individual's capacity to be an active, involved father and to create and maintain healthy relationships in all areas of life, including parenting.

"Education is provided on understanding what a healthy relationship is, communication skills, conflict resolution, how our childhood affects our decision-making ability now, parenting and much more," said Hickem.

For more information about the program, contact Robert Hickem at (480) 362-6336 or via email at Robert.Hickem@srpmic-nsn.gov.

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# Adult Learners Benefit From Computer Skills Class

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Adults interested in learning more about computers had the opportunity to accelerate their skills behind the keyboard with a series of classes in February. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Recreation Services' (CRS) Leisure Education program held the classes on Tuesday evenings throughout February at the Way of Life Facility tribal library computer lab, concluding with the last session on February 28.

"This series of classes is geared towards adults. It's to help adults gain more computer skills they can apply to their day-to-day lives or in the workforce," said Melissa Rave, CRS program manager.

She said a total of nine adults and elders attended the series. "They're wanting to continually learn more about computers and their features," said Rave. With today's reliance on technology, the computer classes help older adults navigate email attachments, computer software and more.

Rave said, "I talked to one participant who was really interested in learning more about emails and attachment formats so that they could better communicate with their doctors via email and have documents provided to them via PDF."

The computer classes are part of a partnership between the Community and Scottsdale Community College, capitalizing on the close relationship between the two since the school is on tribal land. "They've been great to work with in offering non-credit classes, and



Adult participants of the computer skills class at the tribal library, hold up their certificates with class instructor Pat Serrano of SCC Resident Faculty Instructor. Photo courtesy of Melissa Rave, CRS

that's why we aimed for four to six sessions to get [Community members] interested or as a skill builder," said Rave.

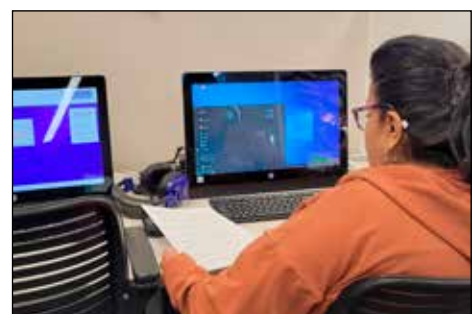
She said CRS will be offering classes on different topics each month throughout the year, with each lasting four weeks in the evenings. Rave said the computer skills class was one of two computer-related sessions happening at the WOLF during February; the other was a computer tech camp.

"Our tech camp actually went side by side with this computer class, providing adults an excellent opportunity to learn how to build your own laptop," said Rave. The camp took place one Satur-

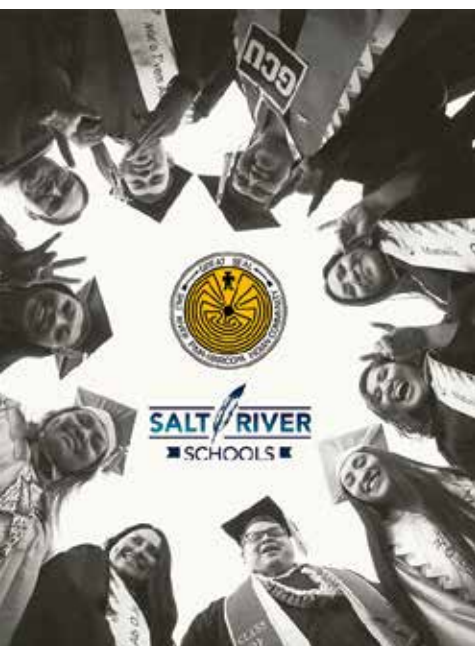
day for five hours. "There were a few adults who signed up. They took apart a PC and put it back together, and they did the full plug-in and power-up."

Rave said Community members can check the WOLF Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF](http://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC.WOLF)) and the SRPMIC website announcement page to get the latest information on future classes. Classes on dancing started on March 2; that will be followed by classes on creative writing during April.

Interested individuals can contact Melissa Rave at (480) 362-6696 or [melissa.rave@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:melissa.rave@srpmic-nsn.gov).



Lolita Watters works through a class session on navigating the different features of Microsoft Office. Melissa Rave, CRS



## 2022-2023 GRADUATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Honoring the Class of 2023

This includes graduation from high school, GED, trade school, or college/university occurring from July 2022 through June 2023.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**  
Talking Stick Resort

The SRPMIC and Salt River Schools offices and Community Relations and High Education would like to recognize all SRPMIC high school and post secondary graduates from the class of 2023. This is a free event for students and two guests - but you MUST register and fill out the application by Friday, June 9.

Visit the Higher Education office to fill out a paper copy (located in the Salt River Schools Administration building at 4836 N. Center St.) Or, visit our website to fill out and submit your form digitally.

**(480) 362-2547**

**HE.SaltRiverSchool.org**

## Parent Night Prepares Families for Summer Education Programs



Educators and parents discuss summer programs for Community students, during the parent night event at the SRPMIC Community Building.



Another aspect of the parent night, was for parents to explore ways their children can participate in activities to enrich their education.

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Parents gathered to meet with their student's educators and school officials at the Salt River Schools Parent Night on February 28. Parents with students in school from kindergarten to 12th grade met at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Building to learn about educational opportunities available to their children this summer.

"The goal of Parent Night is to inform parents and guardians that there are resources out there for their students," said Miranda Johnson-Moya, Education Program manager for Salt River Schools. She said that it is important to make families aware of the different support systems that are available to their students.

The SRS staff discussed activities that will be available during summer break. Having that information early will help parents and guardians plan how their students will spend the summer, which could include participating in a program that enriches their personal and/or academic development.

Johnson-Moya said that for students transitioning to the next grade, for example from kindergarten to first grade or junior high to high school, resources exist that can help students finish their school year strong and prepare for the next step in their education.

"Every time we do these parent information nights, [we

want the parents to] learn about the academic expectations their child will encounter in school."

At Parent Night, families sat down with their child's educator or a representative from SRS to discuss topics such as summer explorer programs, extra-credit opportunities based on independent learning, and summer school courses to get students up to speed on their academics.

The information supplied at Parent Night is helpful if students need to take summer school and they attend a school outside of the Community, for example in the Scottsdale Unified School District or Mesa Public Schools.

The information provided to the parents involves the registration process, fees for summer school and other options parents might consider beneficial to their children. "Especially for students coming from kindergarten, we want [parents] to know there's a timeline to have to their student's paperwork in," Johnson-Moya said.

One of the services offered to SRPMIC students is the Junior ACE program, which is a collaborative partnership with Scottsdale Community College. The program invites students in fifth through eighth grade to take part in college-level experiences.

Parents who were unable to attend Parent Night should keep an eye out for future opportunities to meet with SRS representatives.

# Community Relations Office Welcomes New Employees



Kymburleigh "Kym" Tyler, Community Relations Assistant Events Coordinator.

Kym is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation from Shiprock New Mexico. She had worked for publications close to her hometown, such as The Daily Farmington Times in Farmington New Mexico and the Navajo Times in various role from copy editor to a graphic designer.

She enjoys various art related hobbies and digital art, including listening to various forms of music from KPOP to Classic Rock, including indie films.

Kym earned an Associates of Arts in Graphic Design from the Art Institute of Phoenix.



Adrian Sixkiller, Community Relations Assistant Events Coordinator.

Adrian is from Tuba City and is an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. He enjoys photography, cinematography and playing video games. Adrian brings his planning, creativity and optimism to the CRO events team.

Adrian is a graduate of Arizona State University, majoring in Clinical Exercise Science.



Kari Haahr, O'odham Action News Community Relations Assistant.

Kari is a Native Arizonan from Mesa and has lived all throughout the Copper state. Before her start with SRPMIC, Kari has worked in medical staffing.

Kari looks forward to working within the Community and learning the culture of the people in her new role. Kari is a graduate of Arizona State University, majoring in English.



Natalia Sanchez, Community Relations Office, Office Manager.

Natalia is an enrolled member of the Community and comes from the Lehi District.

Her interests consist of boosting employee morale and development for the department. Natalia is motivated by her ability in helping provide services to her community.

Deedra Dallas, Community Relations Office Social Media Specialist.

She is an enrolled Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member with relations to the Hopi Tribe.

Her background is in library and information, which includes working on grant programs up on the Hopi tribe.



Deedra is eager to help promote the various events and activities of the Community using social media.

She is a graduate of ASU with a Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition Management and Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Arizona.

## Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People - Executive Order 8

**GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS**  
**STATE OF ARIZONA**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
 March 7, 2023

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to 22 federally-recognized tribal nations and has the third largest Native American population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 statewide report on Reducing Missing and Murdered Women and Girls found that murders of Indigenous People in Arizona have been steadily increasing over the past 40 years and that Indigenous women and girls are at the highest risk of victimization; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence, gender-based violence, family violence, stalking, and sex trafficking impacts children, families, and entire communities in profound ways and survivors need access to culturally-sensitive and trauma-informed services to assist with the coping and healing process; and

WHEREAS, a core responsibility of any government is the safety and protection of its people; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 report from the Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples included a recommendation to create a Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Task Force; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that there is

an urgent need to address this crisis through an interdisciplinary response in close partnership with tribes and nations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

The Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (The "Task Force") is created to:

Collaborate with state, federal and tribal agencies to address the recommendations of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Study Committee, which aim to reduce and end violence against Indigenous People in Arizona;

Consult with tribal governments on the scope and the nature of the issues associated with missing and murdered Indigenous People and gather data on the prevalence and contextual characteristics of violence against Indigenous People;

Work with law enforcement and tribal governments to continue to track and collect data on violence against Indigenous People, including data on missing and murdered Indigenous People;

Review policies and practices that impact violence against Indigenous

People, such as child welfare policies and practices;

Evaluate prosecutorial trends and practices relating to crimes of gender violence against Indigenous People;

Recommend measures to ensure access to culturally appropriate victim services for Indigenous People who have been victims of violence;

Gather information to understand the lived experiences among Indigenous People surrounding missing and murdered Indigenous People in an effort to ensure that policy recommendations are culturally accurate;

Examine the practices of licensed and unlicensed public and private rehabilitation and sober living homes and propose recommendations;

Work with the Attorney General's Office and relevant entities to formulate effective programs and identify sustainable funding sources.

The Task Force shall be comprised of the following members who are appointed by and serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor:

- One member of the Arizona State Senate;
- One member of the Arizona State House of Representatives;
- The Attorney General of Arizona or their designee;
- The Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety or their designee;

ment of Public Safety or their designee;

Two representatives from Tribal Nations located in Arizona;

One Attorney General or judge from a Tribal Nation located in Arizona;

One law enforcement professional from a county in Arizona;

Five members of the public who have a background in victim advocacy, legal services, or health services.

The Governor shall select the Chair of the Task Force.

The Task Force shall prepare and submit to the Governor a report of their activities with recommendations for administrative or legislative action on or before December 1 each year from 2023-2026.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signature.

An article exploring more on Executive Order 2023-08: Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, will be featured in a future issue of the *O'odham Action News*.

# The Repatriation Project Sheds Light on Remains Returned to Tribes

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The nonprofit investigative journalism outlet ProPublica recently released The Repatriation Project, a series dedicated to keeping track of the delayed return of Native American remains from America's institutions back to tribal nations.

According to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), repatriation means the return of possession or control of Native American cultural items to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Under NAGPRA, when an institution establishes a connection between tribes and remains, it must publish a list of the tribes eligible to make a repatriation claim. The remains are then made available for return to the tribes.

The law does not require institutions to report when the remains have been physically returned to tribes.

The data gathered for the ProPublica series is accurate as of December 9, 2022, and is self-reported by institutions. The amount of unrepatriated Native American remains reported by institutions is a minimum estimate of individuals, and institutions frequently adjust these numbers when they re-inventory groups of remains, according to ProPublica.

## Institutions in the State of Arizona

In Arizona, 20 institutions have reported possession of Native American remains from tribes across the country. The data shows that these institutions reported making available 67% of their more than 17,400 Native American

remains for return to tribes under NAGPRA.

Topping the list of the amount of remains made available for return is the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has made 4,675 available, or 97% of its holdings.

Institutions in the state that have made 100% of their remains available for return are the Arizona State Land Department, Cochise College, Northern Arizona University, the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner, and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Institutions in the state that have made no remains available for return are Eastern Arizona College Foundation, Navajo County Coroner, Pima Community College Centre for Archaeological Field Training, Sharlot Hall Museum, Old Trails Museum and the Arizona State Capitol Museum.

Arizona Parks and Trails has a low percentage of return of remains, at 1%, with 191 reported not yet being made available for return.

The Arizona State Museum at the University of Arizona has made 44% of its remains available for return, for 1,914 total. The museum still has 2,470 remains that are not available for return.

Arizona State University (ASU) has the 25th largest collection of unrepatriated Native American remains in the U.S. The ASU School of Human Evolution and Social Change has made 12 remains available for return (2% total of what it has) and 786 unavailable for return.

ASU told O'odham Action News that while some higher institutions remain disengaged and unsupportive of the repatriation process, ASU is fully engaged in the repatriation process and is respectfully fulfilling the tenets of NAGPRA.

ASU provided the following statement:

*"The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) database accounts for all institutions with federal archaeological collections or institutions that have received federal funds. Our school is working, closely and directly, with tribal communities to respectfully and efficiently repatriate in a timely manner that is consistent with tribal concerns, current practices, and federal laws. As we engage in active consultation with tribal communities, confidentiality of information related to NAGPRA is of high concern for both ASU and tribal communities.*

*As we work closely with the tribes, we are taking the necessary steps to progress through the repatriation process at the appropriate pace. We remain respectful to the wishes of the tribes by limiting our public discussions of this sensitive topic, as advised by those tribes that we are directly engaged with.*

*For more information about NAGPRA, National NAGPRA or the NAGPRA Community of Practice may serve as useful points of reference for this important work."*

Shane Anton, SRPMIC tribal historic preservation officer, said that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) "is aware of the ProPublica project and appreciates their effort to bring to light the lack of NAGPRA compliance in the 30 plus years since its enactment."

"I can't say that I've verified the numbers/percentages listed in that project, but I would like to express that the SRPMIC THPO has been working cooperatively with ASU for a few years now and the repatriation process is taking place," said Anton. "Most problem-

atic issues regarding NAGPRA come from outside the state of Arizona."

Across the U.S., 10 institutions hold about half of the reported Native American remains that have not been made available for return to tribes.

The two institutions with the most remains not made available for return to tribes are the University of California Berkeley, with 9,075 total, and the Illinois State Museum, with 7,590 total.

## Institutions That Have Made 100% of Remains Available For Return That Were Taken from Maricopa County, Arizona

Arizona Museum of Natural History  
Denver Museum of Nature and Science  
Heard Museum  
History Colorado  
Indiana University  
Milwaukee Public Museum  
Museum of Northern Arizona  
Pomona College, Montgomery Gallery  
Pueblo Grande Museum, City of Phoenix  
Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology,  
Phillips Academy  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Defense  
University of California, Los Angeles, Fowler  
Museum of Cultural History  
University of Colorado Museum  
University of Denver, Museum of Anthropology  
University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History

## Seeking Feedback for the New Senior Center

In 2021, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Council approved through the capital improvement process the need to commence planning and design for a new Senior Center. Due to a growing population of seniors, programs have outgrown the current facility in Salt River. ECS and Senior Services Staff are seeking input on future needs and desire of the Community Members for what programs they would like to see in a new Senior Center. Staff seek feedback from Community Members for activities, amenities and where in the Community members would like to locate a new facility. A survey targeting responses from Community members forty-five (45) and older has been created and ready for responses.

The survey can be accessed online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXY797W>, QR code or over the phone by calling Angela Zubko, ECS at 480-362-3191.

The survey will also be mailed to everyone forty-five (45) or older living in the Community and available for pick-up at the senior breakfasts and senior center. Please return the filled out survey to one of the following locations:

- Senior Breakfast- ECS table
- Senior Center front desk or drop box
- Lehi Community Center front desk or drop box
- WOLF front desk or drop box
- By email: seniorservicesinfo@srpmic-nsn.gov
- By mail: Senior Services

Attn.: Survey  
10510 E Osborn Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256



Thank you in advance for your time and feedback.

The deadline to fill out a survey is April 5, 2023.



We need you! Join today!

## Jr. ACE Advisory Committee

**What is Jr. ACE?**  
Jr. ACE is a college-going program for SRPMIC students who have completed grades 5-8. It is a partnership with Scottsdale Community College to promote campus programs, and allows students to experience the campus, and visit and learn about different college majors. Community members get involved by sharing experiences in their careers, the O'odham and Piipaash languages and cultures, and health and wellness, among many other fascinating topics. Field trips are also included and a highlight of the program.

**How can you help? Join us Monday, March 27 at 5 pm in the Salt River Schools Education Board room. Dinner will be served. We value your input.**

**Who can come?** Anyone interested in sharing ideas to make the program great for our students.

The 2023 Jr. ACE program runs June 5-15 from 8AM-3PM at SCC. Applications will be available after Spring Break.

Davina Leon, Salt River Schools | 480-362-2551  
Elaine Chen, Scottsdale Community College | 480-423-6656

The Salt River Schools Native Language & Culture team is excited to invite all SRPMIC families to Vaila (Dancing) Night! Nachos will be served while supplies last. Questions? Contact Sophia McAnlis at 480-362-2569 or Sophia.McAnlis@saltriverschools.org.

Thursday, March 30 | 5:30-7PM  
ALA Cafeteria (4827 N. Country Club Dr.)

EDUCATION NATIVE LANGUAGE CULTURE

UQILQ (DANCING) NIGHT

SALT RIVER SCHOOLS

2023 EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday, April 6  
4-7PM | ALA Gymnasium

Exercising Minds, Bodies & Spirits

Our biggest event of the year features more than 60 of our education, Community, and business partners for a night of fun activities for all ages, amazing raffle prizes, and BBQ dinner for the first 500 people! This event is FREE and open to the public.

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# Traditional Form of O'odham Calendar Explored



Participants listen in on the presentation on traditional O'odham calendar sticks at the SRPMIC Community Building.

with notches and symbols to denote years and notable events of history in the region. They could be made from a willow branch, a pine branch or saguaro cactus ribs.

According to Winters and Darling, calendar sticks followed the O'odham new year, which begins in July and ends the following June. Each new notch signified a new year, and there were 1 to 2 inches of spacing between each notch where figures, dots, designs, colors and shapes would be made by the stick holder relating to their observations and memories of tribal events that year. Eventually, the one who made the stick would be able to recite important events in tribal history from memory.

The calendar stick would be passed down to a male member of the family, who would carry on the role of inscribing events on the stick. If the calendar stick could not be passed to a male relative, it would be destroyed (most likely broken into pieces) and then buried with the deceased owner. Darling said that according to a report by anthropologist Dr. Frank Russell on the Pima Indians for the

Bureau of American Ethnology, published posthumously in 1908 (Russell died in 1903), one calendar stick belonging to a stick holder was lost, so he resorted to recording the tribe's stories with pencil and paper. Russell was an anthropologist and ethnologist working among the Akimel O'odham of the Gila River Indian Community from 1901 to 1903, and he documented the Calendar Stick of Mehidaj and Benjamin Thompson.

In particular, the Calendar Stick of Mehidaj and Benjamin Thompson is significant because it documents events ranging from about 1842 to 1892. Little is known about Mehidaj, who is briefly described in small notations in one of Russell's typescripts that mentions the name Mehidaj (meaning "burnt remains"—of something or someone).

According to Russell's typescript, Mehidaj passed his calendar stick on to Benjamin Thompson, who continued to document events, such as skirmishes and battles with Apache and Yavapai raiders, tribes who were frequently at odds with the O'odham. Mehidaj may have possessed the calendar

stick for 59 years, and Thompson had the stick for 14 years prior to meeting Russell.

Throughout Russell's 1901-1902 fieldwork in central Arizona as an employee of the Bureau of American Ethnology, at least four calendar sticks were studied, translated and documented. These calendar sticks were made by Juan Thomas of Blackwater (District 1), Benjamin Thomas of Casa Blanca (District 5), and Joseph Head (Ko'oi Mo'o—Rattlesnake Head) and Chukud Naak (Owl Ear), both from Gila Crossing (District 6). It was noted that Owl Ear would later move to the SRPMIC.

Of the three calendar sticks, the Casa Blanca stick is the only original, while the two others that are from GRIC are copies, currently in the Smithsonian collection, while the Chukud Naak stick is in the collection of the Arizona Museum of Natural History, according to Darling and Winters. Later, in 1920, the original Gila Crossing stick came into the possession of an Edward Davis, a "collector" of artifacts, and it later found its way to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Place names associated with the Benjamin Thompson calendar stick include Chuchk Daadk (Black Noses), an area near the Rillito cement plant between Tucson and Marana. The O'odham name describes several low-lying hills from the Tucson Mountains that are a dark earthen color.

Throughout the presentation, Darling and Winters provided an overview of several events marked on the Thompson calendar stick. The range of

history it documents geographically records a footprint that extends from east of Miami, Arizona (near Globe) to Queen Creek, Tucson, Cave Creek and the Verde River.

In one recorded event, Apache ambushed the O'odham near Chuchk Daadk. The O'odham would refer to the Apache as oob (enemy). The name oob is a common word associated with both the Apache and Yavapai and appears in historical accounts to describe the parties involved.

Another incident documents the capturing of an Apache cattle thief at the hands of the Akimel O'odham on the Gila River Indian Community around 1845 to 1846. Later, the captured Apache would be dispatched by women with sticks, after a period of dancing and singing connected to the series of events.

The encounter took place in an area between District 4 (Gila Butte) and District 5 (Casa Blanca) called Aji Mountain. Westbound travelers on Interstate 10 can see the mountain to their right, which is divided into two buttes

called Bibjulik and Aji, situated in a north to south direction.


Russell describes another translated account from the calendar stick in the Mazatzal and Superstition Mountains. This area was a territory associated with the Apache and bands of Yavapais, along with the O'odham.

Around 1860 to 1861, O'odham and their white compatriots fought a group of Apaches, which resulted in two mortally wounded O'odham warriors and an unknown count on the Apache side. In Russell's later translations, the Four Peaks area was the site of many battles relating to either the Apache or Yavapai tribes.

Darling and Winters did their best to describe the stories and places associated with the calendar stick and how they are associated with present-day GRIC, SRPMIC, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Yavapai and Apache people. Some stories also involve the western edge of O'odham territory, dealing with the Piiapaash (Maricopa) and Yuman tribes.



Community members thank the presenters after the presentation on O'odham calendar sticks.



## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Wake and Funeral Services

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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**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tent, tables, and chairs provided</li> <li>• Staff will assist with burial</li> <li>• Casket cart or table for urn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If family wishes to dig grave, tools available</li> <li>• Handwashing station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john available</li> <li>• No requirement for mask or social distancing at cemetery</li> </ul>
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Please call Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 for any questions

## 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.

- Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday 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.
- Monday 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, AZ85256  
(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.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**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**

- Adjudication Hearing Case: J-23-0040/0041/0042 Court Date: March 20, 2023 at 11 a.m.  
**Lewis, Robi Corey** – Informal Adjustment Agreement Review Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: May 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
**Lopez, Adrian Jose** - Initial Paternity/Custody Hearings Case: CF-23-0039 Court Date: April 20, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Stacey, Jeffery Arthur** - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing and Review Hearing Case: J-20-0091/J-20-0092 Court Date: March 30, 2023 at 11 a.m.  
**Valencia Sr., Victor Patrick** - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: April 20, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Avila, Frank** - Probate Hearing Case: P-22-0060 Court Date: April 3, 2023 at 9 a.m.  
**Bejarano, Pauline Blaine** - Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-21-0013 Court Date: April 12, 2023 at 10 a.m.  
**Bejarano, Simone Rae** – Status/OTSC Case: CF-19-0173 Court Date: March 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
**Enos, Raquelle Kerstin** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-18-0172 Court Date: April 24, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Manuel, Miriah Skye** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0074 Court Date: April 13, 2023 at 9 a.m.  
**Manuelito Vest, Laree** - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0001 Court Date: April 17, 2023 at 9 a.m.  
**Martinez, Ambria Jean** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-23-0014 Court Date: March 27, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

**Scott, Coby Dewayne** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0043 Court Date: March 23, 2023 at 11 a.m.  
**Schurz, Ryan Lee** – Divorce/Default Judgment Hearings Case: D-23-0003 Court Date: April 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.  
**Soto-Baca, Cruz** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-18-0172 Court Date: April 24, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Baptisto, Nathaniel Allen** - Review Hearing Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: April 20, 2023 at 11 a.m.  
**Chiago, Shane Bobby** - ICWA Transfer Hearing Case: J-23-0020 Court Date: April 10, 2023 at 10 a.m.  
**Francisco, Marissa Martina** – Informal Adjustment Agreement Review Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: May 4, 2023 at 10 a.m.  
**Gutierrez, Nicholas Valentine**

**Silversmith, James IV** - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-19-0169/J-21-0060 Minors: J.E. (DOB 06/06/2019) and J.E. (DOB 04/01/2021) Mother: Yvette Enos (DOB 03/09/1989) Court Date: May 10, 2023 at 9 a.m.  
 Admonishment: 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.

**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** - Default Judgment Hearing Case: SM-22-0001 Court Date: March 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**French, Tracy Serina/John Doe French** - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-22-0056C-22-0057 Court Date: April 12, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.  
**Harris, Michael David** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-23-0052 Court Date: April 17, 2023 at 9 a.m.  
**Manuel Jr., Delroy** - Review Hearing Case: CF-14-0109 Court Date: March 9, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

**Osif, Nicholas Lee** – Status/OTSC Case: CF-19-0173 Court Date: March 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
**Osife, Serena Sky** – Guardianship Review Hearing Case: CF-15-0026/CF-15-0108 Court Date: April 19, 2023 at 10 a.m.  
**Pongyesvia, Joseph Paul** - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0003 Court Date: March 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.  
**Sarmiento, Marissa** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-22-0022 Court Date: March 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

**French, Tracy Serina/John Doe French** - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-22-0056 Court Date: April 5, 2023 at 10 a.m.  
**Washington, Rubin Thomas** - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0010 Court Date: April 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
**Washington, Rubin Thomas** - Probate Hearing Case: P-23-0008 Court Date: April 12, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**DEFAULT NOTICES**

**CAREAGA, GUSTAVO**  
**NOTICE OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT:**  
**SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT, STATE OF ARIZONA, MARICOPA COUNTY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION COURT**  
**CASE NUMBER C-22-0106**  
 Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Gustavo Careaga, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Gustavo Careaga, shall pay \$10,210.23 to Petitioner, 21st Mortgage Corporation. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within 10 days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Salt River Rule 5-20(c).

subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.  
 ORDERED this 23rd day of February, 2023.  
 Raymond L. Deer, Judge of the SRPMIC Tribal Court

ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 14th day of February, 2023. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Justin Nathaniel Martinez shall pay child support in the amount of \$898.59 to Petitioner, Carmen Martinez. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$3,492.95 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30th, 2023. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

arrest.  
 NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.  
 CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

DATED this 8th of February, 2023  
 CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**ENOS, RAQUELLE KERSTIN**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**  
**CASE NO. CF-18-0172**  
**I.T.M.O.**  
**D.J.C.E. (D.O.B. 11/19/2017)**  
 TO: Raquelle Kerstin Enos,  
 1859 N. DOBSON RD. Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**GONZALES, DENISE**  
**NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT:**  
**SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT, STATE OF ARIZONA, MARICOPA COUNTY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION COURT**  
**CASE NUMBER CFCS-23-0003**  
 Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 14th day of February, 2023. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Denise Gonzales shall pay child support in the amount of \$582.12 to Petitioner, Carmen Martinez. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$2,910.60 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30th, 2023. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

**MILLS, ANGIE GAIL**  
**SUMMONS**  
**J-23-0043**  
**I.T.M.O.: R.A. (D.O.B.: 12/15/2022)**  
 TO: Angie Gail Mills

**PARHCORN SR., ELLIS JAY**  
**DEFAULT NOTICE**  
**C-22-0097**  
**COUNTRY CLUB CARS**  
**V.**  
**ELLIS JAY PARHCORN SR.**  
 TO: Ellis Jay Parchcorn Sr., RESPONDENT

**SARMIENTO, MARISSA**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**  
**CASE NO. C-22-0022**  
**COUNTRY CLUB CARS**  
**V.**  
**MARRISSA SARMIENTO**  
 TO: Marissa Sarmiento,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 24th day of April, 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 Annual Review Hearing on February 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. after being duly noticed.  
 FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code of Ordinances. You are entitled to

**MARTINEZ, JUSTIN NATHANIEL**  
**NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT:**  
**SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT, STATE OF ARIZONA, MARICOPA COUNTY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION COURT**  
**CASE NUMBER CFCS-23-0003**  
 Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND

On September 27, 2022, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the child named above has been neglected or abused, or is otherwise a dependent child. THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 10:00a.m.in Court Room #3 before Judge Darmody.

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)

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 22nd day of March, 2023 at 10:30 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failure to obey court order to pay Country Club Cars default judgment.  
 FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code of Ordinances.  
 ORDERED this 8th day of February, 2023.  
 Anthony Little, Judge of the SRPMIC Tribal Court

**SOTO-BACA, CRUZ**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**  
**CASE NO. CF-18-0172**  
**I.T.M.O.**  
**D.J.C.E. (D.O.B. 11/19/2017)**  
 TO: Cruz Soto-Baca,  
 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 24th day of April, 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 Annual Review Hearing on February 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. after being duly noticed.

FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code of Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.  
 ORDERED this 23rd day of February, 2023.  
 Raymond L. Deer, Judge of the SRPMIC Tribal Court

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



**BOARD VACANCIES**  
**MARCH 2023**

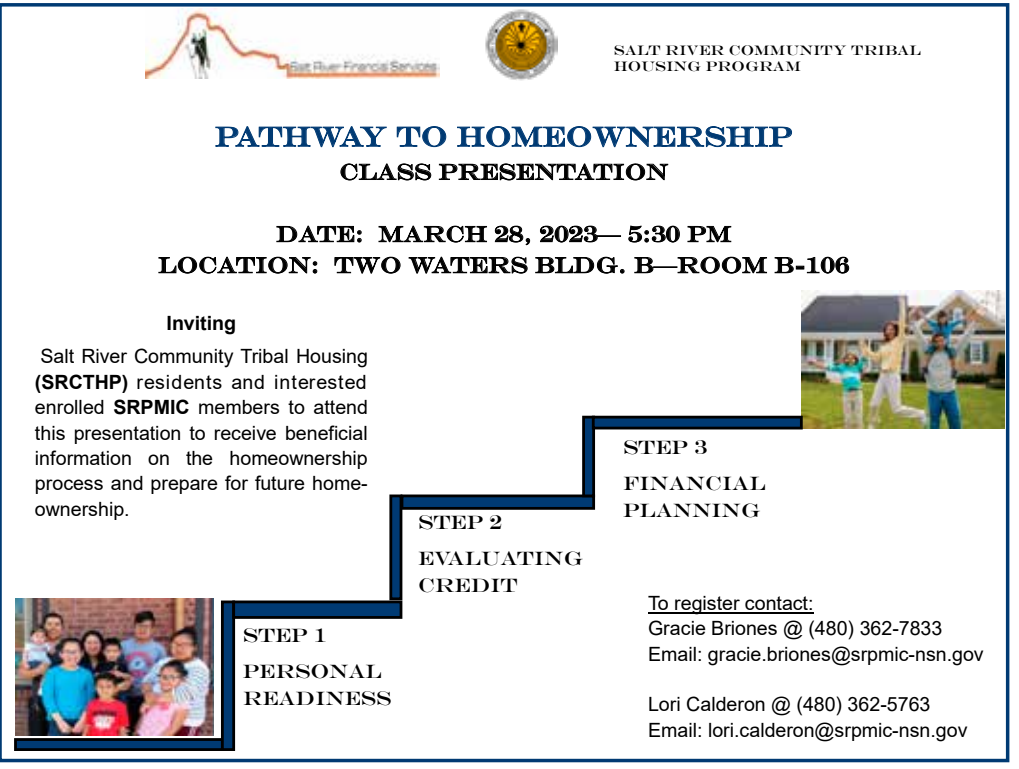
**THE FOLLOWING BOARDS HAVE VACANCIES:**

- GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD
- SALT RIVER LANDFILL ELECTION BOARD
- MISS SALT RIVER COMMITTEE
- PHOENIX CEMENT & SR SAND & ROCK COMPANY BOARD
- LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
- EDUCATION BOARD
- SR DEVCO
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**DETAILED INFORMATION:** <https://tinyurl.com/BVMarch2023>

**Any questions, contact the Council Secretary:**  
 480-362-7466 | 480-362-7465 | 480-362-7400



**PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP**  
**CLASS PRESENTATION**

**DATE: MARCH 28, 2023— 5:30 PM**  
**LOCATION: TWO WATERS BLDG. B—ROOM B-106**

**Inviting**  
 Salt River Community Tribal Housing (SRCTHP) residents and interested enrolled SRPMIC members to attend this presentation to receive beneficial information on the homeownership process and prepare for future homeownership.

**STEP 1**  
**PERSONAL READINESS**

**STEP 2**  
**EVALUATING CREDIT**

**STEP 3**  
**FINANCIAL PLANNING**

To register contact:  
 Gracie Briones @ (480) 362-7833  
 Email: [gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov)

Lori Calderon @ (480) 362-5763  
 Email: [lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov)

# SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

## ART & MAX'S LANDSCAPING

Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance.  
Max, (480) 667-9403  
art&maxlandscaping@gmail.com

## A'S FAMILY LANDSCAPING

Lawn Maintenance, Shrub/Tree Trimming and Debris/Trash Removal. FREE ESTIMATES. L. Azule, (480) 467-8449

## AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING

**RMG MECHANICAL**  
Community Member owned business. One job done right the first time! We service all makes and models. License #ROC310871  
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Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257 / (480) 823-2802  
Rmgmechanical@gmail.com

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Commercial construction.  
Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

## BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY

Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photo booths. Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035  
boxingbearsphotography.com  
cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

## DALIA'S LANDSCAPING

Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service.  
Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501 / (623)-282-0902  
daliaresendiz0815@icloud.com

## DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING

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David Dallas, (623) 337-4070  
david@dallaspropainting.com

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Yesika Saldivar-Zotigh, Owner  
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Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com

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Community Member 15% discount.  
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moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com

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## NATURES DEFENSE

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Phoenix, AZ 85053  
www.pimaawards.com  
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vlpimara@cox.net

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piipash@hotmail.com

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Full service civil engineering, surveying and consulting firm.  
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## REZHAWK TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC

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Lock out available  
Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730  
rezhawktowingandrecovery@yahoo.com

## SALT RIVER HOSPITALITY

Food service, bar, janitorial equipment and supplies.  
J.B. Cortez, (480) 453-9371  
srh@srpmic.com

## 7 STARS OF ARIZONA, LLC

Concrete & Masonry construction, General contraction ROC#26357.  
Angela Willeford, (602) 889-7290  
angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com

## STAYSHONS CHEVRON

Community Member owned business since 1994.  
Boyd Chiago, (480) 990-2004

## THE MAIN INGREDIENT

Kitchen supplies, open to the public.  
J.B. Cortez, (480) 453-9371  
themainingredientaz@gmail.com

## VMK ENTERPRISES, INC

Janitorial supplies.  
Sheryl@vmkenterprises.com



## NOTICE OF HEARING ON REQUEST FOR PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF VINCENT EDWARD RODRIGUEZ (DOB 06/17/1969)

February 27, 2023

Vincent Edward Rodriguez  
10882 E. Indian School  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

Mr. Rodriguez:

This letter is to provide you with official notice that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Council pursuant to Article VII, § 1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Section 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, appointed a committee to conduct an investigation/hearing to determine whether Mr. Vincent Edward Rodriguez (DOB XX/XX/69) should be permanently excluded from the boundaries of the SRPMIC. Mr. Rodriguez is currently temporarily excluded from the boundaries of the SRPMIC, regarding allegations of assault, domestic violence, drug and alcohol related offenses and fleeing from police.

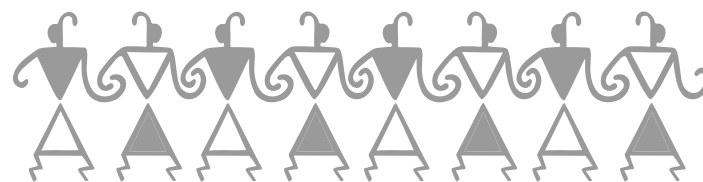
The Community's Exclusion Committee has scheduled a hearing to consider whether Mr. Rodriguez should be permanently excluded from the SRPMIC at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Community's Administrative Complex, Two Waters, Council Chambers (the Administrative Complex is on the corner of Longmore and Osborn Roads), Scottsdale, Arizona 85256. While you are currently temporarily excluded from the Community and are not allowed within the boundaries of the Community, you are authorized to come on the Community for purposes of attending this hearing only.

You may attend the April 11, 2023 hearing, but if you choose not to attend, the Exclusion Committee will still hold the hearing and render its decision. You also have the right to an advocate or legal counsel at the hearing, at your own expense. In addition, the hearing will be conducted in an informal manner. At this hearing, you may provide any written material or testimony of witnesses to address the allegations that your presence with the SRPMIC is detrimental to the peace, health and morals of the SRPMIC.

If you or your attorney/advocate has any questions about the hearing, please contact Theresa Rosier at the Office of the General Counsel at (480) 362-7446 or [theresa.rosier@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:theresa.rosier@srpmic-nsn.gov).

Sincerely,

Theresa Rosier  
Deputy General Counsel



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For Dogs and Cats

3rd week of every month\*

Salt River Ballfields at 1837 N. Longmore Rd.

SRPMIC members, residents, and employees are eligible. Pets must be brought by legal owner, age 18+. Cats must be in their own carrier. Dogs must be on leash.

info@nagifoundation.org  
(602) 730-2092

facebook.com/nagifoundation  
@nagifoundation

In partnership with AZ Humane Society & SRPMIC Dept of Environmental Health  
\*Dates & location subject to change

## April Dates

### Spay/Neuter Clinic

By Appointment Only

**WEDNESDAY, April 19th**

Limited Spaces. Request an appointment at:  
[nagifoundation.org/spayneuter](http://nagifoundation.org/spayneuter)  
If there are no spaces left you will be added to a waiting list.

### Wellness Clinic

First Come, First Served

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, April 21-22nd**

Doors open at 8:00 AM

Exams  
Vaccines  
Flea/Tick Treatment  
Microchipping  
Heartworm Prevention  
Health Screening  
(for diseases like Heartworm, Lyme, FIV & FeLV)

**OPTIONAL**  
Complete paperwork in advance!

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## 1st Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE

### March 31, 2023

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

### DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

**Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:** Tuesday, April 11 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 April 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the July 2023 payout.

**Discontinue Direct Deposits:** Tuesday, April 11 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, April 18 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 April 2023 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of May 2023.

**Tax Withholding Changes:** Tuesday, April 18 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](mailto: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

## O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES

ISSUE	DEADLINE AT NOON
<b>April 6</b>	<b>March 17</b>

**SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at [dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov)**  
For more information please call (480) 362-7750.



## Minerals to Materials How Cement is Made



### Quarry

The Clarkdale Plant is surrounded by hills that are rich with high quality limestone that is quarried on site. The quarried rock contains both silica and calcium as well as deposits of volcanic material that provide alumina, iron and additional silica. All of these are necessary to make a suitable raw mix for cement.

### Crush

Once quarried, the stone is trucked to the primary crusher where each type of stone is broken down and stored separately. In a secondary crusher, the stones are mixed in the correct proportion and

reduced to less than 3-inch sized pieces. During this process, the rock is sampled regularly for quality. After the crushing process, this raw material is stacked.

### Reclaimer

A special piece of large equipment, a digger-wheel reclaimer, retrieves the stacked rock to ensure that different types of rock are blended into a uniform feed for the kilns.

### Raw Grind

The raw material is ground into a fine powder called raw feed that is sampled for chemical consistency and quality.

### Heat

Raw feed is blended in the homogenizing silos and pumped into a preheater/calciner. The feed then drops into a rotary kiln where it is heated to temperatures of at least

2750 degrees F. At these high temperatures, lime, silica, alumina, magnesia and iron oxides form new compounds and produce small, hard, spherical shaped "clinker."

### Finish Grinding Mill

The clinker is cooled and stored in domes. Gypsum is added to the clinker and it is milled to a powder. The powder is cement.

### Storage

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## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

#### NOW - APRIL 18 SALT RIVER VITA TAX PROGRAM, Seniors/Disabled Priority

\*NO Filing Back Taxes and Itemized Taxes. Requirements: Must have an appointment, Income of \$58,000 or less, Social Security Card for tax filer & all dependents or any official government document with SS#, Copy of Drivers License or Government ID, All tax documents (W-2, 1099's, etc.), IRS Child Tax Credit letter, if applicable, Bank Account/ Routing number (for direct deposits). Contact the Vita Message Line: (480) 362-7540. Leave your Full Name & Phone Number. A VITA Volunteer will promptly return your call with further details.

**16 CM ANTONE, DISTRICT B MEETING,** 6 p.m. at the SR Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Topics: Construction Update of the Gaming Enterprise, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

**17-18 NAGI FOUNDATION WELLNESS CLINIC,** Doors open 8 a.m. at the Salt River Ball Fields, 1837 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. First come, first served. SRPMIC members, residents and employees are eligible. Pets must be brought in by legal owner, age 18+. Cats must be in their own carrier and dogs on a leash. Services include exams, vaccines, flea/tick treatment, microchipping and health screening (for diseases like heartworm, lyme, FIV & FeLV). For questions call (602) 730-2092. See ad on page 18.

**17 RED MOUNTAIN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR,** at the Way

of Life Facility, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Over 20 institutions in attendance, free food and raffle prizes. Contact Angela Diccio for more information at (480) 947-4951. See ad on page 19.

**18 CEMAIT/MODILY TORTILLA FESTIVAL.** Event will include demonstrations, food samples, food vendors, classes and more. Also looking for Tortilla Makers and Volunteers. Contact Candice Manuel at the Huhugam Ki: Museum at (480) 362-6320 or Mauricia Carlisle at Cultural Resources at (480) 362-6325. See ad on page 12.

**21 CM SCABBY / CM DALLAS, LEHI DISTRICT MEETING,** 6 p.m. at the Lehi Community Center, 1231 E. Oak Street, Mesa, AZ. Topics: Construction Update of the Gaming Enterprise, Re-Entry Program, Housing Projects Update, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

**23 ADULT WIOA PROGRAM,** 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the Two Waters Bldg. B-Room B-102. The WIOA Program is established to support individuals toward their career goals through education & training support. Contact Illeana Ray, WIOA Specialist at (480) 362-3071 for more information.

**23 CM BUTLER, DISTRICT A MEETING,** 6 p.m. at the SR Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Topics: Crime Status Report of District A. Medical and Recreational Marijuana Overview, Deferred Prosecution & Restorative Justice, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

**24 AMERICAN INDIAN DISABILITY SUMMIT,** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd., Phoenix, AZ. The Special Needs Resources Program is sponsoring transportation for travel to the summit, which is in Phoenix. Limited transportation for adult community members is available on a first come basis, reserve your seat by Monday March 20. For more information call Zandria Ransom at (480) 362-6980 or email Zandria.Ransom@srpmic-nsn.gov

**25 AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH DISABILITY SUMMIT,** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Virtual Zoom presentation of the summit. Contact Kimberly Yellowrobe by email to register at Kimberly.yellowrobe@bannerhealth.com

**25 SRPMIC EASTER EGG HUNT,** 9 a.m. at the Salt River Baseball Field. Activities include: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Dress Parade, Field Games, Egg Eating Contest, Easter Kids Crafts and photos with the Easter Bunny. Sign up for Food and Arts & Crafts vendor booths (limited spaces), deadline to sign up for booths March 17 at 5 p.m. For more information call (480) 362-7740 or see ad on page 6 for more information.

**27 SRCTHP NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING,** 4 p.m. at Canalside Neighborhood Center. Learn about neighborhood watch program, meet SRPD Community Liaison Officers and learn about initiatives, crime-prevention tips, and building community spirit. Contact Housing Services to sign up at (480) 362-5763

**27 JR. ACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT MEETING,** 5 p.m. in the Salt River Schools Education Board Room. Jr. ACE is a college-going

program for SRPMIC students who have completed grades 5-8 in partnership with Scottsdale Community College. Join us for an idea-sharing meeting to make the Jr. ACE program great for our students, followed by dinner.

**28 PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP,** 5:30 p.m. at the Two Waters Bldg. B-Room B-106. This workshop is an orientation to the SRFSL homeownership program and covers the following topics: Homeownership process, Program requirements, Assessing your personal financial situation and Becoming "Home Loan Ready." To register contact Gracie Briones at (480) 362-7833 or email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov OR Lori Calderon at (480) 362-5763 or email lori.calderon@srpmic-nsn.gov

**30 VAILA (DANCING) NIGHT,** 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at ALA Cafeteria, 4827 N. Country Club Dr. The Salt River Schools Native Language & Culture team is excited to invite all SRPMIC families to Vaila (Dancing) Night! Nachos will be served while supplies last. Questions? Contact Sophia McAnlis at (480) 362-2569 or Sophia.McAnlis@saltriverschools.org

**30 CM CARLOS, DISTRICT E MEETING,** 6 p.m. WOLF, Room 56, 11725 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Topics: Proposed Probate Ordinance, Construction Update of the Gaming Enterprise, Community Member Comments. For more information call Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 or Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469.

**31-April 1 PIIPAASH MATASHEEV,** Friday, March 31, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. at the Lehi Gathering Area, 3221 N. Stapley Drive, Mesa AZ (NE Corner of Oak St. & Stapley Dr.). Featured Events and

Amenities: Sunrise blessing, morning walk, lunch (while supplies last), O'odham & Bird Singing/Dancing, and much more. Questions can be directed to Ardell Moore (480) 362-7465, Emily King (480) 362-2626 or Elaina Osife (480) 635-6692. For more information see ad on page 3.

### APRIL

**6 SALT RIVER SCHOOLS EDUCATION FAIR,** 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at ALA Gymnasium. Featuring education, Community, and business partners plus activities for all ages, raffle prizes, and a BBQ dinner for the first 500 guests.

**6 BUDGETING & MONEY MANAGEMENT,** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Two Waters, Building B-Room 106. SRFSL is observing Financial Literacy Month with education workshops throughout April every Thursday. Email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov for questions and to reserve your spot.

**7 SENIOR SERVICES EASTER LUNCHEON,** at Salt River Community Building, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with meal served at 11:30 a.m. A fun-filled event for community members 55 and older and adults with adaptive needs, featuring lunch, music, games, prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Contact (480) 362-7565 for questions.

**13 INVESTING FOR YOUTH, PART 1.** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Two Waters, Building B-Room 106. SRFSL is observing Financial Literacy Month with education workshops throughout April every Thursday. Investing for Youth is a two-part series and both workshops must be attended. Email gracie.briones@srpmic-nsn.gov for questions and to reserve your spot.