



Newly Elected Council Member Wi-Bwa Grey Sworn Into Office

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Council member Wi-Bwa Grey takes her Oath of Office while her uncle and former Council member Lance Grey holds the bible. Chief Judge Ryan Andrews officiated the Oath of Office at the January 23 regular Council meeting at the Salt River Council Chambers.



SRPMIC President Martin Harvir presents the Oath of Office certificate to newly sworn in Council member Wi-Bwa Grey.



Community Relations Director Janet Johnson presented Council member Wi-Bwa Grey with a Pendleton blanket after she was sworn into office.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Wi-Bwa Grey has been officially sworn in for a two-year term on the Tribal Council. Grey won the January 14 special election to fill the empty Salt River District I Council seat of Ricardo Leonard, who was elected SRPMIC Vice-President.

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SRHS Earned An "F" Letter Grade

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The Arizona Department of Education released school letter grades (A-F) for the 2017-18 school year.

Salt River High School received an "F" letter grade, which was calculated using results from our student AzMERIT tests and other data.

Salt River Schools appealed, which the Arizona Department of Education denied, and the SRHS final letter grade decision was officially announced December 28, 2018.

This is a reflection of the state standards students learn in our schools. An "F" highlights the urgency we face to provide students the education they deserve.

If SRHS doesn't show an increase in academic achievement—a "D" letter grade or better—by the end the current school year (June 30, 2019), the school may lose its charter, which could potentially lead to the closure of grades 7-12 at SRHS.

If, however, SRHS increases its student achievement, it will need to show similar improvement during both the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 school years; should either of those school years result in an "F" letter grade, the charter may be revoked.

Salt River Schools has put several measures into place over the last year to yield more positive student outcomes, Division-wide. To that end, Salt River High School have developed a school improvement plan based on the following six principles:

- Effective Leadership
- Effective Teachers & Instruction
- Effective Organization of Time
- Effective Curriculum
- Culture, Climate, & Conditions
- Family Engagement

Our process for drafting this plan included facilitation of a comprehensive needs assessment, a root cause analysis, and development of needs statements and desired outcomes. From this information, we have developed goals, strategies, and action steps for the SRHS Integrated Action Plan. We are currently in the process of refining many aspects of SRHS, including the master schedule and tutoring models, and will establish metrics and procedures for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating these and other strategies during the current 2018-19 school year.

Our current academic focus is strengthening student literacy. SRHS saw improvement in this area during the latest round of NWEA testing, which

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24th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day in Arizona



(L-R) YRPC member Caleb Dash, Council member Thomas Largo, Sr., Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, YRPC members Sommer Lopez, Teegan Smith, Nalani Lopez and Council member Michael Dallas, Sr. outside the Arizona Senate chamber.

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For the 24th year in a row, the State of Arizona hosted the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the state capital.

Dozens of elected tribal leaders representing the more than 20 tribal nations across Arizona attended the

near-all-day event on January 16. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council members Michael Dallas, Sr. and Thomas Largo, Sr. represented the Community.

Visitors packed the Arizona Senate chamber floor and third-floor chamber visitor area. Dallas and Largo joined Arizona Senator Juan Mendez at his senate floor seat. Young River People's Council President Sommer Lopez

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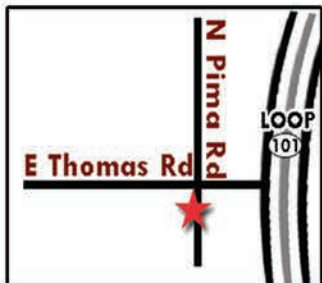
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Memorial Held for SRPD Officer Clayton Townsend

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Dozens of people, including family, friends, colleagues and members of law-enforcement groups from across Arizona, gave their goodbyes to fallen Salt River Police Department Officer Clayton Townsend on January 14, less than a week after the officer's unexpected death.

Townsend was fatally struck by a car on January 8 while conducting a traffic stop on Loop 101 along the southwestern edge of the Community. Townsend left behind his wife, Deanna, and 10-month-old son, Brixton. He was 26.

Townsend served the Community for five years as a patrol officer in the Field Operations Division. He was also a field training officer and a former security officer at Talking Stick Resort.

The memorial service was held at Christ's Church of the Valley in Peoria. Uniformed officers lined up outside the church doors as a lone bagpiper played and officers carrying the colors led Townsend inside. Townsend's family carried the casket, which was draped with a U.S. flag. Deanna Townsend, with Brixton in her arms, and other family members followed.

SRPD Chief Karl Auerbach, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier and a handful of Townsend's police officer colleagues shared memories during the ceremony's speaking portion.

"No words can ever fully describe the immeasurable and devastating loss felt by Deanna and the Townsend family, as well as the SRPD, the entire law-enforcement family and the community. Heaven has another hometown hero," Auerbach said. "... we were blessed that he choose the Salt River Police Department."

Harvier talked about meeting Townsend in December 2014, when he was SRPMIC vice-president. New SRPD police officers meet with the president and vice-president as they begin their SRPMIC service; it's a way to show appreciation to them for selecting Salt River for employment and how important their role as a law-enforcement officer is to the people they serve.

"When we met with Clayton, he shared with us about his family, his faith and that he had been working security at Talking Stick Resort, and he [said he]

was impressed with our SRPD officers and that he had the desire to become an SRPD officer," Harvier said. "He said how much he wanted to make a difference. As a Community Council, we get monthly reports from Chief Auerbach, and in multiple editions we would read about Clayton's actions and communication skills. They were highlighted [to show] how well he treated our Community and his commitment to being an excellent police officer."

Other speakers included Townsend's father-in-law, Pete Johnson, and cousins Gate Townsend, Patrick Davis and Michael Stanley. Cole Townsend gave the eulogy for his brother.

A memorial video was shown, followed by a message of hope and a closing prayer. Outside, uniformed officers lined up on the nearby grass space for an Honors Ceremony that included a riderless horse walked across the grass, presenting Townsend's U.S. flag to his wife, and an End of Watch Last Call for Officer Townsend. At the conclusion, five police helicopters flew over.

The night before, visitation was held at Green Acres Mortuary in Scottsdale. On the morning of the memorial, an hour-long procession for the fallen officer closed parts of Loop 101 and other roads in the Valley as it made its way from Scottsdale to Peoria.

On January 11, the Community held a candlelight vigil for Townsend that attracted more than a hundred people to the Two Waters Courtyard.

A customized golf cart was auctioned off for \$30,000 in Scottsdale, with all donations going to the family. The winner of the auction re-donated the cart, and it was sold a second time for \$28,000, for a combined total of \$58,000 going to the family.

Pizza chain Papa John's Pizza donated \$1 from all orders placed on January 22 to Townsend's family. Papa John's has about 50 locations in the Valley.

Memorial Fund
Donations to the Clayton Townsend Benefit Memorial Fund can be made through Wells Fargo Bank, account no. 3535835825.



2019 Young River People's Council Inauguration

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Sixteen young people from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community participated in a 2019 swearing-in ceremony as members of the Young River People's Council (YRPC).

SRPMIC Chief Judge Ryan Andrews swore in the new officers and members during the 2019 YRPC Inauguration ceremony on January 19 at the Justice Center.

The new YRPC officers are President Sommer Lopez, Vice-President Caleb Dash, Clerical Secretary Teegan Smith, Correspondent Secretary Nalani Lopez and Treasurer Casey Wood. After being sworn in, each shared some of their personal goals for their service as YRPC officers. Sommer Lopez also gave the 2019 President Address. She said she was thankful for the youth council for their support and looks forward to another successful year.

"I see a lot of future in them. I know they are all very smart young people; they have a lot of creativity in them, and I know they'll make good changes within the Community because they have the passion to do it and a good heart," Lopez said.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier was a guest speaker and Salt River Police Department Chief Karl Auerbach was the keynote speaker. United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Executive Director Mary Kim Titla was also a guest speaker, and YRPC member Marisella Villegas opened the day with a blessing. The event attracted family, friends and dozens of young people from youth groups across the Valley. SRPMIC Council members Diane Enos, Cheryl Doka, Michael Dallas and Deanna Scabby also attended.

Harvier praised the young people in attendance and shared a brief story on leadership.

"We have all been given talents, and it's for us to find out what those talents are and to put them out there to use to help others," he said.

Auerbach said SRPD and the YRPC have developed a "very close partnership that we are very appreciate and grateful of." Examples include the Safety Day and Kickball with the Cops events.

"These young men and women are truly the future leaders. [They] also have a very unique perspective," Auerbach said. "We should continue to listen to them; they have some great ideas."

One idea was the "No Texting While Driving" ordinance in the Community, which was first brought forward by the youth council in 2014. "They saw a need in the Community and spoke up," Auerbach said.

2019 Young River People's Council

President: Sommer Lopez
Vice-President: Caleb Dash
Treasurer: Casey Wood
Correspondent Secretary: Nalani Lopez
Clerical Secretary: Teegan Smith



Members of the Young River People's Council and Community Council members gather for a photo after the inauguration.



2019 Young River People's Council Treasurer Casey Wood shares a few words after the YRPC swearing in.



YRPC President Sommer Lopez hugs members of the youth council.



SRPMIC Chief Judge Ryan Andrews (right) swears in members of the youth council.

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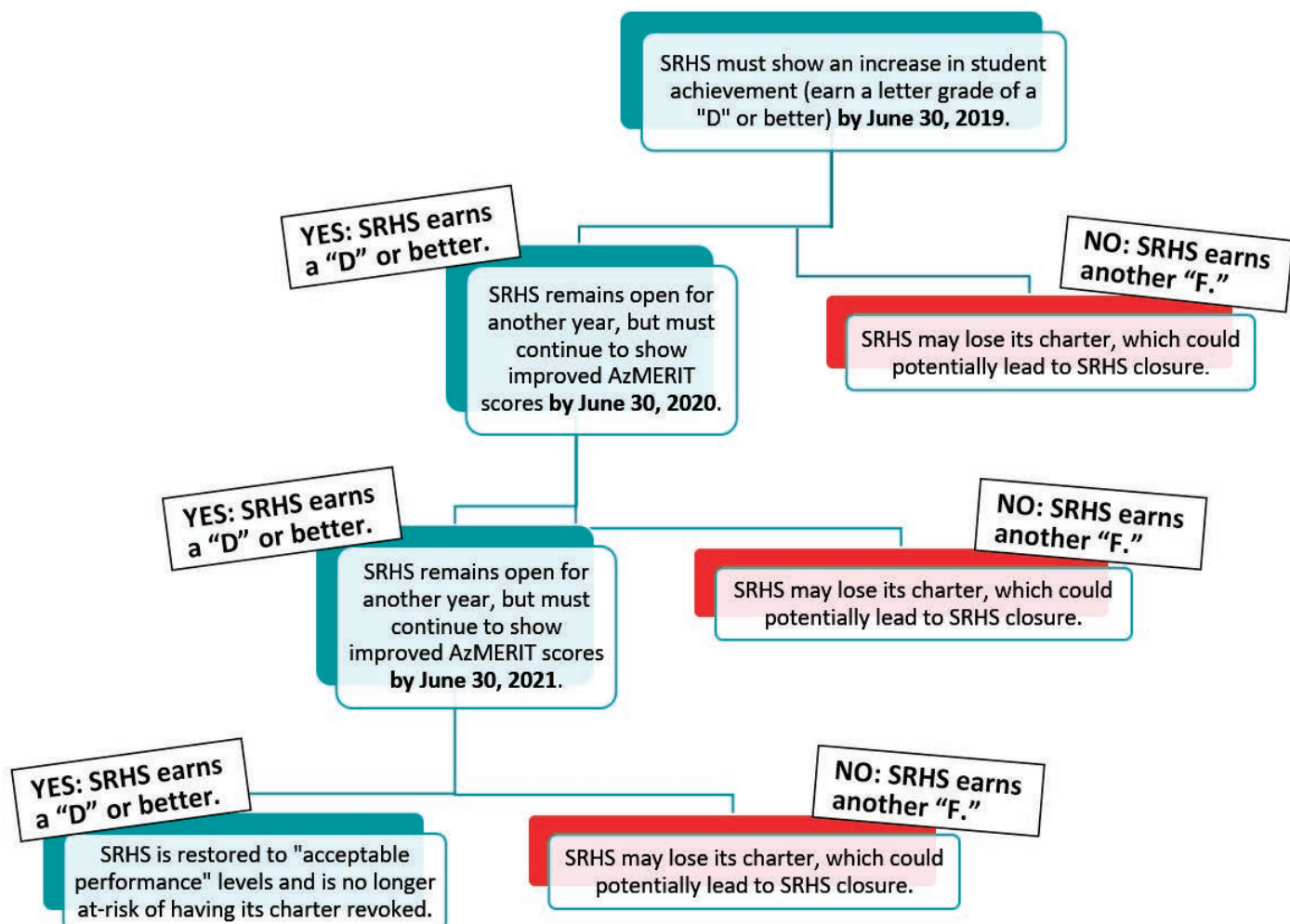
can be attributed to our teachers effectively using the new English Language Arts curricula introduced this school year. This follows the goals outlined in the Division's 5 year Strategic Plan, which also calls for the adoption of new math and science curricula over the next two school years; the public input period is open now through Feb. 15 for math adoption (*for more info. see page 7*).

Additionally, focused and ongoing professional development for the Division's instructional staff will ensure new concepts and materials are taught to each student's individual learning needs. Finally, Salt River Schools will partner with AdvancED Systems Accreditation to ensure maximum accountability toward improvement beyond state standards.

Efforts like these require an "all-in" approach in order to support achievement by aligning all practices with student learning, organizational growth, and total stakeholder engagement, including the broader Community.

The Consent Agreement between Salt River Schools and the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, which includes more details regarding improvement steps and requirements, is available online. For more information regarding AzMERIT, our school letter grade, recent activities, and initiatives, please visit our Division website at www.saltriverschools.org.

SRHS earned an "F" letter grade. Now what?



Texting and Driving Dangers

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Even though the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has a "No Texting While Driving" ordinance, many drivers still have not gotten the message. It may be hard to grasp because we tend to text often during the day, but texting while operating a motor vehicle of any kind is dangerous for those inside the vehicle as well as other drivers and pedestrians.

According to the United States Department of Transportation; Almost half the car accidents on the roads and freeways were from texting and driving, at least nine people are killed a day in the U.S. because of distracted driving.

Drivers can experience different types of distractions while behind the wheel. A manual distraction is anything that causes you to move your hands from the wheel. Visual distractions take your eyes off the road, and cognitive distractions remove your full attention from driving. Texting while driving is so risky because it combines all three types of distraction.

Texting while driving causes the same level of incapacity experienced by drivers who



are impaired from alcohol or drugs.

Did you know that reading a text or sending a message requires you to take your eyes off the road on average for about six seconds? That is long enough to drive down a football field (100 yards, 300 feet) if you are traveling at 60 mph.

To stop the widespread use of texting while driving, parents, guardians and older siblings should lead by example now, explaining to their young passengers that when the phone message comes in, you should pull off into a parking lot or wait until you get to your destination before checking the phone.

Arizona is one of only three states in which it is still legal to text while driving. A bill was introduced by Arizona Sen. Kate Brophy McGee requiring that only hands-free devices may legally be used behind the wheel. If the hands-free law goes through, it will go into effect within 90 days after the end of the legislative session. The bill also would make using a cell phone while driving a primary offense, meaning police officers can pull you over for it. Right now it is only a secondary offense, one for which officers may cite a driver only when they pull the driver over for something else, such as speeding. It is, however, a primary offense for youth under age 18 and school bus drivers.

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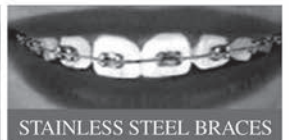
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Cancer Prevention in Firefighters

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We all are familiar with the various ways that firefighters could be injured when they respond to a fire, a hazmat situation or other incident. Running into a burning building, after all, is not exactly the safest thing to do.

Something less spectacular, but just as deadly, is also stalking our firefighters: cancer. The International Association of Firefighters reports that cancer is now the leading cause of death among firefighters. It often strikes at a younger age than in the general population, hitting firefighters who have just retired or who are still actively working, according to a 2017 report by NBC News.

On January 16 at Station 294, Salt River Fire Department staff attended a series of four-hour workshops to help firefighters learn about their risk of exposure to carcinogens, which are cancer-causing agents. For firefighters, risk of cancer is increased because of the chemicals released when anything is burned, from rubber tires to building materials to upholstered furniture.

The workshops are designed to educate Salt River firefighters to take proper precautions as they respond to incidents throughout their careers, such as wearing the correct protective equipment. Best practices and techniques were discussed with presentations by both Adam Ellis of Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

According to the NBC News report, "Researchers say one big reason for



Salt River Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike Mink (middle) with special guest who spoke to fire fighters on the dangers of smoke and soot on fire fighters held January 16.

the change is that firefighters today are fighting very different blazes. Modern homes and businesses are full of synthetics, plastics and chemicals that can explode much faster and coat firefighters in a toxic soot."

The report continued, "A CDC/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health study tracked nearly 30,000 firefighters across the country in 2010 and found higher rates of cancer than the general population."

Ellis reviewed ways to minimize exposure to potentially harmful substances. For example, firefighters should keep their masks on until they are completely out of the smoke. After each response, firefighters should clean themselves and their gear thoroughly. This includes housekeeping, laundry and equipment cleaning at the fire station, as well as cleaning their

personal vehicles regularly, inside and out. Firefighters should have two sets of turnout clothing so they can switch off, and recommended not taking their gear home, because soot and chemicals could still linger and contaminate the family and others.

To help lower their risk of developing cancer, just like the general public, first responders are encouraged to eat more foods containing antioxidants, particularly fruits and vegetables. Vigorous workouts and drinking plenty of water will help the body expel toxins, and getting enough restorative sleep is important. Also, firefighters should be familiar with their family's history with cancers and should get all the cancer screenings recommended by their physician.

Senior Services Recreation Activity Calendar

*** **FEBRUARY** ***
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FRIDAY, FEB. 8

EVENT: Valentine's Dinner and Dance
6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Salt River Comm. Bldg.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

ACTIVITY: Walk for O'odham & Piipaash
7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LIMIT 15 *

MONDAY, FEB. 11

CRAFT: Valentine's Centerpiece 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SR/Lehi/WOLF

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

ACTIVITY: Valentine's Day Wreath 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SR/ Lehi/ WOLF. SDCAC Meeting 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Lehi Comm. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

EVENT: Roadhouse Cinemas 4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Limit 15

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

ACTIVITY: In-house Movie Day 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SR/Lehi/WOLF

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

ACTIVITY: ASU Softball 4:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Limit 15

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

ACTIVITY: Working Senior Desert Belle Sightseeing Cruise 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Limit 8

MONDAY, FEB. 18

Senior Services Closed Presidents Day

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

ACTIVITY: Movie Day 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Limit 15

TRIPS & EVENTS SIGN-UP

Remember to Sign-Up immediately for this month's trips or events as they do fill up fast. Deadlines for each trip & event is one (1) week prior to date of the trip or event. Please notify our Front Office if you do not receive a receipt or call back of your trip or event sign-up.
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News and Events In and Around Indian Country

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Indigenous Peoples March in Washington, D.C.

Indigenous people from across the world took part in the Indigenous Peoples March on January 18 in Washington, D.C.

The march brought awareness to the many issues Indigenous people face daily across the U.S. and beyond. The march is part of a grassroots movement.

The march started at the Department of Interior Building and ended with a rally at the Lincoln Memorial.

For photos of the march, search the hashtag "#IPMDC19" on social media. For more information on the grassroots movement, visit www.indigenouspeoplesmovement.com.

NCAI Names 'Distinguished Champions of Indian Country'

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will honor four people and one Native community as five Distinguished Champions of Indian Country in February.

NCAI made the announcement before its awards ceremony scheduled during its February winter session.

Native America Rights Fund attorney Heather Kendall-Miller will receive the Native American Leadership Award, and Major League Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred Jr. will receive the Public Sector Leadership Award. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community will receive a special recognition award.

U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.) will receive the Congressional Leadership Award, and Interior Department Senior

Policy Adviser Eugenia Tyner-Dawson will receive the Governmental Leadership Award.

U.S. Senate Re-Elects John Hoeven as Chair of Committee on Indian Affairs

On January 9, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs announced that U.S. Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) will remain committee chair. U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) will remain committee vice chair. Both announcements came after the swearing-in of the 116th Congress. Thirteen members of the U.S. Senate sit on the committee, including Martha McSally (R-Ariz.).

For more information on the committee, visit www.indian.senate.gov.

California Newspaper Selected to Host Tribal Issues Journalist

It's rare these days to find a daily news publication that dedicates its resources to covering Native people. Report for America is trying to change that.

The Desert Sun newspaper in Palm Springs, Calif., was selected to host a tribal issues journalist in 2019.

Report for America's goal is to "strengthen our communities and our democracy through local journalism that is truthful, fearless, fair and smart," according to its website, www.reportforamerica.org.

The 2019 class will push Report for America's growing number of reporters from 13 to 60. The program is funded by private and public donors. The group pays half of the journalist's salary, and the other half is paid by the selected newsroom.

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Community Input Needed as Salt River Schools Chooses New Math Curriculum



Students, parents, families and Community members are invited to join Salt River Schools as it chooses new K-12 math curriculum and new online curriculum for high school students.

School leaders and curriculum experts have been working since the beginning of the school year to research the best materials and programs available.

Community input is needed to help Salt River Schools choose the best curricu-

lum for our students.

The best way to provide your input is to visit our website at www.SaltRiverSchools.org. There you'll find a link to each finalist, as well as a survey link to let us know which curriculum program was your favorite.

Physical copies of the math curriculum materials are available at Salt River Elementary School and Salt River High School (there are no physical materials

for the online curriculum). If you would like to view physical copies of the math curriculum materials in person, please email Robert Gray, director of curriculum and instruction, at Robert.Gray@saltriverschools.org, or call (480) 362-2480.

The public comment period ends February 15. Your feedback is vital to help Salt River Schools choose its new curriculum program.

Calling the Westwood High School class of '69!

Plans for a 50-year reunion is well underway and Mary Talerico is looking for as many classmates as she can find. Call Mary Talerico at (602) 818-1579 for more information or go on Facebook and enter: westwood high school class of 69-mesa, az. (all lower case).



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Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

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yourself first off," said Notsinneh-Bowekaty.

She encourages families to talk to their teens and preteens about teen dating violence and how dangerous it can be to both males and females. Teen dating violence is a pattern of abuse, whether it's verbal, emotional, sexual physical or even harassment through social media. Sometimes it isn't easy to talk about teen dating violence with your child or young relative, but you can help them without giving a lecture, Notsinneh-Bowekaty said.

For example, ask them:

- What do you want in a romantic partner?
- Are you content with the relationship you have with yourself? Do you like yourself as a person?
- What does love mean to you? What kinds of love are there? (They could answer with puppy love, love for family, love

of God or a spiritual connection, love for an object or love for themselves.)

- Do you recognize the different phases of a loving relationship? (Lust, attraction, etc.)
- What are healthy boundaries when you're in a relationship with someone? Explain that couples don't need to be together every minute; everyone needs personal freedom. Cooperating and compromising with each other are important.

Notsinneh-Bowekaty said she shows youth some photographs like a ball and chain, a whirlwind, someone walking on eggshells and a volcano. "I ask them if any of their relationships are like those items." She also encourages teens to create a safety plan in case they find themselves in a situation where their partner is bothering them in an

uncomfortable way.

"They should have a secret code that could reach out to friends or family who can help them if needed. And also they should let people know where they are at all times," said Notsinneh-Bowekaty.

"It's really a positive topic, especially among the girls. The school mentioned how [girls] get encouraged from the presentations and talk with their school counselors about relationships they are having."

Unfortunately, many of the relationship behaviors experienced by teens mirror those of adult relationships in which there are indications of domestic violence, she said. She reminds teens that healthy relationships don't include emotional, verbal or physical abuse.

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT TREE PRUNING:

Salt River Project (SRP) has hired contractors from ACRT Inc and Asplundh Tree Expert Company to come out to the Community to identify, prune, and remove vegetation around transmission powerlines and easements. Operations will commence Feb. 4, 2019 and are expected to continue through Sept. 30.

Staff from the Environmental Protection & Natural Resources (EPNR) division have been coordinating with both SRP and SRP contractors to ensure the trimming operations meet the Community's conditions and requirements for ongoing maintenance.

SRP periodically prunes or removes trees that are near powerlines to prevent unsafe conditions and to maintain reliable electric service. Trees that grow too close to overhead powerlines can create fire and safety hazards, and cause power outages. SRP prunes or removes vegetation around lines that are part of the SRP electric delivery system. SRP uses an internationally recommended arboricultural technique called "directional pruning." This explains the various tree shapes that result from this pruning technique. However, this approach enables SRP to maintain the proper clearance from overhead lines, and keep trees in place.

If you have any concerns regarding recent vegetation clearing activities, please call 602-236-8366 or email TreeTrim@srpnet.com.

'A Match Made in High School'

teen dating
violence
awareness

Presentation will provide educational tools and information about the warning signs of teen dating violence and will provide action steps and where to get help.

FOR TEENS AGES 13-18 YEARS OLD

Thursday, February 21, 2019

5:30-7:00 pm

DHHS Conference Room #15

10211 E Osborn Road

For more info please contact: SRPMIC DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services
Ms. Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, Community Health Educator
(480) 362-2706
vurlene.notsinneh-bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Any Interested Community Members with GREAT typing, listening, and writing skills.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR ON-CALL RECORDING SECRETARIES

Monday, February 25, 2019

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Salt River Council Chambers - Ba'ag Conference room
10091 E. Osborn Road | Scottsdale, AZ 85256

PURPOSE:

The Council Support Team is seeking individuals who are interested in learning about the on-call Recording Secretary duties for producing Council Meeting minutes.

For more information, please contact Erica Harvier (480) 362-7466 or Tamar Gonzalez (480) 362-7973.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Every Friday during January, the Salt River Library presented an event called Coffee and Books, inviting the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to come enjoy coffee and pastries while checking out the library for something new to read. The library was featuring its latest additions, including the children's-book winners of the Newbery and Caldecott awards. Library cards are offered to anyone age 7 and up; children may check out four items and adults may check out six. The Salt River Library has audiobooks, DVDs and printed books to choose from and presents a number of special activities each month. For more information, call the library at (480) 362-6600 or stop by at the Way of Life Facility (WOLF). Tasha Silverhorn, O'odham Action News

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Rousseau Farms thanked hundreds of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community landowners by providing them with bags of vegetables and fruits during the annual Agricultural Lease Payout. The payout is held at the Round House Café every January. The SRPMIC Community Development Department helped fill the bags and distribute them to senior and disabled landowners during the first release. What is remaining will go to the rest of the landowners when they pick up their checks. Tasha Silverhorn, O'odham Action News

Salt River Schools Recognized in 2018 Farm Fresh Challenge

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Salt River Schools announced in December that both Salt River High School and Salt River Elementary School had been acknowledged for participating in the Arizona Department of Education's (ADE) 2018 Farm Fresh Challenge in October.

The goal of the Farm Fresh Challenge was to challenge Arizona school districts to provide healthy meals to their students incorporating locally grown, farm-fresh ingredients. The initiative included three parts: Taste Arizona, Teach Arizona and Connect.

- Taste Arizona: Serve at least three Arizona-grown or -raised meal components (such as grain, dairy, fresh fruits or vegetables, eggs or meat).
- Teach Arizona: Offer at least two educational opportunities teaching kids about Arizona's agricultural industry.
- Connect Arizona: Share at least one social-media post about the school's Farm Fresh Challenge activities.

Salt River Schools not only achieved all three of these components to the challenge, but they took it one step further by serving culturally important foods to the students.

"We documented, took pictures and



Ramona Farms came out to both schools to talk about the traditional foods that the O'odham and Piipaash use to eat. Photo submitted by Salt River High School Education Food Service Supervisor Shannon Reina.



Salt River Kitchen staff also served fresh grown local fruit at the Wellness event. Photo submitted by Salt River High School Education Food Service Supervisor Shannon Reina.



Salt River Elementary School kindergarten teacher Dawn Meyers helps educate the students on the different fruits, vegetables, and milks at the school's farmers market set up and milk tasting.

Photo submitted by Salt River Schools.

posted it on social media tagged 'Farm Fresh Challenge' and 'ADE' at the end of the month," explained Salt River High School Education Food Service Supervisor Shannon Reina.

Although the two schools didn't win the top prize, they were recognized for their efforts, particularly impressing the ADE by including the traditional foods.

"We had Ramona Farms from Gila River come out and present to the students," said Reina about the traditional-foods presentation at their wellness event last semester. Owner Ramona Button and her daughter talked about



Salt River High School serves wheat bread and Posole to students and family at their Wellness event last semester. Photo submitted by Salt River High School Education Food Service Supervisor Shannon Reina.

the food they grew a long time ago being healthier and how tribal members should go back to eating more of those foods.

Ramona Farms also brought brownies made with their farm-grown tepary beans, and Reina and her staff made posole and served locally grown cantaloupe.

"It was a fun challenge; it gave me an opportunity to include the traditional food," said Reina. "I wish we could do more of that. We have to choose foods that the students will eat too, and not a lot of them took the posole because it was new to them."

As for Salt River Elementary School, the kitchen staff featured all the locally grown fruits and vegetables.



Salt River Elementary kitchen staff happily show their 2018 Farm Fresh Challenge participation certificate. Photo submitted by Salt River Schools.



Salt River Elementary School taste test of Danzeisen Dairy's flavored milk which features flavors such as root beer, orange cream and classics such as chocolate and strawberry.

Photo submitted by Salt River Schools.

"We made a local farmers' market so the kids could come in and look at it," said Salt River Elementary School Education Food Services Supervisor Michelle Kelly. "Also, a part of the challenge was to feature one of the components—dairy, grain, fruits and vegetables—and we worked with Laveen dairy farm Danzeisen Dairy and featured their milk."

The elementary students were educated about the benefits of the milk and sampled it; the milk comes in a variety of different flavors such as root beer, orange cream, chocolate and strawberry.

"They were hesitant at first, but once they tried it they loved it," said Kelly.

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Spring Agenda
10am - Gardening Activity
10:45 am - Family Fitness at Home Demo
11:30 am - Food Demo and Lunch
1 pm - DIY Frame Making

Location:
SRPMIC WIC
10005 E Osborn Rd.
Bldg. #15
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(480) 362-7300

When:
February 22, 2019
10am to 2pm

24th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day in Arizona

joined them during the program.

Like past years, three tribal leaders were selected to give the State of Tribal Nations Address. White Mountain Apache Tribe Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Hualapai Tribe Chairman Damon Clarke and Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel each gave an address.

Moments before, Arizona Senate President Karen Fann and Speaker of the House Russell Bowers shared brief opening remarks.

Miss Indian Arizona Niagara Rockbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Hualapai Veterans Association presented the colors. Yavapai-Apache Nation Vice-Chairman Lawrence Jackson gave the invocation.

Lee-Gatewood, the first woman elected as chair of her tribe, shared an update on the White Mountain Apache people and happenings in her community. She asked for a stronger relationship and dialogue among tribes and the State of Arizona.

“When you talk about land and water, the tribal voice needs to be there. When you talk about economic development, the tribal voice needs to be there. When you talk about education, tribal nations should be a part of those discussions. It is my hope and dream and vision and prayer that we are included in those discussions. Whether it be with our state agencies, different officials and state organizations, we are a part of those discussions because we are part of Arizona.”

Miguel delivered his address after Lee-Gatewood and Clarke. He championed his community as a strong farming community. He encouraged people to persevere and work hard, especially the youth, by citing former U.S. President John F. Kennedy’s famous words, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

“Something I instilled in my kids is that failure is part of success,” Miguel

said. “You’re going to go through obstacles.”

Arizona Senator Jamescita Peshlakai (Navajo) introduced herself to the audience, thanked the crowd and encouraged everyone to reach out to her and other elected officials when in need.

Outside the chamber for most of the morning, a resource fair featured more than 20 information booths, mostly related to programs or businesses in and around the Phoenix Valley. A free lunch was provided nearby. Visitors received a magazine-style agenda that included a list of elected Arizona officials and their contact information, as well as contact information for each of the 22 tribal nations in Arizona and their elected leaders.

After lunch, two two-hour information sessions took place simultaneously. Guests could choose between “Best Practices in Historic Preservation” and “Missing and Exploited Women.”

From 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., activities geared toward youth in grades 7 to 12 were available on the Senate lawn. The focus of the activities was Indigenous health and wellness. Well For Culture co-founder and SRPMIC Community member Anthony “Thosh” Collins was one of the lead presenters.

Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day takes place on the Wednesday of the first week of each regular legislative session and regularly attracts between 300 and 400 people. The location goes back and forth each year from the Senate to the House of Representatives.

On January 14, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier was Mendez’s special guest during the Opening Day Ceremony of the 54th Legislature. Mendez’s district includes the SRPMIC.

For information related to the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day, contact the Governor’s Office of Tribal Relations in Phoenix at (602) 542-4426.



White Mountain Apache Tribe Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood delivers her State of Tribal Nations Address at a packed Arizona Senate floor on January 16.



Well For Culture co-founder Anthony “Thosh” Collins shares information with the youth.



(L-R) SRPMIC Council member Michael Dallas, Sr., Sen. Juan Mendez, SRPMIC Council member Thomas Largo, Sr. and YRPC President Sommer Lopez.

ITAA Hosts Indian Nations and Tribes Tribal Leaders Breakfast

Before the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the Arizona capital, the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona hosted the Indian Nations and Tribes Tribal Leaders Breakfast.

Tribal leaders from across Arizona were invited to attend the mixer. SRPMIC Council members Michael Dallas and Thomas Largo represented the Community at the breakfast. Largo was asked to deliver a blessing. Members of the Young River People’s Council assisted ITAA in presenting gifts to the sponsors of the breakfast.

This year’s breakfast was held at the Phoenix Art Museum and included a keynote by newly elected Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs. In her talk, Hobbs said her office will appoint a tribal liaison and have tribal participation in the working groups that update the state’s voting and election procedures.

“Hear this loud and clear: It is my commitment to you that I’ll be your partner in working to correct these voting-rights issues,” Hobbs said. “... we’ll have an Arizona that works for all of us.”

Other speakers included representatives from ITAA. Due to time constraints, some of the Arizona Native American legislators scheduled to speak could not attend.

ECEC Big Wheel Day



Youngsters from the Early Childhood Education Center and the FACE Program enjoyed Big Wheel Day on January 24. The event was held in the nearby parking lot. The kids got a break from school to visit with members of the Salt River Police Department, who had their SWAT tank on display, as well as the Salt River Fire Department, which set up a ladder truck. Also present was Arizona Propane, with one of its tankers on display. Many of the children were excited about getting close to the vehicles. They took turns climbing in and out of them and using the microphone on one of the police vehicles. The ECEC teachers utilize a curriculum that has a focus study for 6 weeks, the Pre-K students have a Transportation Study, looking at every aspect of transportation from people, roads, signs and vehicles. The Preschool students are focused on the Box Study, which allows for create thoughts to form regarding what can be made with a box. Many students name fire trucks and police cars as things they can make out of a box. Some ECEC students have family members who are fire fighters and police officers and talk about what they do. Richie Corrales, *O’odham Action News*

U.S. Naval Command College Tours SRPMIC, Learns History



SRPMIC Council members Michael Dallas, Sr. (left) and Tom Largo, Sr. (second from right) accept a plaque from the U.S. Naval Command College visiting officers on January 19.

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Members of the U.S. Naval Command College learned about the O’odham and Piipaash during a tour of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on January 19.

Fifty-five naval officers from 52 countries visited the Community. The group met at the outdoor amphitheater at the Two Waters Complex for a continental breakfast before the bus tour.

The visit was organized by the Community Relations Office, and SRPMIC Council members Tom Largo, Sr. and Michael Dallas, Sr. greeted the senior officers. Each officer received a shell necklace and a gift bag. The officers presented SRPMIC

with a “Class of 2019 Naval Command College” glass-case plaque.

Last year, the college visited the Community in March.

Largo and Dallas shared history of the Community and information on the tribal government.

The officers introduced themselves and named their home countries. Some came from as far away as Cameroon, New Zealand and Brazil.

Before getting back on the bus for the tour, the officers were treated to a performance by Bird Singing and Dancing by the River and hoop dancer RJ Lopez. The officers toured the western business corridor and other parts of the Community.

For more information on the college, visit <https://usnwc.edu/naval-command-college>.

L.O.V.E. Group Offers Support to LGBTQ in the Community

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The Salt River L.O.V.E. (Lifting Our Voices of Equality) Group was established in 2013 to help support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) population of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The support group was formed after Community member Daniel "Pie" Wood attended a Council forum and witnessed an attack on a Council representative based on what Wood felt was the Council representative's sexuality. Wood felt that there should have been a group there to support that representative. That gave him the idea to reach out to others in the Community through Facebook to help build a group of people to help others who are looking for support.

"After posting my concerns on Facebook, I got a lot of response from people to create a group, so I got together with other interested Community members," said Wood. "We started out political, but overall, we felt the need to be more of a support for those struggling to find their place."

The goals of Salt River L.O.V.E. are to provide education and raise awareness about equality in sexual preference by sharing personal experiences and offering useful information and advice.

"People might say or think that there is no need for the Salt River L.O.V.E. group because it's a different time now and people are more accepting to the LGBTQ community," said Wood. "But that's not true, because there might be a little kid out there who ... is too afraid [to be himself or herself] because their family talks negative [about LGBTQ people] or will not be accepting of them."

Wood said Community members have asked him for advice on how to handle their child or grandchild who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,

queer or questioning; the adults would ask him how to 'fix' the child.

"I explained that it's not about 'fixing' them, it's about learning to accept and support them," said Wood. "That's why we [Salt River L.O.V.E.] are here. We would rather support those out there and help them; we don't want to see any of them to turn to drugs or alcohol because they are trying to cover up their sexuality from their families."

At its regular meetings, L.O.V.E. aims to focus on different LGBTQ educational topics through special guest speakers, movie screenings and by sharing their personal experiences.

"I have learned a lot myself," said Wood. "I'm learning a lot about the history and events of the gay and lesbian movements. There is so much more we wanted to learn about, such as the rights of transgender people when dealing with the police and in the judicial system. Hopefully, we can meet with people in those areas and they can answer some of our questions."

The group's upcoming events include the St. Valentine's Waila Dance, the next regular Salt River L.O.V.E. Group meeting and a Swap Meet Fundraiser in May.

The dance will be held on February 16 at the Salt River Community Building from 7:30 to 11 p.m. The dance started four years ago, intended to mimic the old Valentine Classic Dance that happened in-between the Annual Valentine Classic basketball tournament and had held the ceremony of the Head Start King and Queen.

"The first year we had it, we got a good turnout of elders. Since then it has grown and grown," said Wood. "We would like to have everyone come out, dance and have a good time."

The next Salt River L.O.V.E. meeting, on February 23 at the Canalside Clubhouse, will feature a Native PFLAG group (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) who will be there to answer any questions about

the LGBTQ community. The meeting is open to the public. On May 4, the group will hold its Swap Meet Fundraiser at the Community Building. It will hold an Open Mic Night in October.

Other future events include marching in annual parades, such as the Two Spirit Powwow, Tohono O'odham Rodeo Days Parade, Mul-Chu-Tha Parade, NARD Parade and Phoenix Pride Parade. The group hopes to raise money to cover expenses so it can also join the first National Trans Visibility March on April 1 in Washington, D.C., and

Salt River L.O.V.E. hopes to receive

more support from the Community and plans to ask the SRPMIC Council to grant a funding request, or at least get building fees waived for their meetings. Wood said they are very thankful for those on Council who have supported the group and those who work in the Community who have helped provide meeting space throughout the years.

For more information on the Salt River L.O.V.E. group and its upcoming meeting dates and events, email salriverlove@gmail.com.

Russo and Steele Automobile Auction Held at Talking Stick



The 19th Annual Russo and Steele Collector Car Auction came to Salt River Fields at Talking Stick January 16-20, with more than 800 vehicles parked under huge white tents. It is a primary destination for car enthusiasts to buy and sell classic cars, ranging from custom-made American hot rods to European sports cars. The five-day event took place during Arizona Car Week. Buyers, sellers and spectators had the opportunity to get a good look at each vehicle before it drove up onto the auction block. Based in Scottsdale, the Russo and Steele auto auction will be held in Amelia Island, Fla., in March and in Monterey, Cali. in August. Richie Corrales, O'odham Action News

Community Member Jorge Gonzales-Zuniga Jr. Named Mr. Indian SCC

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In October, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Jorge Gonzales-Zuniga Jr. was named Mr. Indian Scottsdale Community College.

Gonzales-Zuniga, a second-year student at SCC pursuing his associate's degree, was approached by former Mr. Indian SCC Bryce McGertt, who encouraged him to run for the title.

Gonzales-Zuniga, who is also a hoop dancer, jumped at the opportunity. He competed against another student and won.

"It's basically the same as a regular pageant; we had to do a talent presentation, answer questions and do a showcase presentation," said Gonzales-Zuniga. "My presentation was on the gang affiliation in tribal communities."

Since landing the Mr. Indian SCC title, he has attended many events representing SCC.

"We do community service here and there. The Miss and Mr. SCC court will be attending the Parada del Sol in Scottsdale in February, but I will be unable to attend that event because I will be competing in the hoop dancing competition at the Heard Museum that day," said Gonzales-Zuniga. The Heard Museum 2019 World Championship Hoop Dance Contest takes place on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10.



Community Member Jorge Gonzales-Zuniga was titled Mr. Indian Scottsdale Community College in October 2018 and has been enjoying all the new opportunities that come with the title.

About serving as Mr. Indian SCC, he added, "I look forward to [making] more connections with other schools, ... [figuring out] what I want to do with my life career-wise, and to have fun with it."

Gonzales-Zuniga encouraged other Native American students to enter the Mr. Indian SCC competition. Being Mr. Indian SCC is a good way to connect with the Community, represent SCC and make a goal for your future career, he explained.

Gonzales-Zuniga Jr. is the son of Louanne Cough and Jorge Gonzales-Zuniga Sr. He plans to attend Arizona State University to complete his bachelor's degree in business after he graduates from SCC.

Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Day Treatment Program

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Mental illness is often misunderstood, and those who suffer from it or who have family members who suffer from it might not know what type of help is available.

In the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, a program has been working for years to help those who need extra assistance when it comes to mental health.

The Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Day Treatment Program is available to Community members three days a week and provides lunch and transportation at no cost. The program is a branch of Behavioral Health Services and is based out of Building 32 in the tribal government complex, northeast of the Salt River Clinic.

The program meets Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and includes lunch provided by Senior Services. The treatment curriculum is based on Illness Management and Recovery curriculum and features confidence builders, art therapy, and interaction and engagement. The program also offers other activities, like a twice-weekly gym activity and movies. Outings off-campus to attractions like the Heard Museum in Phoenix or Mesa's Arizona Museum of Natural History

happen every other month.

The program has 12 regular clients; most attend every day. Participation is voluntary and clients can pick which days to attend. William Rose, a longtime counselor, said two clients have been attending regularly for more than 25 years.

Rose, counselor LeRayne Begay and Mental Health Technician Paulino Valenzuela are working to educate people to de-stigmatize mental illness.

The SMI Day Treatment Program has space for additional clients and encourages anyone interested to visit the nearby Intake Center for a mental health screening.

Each year, program participants and counselors attend an SMI conference. The conference has been around for years and Salt River used to host it regularly, but now the conference rotates between here, San Carlos and Tohono O'odham. This year's conference will be held in the Community toward the end of the year and is open to the Community.

SMI is hosting Family Support Night on February 21. The program regularly hosts the support night every other month to better explain its day treatment program and for clients and family members to meet in a social setting. For questions, contact Valenzuela at (480) 242-9872.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST 2019, 6-7:30PM
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(Serious Mental Illness)

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Please **RSVP/register** by phone call & join us for an evening of meet & greet, learn about the SMI Day Treatment Program, and a light dinner. For questions or concerns, please contact Rayne Begay, BHC at 480-242-9872 or Paulino Valenzuela, Mental Health Technician at 480-208-6144. We look forward to seeing you!



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All Dogs must be on a leash
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We are seeking volunteers from the community.

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Youth Develop Job Skills in Spring Youth Worker Session

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program started its spring youth worker session on February 4. The program held its orientation last month at the Human Resources building, where more than 20 students participated in the two-hour orientation. WIOA Development Manager James Smith reviewed topics such as work ethic, professionalism and the core values of the Community. He also discussed different issues that youth workers may come across on the job, such as confidentiality issues. They also went over tax paperwork, job placements and time cards.

"It's a lot that is condensed down in a two-hour session," said Smith.

The program helps young workers learn job readiness, build their work ethic and have the opportunity to work at various locations to help them decide on a career for the future.

Youth will be participating in the 12-week spring program working in various departments around the Community, such as the Early Childhood Education

Center, the Boys & Girls Clubs, Youth Services and Recreation.

"We chose these locations because they are departments that [remain open] after 5 p.m., and our main priority is to have these youth go to school and have the opportunity to work when they have finished their school day," Smith said. "By the time they get out of school, all the tribal departments are closing. That's why we are utilizing the after-school programs to place these young people to work."

Forty-five students signed up for the fall 2018 program, and 35 students completed it.

The program's biggest session is the summer youth employment program, which is divided into two six-week sessions, one in June and the second in July. The WIOA program will be sending out information on the summer work program throughout the Community at the end of April. Parents of students who wish to participate should pick up applications and return them right away, because the summer job program fills up fast.

For more information about WIOA, call (480) 362-7950.



Sisters Wrap Up Basketball Season at Saguaro High School

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Julianne Carlisle plays against Desert Mountain on January 17, 2019, Julianne and her sister Lynnyce Carlisle both play on the Saguaro High School Girls' Varsity Basketball team.

Sisters Julianne Carlisle and Lynnyce Carlisle both play on the Saguaro High School girls' varsity basketball team. Julianne, a senior, has been playing on the team since she was a sophomore and was one of the starting five during the game against Desert Mountain on January 17. Unfortunately, Lynnyce was not in attendance for that game due to other obligations.

As of January 18, the Lady Sabercats' overall win-loss record was 8-11.

The Lady Sabercats' season kicked off on November 20, playing their first game against Buckeye; they lost that game 65-43. The ladies went on to beat the Coronado Dons, 64-31, in their second game of the regular season.

During the last week of November, the Lady Sabercats participated in the Lake Powell Holiday Classic, where they played three games. They lost against the Page Sand Devils 19-51, won against the Tohatchi team from New Mexico 48-39, and lost to the Tuba City Warriors 31-67.

As they continued their regular

season, the team logged four wins and one loss before the winter break. They beat the St. Mary's Knights 45-42, lost to the Seton Catholic Prep Sentinels 22-61, and beat the Apache Junction Prospectors 64-19, Prescott Badgers 64-27, and Combs Coyotes 35-25.

During the winter break, the Lady Sabercats participated in the Lady Titan Winter Hoops Classic at Arcadia High School. There they posted four losses and two wins as they played teams from around the Valley.

As school continued, the girls played their first game of 2019 against the Mesquite Wildcats, who defeated the Lady Sabercats 37-80. The ladies lost to the Arcadia Titans 47-61 and Flagstaff Eagles 60-67. They then came back with a win against the Marcos de Niza Padres, beating that team 58-22. They lost to the Desert Mountain Wolves at home 34-22, but the next day they beat the Poston Butte Broncos 50-31.

"This was a big game for us. We need it to go to the playoffs, but



Julianne Carlisle drives the ball towards the basket in the game against Desert Mountain.

we're going to still try hard and finish out the season great," said Julianne Carlisle about the game against Desert Mountain. "Having people come out and support is a big thing for us." The regular season ended on February 5.

Julianne Carlisle plans to attend

community college after graduation, work her way up to a larger college or university and continue to play the sport that she loves.



Julianne Carlisle finished her senior year after playing three seasons on the Saguaro High School Girls Basketball team.



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Six Celebrated at SRHS Senior Night

BY DALTON WALKER
O'odham Action News
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Six Salt River High School basketball players took the court for their final regular-season game at the school on January 22.

The six players, three from the boys' team and three from the girls' team, were celebrated during halftime for Senior Night. Randy Jackson, Brandon Schurz, Jacob Schurz, Gracelyn Lewis, Aaliyah Nodman and Keanna Osif each received a gift of flowers and balloons and was praised over the loudspeaker before posing for photos with family on the basketball court.

On Senior Night, the girls' team beat Ville de Marie Academy, 64-37, to improve their record to 10-0, but the boys' team fell to Villa de Marie, 35-58. The loss dropped the Eagles to a record of 7-4.

Playoffs are scheduled for February. When the playoff schedule is set, it will be available online at www.azcaa.com.



Aaliyah Nodman and family.



Jacob Schurz with family and coaching staff.



Keanna Osif and family.



Randy Jackson with family and coaching staff.



Gracelyn Lewis and family.



Brandon Schurz with family and coaching staff.

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Newly Elected Council Member Wi-Bwa Grey Sworn Into Office



Salt River Royalty congratulates Wi-Bwa Grey after the ceremony.



Wi-Bwa Grey with her former co-workers Salt River Schools Security Charles Sears and Sean West.

The swearing-in took place at the beginning of the regular Council meeting on January 23 in the Salt River Council Chambers. Grey was sworn in by Chief Judge Ryan Andrews; former Council member Lance Grey, who is Grey's uncle, held the Bible.

Afterward, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier presented Grey with an oath-of-office plaque. During his congratulatory remarks, Harvier stated that he thought Grey was the youngest person to sit on the Council thus far.

Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard, Council members, Community members and family congratulated Grey and held a small celebration in her honor before the Council meeting.

In her candidate statement, Grey said, "The reason why I decided to run for this leadership role is I have seen this Community grow and prosper due to previous Councils' visions and accomplishments, and I thank them. Now I feel

it is time for my generation to step up and turn the attention to the people and their needs."

She listed some of her concerns as:

- Providing a rehabilitation center for our children.
- Providing a foster care program that will pay our own people the same that is paid to the outside.
- Provide a sober home for our people.
- Provide halfway homes for our members who are being released from prison.
- Improve our drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.
- Enhance education in our Community schools.
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Grey will represent District D.

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SR Jr Hoops Basketball Team 12-0

BY RICHIE CORRALES
O'odham Action News
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basketball family.”

The team did not allow an opposing team to score more than 19 points this year and finished the season with a 12-0 record.

“We have locked up the No. 1 seed in the Division 2 CAA playoffs and remain focused on hanging a championship banner in the gym at Salt River High School,” said Eswonia.

For playoff results and times, visit www.azcaa.com.

The Salt River Junior High basketball team's regular season came to an end on January 24 with their last game, against Summit Ahwatukee. This team has faced a tremendous amount of adversity in both basketball and life this year.

“We are down to six players for the remainder of the year, but we have not let up at all,” said head coach Leroy Eswonia. “The boys continue to work hard and continue to build their bond as a



The Junior High basketball team had a great year with a 12-0 record. During their last game they played against Summit Ahwatukee.



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Dear Inquiring,

With more than 40 million licensed drivers in the U.S. over the age of 65, there are lots of resources available today to help keep older drivers safe and behind the wheel longer. Here are some simple steps you can take to help keep your dad driving safely.

Get his eyes checked:

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Check his meds:

Does your dad take any medicine or combination of medicines that make him sleepy, light-headed or loopy? If so, make a list of all his medications (prescription and over-the-counter) and dietary supplements, and take it to his doctor or pharmacist for a review. You can also get help with this online at RoadwiseRX.com.

Evaluate his driving

To stay on top of any potential driving issues, you should take a ride with

your dad from time-to-time watching for problem areas, such as: Does he drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Does he have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does he react slowly, get confused easily or make poor driving decisions? For more tips, see the National Caregivers Library driving assessment checklist at SeniorDriver-Checklist.org.

If your dad needs a more thorough evaluation, you can turn to a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers. This type of assessment typically costs between \$100 and \$200. To locate a professional in your area, visit AOTA.org/older-driver or ADED.net.

Take a refresher course: AAA and AARP both have older driver refresher courses that can help your dad tune-up his driving skills, and learn how to adjust for slower reflexes, weaker vision and other age-related changes that affect driving. Taking a class may also earn him a discount on his auto insurance. To locate a class, contact your local AAA (AAA.com), or AARP (AARP.org/drive, 888-227-7669). Most courses cost around \$15 to \$30 and can be taken in the classroom or online.

Another good resource to look into is CarFit. This is a free assessment

program that will help your dad adjust his vehicle for a better fit, making it easier and safer to drive. CarFit events are held around the country in select locations. See Car-Fit.org to look for one near you.

Make some adjustments: Recognizing your dad's driving vulnerabilities and making small changes on when and where he drives can go a long way in helping keep him safe and driving longer. Adjustments may include not driving after dark or during rush hour traffic, avoiding major highways or other busy roads, and not driving in poor weather conditions.

You can find more tips at AAA Senior Driving at SeniorDriving.AAA.com.

And finally, when it gets to the point that your dad's driving isn't safe anymore and he needs to quit, The Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers two helpful resources. Go to TheHartford.com/lifetime – click on "Publications" on the menu bar – and download or order the "At the Crossroads" and/or "We Need to Talk" guides.

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ALVAREZ, EVANGELA FRANCES - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0194 Court Date: March 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

ALVAREZ, EVANGELA FRANCES - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-18-0074 Court Date: March 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

ANTONE, ELEANOR CAROL - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0226 Court Date: March 5, 2019 at 11 a.m.

ANTONE, IRENA KIM - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0005 Court Date: April 17, 2019 at 11 a.m.

ANTONE, IRENA KIM - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0095 Court Date: March 12, 2019 at 4 p.m.

BECERRA, OSCAR GARCIA - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: March 11,

2019 at 11 a.m.
BIAKEDDY, ARLEN CASEY - Formal Hearing Case: J-19-0045/ 0046 Court Date: March 18, 2019 at 3 p.m.

BURNS, SUMMER MARIE - Disposition Hearing Case: J-19-0016 Court Date: March 11, 2019 at 9 a.m.

CARLOS, ALYSSA - Formal Hearing Case: J-19-0030 Court Date: February 25, 2019 at 3 p.m.

CONGER, ARON TYRONE - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0226 Court Date: March 5, 2019 at 11 a.m.

CONTRERAS JR., RUBEN DAVID - Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0176/ J-17-0242 Court Date: March 7, 2019 at 10 a.m.

COOPS, CHARLES JERRY - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0095 Court Date: March 12, 2019 at 4 p.m.

ENOS, ROCHELLE MICHELLE - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: February 25, 2019 at 11 a.m.

ENOS, ROCHELLE MICHELLE - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0164 Court Date: April 1, 2019 at 4 p.m.

ENOS, YVETTE MARIE - Initial

Paternity Hearing Case: J-19-0024 Court Date: March 20, 2019 at 10 a.m.

GARCIA SR., DAVID - Formal Hearing Case: J-18-0161 Court Date: February 6, 2019 at 2 p.m.

GOODWIN, LEVI JON - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0003 Court Date: March 19, 2019 at 9 a.m.

GUTIERREZ, TONY ULYESSE HILLIAN - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0161 Court Date: February 25, 2019 at 3 p.m.

JOAQUIN, JOSE - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-18-0074 Court Date: March 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

JOAQUIN, JOSE - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0194 Court Date: March 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

KAVOKA, TARA VIANN - Formal Hearing Case: J-19-0010/ 0011/ 0012/ 0013/ 0014/ 0015 Court Date: February 14, 2019 at 11 a.m.

KAVOKA, TARA VIANN - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-19-0033/ 0034/ 0035/ 0036 Court Date: February 14, 2019 at 11 a.m.

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MURPHY, STEPHANIE - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0037/ 0038/ 0039 Court Date: March 4, 2019 at 10 a.m.

PACHECO, ROSARIO - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-18-0157 Court Date: February 25, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

PERKINS SR., TERENCE LANFORD - Disposition Hearing Case: J-18-0022 Court Date: February 26, 2019 at 10 a.m.

RENTERIA, ALYCE DARLENE - Review Hearing Case: J-14-0111/ 0112/ 0113 Court Date: February 14, 2019 at 3 p.m.

RHODES, LAKOTA FELIX - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-19-0024 Court Date: March 20, 2019 at 10 a.m.

SANTO, CARMELITA IRIS - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0041/ 0042/ 0043 Court Date: March 11, 2019 at 11 a.m.

SMITH, MELANIE ROSE - Truancy Hearing Case: ATR-19-0021 Court Date: February 21,

2019 at 4 p.m.
VALENCIA, ALICIA MARIE - Permanency Hearing Case: J-16-0173/ 0174/ 0175/ 0176/ J-17-0238/ 0239/ 0240/ 0242 Court Date: March 7, 2019 at 10 a.m.

WEBSTER III, DANIEL - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0087/ 0088 Court Date: February 12, 2019 at 4 p.m.

CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION:

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BACA, CRUZ - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-18-0172 Court Date: February 25, 2019 at 9 a.m.

HAYES, ANDREW FLOYD - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: CF-19-0016 Court Date: March 13, 2019 at 9 a.m.

HILERIO, MAXIMINO III - Paternity Hearing Case: CF-18-0174 Court Date: February 22,

2019 at 9 a.m.
LEWIS, GEOFFREY MAURICE - Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-19-0011 Court Date: March 4, 2019 at 3 p.m.

MARRUFO, MARISSA SHARON - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-18-0179 Court Date: February 13, 2019 at 10 a.m.

NAMOKI, MARQUEZ ALEXANDER - Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-19-0006 Court Date: March 4, 2019 at 2 p.m.

TAHMAHKERA, ROELENE L. - Probate Hearing Case: P-19-0002 Court Date: February 13, 2019 at 9 a.m.

TAYLOR, SHAWN BRANDON - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-18-0175 Court Date: February 14, 2019 at 2 p.m.

THOMAS, CONNER GERALD - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-17-0170 Court Date: February 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

VALENCIA, JAZMIN MANUELA - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-19-0023 Court Date: March 12, 2019 at 9 a.m.

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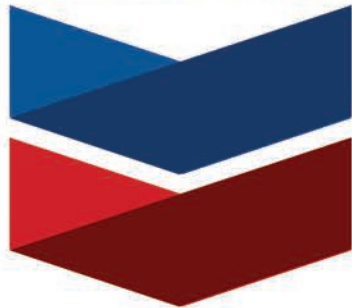
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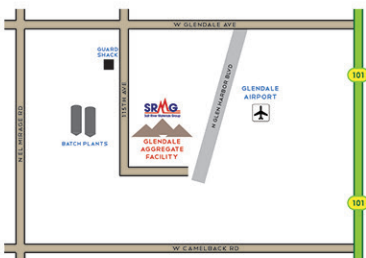
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FEBRUARY

- 8 ARIZONA NATIVE EXPERIENCE,** 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. located at Saguaro Hotel 4000 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Serving as the kick-off event for the Arizona Indian Festival, the Arizona Native Experience introduces guests to authentic native culture and cuisine in a cocktail setting with Native Chef tasting stations featuring traditional and fusion foods and cocktails crafted by Tila Cassadore (San Carlos Apache), Mario Renneto Etsitty (Dine/Navajo), Felicia Cocotzin Ruiz (Xicana/Tewa) and Freddie Bitsoie, executive chef of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (Dine/Navajo), demonstrations, interactive conversations, traditional and contemporary Native Arts and more.
- 9 SRPMIC WALK FOR O'ODHAM PIIPAASH,** 8 a.m. located at Lehi Gathering Grounds. Begins with 8 a.m. registration next 9 a.m. Opening prayer. Warm-up followed by walk. Traditional songs & food. First 300 participants will receive a t-shirt (at registration). For more information contact Community Relations (480) 362-7740 email: events@srpmic-nsn.gov
- 9 & 10 ARIZONA INDIAN FESTIVAL,** 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sunday, Feb 10, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. located at Scottsdale Civic Center 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. This free two-day family-friendly event serves as a celebration of the region's Native American roots in culture and ancestral traditions. Guests can

view historic dwellings and art demonstrations and enjoy Native American storytelling, performances, music and contemporary entertainment along with an artisan market, Tribal and Tourism Expo, food trucks, fry bread stands and kids' activities. For more information please contact Tourism, Business & Sponsor Booths: Dawn Melvin (602) 364-3707 dmelvin@tourism.az.gov

9-10 29TH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HOOP DANCE CONTEST, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. located at the Phoenix Heard Museum 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix AZ 85004. Top American Indian And Canadian First Nation Hoop Dancers vie for the title of world champion hoop dancer, amazing performances of the intertribal hoop dance where each dancers' weaves in aspects of his or her distinct tradition and culture, more than \$30,000 in prize money, fry bread & other American Indian foods. For more information on this event contact (602) 252-8848.

8 MOVIES IN THE DESERT-TANGLED, 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. located at the OdySea in the Desert. Come experience "Movies in the Desert" presented by Cox Communications and Johnny Rockets OdySea. A free family event with music, games, and tons of prizes beginning at 5 p.m. Come early to claim your spot while seating last but recommend bringing your own folding chairs. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. free admission. There are plenty of options to grab a bite before the movie in the courtyard.

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11 PREPARE FOR PIZZA MONDAY, 10:30 a.m.- 11 p.m. located at Barro's Pizza 8940 E. Indian Bend Rd. Scottsdale. Barro's Pizza will continue its partnership with SRHS and offer a series of fundraisers to help support students and activities! Present the flyer and Barro's Pizza will donate 20 percent of the proceeds from delivery, dine-in and take-out orders! to order take-out or delivery call Barro's Pizza (480) 302-6555 or visit srpmic-ed.org for flyer on discount.

19 CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. located at Salt River Schools Education Board Room 4836 N. Center Street AZ 85256. Free training for parents, caregivers and professionals. This training cultivates successful behaviors form changing diagnoses, including: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Asperger's Spectrum Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Reactive Detachment Disorder. Especially helpful for families that have experienced trauma. Lunch Provided. Registration required contact Zandria Ransom and contact (480) 362-7844.

13 COUNCIL MEETING, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. located at the SRPMIC Council Chambers. Open session. Council meetings will occur every Wednesday unless otherwise noted. Date, time, agenda and location subject to change. Council may enter Executive Session as

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15-16 2019 YOUTH BASKETBALL VALENTINES CLASSIC, 6th Grade & Under Boys/Girls Divisions. Double elimination tournament with championship games. All Players Must Be in Current Grade Division. Be prepared to show proof of eligibility with report card or through school portal. Entry Fee: \$125.00 Per Team Deadline: January 31, 2019 Individual Awards and Championship Awards to register or for more information please contact Community Recreation Services- Athletic Staff at (480) 362-6365.

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16-17 8TH ANNUAL STREET EATS FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. located at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. All of the food trucks offer \$2 samples of their homemade treats. Plus, between bites you can enjoy live music, food eating contests, and a massive kid's zone for a fun weekend celebration. For more information on this event you can contact <http://SaltRiverFields.com> or <http://www.streeteatsaz.com>

18 TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY, please plan accordingly.

21 A MATCH MADE IN HIGH SCHOOL, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. located at DHHS Conference Room #15 10211 E. Osborn Rd. Presentation will provide educational tools and information about the warning signs of teen dating violence and will provide action steps and where to get help. For teens ages 13-18 years old. For more info please contact: SRPMIC DHHS Prevention & Intervention Services Ms. Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty, Community Health Educator (480) 362-2706 or email vurlene.notsinneh-bowekaty@srpmic-nsn.gov

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23 ARTISAN FEST, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. OdySea's in the Desert. FREE Artisan Fest takes place every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Visit with local artists, designers, and creators at the outdoor Artisan Market. Activities include a Kids Art Zone, live music from some of the best local musicians, live art, plus plenty of more activities. For vendor inquiries and general questions, please contact Jessica at (480) 284-9533 or jessica@asterearth.com

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