



## Three Community Firefighter/EMTs Graduate from Phoenix College Paramedicine Program

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On Monday, October 30, three members of the Salt River Fire Department graduated from Paramedics Class 2023-01/02 at Phoenix College. Esiquiel Guerrero, Alicia Randall and Ramo Wood all received certificates of graduation.

The ceremony took place in the college's Bulpitt Auditorium. Phoenix College instructor and paramedicine trainer Glenn Trainor said a few words at the graduation ceremony and complimented the graduates on their instant camaraderie.

"Usually, when we have people from different stations across the state, they get cliques," said Trainor. "Not this group. We have people from Maricopa, Salt River, Mesa and a few other locations, but none of them broke up into cliques. It was all one giant family from day one."

Trainor went on to say that, at their welcome potluck gathering at the beginning of the semester, the students instantly became close and remained so throughout the 10-month course.

"Like all things, we've experienced our share of highs and lows. But this group by far is my favorite class I've ever taught," finished Trainor as his voice cracked and he began to tear up at the podium.

During the graduation ceremony, Trainor mentioned the importance of having a strong



Members of the Salt River Fire Department graduated from Paramedics Class 2023-01/02 at Phoenix College, (L-R): Esiquiel Guerrero, Alicia Randall and Ramo Wood.

support circle for each of the students. The constant homework, tests and training throughout the 10-month course challenged each of the graduates. This year's class began with 40 students, but 36 completed the course and graduated.

Students enrolled in the Phoenix College

paramedicine program undergo rigorous training while attending courses on campus. The nationally accredited program trains students in anatomy, pathophysiology, cardiology, pulmonology, pharmacology, pediatrics, geriatrics, hematology, toxicology and more. The course prepares students

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## Huhugam Ki: Museum Rings in 36 Years with New Exhibition: "Coming Home"



Left: An exhibit displaying a war shield, one of the many items of the Bert Robinson collection. Right: Repatriated effigy pots on display.



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The Huhugam Ki: Museum celebrated its 36th anniversary on November 4 with the opening of a brand-new exhibition, "Coming Home."

The day began with the staples of *kui si'ovi svadagam cemait* / *anaaly aschaak* (mesquite pancakes) and, for those late to arrive, eggs and bacon with fresh-made *cemait / moditly* (tortillas). As mesquite pods were milled and bellies filled, the exhibition was then opened to the public.

Since the completion of the

Repository, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Cultural Resources Department has been kept busy archiving and preserving the variety of cultural items and artifacts that have been returned to the Community and re-creating some of the more fragile contributions. Many of the items on display are carefully crafted replicas of artifacts dating back hundreds of years. For the "Coming Home" exhibition, museum staff wanted to highlight some of the items that left Salt River long ago and have come home to the Community as items

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## S'edav Va'aki Museum Renaming Ceremony Recognizes O'odham Himdag



Tribal leaders and local government officials pose with Painter/Muralist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus in front of his new mural. Left to right: SRPMIC Tribal Historic Officer Shane Anton, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Phoenix District 8 Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, SRPMIC Council Member Mikah Carlos, SRPMIC Council Member Jacob Butler, painter/muralist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus, SRPMIC Council Member Deanna Scabby, Gila River Indian Community Council Member District 4 Jennifer Allison.

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At the corner of 44th and Washington streets in Phoenix, on traditional O'odham land, the wall surrounding the site formerly known as Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park now displays a new title: the S'edav Va'aki Museum.

The name S'edav Va'aki is the SRPMIC O'odham spelling for "Central Vahki," which refers to the large platform mound, or Va'aki, that is preserved on the museum site.

On November 6, the S'edav Va'aki Museum held its official renaming celebration and exhibit opening after recognizing the O'odham Himdag ("way of life" in O'odham) by changing its name earlier this year.

The packed event was held at the entrance of the museum, where leadership, youth and tribal historic preservation officers from O'odham sibling tribes gathered with City of Phoenix officials to talk about the importance of the renaming.

The name change coincided

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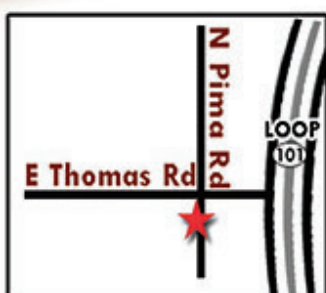
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Paramedics Class of 2023-01/02.

to become paramedics to assist those in need in their communities.

English 101, intermediate algebra, critical reading, oral communication and social-behavioral sciences are some of the other required classes for the paramedicine degree. The students were required to maintain a B average in each subject.

The graduating class also featured a few new additions. "We wanted to give a special shout-out to the husbands, wives, boyfriends and girlfriends who helped us finish," said classmate representative Joseph McDonald. He then added, "We also wanted to include the new moms in attendance. We had a few classmates become parents during the program."

Each student enjoyed a moment in the spotlight on stage as the names were

announced to the audience. As an added bonus, the Phoenix College Administration called for current fire chiefs in attendance to join the new graduates on stage. Salt River Fire Department Acting Chief Tsosie Wood walked up on stage and was able to personally congratulate his son Ramo, who is also a Community member, when he received his diploma.

Upon completion of the graduation ceremony, the three paramedicine graduates were surrounded by family, loved ones and friends. Now officially paramedics, Guerrero, Randall and Wood are trained to assist in any instance in which paramedic support is needed.

"This program pushes you to be the best you can be, and I feel so proud to have worked with this graduating class," said Trainor.



# B Letter Grade

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ALA staff celebrate the news of their school letter grade.

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Salt River Schools is thrilled to announce that the Accelerated Learning Academy recently received a "B" letter grade from the Arizona Department of Education.

The ADE measures year-to-year student academic growth, proficiency on English language arts, math, and science, and indicators that high school students are ready to succeed in a career or higher education, among other measures. Last year, the ALA earned a

"C" letter grade. ALA Principal Barbara Wilkinson credited the commitment of staff and the efforts of students for the incredible jump forward.

The ALA will continue to build upon its success, aiming for further improvements in academic achievement, student support, and family engagement. With its focus on excellence, the ALA is committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for its students. Learn more about the letter grade and view school-to-school comparisons at [www.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://www.SaltRiverSchools.org).

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# SRPMIC Recognizes Community Veterans and Their Families

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Every year, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community gathers on Veterans Day, November 11, to honor and remember the 400-plus Community members who have served or are currently serving in the military. This year, the Community's Veterans Office hosted its annual celebration at the Lehi Community Center; the theme was "Every Veteran Has a Family That Serves Too."

you to health and heal your wounds," he said. He expressed thanks for the sacrifice of those who dedicated their lives to their country in addition to the sacrifices made by their families. "The freedom we have, they say it's free, but we know there was a sacrifice that was laid [down] for it, and we honor and acknowledge our veterans," Dallas said.

The American Legion Post 114 Bushmasters proudly presented the colors as Isabella Dockerty sang the national anthem in O'odham. Miss Salt River

she continues that honor by flying the flag daily in his memory.

SRPMIC Council member Deanna Scabby officially wrapped up the 2023 SRPMIC Veterans Day Celebration with



Color Guard stands at attention while presenting flags.



U.S.M.C. veteran Danny Harvier.



A family member shares names of veterans that served in her family.

Veterans and their families were greeted with an array of patriotic decorations. A slideshow featuring photos of Community veterans played on the Community Center's indoor projector screen as well as drawings made by students from Salt River Elementary School.

Veterans in attendance received a goodie bag featuring a T-shirt, coffee thermos and a license plate protector denoting their military branch.

Veterans Representative Assistant Sierra Malin from the SRPMIC Veterans Office served as emcee for the event. "It's an honor to be with you all today to recognize our veterans and their families," she began in her welcoming speech. "Veterans have chosen to put their lives on the line, and because of that we owe them a debt of gratitude," she said.

In his welcoming prayer, SRPMIC Council member Michael Dallas Sr. read scripture from the Book of Jeremiah, verse 30:17. "But I will restore

2023 Jizelle Juan and Jr. Miss Salt River First Attendant Patricia Woody followed Dockerty's performance by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in tandem.

Afterward, SRPMIC President Martin Harvier said a few words about how much it means to him that the Community honors its veterans. "Today, throughout the country, people are gathered just as we are here to recognize those men and women who have put on the uniform that allows us the freedoms that we enjoy today," he stated.

The program then allowed active-duty military, veterans and their family members an opportunity to either share their service by stating their rank, branch and conflict or the name of the veteran they are honoring. A common theme throughout was that many came from a long line of family members serving in the military. There were others who did not make it out of basic training, and some enlisted when they were only 16 years old. One family member touched on her father's love of the flag and how

a closing prayer. "We're so thankful that we're able to be here and acknowledge our loved ones, those who have served and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice," she said.

**LET US NOT FORGET.**



Former SRPMIC Council member and U.S. Army veteran Tom Largo.



Kathy Saunders shares stories about her father, U.S. Army Veteran Fred Saunders, Jr.

# SRPMIC Employee Veterans Celebration Honors Those Who Served

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On Thursday, November 9, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community celebrated its employees who have served in the military by hosting the Employee Veterans Recognition Ceremony in the Two Waters Courtyard complex.

Salt River Veterans Representative Troy Truax Jr. served as emcee of the event and introduced the parading of the colors, the guest speakers and special guests at the celebration.

Paul Johnston, Round House Café general manager, recited a speech he had prepared along with the help of his wife. "I did not serve in the military, but I have a very soft spot in my soul and a deep appreciation for all those who have, mainly because my son Andrew served for four years in the Marine Corps," said Johnson.

Continuing to share his personal story, Johnston detailed how his son Andrew found himself in a firefight while on assignment. Thankfully, he survived, but Andrew's friend did not. "He died in my arms, Dad," Johnston's son told him. "That's a small peek into

why I am so grateful to you all. We wouldn't be standing here without you. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts," Johnston concluded, his voice quavering.



Paul Johnston, Round House Café general manager shared a story about his son and his deep appreciation for all those who have served.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier then walked up to the podium and reflected on the present times and what it means to be a veteran. "With everything going on in the world, I think we have a real opportunity to recognize those who have served their country," said Harvier.

He then went on to thank all 123 SRPMIC employees who have served in all military branches.

"This year's theme is 'Every Veteran Has a Family Who Serves Too,'" said



Veterans in attendance were given a thank-you gift bag.

Air Force," "Semper Supra," "Anchors Aweigh," "The Marines' Hymn" and "The Army Song."

The SRPMIC employee veterans and their families then walked up to the podium for their roll call. As the veterans recited their names and military branches, they were given a free toolset and a goodie bag, compliments of the SRPMIC Veterans Office.

"It is amazing what the Community does for its veterans. Let's gather around and unite as a Community to congratulate and honor those who have sacrificed so much. You deserve to be honored," Truax concluded.

Truax. "We want to make sure they are also recognized and celebrated for serving this great nation."

The 108th Army Band (Arizona) then played a medley of songs honoring the military branches. Songs included "Semper Paratus," "The U.S.

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# 35th Annual Red Mountain Eagle Powwow



During the Red Mountain Eagle Powwow weekend, dancers, spectators, and families surrounded the arena in the bleachers, or canopies.

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During the weekend of November 4 and 5, hundreds of dancers, tribal royalty, drum singers and spectators assembled at the Salt River Baseball Field in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the 35th annual Red Mountain Eagle Powwow.

Each day of the powwow began with a grand entry that welcomed in all of the dancers, royalty, veterans and flags for the session. Once the drum songs began, the performance arena soon filled with vibrant movement as 306 registered dancers in age categories ranging from Tiny Tots (0-6 years old) to the Golden Age (60 years and older) danced in, all decked out in their traditional regalia.

Throughout the weekend, several contests were held for each powwow dance and age category. During the "Saturday Night Live" session of the powwow, a special spotlight dance was held for both men and women's fancy. Five women and five men dancers were chosen by the judges to compete under the spotlight in a field of darkness to a crowd energized with excitement.

The weekend full of dancing was powered by the various drum groups in attendance. The host drum for the powwow was Grammy-nominated drum group Northern Cree, from the Saddle Lake Cree Nation in Alberta, Canada. Spectators and dancers surrounded the group as they sang their classics.

At the edges of the performance arena were artisans and food vendors who came to Salt River from across Indian Country. Attendees were able to shop handmade goods from artists and enjoy authentic Native American cuisine.

The weekend full of dancing, songs and good energy came to a close on Sunday evening, with prizes awarded to the winners for each dance and drum category. The first-place winner in the Men's Fancy Spotlight Dance was Darrel Hill Jr., and the winner of the Women's Fancy Spotlight Dance was Lennyn Paskemin. The drum winner for the weekend was Black Storm Crossing.



The Women's Golden Age division danced in on Saturday night.



During Grand Entry, the American Legion Post 114 "Bushmasters" brought in the flags.



Generations of dancers made their way into the powwow circle.



The Saturday afternoon Grand Entry started the Powwow weekend.



The five Men's Fancy dancers stand in front of judges after their Spotlight dance.



The Women's Traditional dancers gracefully enter the Powwow arena.



Dancers and Tribal royalty from across Indian Country came to the Powwow.



Members of drum group Northern Cree sang for the Saturday afternoon Grand Entry.



Powwow dancers proudly wore their regalia for the weekend of dancing.



Arena Director Darrell Goodwill supervises the arena as dancers come in for the Saturday Night Grand Entry.

# Hekiu Indigenous Artist Continuum Launches, Provides Cultural Consultation for Projects

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In July 2021, a group of local Indigenous artists was asked to be part of applying for a new grant in collaboration with the ASU Indigenous Design Collaborative and the City of Tempe.

The grant was the two-year "Our Town" grant offered by the National Endowment for the Arts, which provided the group funding to collaboratively produce their own set of design principles inspired by the City of Auckland, New Zealand's Te Aranga Design Principles, a set of outcome-based principles founded on intrinsic Māori cultural values and designed to provide practical guidance for enhancing outcomes for the design environment.

Photographer and multimedia designer Amy Davila (Akimel O'odham) of the Gila River Indian Community was one of the artists, along with painter and muralist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus (Tohono O'odham) and architectural designer Selena Martinez (Yoeme), who invited a list of other artists to represent their communities.

The three tribes included in the grant were O'odham, Piipaash and Yoeme, who all have a connection to the land throughout the Valley.

"We wanted to initiate a similar concept for the City of Tempe, to 'O'odhamize' the city of Tempe, and [explain] why it was necessary and beneficial [for everyone involved]," said Davila.

With the grant approved, Hekiu: An Indigenous Artist Continuum, was established. Hekiu means "past" in O'odham.

Hekiu's purpose is to create accessibility for O'odham, Piipaash, Yoeme and other Indigenous creatives to gather and connect through creative and artistic opportunities.

The group has other intentions to advise, consult and provide resources for projects of various scales, and to connect with and create partnerships with tribal entities and surrounding municipalities.

"[With Hekiu] we take into consideration when creating art in our environment the natural resources available, what's relevant culturally speaking, and what we feel that we can stand behind that we can express culturally," said Davila. "If there is something someone is interested in creatively, is it culturally appropriate? The seasons, the times of the year?"

On October 5, Hekiu was officially launched with a reception at the Tempe Center for the Arts, where the group introduced their team and what Hekiu is about.

Davila said that the reception marked the official completion of the grant, and now Hekiu is available for consultation for multiple purposes.

"We got a lot of good feedback about the launch," said Davila. "We were kind of expecting around 50 to 75 people, but the room was packed."

Amy Juan from the San Xavier Co-Op Farm was the host for the event, which was especially relevant because one of Hekiu's principles is recognizing the pathways to food.

Some of the topics discussed during the launch were the awareness of the longevity of O'odham and Piipaash existence and presence in the territory as a distinct legacy, honoring and protecting culturally significant sites, restoring and enhancing the surrounding natural ecosystems, and prioritizing the creative expression of O'odham and Piipaash narratives.

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# The Osage Nation Visits SRPMIC Family Advocacy Center

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On Thursday, November 2, representatives from the Osage Nation visited the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for a tour. Recently, the Osage Nation and SRPMIC have been working in tandem, sharing resources and information on how they both can better serve their communities.

The Osage Nation is located in northeast Oklahoma and comprises 1.4 million acres. The Osage purchased the land from the Cherokee Nation. On June 14, 1883, the Cherokee Nation conveyed the land by deed to the United States to be placed in trust. The lands purchased became the permanent home of the Osage people.

The Osage Nation currently has 26,000 enrolled members, but only a small fraction lives within their jurisdiction in Oklahoma. The Osage Nation's goal for the visit here was to get a first-hand look at the inner workings of how the SRPMIC assists the Community's families, so they can implement similar practices back home.

Representing the Osage Nation were Assistant Attorney General Rhylee Wynn; Civil Court Clerk Allie Toineeta; Indian Child Welfare Director Rebecca Grey Bull; Corrie O'Banion, coordinator for the Osage Nation's Family Violence Prevention Program; Karie Mashunkashey, Indian Child Welfare Specialist for the Osage Nation's Social Services Department; Executive Administrative Assistant Deserae Wood; Senior Director Eddie Screechowl; and Ladonna Shadlow, director of the Osage Nation's Social Services Department.

Their tour included stops at Talk-



Guests from the Osage Nation included, L to R: Indian Child Welfare Director Rebecca Greybull, Civil Court Clerk Allie Toineeta, Executive Administrative Assistant Deserae Wood, Osage Nation Assistant Attorney General Rhylee Wynn, Indian Child Welfare Specialist Karie Mashunkashey, Program Coordinator Corrie O'Banion, Director of the Osage Nation Social Services Department LaDonna Shadlow, and Senior Director Eddie Screechowl.

ing Stick Resort, the Family Advocacy Center, the Social Services Department and the Way of Life Facility. The visit concluded with a meeting with SRPMIC Council members for further discussion.

Landon Goodwell, SRPMIC Social Services manager, hosted the group's visit to the Family Advocacy Center. Goodwell explained the origins of the Family Advocacy Center and how it operates today. The visitors were highly impressed when Goodwell explained how the Family Advocacy Center maintains its day-to-day operations and works on its cases. "Having us [FAC staff] all in the same building being able to bounce ideas off each other is probably the biggest improvement," said Goodwell. "I can walk into the ser-



SRPMIC Social Services Manager Landon Goodwell (L) provided The Osage Nation representatives with a tour of the Community and provided them with details on how SRPMIC assists its members who receive services from various departments.

geant's office and they give us the police reports and what we need before we go into the homes."

"It sounds like you have everybody at the table; that is awesome," said Shadlow. Goodwell added, "We all have the same goals here."

When discussing paper case files, Goodwell informed the Osage group that the SRPMIC IT Department maintains the confidential database for the Family Advocacy Center. "We're completely electronic now," Goodwell said. "By 2026, we won't have any paper [charts]. We have all the court documents and everything in there [electronically]."

This proved to be a shocking revelation to the Osage. "May we get the contact information for your IT director?" asked O'Banion.

The group then took a tour of the Family Advocacy Center. They were able to view the nap room, which is a safe space for children in emergency situations who may need to spend the night. They were also shown the laundry room, the supply room, the employee shower and the adult "purple room," which has a confidential patio in the outside yard.

At the conclusion of the Family Advocacy Center tour, the group went on to the SRPMIC Social Services Department, where they met with Social Services Manager WinterElk Valencia and members of the staff.

The Osage Nation returned home on November 3 with the hope that the knowledge, resources and information they received while visiting the SRPMIC will help them improve and rehabilitate Osage families on their community.

"We are all very impressed," said Shadlow.

# SRPMIC Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

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There was a crisp breeze in the air on the morning of Friday, October 27, for the 2023 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Pink Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness. Everyone gathered outside the Round House Café at Friendship Park. The event began at 9 a.m., with participants checking in at the registration table to receive their Wellpath points for participating. The 2-mile route went south on Longmore Road down to Oak.

According to the American Indian Cancer Foundation ([americanindiancancer.org](http://americanindiancancer.org)), breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for Indigenous women. Breast cancer usually has no symptoms when the tumor is small and most treatable. At age 40, baseline breast cancer screenings can begin, with annual screenings beginning at age 45. Women 55 and older may schedule screenings every year or every two years. And although it is rare, men can get breast cancer too.

When breast cancer becomes detectable, the signs and symptoms include leaking fluid, sores, an inverted nipple, distinct vein growths, flaking near the nipple area, and bumps or hard lumps. Practicing a breast self-exam every month makes it easier to tell if something unusual is happening with breast tissue and helps detect cancer earlier.

More than 50 SRPMIC employees participated in the walk. SRPMIC trainer Eli Johnson led a brief warm-up prior to the walk. The event featured staff dressed up in their finest pink outfits to bring awareness to breast cancer. Also, as part of the event's festivities, Round House Café offered 20% discounts to those wearing pink.

Earlier in October, SRPMIC hosted a mobile mammography van in the parking lot of the Two Waters Courtyard Complex for Community members and staff. While monthly breast self-exams and annual mammograms cannot prevent cancer from forming, they can help detect breast cancer in its early stages, before it has spread and when it is most treatable.

For more information about breast cancer, mammograms, breast self-exams and more, consult your current healthcare provider.



This year's SRPMIC Pink Walk for Breast Cancer featured a fantastic turnout of participants and supporters to the cause. Participants were given blue skies and plenty of sunshine as they made their way south on Longmore drive to Oak. SRPMIC Public Works employees ensured participants had a safe walking path for the entire course as they directed traffic to avoid the event's walking path. The event promoted healthy living and awareness of early detection and prevention of breast cancer due to the fact that the cancer can occur in any gender.



# S'edav Va'aki Museum Renaming Ceremony Recognizes O'odham Himdag

with the reading of a land acknowledgement statement by Jarod Rogers, deputy director of the Natural Resources Division at the City of Phoenix, showing an example of what a municipality can do to put words into action.

Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis began the event with a traditional blessing song relating to the Va'aki.

Representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was President Martin Harvier, who, as an O'odham living in the SRPMIC so close by to the site formerly known as "Pueblo Grande," always wondered why it was called that.

"Through information that has been shared, it sounded like archaeologists who did work here pretty much gave everything here in the area Spanish names," said Harvier. "With the name change today, it's important to the O'odham, being acknowledged."

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego also addressed the audience, saying that as the gateway to Phoenix heritage, the S'edav Va'aki Museum helps pass on memorable experiences for visitors young and old.

"Right now, we're standing on land spiritually connected to our tribal partners," Gallego said.

After Gallego spoke, the guests shifted to the side of a building at the museum where a new mural was officially unveiled, created by SRPMIC resident and enrolled Tohono O'odham Nation artist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus with the help of O'odham artists Dwayne Manuel (SRPMIC) and Zachary Justin (Gila River Indian Community).

Marcus said that, even though he was selected to create the mural, he wanted to make sure that other O'odham artists were part of it. He explained that this is a special nod to how O'odham would have worked together in the past.

"This work is important to continue to do for me, because it's a connection to our ancestral past here, especially at this place," said Marcus. "The long, long legacy of our people being in the Sonoran Desert as ancestral O'odham, as our Huhugam—I wouldn't be able to do this [artwork] at this scale without the strength of all that history and those people behind us."

The ceremony also marked the opening of a new exhibit titled "What's In Our Name?" It goes in-depth about the name change and creates a place where visitors can gain a better understanding of the museum's history from its founding to today.

Information about the S'edav Va'aki Museum can now be found online at [www.svmfoundation.org](http://www.svmfoundation.org), which is run by the nonprofit S'edav Va'aki Museum Foundation. The museum can also be found on Facebook and Instagram @ SedavVaakiMuseum.



City of Phoenix Deputy Director Natural Resources Division Jarod Rogers, Parks & Recreation Board Chair Kelly Dalton, Phoenix Parks & Recreation Director Cynthia Aguilar, Phoenix District 8 Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, painter/muralist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus.



Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis performs a gourd song about a va'aki.



The newly unveiled mural at the S'edav Va'aki Museum painted by painter/muralist Thomas "Breeze" Marcus.

## Young Community Member Performs Traditional Fancy Dance at Boys & Girls Club Event

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On October 21, 7-year-old Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Carlos Mendivil Jr. (Pima/Cheyenne) performed a traditional fancy dance at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Raise the Rooftop fundraiser, held at Scottsdale Fashion Square.

Mendivil was selected to perform at the event from a group of many performers at the Boys & Girls Clubs Talent Show on September 25, according to Red Mountain Boys & Girls Club Branch Supervisor Angela DiCicco.

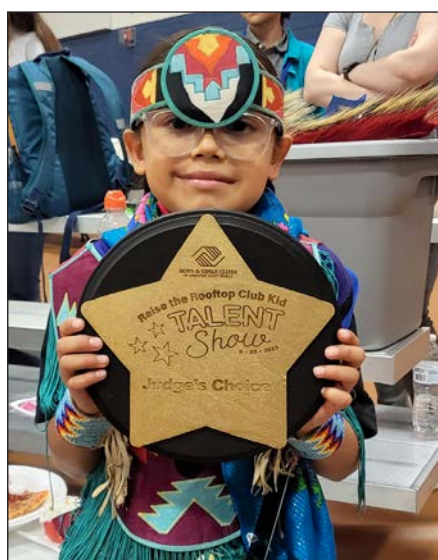
"It makes me nervous, excited, happy and proud to dance like my dad," said Mendivil Jr. after being named the Judge's Choice at the talent show.

His parents are Lavenda Balderas and Carlos White Tail Mendivil Sr., and his grandparents are Connie Balderas, Gume Balderas, Winnifred White Tail Mendivil and Spencer Mendivil.

His father is a sun dancer and a painter and has been a runner for other ceremonial participants. He was instrumental in teaching his son his Cheyenne ceremonies and traditions.

"My son has been dancing since he was 2 years old, and he attended his first Cheyenne sun dance ceremonies as an infant," said Lavenda Balderas, Mendivil's mother.

This summer Carlos was initiated into the Cheyenne Dog Soldier Society.



Carlos Mendivil Jr. holds his Judge's Choice Talent Show award.

"He descends from a long line of Cheyenne and Arapaho chiefs," said his grandmother Winnifred White Tail Mendivil. "His great-great-grandfather, Ralph White Tail, was an Arapaho chief and a ceremonial leader, and his great-great-great-grandfather Howling-crane was a Cheyenne chief.

Winnifred continued, "Junior is a fancy war dancer and is carrying on the family legacy of traditional dancing. We are so proud of him!"

Mendivil was given the Cheyenne name White Tail after his great-great-grandfather.

## Killarney, Ireland High School Student Golf Exchange Visits Talking Stick Golf Club



SRPMIC Council member David Antone (middle) and Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega (middle) pose for a photo with members of the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association and student golfers from Killarney, Ireland.

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On October 28, the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association hosted the Scottsdale/Killarney, Ireland High School Student Golf Exchange at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Talking Stick Golf Club at SRPMIC.

The Irish students took photographs with SRPMIC Council member David Antone and Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega at the first hole of the course

before teeing off.

Antone presented gifts to the students, which included the SRPMIC Tribal Seal. When a visitor asked about the meaning behind the seal, Antone told them an abridged story of The Man in the Maze.

"We are on the land of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community," Ortega told the students. "They are our cousins. They have so much to share in terms of family values and as a culture."

# Huhugam Ki: Museum Rings in 36 Years with New Exhibition: "Coming Home"

donated, repatriated or returned by other tribes who acquired them in any number of ways.

Among the items showcased are a recent acquisition from Bert Robinson, who spent 16 years as the superintendent of the agency overseeing the Fort McDowell, Salt River and Gila River communities.

According to the display welcoming visitors to the exhibition, the records and items Robinson collected over time continue to provide historical insight, education and context for the Community. Some of the items, such as a 19th century war shield or the photo of Robinson surrounded by traditional baskets, can be immediately appreciated for their significance. Others, like a photo album and field notes encased in glass, draw visitors in for closer inspection. Seeing a photo at a glance

only offers a fraction of the story it contains, and visitors will find themselves lost in the swirling cursive field notes and hidden details in historical photographs.

What "home" looks like in Salt River has changed greatly with time, and to reflect that, a portion of the exhibition displays a more modern dining area in contrast with the historical depictions throughout the museum. Given the *milga:n* translation of the name Huhugam Ki: as "house of the ancestors," it is a fitting home for the legacies of the items returned to ensure their stories are shared with the Community and its visitors.



Above: A portion of the exhibit includes a modern comparison to represent the changes to what "home" looks like with time.



Left: A replica skirt made from willow bark.



Right: Mesquite pods were milled to make mesquite flour. Photo courtesy of CRD

Below: A patron viewing some of the items on display.



Above Left: Guests were able to shop the array of items available in the gift shop.



Above Right: Cake was provided in celebration of the anniversary

Below: Mesquite pancakes completed the breakfast offered to guests. Photo courtesy of CRD



Right: Claudelle Valencia made cemitat for those in attendance

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# ECEC Hosts Halloween Goodie Gathering



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Last month, students in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Early Childhood Education Center celebrated Halloween by attending the Halloween Goodie Gathering on the ECEC campus.

Between classes during the morning, students visited booths hosted by SRPMIC departments in the campus courtyard. Department staff handed out goodies to the children and celebrated the event by dressing up; they came as Spongebob Squarepants, O'odham Barbie, Biker Barbie, Wednesday Addams and more. SRPMIC Council member Jacob Butler and the "Boo Crew" also handed out treats, snacks and other Halloween goodies.

Parents and guardians helped escort the kids to each of the booths, making sure they said "trick or treat" at every station. The students went home with goldfish crackers, stickers, gummy bears and much more.



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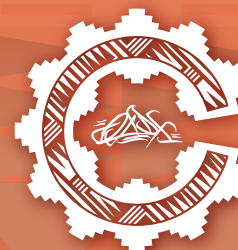
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# Warrior Pups Take On Obstacle Course

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On November 2, students of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Recreation Services After School Program walked onto the Von Hayes Little League field for the first annual Warrior Pups Obstacle Course. The obstacle course was a collaboration between the SRPMIC Veterans Office and the After School Program.

“The obstacle course was great way for the kids to get outside and exercise. They got to learn about why Veterans Day is celebrated and to meet some veterans from the Community, along with one active-duty soldier, David Mackie,” said Recreation Coordinator II and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Kevin Riding-In.

The Community veterans who came to meet the students were David Mackie (U.S. Army), Daniel Smith (U.S. Marine Corps), Stephen Tahmahkera (U.S. Army) and SRPMIC Veterans Representative Amanda White (U.S. Army).

“It was my first time seeing an Army person,” said student Sage Carlos.

The veterans shared their experiences and their reasons for joining the military. The young students listened curiously, asking questions of the veterans about their years in military service.

“I learned they can serve for 20 years,

and they have to be very safe,” said student Josh Saucedo.

After the Q&A session, the veterans led the students in some stretches and exercises to prepare for the obstacle course ahead of them.

Prior to taking on the course, the students were paired up to symbolize the concept of a “Battle Buddy.” Riding-In explained that, in the military, each person would have a battle buddy whom they looked out for and would work with as a team.

The pairs made their way through the obstacle course with challenges like crawling under tape, high-knee runs over hula hoops, and jumping over bales of hay. They then had the choice to go through the course again individually.

“The obstacle course was hard, especially when we went under the tape and had to crawl,” said student Lily Ludlow-Martinez.

After lots of running and multiple loops around the course, the students were presented with “Warrior Pups” T-shirts from the SRPMIC Veterans Office. The students threw the shirts on and went back onto the obstacle course.

Student Saucedo expressed his appreciation for veterans after the obstacle course: “Everybody in the army, thank you for so much for serving for our country.”

The afternoon closed with a strong military battle cry from one and all: “Hoo-ah!”



# SRPMIC Employee Halloween Costume Contest

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The talent was on full display on October 31 at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Halloween Costume Contest. The competition was held in the Two Waters Courtyard Complex and boasted a near-record turnout in both attendance and participants.

This year's contest featured talented SRPMIC staff members dressing up and showing off their favorite Halloween costumes. The event filled the entire Two Waters Courtyard and was a welcome addition to help celebrate the spooky Halloween season this year in the Community.

SRPMIC Community Manager Bryan Meyers gave this year's costume contest an unexpected but very welcome added bonus. In the days leading up to the contest, SRPMIC Human Resources Director Steven Haydukovich announced that Meyers had doubled the prizes, allowing for two winners in each category (first, second and third place) instead of only one.

During the event, SRPMIC employees lined up in their costumes ready to parade their looks on stage as Haydukovich served as emcee. Serving as the official judges were SRPMIC Council member Jacob Butler, SRPMIC Medical Director Dr. Amy Beiter and SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard.



More than 30 SRPMIC employees from various departments and programs entered the

contest. Each contestant had 30 seconds to show off their costume and sway the judges

to vote for them. Beetlejuice, Miss Rez Minutes, Indian Taco, Chucky, King Kong, Devo and more all made appearances.

When it was all said and done, the winners of the costume contest also proved to be the fan favorites. The winners received a rousing round of applause.

In third place, the winners were Jacob Bradford from the Community Development Department, dressed as Guy Fieri, and Nathaniel Nickels from Health and Human Services, dressed as “Teen Wolf” from the 1985 Michael J. Fox film.

Finishing in second place were Jennavee Munoz and Gailyn Chantasingh from the Community Development Department. The pair dressed as Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly from the 2008 film “Step Brothers.” Janyse Salinas also

won second place for her Austin Powers-inspired costume: She dressed as Dr. Evil and her newborn baby co-starred as Mini-Me.

The two first-place winners were Tasha Silverhorn from the Cultural Resources Department and Alizabeth Philbrick from Social Services (above). Silverhorn dressed up as the crystal ball from the 2023 “Haunted Mansion” film. Equipped with a round table, tarot cards and her head inside the crystal ball, Silverhorn amazed the crowd when she walked on stage. Philbrick won the additional first-place prize by dressing up as a soul-collecting nightcrawler. Dressed in all black with white makeup on her face, she caused the audience to audibly gasp as she slowly made her way on stage. She was walking on stilts that were fastened to her ankles.

# How Seniors Can Get Help Paying for Everyday Needs

## Dear Savvy Senior,

What types of programs are available to help seniors struggling with their everyday bills, and how do I go about finding them? Since I lost my husband last year, my Social Security survivor benefit is barely enough to get by on.

Searching Senior

## Dear Searching,

I'm very sorry for your loss, but you'll be happy to know that there are dozens of different financial assistance programs and government benefits that may be able to help you with your everyday costs.

To locate these types of programs, your best resource is [BenefitsCheckUp.org](https://www.benefitscheckup.org). This is a free, confidential online screening tool designed for older adults and people with disabilities. It will help you find federal, state and local benefits programs that can assist with paying for food, utilities, health care, medications, housing and many other needs. This site – created by the National Council on Aging in 2001 – contains nearly 2,000 programs across the country.

To identify benefits, you'll first need to type in your ZIP code and choose the types of benefits you're interested in. Then you'll need to answer a few questions regarding your personal and financial situation. Once completed, you'll get a list of programs to choose from, followed by a personalized report that explains each program, and tells you where you can get help or how to apply.

If you need some assistance or you don't have internet access, you can always speak with a benefits support specialist by calling 800-794-6559. You can also get help in-person at any of the 85 Benefit Enrollment Centers located across 41 states. See [NCOA.org/article/meet-our-benefits-enrollment-centers](https://www.ncoa.org/article/meet-our-benefits-enrollment-centers) to search for a center in your area.

## Types of Benefits

Depending on your income level, location and circumstance, here are a few of the many different benefits you may be eligible for:

**Nutrition assistance:** Programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP) can help pay for food at the grocery store. The average SNAP benefit for 60-and-older households is around \$105 per month. Some other nutrition programs that are available to seniors include the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

**Utility assistance:** There's the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that provides assistance in lowering home heating and cooling costs. And for broadband assistance, the Affordable Connectivity Program provides a \$30 monthly subsidy that can be applied toward your home internet costs.

**Health care and medicine:** Medicare Savings Programs and Medicaid can help or completely pay for seniors' out-of-pocket health care costs. And for assistance with medications, there's a low-income subsidy program called 'Extra Help' that helps pay premiums, deductibles, and co-payments on Medicare (Part D) prescription drug coverage. You can also search for prescription drug help through patient assistance programs or your state pharmaceutical assistance program at Medicare.gov.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI):** Administered by the Social Security Administration, SSI (see [ssa.gov/ssi](https://www.ssa.gov/ssi)) provides monthly payments to very low-income seniors, age 65 and older, as well as to those who are blind and disabled. In 2023, SSI pays up to \$914 per month for a single person and up to \$1,371 for couples.

In addition to these benefits, there are dozens of other programs [BenefitsCheckUp](https://www.benefitscheckup.org) can help you identify, like housing assistance, property tax reduction, home weatherization assistance, tax relief, veteran's benefits, senior transportation, caregiving support, free legal assistance, disability services, job training and more.

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



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

## \*NOTICE\*

# 2024 Agricultural Lease Payment

The 2024 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 19, 2024, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729

(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arizona time)

The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 11, 2023.

Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 19, 2024. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 11, 2023.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 19, 2024.

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

\*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon farmer payments received by January 2, 2024.



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SRPMIC 2023

## Christmas Angels Program

Applications will be accepted starting 10/2/23. To qualify for sponsorship, applicant must have legal AND physical custody\* of the children; and child or guardian must be an enrolled SRPMIC tribal member in order to apply.

Gifts will be distributed through a scheduled, no-contact drive through the week of 12/11/23.

To submit an application:

- Go Online to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRPMICChristmas-AngelTreeProgram2023>
- Call: 480-362-7460 (Leave a message-this is a VOICEMAIL ONLY line)
- Email: [ChristmasAngels@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:ChristmasAngels@srpmic-nsn.gov)
- In Person: Social Services Office at 10005 E. Osborn Rd, Building 32 (N. Side of building)

\*Kinship and foster care placements do not qualify for sponsorship at this time, but may be eligible for other resources

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**Antone, James Sheldon**—Mother: Brittany Spex (DOB: 03/08/2000) Child: A.W.S. (DOB: 10/24/2022) Permanency/Review Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Burns, Christine** — Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0054 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Burns, Christine Ann**—Review Hearing Case: J-21-0055 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Butler, Adam Dustin** — Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Mother: Saundra Andrea Lewis (DOB: 02/06/1989) Minors: M.A.B. (DOB: 08/14/2008) Case: JV-24-0001 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Francisco, Marissa Martina** — Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0071 Court Date: December 19, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Hayes Jr., Kelly** —Review Hearing Case: J-22-0091 Court Date: December 7, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Kavoka, Jessica** — Evidentiary Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/0129 Court Date: November 27, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Lewis, Robi Corey** — Mother: Marissa Francisco (DOB: 03/13/1999) Minor: C.M.L.F. (DOB: 02/08/2020) Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-22-0071 Court Date: December 19, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Lopez, Alejandra**—Permanency Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Manuel, Ashlee Noreen**—Review Hearing Case: J-22-0118/J-22-0119/J-22-0120 Court Date: December 5, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Salazar Jr., Jose Ben** — Evidentiary Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing Case: J-22-0128/0129 Court Date: November 27, 2023 at 11 a.m.

**Spex, Brittany Arless** — Permanency and Review Hearing Case: J-23-0033 Court Date: December 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

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**Antone Jr., Kenneth Carlos**—Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-23-4023 Court Date: December 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM

**Butler, Adam Dustin**—Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-23-3089 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM

**Butler, Adam Dustin** — Initial Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Hearing Mother: Saundra Andrea Lewis (DOB: 02/06/1989) Minors: M.A.B. (DOB: 08/14/2008) Case: JV-24-0001 Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**Butler, Wayne Elliot**—Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-4239 Court Date: December 4, 2023 at 10 AM

**Chiago, Chris Tony**—Child Support Modification Hearing Case: CFCS-12-0034/CF-12-0121/CF-23-0076 -Court Date: December 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**Chiago, Clemencia Sophia**—Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-23-4018 Court Date: December 19, 2023 at 9 AM

**Conger, Sierra Pequena**—Custody Hearing Case: CV-23-3363 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 10:30 AM

**Enos, Nancy Dey** —Probate Hearing Case: CV-23-3011 -Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Hayah Jr., Godfrey**—Evidentiary Hearing Case: CF-18-0059/CF-18 0060 Court Date: December 20, 2023 at 9 AM

**Hill, Indaria Modesty**—Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-23-3990 Court Date: December 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM

**Martinez, Daniel**—Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-23-4636 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 10:30 AM

**Masawistewa, Moriah**—Evidentiary Hearing Case: CV-23-3859 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 11 AM

**Ochoa Sr., Lano**—Visitation Hearing Case: CV-23-3755 Court Date: December 11, 2023 at 9 AM

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**TO: Adam Dustin Butler, RESPONDENT**

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

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

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

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

5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are

served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

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

DATED this 25th of May, 2023

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**BUTLER, ADAM DUSTIN**  
**SUMMONS**  
**JV-24-0001**  
**I.T.M.O.: M. A. BUTLER, DOB: 08/14/2008**  
**TO: Adam Dustin Butler**

SUMMONS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IT IS ORDERED that Summons shall be issued to Adam Dustin Butler that an Initial Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Hearing is set on December 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the following admonition:

A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court against you which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the minor: M. A. Butler, DOB: 08/14/2008, Mother: Saundra Lewis,

DOB:02/06/1989

Judge D. Achin shall be the presiding Judge.

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

Adam Dustin Butler shall be noticed by publication.

COURT CLERK –SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

**SCOTT, COBY**  
**Notice of Default Judgment:**  
 Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-23-0043

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Coby Scott, is hereby ENTERED. It is

further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Coby Scott, shall pay \$9,138.93 to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).

**STANDING ELK, CARLA**  
**Notice of Default Judgment:**  
 Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number C-23-0045

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Carla Standing Elk, is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Carla Standing Elk, shall pay \$12,328.30 to Petitioner, Country Club Cars. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c).



# Salt River Public Works Holiday Trash Schedule

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving and Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas.

**THANKSGIVING 2023**

All residential domestic trash will be serviced as scheduled on **Tuesday, November 21st and Friday, November 24th.**

All residential recycle containers will be serviced on **Friday, November 24th.**

**CHRISTMAS 2023**

All residential domestic containers will be serviced as scheduled on **Tuesday, December 26th and Friday, December 29th.**

All residential recycle containers will be serviced on **Thursday, December 28th.**

Please have your containers out in your designated pick up area by **6:00 AM** for servicing.

*Thank you & have a wonderful & joyous holiday season!*

## SALT RIVER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

📞 480-362-5600 ✉️ PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov

**LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

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

**FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

**LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD**

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

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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  
saltriveragchurch.com  
Rev. WinterElk 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  
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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.

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Heavenlytouch08@yahoo.com

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

**4th Quarter 2023 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE December 31, 2023**

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

**DEADLINES FOR CHANGES**

**Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes:**

**Thursday, December 28, at 5 p.m.** This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the **January 2024** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **April 2024** payout.

**Discontinue Direct Deposits:** Thursday, December 28 at 5 p.m. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

\*\*\*Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.

**Per Capita Eligibility:** Tuesday, January 16 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the January 2024 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of April 2024.

**Tax Withholding Changes:** Tuesday, January 16 at 5 p.m. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

**If you have any questions regarding:**

-Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms: call Membership Services @ (480) 362-7600  
-Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits: call Finance-Per Capita @ (480) 362-7710

**PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE**

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

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

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

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**NOTICE OF EXCLUSION DECISION Fernando Jesus Muniz**



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code

Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council to uphold the decision of the SRPMIC Exclusion Committee and Permanently Exclude Fernando Jesus Muniz from the territory and boundaries of the SRPMIC". See SR-4098-2023. Fernando Jesus Muniz is not allowed to be within the territorial boundary of the Community and therefore, he is not to drive through, work, visit others, reside or come within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason.

of Ordinances voted on November 1, 2023 to permanently excluded Fernando Jesus Muniz from the boundaries of the Community. It was determined that Fernando Jesus Muniz is a nonmember whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health, or morals of the SPRMIC.

The SRPMIC Council's decision is in an order entitled "An Order by the Salt River Pima-

To avoid any doubt, but not to limit the broad permanent exclusion order, Fernando Jesus Muniz shall not be permitted to visit 9990 E. Highland Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85256 or at any other location within the Community.



**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT** Martin Harvier  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** Ricardo Leonard

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**LEHI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER** Michael Dallas, Sr.

**DISTRICT D COUNCIL MEMBER** Wi-Bwa Grey

**O'DHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES**

**ISSUE DEADLINE AT NOON**

**December 7 November 17**  
**December 21 December 8**

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



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## Calendar of Events

### ONGOING

#### FREE MICROCHIPS FOR DOGS,

Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Free microchips will be available at both locations: West Shelter 2500 S. 27th Avenue in Phoenix, or East Shelter 2630 W. Rio Salado Parkway in Mesa. Please register online at <https://mcaccappointments.as.me/microchip> Questions? Call 602-997-7585 extension 3800

#### CHRISTMAS CRAFT CAROL & CARE,

Mondays at North Annex from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Participants will make blankets, learn an O'odham Christmas Carol, and deliver the blankets to the Caring House in Gila River on Thursday December 7. Sign up by contacting Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180

**ONK AKIMEL TAI CHI,** Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Senior Room in WOLF. Questions? Call (480) 362-6350

**SENIOR WALKING CLUB,** Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. meeting in WOLF lobby. Poles can be checked out at the WOLF and transportation is available. Contact Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180

### NOVEMBER

#### SOAM MAŞAD

#### XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK SHENTHIK

**17 FREE MONTHLY GOLF CLINIC AT TALKING STICK GOLF CLUB,** 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Mini Lessons followed by driving range practice and one on one instruction. This session's focus will be mid-irons and fairway woods. Pre-register and reserve your spot by emailing [rsmith@talkingstickgolfclub.com](mailto:rsmith@talkingstickgolfclub.com)

[talkingstickgolfclub.com](http://talkingstickgolfclub.com) or texting 801-722-9805.

#### 18 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING,

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Two Waters Courtyard. Come kick off the holidays at Community Thanksgiving with Family and Friends! Program begins at 11 a.m. with Turkey Dinner served at 11:30 a.m. There will be entertainment, door prizes, and a kids zone for a day of gratitude and fun! For questions, contact Community Relations - Events Division at 480-362-7740

#### 18 FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING,

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come out and ear your American Red Cross training. Get Certified in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Register at: <https://sugeni.us/4Uu8>

#### 18 S'EDAV VA'AKI MUSEUM'S PORTAL TO THE PAST FESTIVAL,

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at S'edav Va'aki Museum 4619 E. Washington St. Phoenix. This free all-day event will begin with a round-robin Toka Tournament followed by music from the Cruz Waila Band, artist talks and author discussions. Questions? Contact Ami Rogers, Events Coordinator at [festivals@culturalcoalition.com](mailto:festivals@culturalcoalition.com) or call (480) 819-3452.

#### 20 THANKSGIVING DRIVE-THRU TURKEY AND FOOD BOX EVENT,

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at ALA North Parking Lot. Box will include a whole frozen turkey, an emergency food box, and holiday produce. Must be 18 or older and have proof of residency (AZ Driver License, state ID, SRPMIC Tribal ID, or Mail with your name and address on the front). Contact Community Relations - Events Division at (480) 362-7740 with questions.

#### 21 BACK TO BASICS COOKING AND NUTRITION,

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at River People Health Center. Participants get to learn basic cooking skills through hands-on recipe prepara-

tion. This session will cover Nutrition Labels and Dried Beans and making crunchy potatoes with carrots and chuck roast. Call (480) 362-3355 to reserve your space today!

#### 24 & 25 SALT RIVER PI-COPA MEN & WOMEN'S ALL INDIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT,

registration closes November 10. For information or team entry contact CRS - Athletics Division's Kim Whitelock at (480) 362-5790 or visit <https://sugeni.us/4jvy>

#### 28-30 CRD SILENT AUCTION,

7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Roundhouse Café. 28th and 29th are viewing only with bids to be submitted November 30 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Questions? Contact Cultural Resources at (480) 362-6325

#### 28 BACK TO BASICS COOKING AND NUTRITION,

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at River People Health Center. Participants get to learn basic cooking skills through hands-on recipe preparation. This session will cover Meal planning and making Pozole and breakfast sandwiches. Call (480) 362-3355 to reserve your space today!

#### 29 SHOOTING STARS ADAPTIVE BASKETBALL,

6:15 p.m. at WOLF. Join Super Kids Shooting Stars for sensory friendly basketball skills, social skills, and team building exercises. For more information, contact adaptive recreation at (480) 362-3267

#### 30 CROCHETING WITH KORIN,

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Tribal Library. This hands-on workshop is designed for teens, and participants will learn to crochet and create their own wavy bucket hat. Register now by visiting <https://sugeni.us/4QW6> Questions? Call (480) 362-6600

#### 30 THRIVING WITH DIABETES,

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at River People Health Center's Teaching Kitchen. Every fourth Thursday of the month,

providers will go over major topics of diabetes care including food, medication, physical activity, and stress management. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Call (480) 362-3355 for information and to reserve a spot.

#### 30 SODA WITH SECURITY,

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Accelerated Learning Academy. Join the Safe Schools & Security team for their free monthly public event: Soda With Security! In November, the SRPD Gang Unit will be discussing gang awareness and prevention. Questions? Call (480) 362-2010 or email [Esteban.Lopez@saltriversschools.org](mailto:Esteban.Lopez@saltriversschools.org). Learn more at [https://www.saltriversschools.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/sws2023](https://www.saltriversschools.org/news/what_s_new/sws2023)

### DECEMBER

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#### XLY'A SHAXUK MAYK XVIK

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#### 5 BACK TO BASICS COOKING AND NUTRITION,

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at River People Health Center. Participants get to learn basic cooking skills through hands-on recipe preparation. This session will cover Food storage and making infused water. Call (480) 362-3355 to reserve your space today!

#### 6 AK-CHIN MASIK TAŞ TOKA TOURNAMENT,

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check in at 7 a.m. and games start at 8 a.m. rain or shine. For more information

contact Ak-Chin Language Department at 520-568-1367

#### 6 VIRTUAL YOUTH TRAINING - STRENGTH IN CULTURE,

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. Featuring Community presenters on O'odham and Piipaash History and Culture. Must be enrolled SRPMIC member ages 14-18 enrolled in an accredited Junior or High School. Contact Community Employments at (480) 362-7950 with questions and to apply.

#### 7 SODA WITH SECURITY,

5:30-7 p.m. at the Accelerated Learning Academy. In December, our event is for ADULTS ONLY, per the presenter: Teen Lifeline will present information about suicide prevention and awareness. Questions? Call 480-362-2010 or email [Esteban.Lopez@saltriversschools.org](mailto:Esteban.Lopez@saltriversschools.org). Learn more at [https://www.saltriversschools.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/sws2023](https://www.saltriversschools.org/news/what_s_new/sws2023)

#### 8 O'ODHAM PIIPAASH CHRISTMAS ART AND FOOD FUNDRAISER,

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cultural Resources. More information to come!

#### 9 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM,

12 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Two Waters Courtyard. Featuring entertainment, vendors, holiday treats, a kid zone, senior bingo in the Roundhouse, and opportunities to visit with Santa (no photobooth, bring your own camera!). For questions, contact Community Relations - Events Division at 480-362-7740

#### 9 HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE,

begins at 5:30 p.m. from SR Baseball Fields on Longmore North to end at Two Waters Complex. Staging will begin for registered participants at 3 p.m. at the Salt River Baseball Fields. For online registration, visit <https://wkwf.ms/3u1hgwq>