



## Huhugam Ki: Museum Hosts Annual Tortilla Festival

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On March 23, another annual celebration in the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community brought out the best of the best tortilla makers and celebrated all things *cemait* (O'odham) and *modiily* (Piipaash).

Entering its third year, the Tortilla Festival was organized by the Huhugam Ki: Museum under the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department. The theme for this year's festival was "Let's Make Tortillas!"

Back in 2019, the festival began under the direction of Sharilyn Belone, who was renowned for her tortilla-making skills. With over 60 years of experience, she passed down her knowledge through yearly classes so that the Community could continue to make this important staple into the future. Eventually it turned into a full-on celebration!

The tortilla-making experts arrived early in the morning, around 6 a.m., to prepare their ingredients and begin prepping their fires. When the festival officially opened at 8 a.m., everyone was ready to go. For the next six hours, more than 400 people throughout the day made a tortilla, ate a tortilla, learned to make tortillas, tossed tortillas, or even danced with a tortilla during the festival.

As attendees entered the festival grounds, they were greeted by promos, information and staff from the SRPMIC Cultural Resources



The annual Tortilla Festival held by the Huhugam Ki: Museum featured hands-on demonstrations for tortilla enthusiasts to learn how to create their own tortillas.

Department. The department handed out traditional foods with a twist, such as saguaro jam, mesquite pudding with chia seeds, cholla bud salsa, and rabbit mixed with white tepary beans. This booth was extremely popular, as was the game booth under the *vato*, where guests could toss a tortilla or bounce dough balls onto the *komal* for prizes.

Other participating vendors were Dank Drank Lemonade and those selling Piipaash pottery and tchotchkes, aprons and pot holders. As a new addition to the festival, Hayden Flour Mills and Oatman Farms from Gila Bend were in attendance selling their flour goods. Hayden Flour Mills is the rebranded farm located in Gilbert that promotes the

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## Accelerated Learning Academy Students Earn High Marks at Heard Museum Marketplace



From L to R: Cynthia Morataya, Vanessa Francisco, and Jasmin Richards show their official certificates of appreciation from the Heard Museum Guild Youth Art Show and Sale with copies of their award-winning photography.

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The future of fine art photography in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is in great hands. On the weekend of March 2 and 3 at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, three students currently enrolled at the Accelerated Learning Academy received top honors for their photography work.

Cynthia Morataya, Jasmin Richards and Vanessa Francisco submitted their photographs to the Heard Museum Guild Youth Art Show & Sale. Every year, American Indian youth in grades 7 to 12 from tribes across the United States are invited to submit their original artwork for professional judging. Students can

enter art in a variety of categories—pottery, weaving, jewelry, beadwork, paintings, photography and more—and compete for ribbons and more than \$10,000 in cash prizes.

The student artwork is also on sale during the event, with the money from the sales going to the students. A small percentage of the proceeds goes back to the Heard Museum for the continuation of their art programs throughout the year.

Using a Canon Rebel camera, Francisco submitted a monochrome photo of her sister lying on the pavement during nighttime in the Community. The background shows a street sign denoting an upcoming stop sign on the road while the pitch-black

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## President Biden Visits the Valley to Announce Semiconductor Investment



President Joe Biden visits Intel's Ocotillo campus in Chandler on March 20 to announce funding for U.S.-manufactured semiconductor chips.

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President Joe Biden was in the Valley on March 19 and 20 to visit semiconductor manufacturer Intel's Ocotillo campus in Chandler. He was there to announce that the U.S. Department of Commerce has reached a preliminary agreement with Intel to provide up to \$8.5 billion in direct funding and \$11 billion in loans under the CHIPS and Science Act, which he signed into law in 2022.

The U.S. currently produces less than 10% of the world's semiconductor chips and none of the most advanced ones.

The Biden administration said that nearly 30,000 jobs will be created in Arizona, Ohio, New Mexico and Oregon from the agreement. Of those jobs, Arizona will see the creation of over 3,000 manufacturing jobs, 7,000 construction jobs and thousands of indirect jobs.

In Arizona, the White House said that the funding will help construct two new leading-edge logic fabs (semiconductor fabrication plants) and modernize one existing fab, which they said will

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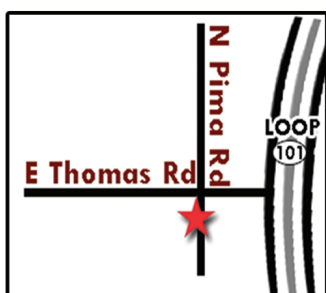
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night sky fills the rest of the image.

“I used a flash,” said Francisco. “We walked outside, laid on the ground and tried out different angles,” she said.

Morataya, Richards and Francisco were all assisted by Salt River Schools Communications and Public Affairs Director Taté Walker.

“They took the camera home. This is stuff they do in addition to their schoolwork,” said Walker. “It’s a great example of initiative and pure talent.”

Morataya submitted a photo of a little boy holding onto a gourd while singing with other gourd singers. The photo, taken during the school’s social gathering celebration in November, shows the boy singing with the adult gourd singers, showcasing the different generations of singers as they all sit in a row together.

“The title is ‘Beginning of a Gourd Singer Legacy,’” Morataya said. The photo was captured in the moment and unplanned. “I’ve been taking pictures with my mom’s phone since I was little. It’s been a lot of fun,” said Morataya.

For her work, Morataya received both the Native Spirit Award and the Red Ribbon award in the Photography category.

The editing process did not require much work, only about five minutes for minimal color correction and brightness, Morataya explained. “All of the work was done in camera,” said Walker proudly.

“I have a lot of [pictures] of sunsets and sunrises. I live in Lehi, so you can see Red Mountain just perfect, so I get the sunrises really easily,” said Morataya. Using part of her winnings, Morataya plans to purchase a camera of her very own. “I’ve wanted a real camera since I was 8 years old,” she said.

Richards’ photo showcases two women in traditional regalia teaching a little boy in a ribbon shirt how to dance. She also took her photo during the social gathering. When Richards’ photo sold, the good news spread quickly throughout her family. “It was just a shock; my mom was so happy,” said Richards.

“Vanessa and Jasmin submitted [their work] to a Native high school photography contest as well,” said Walker. “They submitted fabulous photos of dancers from our NARD celebration [this past November]. At the time, Cynthia wasn’t part of the photography group, but she soon joined them.”

Receiving high praise and monetary awards for their work, the three budding artists are well on their way as they enter their senior year at the ALA later this year.

“It’s no longer just a hobby; you are professionals,” Walker told them. “Any art school would love to have you.”



Vanessa Francisco's monochrome photograph wowed the Heard Museum organizers and earned her high praise from the judges.

Jasmin Richards' vibrant photograph tugged at the heartstrings of the judges.



Cynthia Morataya's photo showcasing multi-generational singer earned her several awards during the event.

# SRPMIC Hosts Annual Development and Tourism Day at Salt River Fields



"We are AquaTots!" said the AquaTots team as they celebrated attending the annual Development and Tourism Day at Salt River Fields.

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On March 20, directors and management staff from Scottsdale Community College, Caliber, Aqua-Tots Swim Schools, Medieval Times and many other enterprises of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community joined SRPMIC department staff members for the spring training game at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

The occasion was SRPMIC Development and Tourism Day, an annual celebration that brings together directors and

management staff from enterprises and organizations that help enrich the lives of SRPMIC members throughout the year.

“I’ve worked with the Community for over 17 years; it’s been wonderful,” said John Weser, Ph.D., executive director of the Center for Native and Urban Wildlife at Scottsdale Community College. “What a perfect day for baseball as well.”

Also a professor of biology at SCC, Weser said he has worked with the SRPMIC as the school underwent campus construction years ago, as well as when

the college installed a campus garden. “We call it Two Waters,” he said with a smile.

“We [SCC] work closely with the students of the Community as well. It’s been just a great collaboration,” said Weser.

A catered lunch was provided on the Pepsi Patio at Salt River Fields as the Arizona Diamondbacks went head to head against the Colorado Rockies. To the delight of many, both teams’ starting lineups received ample time on the field.

During the fourth inning, Diamondbacks first baseman Christian Walker hit a home run, which sent the crowd into a

frenzy. Later, third baseman Eugenio Suarez added another home run, helping to secure the victory for the Diamondbacks, 5-1.

“We love coming out here,” said Kyle Barichello, entitlements manager for Caliber, a leading financial services company. His colleague at Caliber, Chris Ducharme, added how working with SRPMIC has been a great experience for him. “This has been fun; we’re having a great time,” said Ducharme.

“It was a fantastic day,” said Juan Nieto, operations manager in the SRPMIC Community Development Department.



The Development and Tourism Day at Salt River Fields allowed for directors and managers to mingle and visit the Pepsi Patio to get a full view of the stadium during the game.



# Community Garden Staff and Day Labor Program Work Together to Plant Traditional Food at Farm Plot



Workers in the Day Labor Program plant traditional seeds in the SRPMC Cultural Resources Department's farm field at the Community Garden.

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On March 15 out at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community farm field, Cultural Resources Department (CRD) Community Garden coordinator Stetson Mendoza knelt down and sifted his hands through the vermilion-colored dirt at the end of a long planting row.

Mendoza then picked up a jar of black and white speckled cowpeas (called *U'us mu:ñ* in O'odham) and demonstrated to the workers in the Day Labor Program the depth needed for the seeds they were about to plant in the plot of farmland. The plot consists of 32 planting rows.

While the workers were there to plant seeds, Mendoza sees their help as growing into something more meaningful.

“What I’m trying to do is teach them, versus just [having them working to plant seeds],” said Mendoza. “I’m trying to teach them that they’re going to be the people who continue to take [these new farming skills] and run with them.”

In 2023, the CRD participated in a group activity at the farm field, planting traditional tepary beans in the main rows. While the CRD has the occasional group outing to help in the recently constructed field, over the past year the workers in the Day Labor Program have been the main help for the Community Garden, according to Mendoza.

Kimberlee Silversmith, who has been with the Day Labor program for about a year, said the experience out on the farm was particularly impactful for her.

“Being a Community member, I feel like it’s really important for me and other Community members to learn about

what the tribe offers and what we have here [at the Community Garden],” said Silversmith, holding a rake that she was using to smooth out the rows of dirt.

“I didn’t know we had a [Community] garden. I think it’s awesome that we do have one,” she continued. “It gives us a learning experience about how to plant and everything, and I feel like that would be great for family members to learn how to plant so we can plant [gardens] at home.”

To plant the traditional seeds, they used cactus ribs to poke holes in the dirt, dropped the seeds in and covered them with dirt, moving row by row. Once all of the seeds are planted, Mendoza and other Community Garden staff will use siphon hoses like straws to capture water from a ditch north of the rows. Once it’s released, the water gushes out and moves in between the rows, seeping into the dirt where the seeds are. The process is repeated until enough water has reached the rows. It’s a difficult process, according to Mendoza, but it gets easier with practice.

“If you look at the mountains, the slope all comes south-southwest. So we want to kind of keep your rows [aligned] southwest,” said Mendoza, pointing to the mountains behind him.

“Traditionally, all the rivers ran the way of the land and the way it went down, so we’re trying to mimic that. We need the flow of the water. You know we [the O’odham and their ancestors, the Huhugam] are the best engineers. The water doesn’t lie.”



A Day Labor Program worker rakes the rows of dirt to level the rows out evenly.



Stetson Mendoza shows the workers a jar of cowpeas before giving instructions on how to plant them in the rows.

## Nurturing Generations Through the Garden



Stetson Mendoza points to plants in the Scottsdale Community College garden space during the Nurturing Generations Through the Garden event on March 9.

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Several groups of seniors and youth gathered for a multi-department collaboration event at the Scottsdale Community College (SCC) Indigenous Cultural Center (ICC) and Garden on March 9 called Nurturing Generations Through the Garden.

Staff from the college’s American Indian Program Center for Native and Urban Wildlife and garden volunteers worked side by side at the garden with



Kahneena Jones, SRSVS Cultural Coordinator, SSD – Vitality, talks about important O'odham and Piipaash words involving traditional planting during the month of March.

staff members from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community departments and divisions Health & Wellness, Senior Services, Young River People’s Council (YRPC), Nutrition Services, Diabetes Prevention Services, Public Health–Health and Human Services and the Cultural Resources Community Garden program.

The event was held at SCC because there is construction currently going on near the Salt River Community Garden, according to community health educator Karina Watson with HHS Diabetes Prevention Services.

“March is National Nutrition Month. And with that we wanted to do something more intimate with our Community members in a small group to get more of the reflecting and teaching one-on-one,” said Watson.

The groups began the morning by exploring the different garden plots, learning from both Community Garden staff and SCC garden volunteers about how to plant and harvest a variety of vegetables.

“First we went to one of these gardens and picked beets and carrots,” said 13-year-old Tizoc Lopez, a YRPC member, who said that he wants to now start a garden for his mother. “They said it was good to eat, so I was eating it a lot, like a llama.”

Lopez said that he also learned about trapping animals in the garden, what time of year to plant different veggies, and some valuable lessons from elders.

After spending time in the garden, the groups traveled back to ICC for a nutrition and recipe-making session led by Watson along with River People Health Center dietitians Derek Vidinha and Katherine Latour. Next was a cultural presentation and meal sharing led by Kahneena Jones of the Senior Services Vitality Team, Health and Wellness Program Director Celinda Joe, and Senior Services Vitality Team recreation coordinator James Nunez.

In the cultural presentation, the group learned vocabulary words in O’odham and Piipaash for the different foods planted in the garden.



YRPC members Cruz Lasiloo (left) and Tizoc Lopez (right) hold garden tools that they were using to plant seeds in the garden.



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YRPC member Amelia Lasiloo (right) picks some peas while YRPC member Adrian McGilbary watches in the distance.



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# Two Traditional Baskets Returned to SRPMIC



The 2 traditional baskets which are now in the possession of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community under the direction of Gary Owens from the Huhugam Ki: Museum.

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“Imagine this: seven baskets sitting in Neal Haga’s barn. He had 3 acres on Prince Road and First Avenue [in Tucson], a little compound back there,” said John Matis as he began telling the story of how the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community came to receive two traditional baskets during the morning of March 12 thanks to Matis hand-delivering the baskets in-person to the community. Both baskets date from the early 1900s. The basket hand-off between Matis and SRPMIC took years to coordinate and finalize.

Matis told his story of how he came into possession of the baskets in an exclusive gathering featuring a small group of individuals inside of the Huhugam Ki: Museum. Gary Owens, director of the Huhugam Ki: Museum, was in attendance as well as University of Arizona discovery officer specialist Mark C. Strickling and Jacquelyn Valenzuela, executive associate for the Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement Office. Unveiling the baskets from the box they arrived in, Matis gently placed the baskets out on the Huhugam Ki: Museum bench near the front entrance as he shared his story.

Matis began, “My wife and I arrived here [in Arizona] in 1968 and we were looking at an apartment [in Tucson]. We didn’t get it. So, we drove around, and we saw this circular driveway. Neal Haga’s place. He was renting out his mother-in-law apartment [at the time]. I got to know Neal. His wife passed away

shortly after,” he said. “Neal’s wife and her mother worked for the Gila River [Indian] Community. There were these seven baskets, sitting in [his] barn, and I thought, ‘My God, look at these things.’ They were remarkable,” he said.



John Matis was instructed by his ex-wife to hand deliver the traditional baskets to SRPMIC in-person to avoid the baskets getting damaged in transit.

Haga told Matis about a volunteer nursing program for which his wife and mother-in-law worked. “Neal’s mother-in-law, supposedly at the time,

was married to the guy who founded the chemistry department at the University of Arizona. People would give them baskets as a token of their appreciation for helping them during the influenza outbreak of 1918 [because the people] had no money [to pay],” said Matis.

The following year in 1969, Matis found work in Sells and his wife was a schoolteacher during that time. After graduating with his master’s degree later that year, Matis decided to visit Haga. Matis was driving a work truck with an attached long-bed trailer at the time he arrived to Haga’s residence.

“Neal goes to me, ‘You know John, I really like that trailer.’ I told him, ‘Yeah, sure, why don’t I give it to you?’ and Neal told me, ‘No, no. Why don’t I give you some baskets?’”

Matis requested that Haga inform his family first and ensure that they were aware of the exchange between the two men. “You know how us older people do. We give away stuff our families want and then they say to us later, ‘Well why’d you do that?’” joked Matis. Haga returned to Matis and informed him that his family was okay with the trade.

“Neal goes, ‘They don’t want them. Take your pick,’” said Matis. So, he and his wife picked out two baskets. “They told us they are pre-statehood baskets. I chose one, my wife chose the other. That was 55 years ago.”

Presently, Matis lives in Colorado and his wife has since remarried and now lives in California. “About two or three years ago, I contacted Gary Owens (director of the SRPMIC Huhugam Ki: Museum). I sent him pictures [of the

baskets]. Gary told me he wanted further pictures, [and] photos of the [baskets’] edge and how it was put together. We verified that [the baskets] are quite valuable and very unique.”

This past October, Matis was in Arizona and visited the SRPMIC. “As luck would have it, Gary was here,” Matis said. “We got together and we talked about it. I knew absolutely, positively, this is where these [baskets] should be. There’s no question,” said Matis.

“I contacted my ex-wife, and she said, ‘Well, John, if you’re going to take yours, I want you to take mine.’ I thought she had donated hers to the Huntington Museum in Los Angeles, but she had not,” continued Matis.

“We had to make sure these baskets got [to the Community] safely. My ex-wife told me, ‘You’ve got to hand-deliver them so they don’t get destroyed [in transit].’”

Keeping his promise, Matis successfully hand-delivered the two baskets to Owens. They will be archived and maintained at the Huhugam Ki: Museum along with the many other cultural artifacts that the Community possesses. “My ex-wife is happy they’re here, and I’m happy they’re here as well,” Matis said.

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# President Biden Visits the Valley to Announce Semiconductor Investment



Gila River Basket Dancers perform a traditional basket dance at Intel for President Joe Biden's visit to the Valley.

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In attendance for the announcement was Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, GRIC Council member Lalena Jackson and Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier was invited by the White House but was unable to attend.

"The partnership that exists between the GRIC and Intel is evident as we start today's program," Lewis told the audience of press and others. "I want to acknowledge the lands, what we call our O'odham Jewed, that we are on, the traditional lands of the Akimel O'odham and Piipaash. These are the lands that bore witness to our greatest challenges but also offer us our greatest hope for the future."

Lewis then invited the Gila River Basket Dancers to perform a traditional basket dance.

"This is a proud moment for the



Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis speaks during President Joe Biden's visit to the Valley.

entire Gila River Indian Community as our dancers start today's event in a good way. In a traditional way. In a sacred way. And we welcome all of you here with an especially warm and heartfelt welcome to our president, President Joe Biden,"

Lewis said.

Also speaking at the event were Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and U.S. Representative Greg Stanton.

As the press waited for President Biden's arrival on the stage, the Arizona State University Sun Devil Marching Band provided entertaining renditions of popular songs. Biden walked out to the band playing "Hail to the Chief."

"During the pandemic, we had to learn about supply chains and the



President Joe Biden looks out to all in attendance during his speech at Intel in Chandler.

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# Community Youth Collaborate on Service Project

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Members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Young River People's Council teamed up with participants of the Youth Services Teen Wolf mentorship program to work on a service project during spring break on March 21 at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) location in Mesa.

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization whose mission is "feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit." The organization takes donations to fund meal ingredients, and volunteers hand-pack the meals on-site. The meals are then donated to FMSC food partners around the world. The group has been serving in a total of 112 countries since 2009.

"Civic engagement is one of the key components in the Teen Wolf mentorship program," said Rainboe Duarte, youth development specialist in the SRPMIC Youth Services Department.

After FMSC laid out the ground rules for the packing process and maintaining hygiene, the two groups were sent to their stations to help pack the food bags.

"Everyone works as a team," said Sommer Lopez, youth development specialist, whose job was to seal the bags shut so that the food is packaged safely. "We have other members who are weighing the foods and making sure it's the right amount and putting in the rice, the vitamins and grains, so that by the end of everyone's little task, we have a full meal ready."

Meals at FMSC are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. For more information about FMSC and their mission, head to [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org).



Peace signs and smiles from youth development specialist Rainboe Duarte (left) and Youth Services, YRPC and Teen Wolf members.



YRPC Member Lloyd Brown does the heavy lifting, bringing the ingredients back and forth between the volunteers and Feed My Starving Children staff.



Youth Development Specialist Sommer Lopez packs food during the volunteer event at Feed My Starving Children.



SRPMIC Young River People's Council members and Youth Services staff volunteer to hand-pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Mesa.



Teen Wolf members Jacob Moquino (left) and Kris Enos (right) volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Mesa.

Are you interested in the SRPMIC Young River People's Council? Visit [www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/youth/yrpc/](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/youth/yrpc/) to learn how to get involved!

To learn more about Feed My Starving Children go to [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)

## Colorado Rockies' Mascot Dinger Visits Two Waters

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The Colorado Rockies' mascot, Dinger, made a special appearance in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on March 21, toward the end of the spring training season. The Major League Baseball regular season officially began on March 28.

Accompanied by Jim Kellogg, executive vice-president of retail and community for the Colorado Rockies, Dinger started the visit in the morning at the Round House Café, where they shook hands, posed for photos and took a turn behind the cashier's station.

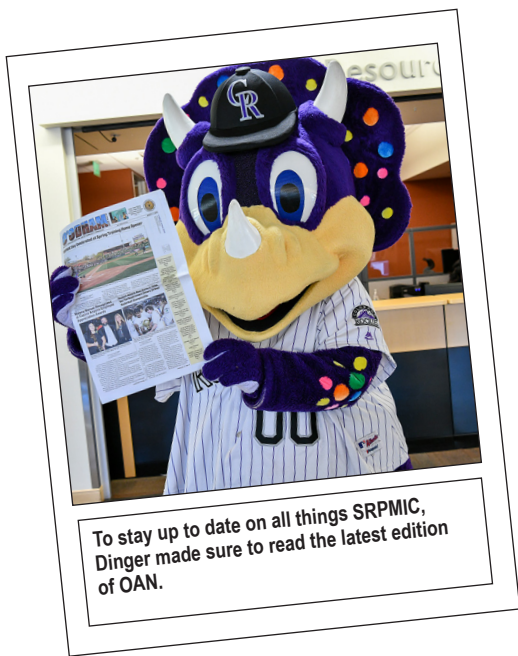
After that, Dinger headed to Two Waters Building B to visit the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Human Resources Department and spent time in offices on all three floors. While visiting, Dinger made sure to read the latest edition of O'odham Action News to get an inside look at the ins and outs of the SRPMIC.

Employees in Two Waters Building B took a brief moment out of their day to welcome Dinger to their departments. Many staff took selfies as Dinger happily posed for group photos and even sat at the desks of a few employees.

"Hey Dinger! Let's take a picture," said Levi Johnson Sr., multimedia graphic designer.

Following the tour of Two Waters, Dinger and Kellogg returned to Salt River Fields as the Rockies prepared for their March 24 spring training game against the Chicago White Sox. The Rockies won with a score of 7-2.



To stay up to date on all things SRPMIC, Dinger made sure to read the latest edition of OAN.



Dinger attempted to help Wayne McGert deliver the mail at the Community Development Department.



Dinger was welcomed to SRPMIC with their very own welcoming banner which was displayed at the Round House Cafe.



Dinger was able to pose with their best friend, Levi Johnson Sr.



Dinger spent some time at the Round House cafe where they even spent some time attempting to work the cash register.



# SRPMIC Commemorates Native AIDS/HIV Awareness Day Webinar

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“Getting help and medical attention can help your chances of living a healthy life with HIV,” said Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community health educator Melanie Nosie during an online presentation marking Native American AIDS/HIV Day on March 20. This year’s theme is “Our Experiences Make a Difference.”

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that attacks the body’s immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). In her webinar, Nosie informed the 50+ attendees of the positive strides medicine has achieved in combating HIV/AIDS over the last few decades.

“My understanding is that, with the Native American population being so small, when the numbers are reported [regarding the rates of] infections and HIV, they are extremely high because our [ethnic] group is so small,” said Nosie.

Later in the presentation, the group watched a video from Stanford University which provided additional information and details regarding symptoms of HIV/AIDS. Some people experience flu-like symptoms such as vomiting, fever, rashes, chills and more.

It is often difficult for Native Americans to seek HIV screening and get medical help. “A lot of tribes are small communities where everyone knows everyone,” said Nosie. “If there’s a clinic or hospi-



This year, the National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day's theme is "Our experiences make a difference."

tal on the rez, often times people don't utilize it because of their fear of other people knowing their business. If they could go somewhere else [outside of their community], they will do so," she said.

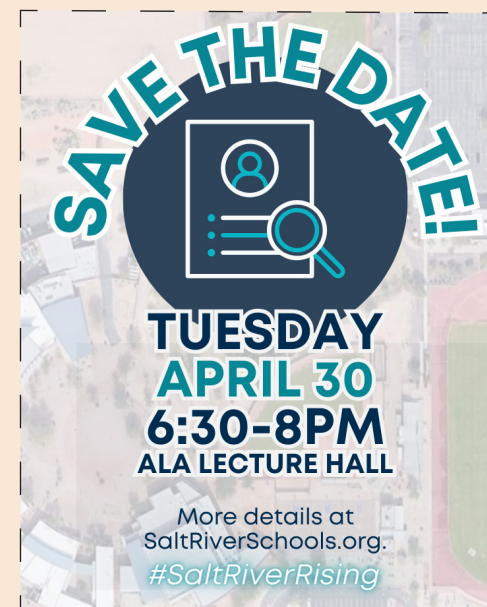
Throughout the presentation, Nosie emphasized the importance of getting tested for HIV/AIDS and knowing your status. “HIV affects not only the individual, but also their families and everyone in their circle,” she said. “This day renews our commitment to ending the HIV epidemic,” Nosie said.

The webinar featured a second video in which an Indigenous male living with HIV shared his story. He stated that he was 20 years old and used to live on his reservation. When he told his family he was

HIV positive, his family immediately disowned him. Later, the man reached out to his tribal council for resources and support. Sadly, the man was turned away. As a result, he moved away from his reservation and into the city.

Thankfully, he was able to receive help and treatment. Currently, he maintains a healthy lifestyle while taking the proper medication, and he recently completed running a marathon. “HIV doesn't have to be a death sentence,” he said.

If you or someone you know would like to find an HIV testing site, call or visit the River People Health Center (480-278-7742) or text “NATIVE TEST” to 55251 to request a free HIV self-test kit.



The public is invited to meet the finalists in the search for the next Superintendent / Director of Education at Salt River Schools. This event is open to the public.

## \*\*SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS\*\*

Source: Office of General Counsel | More Info: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/election/>

### Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Constitutional Amendment Election March 26, 2024

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (“Community”) held a special election on March 26, 2024. The ballot included ten (10) possible amendments to the Community’s Constitution regarding election procedure. In order to pass, an amendment had to receive a majority of the vote. Nine (9) of these amendments were approved, and one (1) was rejected. Here is a brief summary of the constitutional amendments that were approved:

**Question #1:** Should the Constitution be amended to add an additional requirement that, in order to hold the office of President or Vice President, a person cannot have been convicted of a felony during the ten (10) years preceding the date of the Election? *The measure passed by a vote of 236 in favor, and 90 opposed.*

**Question #2:** Should the Constitution be amended to add an additional requirement that, in order to hold the office of Council member, a person cannot have been convicted of a felony for the ten (10) years preceding the date of the Election? *The measure passed by a vote of 228 in favor, and 97 opposed.*

**Question #3:** Should the Constitution be amended to move the general election to the third Tuesday in November? *The measure passed by a vote of 222 in favor, and 103 opposed.*

**Question #4:** Should the Constitution be amended to provide that the Community’s elected officials inauguration is always held on the third Saturday of December? *The measure passed by a vote of 228 in favor, and 94 opposed.*

**Question #5:** Should the Constitution be amended so that the nominations meetings for Council members are not required to be held twenty (20) days after those of the President and Vice President? *The measure passed by a vote of 215 in favor, and 111 opposed.*

**Question #6:** Should the Constitution be amended to remove the requirement that at least two (2) candidates be nominated for each office? *The measure failed by a vote of 157 in favor, and 168 against.*

**Question #7:** Should the Constitution be amended to allow protected persons, or those deemed mentally incompetent, to vote if they are accompanied by their guardian or have reasonable verification from their guardian that they have the mental faculties to vote at that time, and the Election Board Judge agrees with that recommendation? *The measure passed by a vote of 192 in favor, and 134 opposed.*

**Question #8:** Should the Constitution be amended to allow the Election Board the ability to remove an individual from the polling site on Election Day when the person is too intoxicated, incapacitated or is disrupting other voters and election staff? *The measure passed by a vote of 275 in favor, and 51 opposed.*

**Question #9:** Should the Constitution be amended to remove all references requiring eligible voters to be formally “registered to vote”? *The measure passed by a vote of 175 in favor, and 148 opposed.*

**Question #10:** Should the Constitution be amended to allow the Community to vote by absentee ballot if they so request? *The measure passed by a vote of 254 in favor, and 71 opposed.*

**APR DISTRICT MEETINGS**

- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Wednesdays @ 3pm
- REGULAR SESSIONS: Wednesdays @ 5pm
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**25 THU** **CM BUTLER**  
District A, District I (Salt River)  
6:00 pm | SRPMIC Council Chambers  
10091 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**19 FRI** **CM ANTONE**  
District B, District I (Salt River)  
6:00 pm | Salt River Community Building  
1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**15 MON** **CM DOKA**  
District C, District I (Salt River)  
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**18 THU** **CM GREY**  
District D, District I (Salt River)  
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4827 N. Country Club Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

**23 TUES** **CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS**  
District F & G, District II (Lehi)  
6:00 pm | Lehi Community Center  
1231 E. Oak Street, Mesa, AZ 85203

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# Huhugam Ki: Museum Hosts Annual Tortilla Festival

growth and use of heritage wheat that the O’odham and Piipaash were harvesting when the first settlers arrived in the area. They donated flour to the event and created a healthy dialogue between the different tortilla makers about how to use the flours.

As the morning continued on, the Two Rivers Band performed a medley of cumbias, chotes and two-steps in the museum parking lot, which served as the festival’s dance floor. Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt, Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan and Jr. Miss Salt River 1st Attendant Patricia Woody put on their dancing shoes and could be seen doing the cumbia with this year’s Dancing Cemait/Modiily.

Later, more games were held, such as the tortilla/burro relay race. For this, contestants teamed up into groups of three to compete in a relay footrace while wearing a massive tortilla blanket which the contestants had to wrap themselves up in. The winners received passes to RoadHouse Cinemas, donated by Discover Salt River.

And in a first for this festival, there were two games specifically for tortilla makers themselves. The first was to see who could flap a dough ball to the largest diameter and who could flap out two dough balls into tortillas in the fastest time while blindfolded. Both games were won by the Tohono O’odham women who came up from the village of San Lucy and who also gave the loudest cheers.

And for the first time in a while, more than 25 tortilla experts from the SRPMIC, Gila River, Tohono O’odham and Ak-Chin all brought their “A” games and happily showcased their traditional techniques for the happy crowd. Salt River had over a dozen tortilla makers giving out samples and teaching people how to flap out a tortilla. Every two hours, a different group in the west *uk’sa’iish* (wind-break structure) demonstrated their special techniques for making the dough and flapping out the tortillas. The stars of the event were the Tohono O’odham from down south, who made humongous bread for the enthusiastic spectators. Some of the makers sold their tortillas, and lucky were those who got a half-dozen to take home.

Prior to the event, Josie Enos talked of a time when it was unspeakable to offer to sell tortillas to the people. “Back then everyone made tortillas, and it seemed a little insulting to offer to make them to sell. But that’s all changed now. Now we look for good tortilla makers because some of us don’t have the time or know-how.”

While a large crowd was enjoying the festivities at the front of the museum, the museum’s kitchen patio was the site of four tortilla-making classes. These hour-long classes, taught by four different set of instructors, featured tips, tricks and pointers to help the attendees ensure that their tortillas came out as

near to perfection as possible. By the end of the class, attendees walked away with expert advice for making their own batches of delicious homemade tortillas.

While the sun never quite poked its head out of the clouds during the Tortilla Festival, the overcast skies provided wonderful daytime weather for all to enjoy the outdoor celebration. Salt River came out, and so did visitors from all over the Valley. When the festival came to a close at 2 p.m., everyone went home happy with their minds full of new memories and their bellies full of delicious tortillas. All are looking forward to next year’s event, as it will hopefully continue to grow.



Guests and visitors made sure to visit the Tortilla Festival photo display which was created by hand.



When it was time to work the dough, it was all hands on deck.



During the festival, assorted vendor booths were on hand as they sold various items to attendees such as oven mits, aprons, pot holders, and more.



The tortilla demonstrators arrived in the early morning to begin creating their cook stations.



The hands-on tortilla making class was fun for everyone of all ages to enjoy.



Throughout the tortilla festival, attendees were able to visit different tortilla booths to sample different kinds of tortillas from the neighboring sibling tribes.



Festival attendees were able to sample fresh homemade tortillas made by the experts.



Ramon Lopez and Two Rivers played a wonderful medley of cumbia hits which packed the dance floor.



During the festival, Cody Achin handed out traditional foods such as prickly pear jam and rabbit.



In between dancing to cumbias, Miss Salt River Kennise McGertt, 1st Attendant Jr. Miss Salt River Patricia Woody and Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan greeted everyone in attendance during the festival.



The tortilla toss mini-game allowed for people to toss a fake tortilla in order to win prizes.

**Be sure to visit us online for more photos!**



# Congressional Staff Hosts Mobile Office Hours at Round House Café



Leland Fulwider visited with Mathew Kim and was able to have some of his questions answered during Congressman Schweikert's mobile office hours on March 12.

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For quite some time, Congressman David Schweikert (R-AZ) has held mobile office hours at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Round House Café as a way to connect with the Community.

On March 12, Christian Curry and Mathew Kim, two members of Congressman Schweikert's office staff, returned to the Community and established a mobile office in the Sun Room at Round House Café on behalf of Congressman Schweikert. They wanted to get a firsthand look at the needs of the Community members on a one-to-one basis.

Curry and Kim spent the morning and part of the afternoon answering

questions regarding official documentation for employment, water rights and more. Later, they enjoyed lunch at Round House Café.

Congressman Schweikert's office can help Community members receive help with federal government issues such as Social Security, Medicare, veterans' claims, military benefits, congressional internships, IRS concerns and passport/visa questions.

Individuals can contact Congressman Schweikert's Scottsdale office directly at (480) 946-2411.

# O'odham Action News 2024 GRADUATION ISSUE

That time of year is coming up quick!  
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### CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES!

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<b>Victoria Hayward</b> Linn High School We are so proud of you. We are so proud of you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.	<b>Alexander Burnett</b> ECC Congratulations to Alexander Burnett. We are so proud of you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.	<b>Shelby Garcia</b> Puerco High School Congratulations to Shelby Garcia. We are so proud of you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.	<b>Harick Johnathon Mack</b> Westwood High School Congratulations to Harick Johnathon Mack. We are so proud of you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.	<b>Garrett Valencia</b> Donner High School Congratulations to Garrett Valencia. We are so proud of you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.	<b>Isiah Garcia</b> Wahkiakum High School Congratulations to Isiah Garcia. We are so proud of you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.
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# Westwood's Baseball Club Features a Dynamic Group of Student-Athletes



From L to R: Marcus Lasiloo, Bobby Maez, Jacob Andrews, and Justin Andrews.

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for Westwood. "I'd like to continue to play at the next level in college and make it to the pros," said Lasiloo. This season, Lasiloo has been throwing heat from the pitcher's mound for Westwood with ease. In the game against Carl Hayden on February 28, Lasiloo's pitch count was 36, helping to secure the victory for the Warriors to the tune of 13-2.

A pitch count is a statistic that is tracked for all professional and developing pitchers. For example, if a pitcher were to get injured, the pitch count helps monitor the player's rehabilitation

process as they return from the injury. Also, a pitch count can be utilized to train and develop a pitcher's stamina to ensure they do not exhaust themselves quickly and can last into the late innings of a game.

Maez also has been showcasing stellar work on the mound this season. In his most recent play against Gila Ridge's varsity team, Maez hurled 27 pitches to help seal the victory for Westwood 6-4.

Both Maez and Lasiloo will be recognized at this year's Westwood Senior Night on April 18 during their final home game of the regular season, against Maricopa High School. "I think we have a good shot at making the playoffs," said Maez.

Currently, the varsity Warriors are No. 3 in their conference standings and are 21st overall in their 6A state division. Earlier in the season, the varsity Warriors went 3-0 in the Diamondbacks Chase Your Dreams Baseball Classic hosted at North High School. The Warriors defeated the South Mountain Jaguars 25-2 on February 21. Over the following two days they defeated the North Mustangs 13-1 and finished the tournament by defeating Raymond S. Kellis 7-1.

The winning ways for Westwood have also extended to this year's JV

team. In an effort to ensure that the student-athletes are prepared to make the leap to the varsity level, the coaching staff at Westwood has had their underclassmen receive practice and playing time at the varsity level to further refine their talents.

Entering his junior year, Jacob Andrews has shown he is ready for playing ball not only at the varsity level, but at the collegiate level as well. In the contest against Carl Hayden's JV team on February 28, the Warriors never stopped and crushed Carl Hayden 20-0.

A sophomore this year, speedster Justin Andrews has been showcasing his tendency to always make contact with the ball. When he's not performing double plays to get his opponents out, he spends all of his time soaking up knowledge from his upperclassmen.

Generations of student-athletes in the SRPMIC have been part of the legacy of baseball at Westwood. This season's fantastic play from Marcus Lasiloo, Bobby Maez, Jacob Andrews and Justin Andrews is another fine example of how SRPMIC student-athletes can shine both in the classroom and on the diamond.



Marcus Lasiloo works on his strength as he tosses a medicine ball against the cushioned dugout wall.



Throughout practice, head Coach JR Langston continually kept teaching the boys of summer how to succeed as a team, proving why he is considered one of the best high school baseball coaches in the state.



Known for always making contact with the baseball, Justin Andrews has already proven to his coaches and teammates that he is ready for baseball at the next levels.



Bobby Maez showcased his textbook bunting form during the hitting drills.



Jacob Andrews and Bobby Maez perfected their base running skills at second base as they worked on their timing.



Marcus Lasiloo has been one of the many shining student-athletes on this year's Westwood varsity teams and has goals of playing professional ball.



# Sap Ep Ka:k "Good Food" Event



Participants at the "good food" event at ALA tried a variety of healthy foods and beverages. Photo courtesy of Community Health and Nutrition Supervisor Maggie Fisher, MS, RDN, CDCES.

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to help individuals and families make informed food choices and promote healthful eating habits. Participants visited information booths specializing in nutrition and tried a variety of healthy foods and beverages. There was also a cooking demonstration hosted by Salt River Schools Food Services.

Community Health and Nutrition Supervisor Maggie Fisher, MS, RDN, CDCES, said that the cooking demonstration was only possible because River People Health Center and Public Works staff were able to transport the kitchen cart from the RPHC to the gym.

"The experience showed how teamwork is truly vital for Community events to be successful," said Fisher.

To celebrate National Nutrition Month, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community-WIC and Public Health held a Sap ep Ka:k ("good food" in O'odham) event at the Accelerated Learning Academy gym on March 7.

The event was originally planned to take place outside but was moved indoors due to inclement weather.

In total there were 108 participants, comprising 17 families and 45 individuals. Thirty-two of the participants were SRPMIC members and 14 were WIC clients.

The goal of National Nutrition Month, established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, is

# DRIVE Electric Arizona Launches Native American Chapter

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In 2019, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Hans Klose and his friend John Martinson, founder of the Valley of the Sun Electric Vehicle Association, drove a Tesla vehicle to every Native American reservation in the state of Arizona.

Klose said that from those visits, the two concocted the idea of creating an electric vehicle advocacy group for tribal communities.

Over the next couple of years, Klose became one of the first members of the board of directors for the association. In 2023, members of the association received a grant from DRIVE Electric USA, an initiative of the U.S. Department of Energy.

DRIVE Electric Arizona was officially launched in March as an all-volunteer organization dedicated to educating consumers, utilities, utility regulators and government officials about moving toward electric vehicles. Arizona's first DRIVE Electric chapter is the Valley of the Sun Electric Vehicle Association.

Now, Klose is at the helm as president of the first Native American chapter for DRIVE Electric, called Three Rivers Tribes, which serves the SRPMIC, the Gila River Indian Community and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. The chapter is named for the three rivers that flow through the communities: the Verde, Salt and Gila.

"The Three River Tribes chapter of DRIVE Electric Arizona is focused on educating about electric vehicles and encouraging electric vehicle adoption by individuals and organizations from the three urban tribes of central Arizona,"

said Klose.

He noted that he is excited about cultivating interest in electric vehicles among Native American consumers and "handing over the reins," or switching from gasoline to electric power, sooner rather than later.

Klose's mother was Lorna Menson Klose and his father was Wolf-Dieter Klose. His maternal grandfather was Lawrence Menson from Salt River and his maternal grandmother was Dorothy Walker Menson from Gila River.

Previously, Klose was director of the SRPMIC Community Development Department, chair of the Salt River Casino Arizona gaming enterprise (1999-2006), and a member and president of the SRPMIC Education Board (1999-2015). He served on the Indian Land Tenure Foundation board of directors from 2014 to 2022 and was appointed by former Arizona Governor Doug Ducey to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools in 2017.

During April, which is Earth Month, Klose said that they will be offering people the opportunity to participate in a Ride & Drive event. At a Ride & Drive, attendees can take an up-close look at a variety of electric vehicles and either drive one or take a ride in the passenger seat.

For more information about the Three Rivers Tribes chapter, visit [www.drive-electricaz.org/three-rivers-tribes](http://www.drive-electricaz.org/three-rivers-tribes).

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ALL JUVENILE COURT CASES  
REPORT TO COURTROOM #3 ON THE  
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FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT  
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**Andrews, Dracy** - Review Hearing Case: J-23-0040/0041/0042 Court Date: April 1, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Baptisto, Nathaniel Allen** - Review/Permanency Hearings Mother: Carolynda Namoki (DOB: 04/07/1991) Minor: F.V. (DOB: 11/12/2010) Case: J-13-0087 Court Date: April 8, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Burns, Julie** - Adjudication Hearing Case: JV-24-0016 Court Date: March 27, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Francisco, Marissa Martina** - IAA Review Hearing Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: March 25, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Gutierrez, Nicholas** - Review Hearing Case: J-23-0040/0042 Court Date: April 1, 2024

at 10 a.m.

**Jaime, Carmen** - Change of name Hearing Case: J-14-0168 Court Date: March 28, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Lewis, Julia** - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0136/0137 Court Date: April 4, 2024, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**Lewis, Robi Corey** - IAA Review Hearing Mother: Marissa Francisco (DOB: 03/13/1999) Minor: C.L-F (DOB: 02/08/2020) Case: J-23-0026 Court Date: March 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom #3

**Schurz, Passion Elliah** - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0126/J-21-0127 Court Date: April 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

**Thomas, Yolanda Marie** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: JV-23-3030 Court Date: April 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Unknown Father - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing**, Mother: Yolanda Thomas; Minor: J.O.T. (DOB: 10/10/2020) Case: JV-23-3030 Court Date: April 17, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Valencia, Jazmin** - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0082 Court Date: April 17, 2024 at

1:30 p.m.

**Valencia, Victor Patrick Sr.** - Review/Permanency Hearings Mother: Carolynda Namoki (DOB: 04/07/1991) Minor: A.V. (DOB: 03/30/2008) Case: J-13-0086 Court Date: April 8, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Wellington Sr., Spencer** - Review Hearing Case: J-21-0055 Court Date: April 11, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**CIVIL COURT  
JURISDICTION: SALT RIVER PIMA  
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FLOOR.**

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**Andrade, Pamela** - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-23-4657 Court Date: March 27, 2024 at 11 AM

**Andrews, Jacqueline Susie** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-1340 Court Date: April 2, 2024 at 9 AM

**Chiago, Adonia Marie** - Order to Show Cause/Entry of Default Judgement Hearings Case: CV-23-4019 Court Date: April 2, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Chiago, Xomra N'namoi** - Visitation Hearing Case: CV-24-2162 Court Date: April 22, 2024 at 11 AM

**Gonzales, Vanessa Rene** - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-23-0109 Court Date: March 28, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Goodwin, Joe Conan** - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: CV-24-0852 Court Date: March 26, 2024 at 10 AM

**Grey, Frances Elsie** - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CV-24-2154 Court Date: April 29, 2024 at 11 AM

**Gutierrez, Angela Lynn** - Child Support Hearing Case: CV-23-3671 Court Date: April 9, 2024 at 9 AM

**Gutierrez, Angela Lynn-Child Support Hearing**- Case: CV-23-3671-April 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

**Hayah, Godfrey Jr.** - Motion Hearing Case: CF-18-0059/CF-18-0060 Court Date: May 15, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Martinez, Molly Marie** - Civil Complaint

Hearing Case: CV-24-0649 Court Date: March 19, 2024 at 10 AM

**Masawistewa, Moriah** - Evidentiary Hearing Case: CV-23-3859 Court Date: April 3, 2024 at 9 AM

**Osife, Serena Sky** - Annual Guardianship Review Case: CF-15-0108/CF-15-0026 Court Date: April 18, 2024 at 9:30 AM

**Prieto, Maria** - Entry of Default Judgement Case: CV-23-3755 Court Date: March 27, 2024 at 10 AM

**Saunders II, Fred Kenneth** - Probate Hearing Case: CV-24-0737 Court Date: March 26, 2024 at 9 AM

**Saunders-Russell, Barbara Helen** - Probate Hearing Case: CV-24-0737 Court Date: March 26, 2024 at 9 AM

**Short, Lorenzo Brandon** - Status Hearing Case: C-23-0099 Court Date: April 15, 2024 at 10 AM

**Williams, David** - Probate Hearing Case: CV-24-1411 Court Date: April 1, 2024 at 9 AM

**Williams, Gabriel Davis** - Probate Hearing Case: CV-24-1411 Court Date: April 1, 2024 at 9 AM

## DEFAULT NOTICES

**ANDRADE, PAMELA  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-4657**  
To: Pamela Andrade, 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 14th of February 2024.

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**ANDREWS, ARIEL  
SUMMONS  
JV-24-0083/0084  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
E.A. (DOB: 04/16/2006)  
K.A. (DOB: 06/20/2010)**  
TO: Ariel Andrews

On February 15, 2024, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the child named above has been neglected or abused, or is otherwise a dependent child. THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for a dependency Adjudication Hearing and respond to the allegations in the Petition before the Salt River Juvenile Court located at 10040 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 11:00 AM, in Court Room #3.

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

Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

**NOTICE,** Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code

Section 6-42. The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.

COURT CLERK, SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL JUVENILE COURT

**CHIAGO, ADONIA  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-4019**  
To: Adonia Chiago, 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 1st of February, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**CHIAGO, ADONIA MARIE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CV-23-4019**

TO: Chiago, Adonia Marie:

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 2nd day of April 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to adhere to court orders.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR** will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 1st day of February 2024

Judge Raymond L. Deer

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**GONZALES, VANESSA  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CV-23-0109**

TO: Vanessa Gonzales

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 28th day of March, 2024 at 9:30 AM, in Court Room #2, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for failing to obey Court Orders

**FAILURE TO APPEAR** will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (§6-41) of the Code or Ordinances.

ORDERED this 25th day of January, 2024.

Judge Darayne Achin  
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**HAYAH, GODFREY  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CF-18-0059/CF-18-0060**  
To: Godfrey Hayah, 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 13th of March, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**HILL, INDARIA  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-3390**

To: Indaria Hill, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
  2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
  3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
  4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
  5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted
  6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
- DATED this 6th February 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**J.L.**  
Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0016

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 29th day of August 2023. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent J. L. shall pay child support in the amount of \$1,139.00 per month to Petitioners, K.G. and R.G. Payment shall be made to Petitioners within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioners are granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$2,695.00 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2040.

THIS ORDER IS FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL.

**NAHSONHOYA, DAMIEN  
RESTRAINING ORDER CV-24-2148**

A Restraining Order was issued to Damien Nahsonhoya on March 8, 2024 ordering that you are to have no contact with Darayne Achin and are prohibited to be on the property at 2929 N. Horne Rd., Mesa, AZ 85203. Any questions can be referred to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court at (480)263-6315

**NAHSONHOYA, MERWIN  
RESTRAINING ORDER CV-24-2146**

A Restraining Order was issued to Merwin Nahsonhoya on March 8, 2024 ordering that you are to have no contact with Darayne Achin and are prohibited to be on the property at 2929 N. Horne Rd., Mesa, AZ 85203. Any questions can be referred to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court at (480)263-6315

**PRIETO, MARIA  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-3755**

To: Maria Prieto, 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 30th of January, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**PRIETO, MARIA  
DEFAULT NOTICE  
CV-23-4289**  
To: Maria Prieto, 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 30th of January, 2024

CLERK OF SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT

**R.B.  
CFCS-23-0018**

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-23-0018

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 28th day of February, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent R.B. shall pay child support in the amount of \$594.04 to Petitioner, B.P monthly. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2039.

THIS ORDER IS FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL.

**RAY SR., GARY FREDERICK  
CV-23-4289**

Notice of Default Judgment:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-4289

Notice of Default Judgment is hereby given ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default judgment against Respondent, Gary Frederick Ray Sr., is hereby ENTERED. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Gary Frederick Ray Sr., shall pay Petitioner, Main Street Motors. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. This order is

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Salt River Public Works Department

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## 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**

**DEFAULT NOTICES**

final and shall be served on Respondent in accordance to Rule 5-20(c). For a copy of this Order please contact the court at 480-362-6315.

Parent or Necessary Respondent Present. Failure to Appear May Result in the Hearing Being Held Without the Parent and the Parental Rights of the Parent may be Terminated.

**SANTO SR., BLAINE SUMMONS J-14-0016/0017**

In the Matter of Termination of the Parental Rights of:  
B.S. Jr. (DOB: 06/12/2012)  
N.S. (DOB: 01/31/2011)  
TO: Blaine Santo Sr.  
A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed on January 19, 2024 in this Court against you, which alleges grounds for the termination of your parental rights of the above captioned child(ren). You may obtain a copy of the Petition by calling (480) 362-6315. A hearing has been set to determine whether the petitioner has proven that allegation(s) support a legal basis for termination of parental rights.

THEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to APPEAR for an Initial Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights before the Honorable Judge Achin, the Salt River Juvenile Court on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 11:00 am, in Court Room #3.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14-0004, effective August 4, 2014, legal counsel, parties, and their respective witnesses shall be present in the courthouse at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to any proceeding.

NOTICE: Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42. If Good Cause is Not Shown, the Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or for Failure to Follow Court Orders. Further, the Parties Should be Advised that the Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights May Proceed Without the

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL COURT**

**W.E.B.**

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support:  
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CV-23-4239

Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 18th day of January, 2024. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent W.E.B shall pay child support to Petitioner, F.E.G. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support against the Respondent. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within 30 days of service of this order and once every thirty (30) days thereafter until this order expires or otherwise modified. The Order of support presumptively terminates April 2029. This order is final for purposes of appeal. Please contact the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court for any questions regarding this matter at 480-362-6315 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.


**WILLIAMS, CRAIG RESTRAINING ORDER CV-24-2150**  
A Restraining Order was issued to Craig Williams on March 8, 2024 ordering that you are to have no contact with Darayne Achin and are prohibited to be on the property at 2929 N. Horne Rd., Mesa, AZ 85203 without permission from Darayne Achin. Any questions can be referred to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court at (480)263-6315

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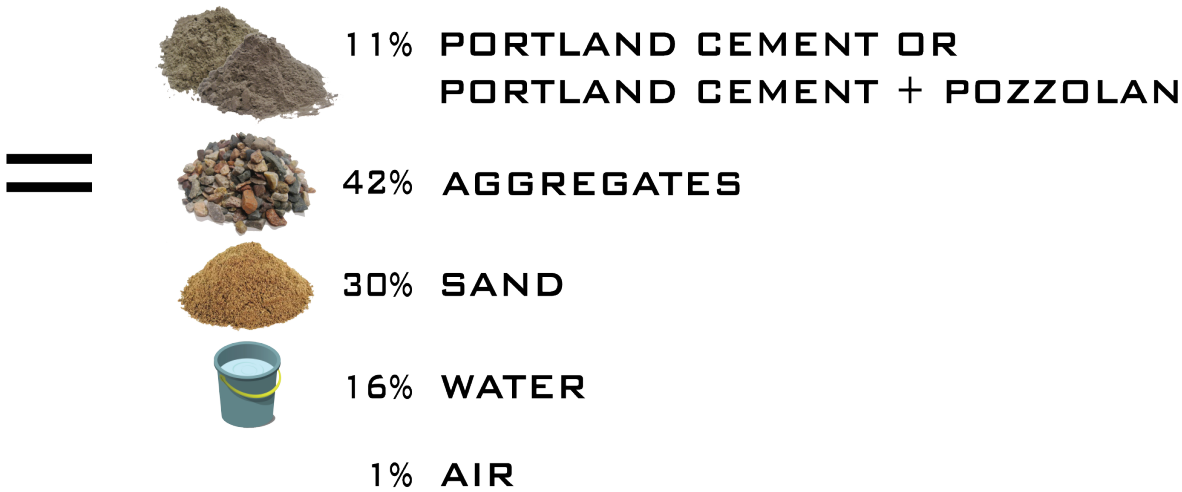
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## Calendar of Events

### ONGOING

**TUTORING AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY,** Tuesday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 45-minute or 90-minute sessions available. To register please contact Recreation Education at (480) 362-5652 or visit <https://sugeni.us/4D99>

**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION,** Mondays 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed.

**YOGA FOR FALL PREVENTION,** Fridays 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at WOLF Senior Room. All Fitness Levels Welcome! Sign up with Celinda Joe at (480) 876-7180 and request transportation if needed. \*\*Last Fridays of Each Month are YOGA BINGO with prizes!

**BEADING CIRCLE AT SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY,** 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. alternating Wednesdays. Scheduled to be held 3/20, 4/3, and 4/17.

**WATER AEROBICS AT WAY OF LIFE FACILITY POOL,** 45-minute sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No registration required. Questions? Call (480) 362-6310

**VITA TAX PROGRAM,** Tax assistance by appointment available until April 18. Seniors/Disabled Priority \*NO Filing Back Taxes and Itemized Taxes. Requirements: Must have an appointment, Income of \$58,000 or less. Social Security Card for tax filer & all dependents or any official government document with SS#, Copy of Drivers License or Government ID, All tax documents (W-2, 1099's, etc.), IRS Child Tax Credit letter, if applicable, Bank Account/Routing number (for direct deposits). Contact the Vita Message Line: (480) 362-7540. Leave your Full Name & Phone Number. A VITA Volunteer will promptly return your call with further details.

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP,** First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at RPHC 3rd Floor, Room 3104. Contact (480) 362-6948 for more information.

**WELLBRIETY 12 STEP AND MEDICINE WHEEL,** Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30

a.m. – 11 a.m. Wellbriety is a Native American recovery fellowship that blends spiritual practice with the 12-Step program. Its approach to recovery focuses on healing and is rooted in the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. Wellbriety emphasizes creating new thought patterns, attitudes, and feelings about sobriety based on traditional concepts and Native American teachings.

**TALKING CIRCLE FOLLOWING WELLBRIETY,** Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Following the Wellbriety session, participants are invited to join the Talking Circle to share insights and experiences related to living in recovery and honoring traditional practices, including fellowship, community, and connection. Talking Circle sessions also take place every Wednesday and Friday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**WARRIOR'S SUPPORT CIRCLE,** 2nd Thursday Warrior's Support Circle is a talking circle aimed at offering our Veterans a safe space to meet and share their life experiences, challenges, and successes. The circle offers a free, confidential space for members to take steps towards recovery by gaining insight from others and learning more about PTSD, adjustment issues after reintegration into the civilian world, and to discuss general challenges that accompany service in the our military.

**CRAFT COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING,** Support group for families of loved ones battling substance abuse/addiction/dependence. Fridays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at RPHC Room 3106 (3rd Floor) For More Information please contact Shea Hinton at (480) 362-2739

**SALT RIVER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORIENTATION,** Bi-weekly on Tuesdays (April 16th and 30th) 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Human Resources, Two Waters Building B. Walk-ins welcomed! Contact 480 362 2650 for more information.

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**5-6 PIIPAASH MATASHEEVN COMMUNITY SOCIAL,** 12 p.m. at Lehi Gathering Area. All bird and O'odham singers and dancers are invited to join us for dinner (while supplies last) and dancing. For questions, please contact [piipaashmatasheevn@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:piipaashmatasheevn@srpmic-nsn.gov).

**10 K-POP DAEBAK KLUB,** Way of Life Facility, Room 56. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us to celebrate, connect, and embrace the vibrant world of K-Pop, no matter your age or ability. Please contact the Tribal Library at (480) 362-6600 or [TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:TribalLibrary@srpmic-nsn.gov) with questions.

**11 COFFEE WITH A COP,** 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. at the Roundhouse Café. Stop by for a free cup of coffee and a chance to get to know the Officers in your community.

**12 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT,** 5:30 p.m. at Friendship Park. Collaborate with us and help raise awareness of this year's campaign against all violence toward children. Be sure to visit all tables for information, snacks, and some giveaways! Hula Dancers performance and Vice-President's Speech scheduled before the movie starts.

**13 CU:DK WITH JR. MISS SALT RIVER,** 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Multipurpose Building 1880 N. Longmore Rd. Join Jr. Miss Salt River Jizelle Juan for a social gathering to conclude her O'odham Social Song series. Contact [MissSaltRiver@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:MissSaltRiver@SRPMIC-nsn.gov) with questions.

**13 PROBATE AND WILL OPEN HOUSE,** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Way of Life Facility. Presented by Community Development Department and Legal Services Office. See ad on page 13 for more information!

**13 SRPMIC VEHICLE AUCTION - FIRST VIEWING DATE,** 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. See ad on page 7 for full details!

**15 CM DOKA DISTRICT C MEETING,** 6 p.m. at SRPMIC Council Chambers 10091 E Osborn Rd Scottsdale, 85256. Topics TBD and Community Member Comments.

Please contact council secretaries office to confirm meeting and agenda at (480) 362-7469.

**16 SALT RIVER VICTORY CENTER FREE MOVIE SCREENING,** Doors open at 5:30 p.m., showtime at 6 p.m. Join us for a showing of Sonny: An Angel from Hell at 4827 N Country Club Dr. The film tells a story of redemption and recovery that will leave audiences awed and inspired.

**17 YOGA WELLNESS EVENT,** 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Salt River Community Building 1880 Longmore Rd. Join us for a blissful yoga event and embark on a path of self-discovery and tranquility. For more information, contact [lynn.tenorio2@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:lynn.tenorio2@srpmic-nsn.gov) or (480) 362-5606

**18 CM GREY DISTRICT D MEETING,** 6 p.m. at ALA Auditorium. Topics TBD and Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries office to confirm meeting and agenda at (480) 362-7469.

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

**19 CM ANTONE DISTRICT B MEETING,** 6 p.m. at Salt River Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. Topics TBD and Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries office to confirm meeting and agenda at (480) 362-7469.

**20 EARTH DAY,** Save the date! More information to come!

**20 SRPMIC VEHICLE AUCTION - FINAL CALL FOR BIDS,** 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. See ad on page 7 for full details!

**23 SALT RIVER REVIVAL NIGHT OF MIRACLES,** 6 p.m. at 4827 N Country Club Dr. with Evangelist Tim Rabara. Join Salt River Victory Center for this exciting event!

**23 CM SCABBY/CM DALLAS DISTRICT F & G MEETING,** 6 pm at Lehi Community

Center 1231 E. Oak St. Mesa, AZ 85203. Topics TBD and Community Member Comments. Please contact council secretaries office to confirm meeting and agenda at (480) 362-7469.

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**25 THRIVING WITH DIABETES,** 830 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.

**25 - 27 SENIOR CHAIR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT,** to be held at Salt River Community Building. Brackets, Bingo, Dance, and more! See ad on page 13 for more information!

**30 SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUM,** 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at ALA lecture hall. See ad on page 18 for more information!

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**1 SRPMIC LAW DAY 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. AT SRPMIC JUSTICE CENTER. FEATURING CARNIVAL GAMES,** food and treats, informational booths and videos and a marijuana expungement clinic.

**2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**5 MMIP DAY OF AWARENESS**